



Annunciation Catholic Church

Be it done to me according to your Word
+Luke 1:38+

March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

Mass Schedule

Saturday.....(Vigil) 5:30pm
Sunday.....8am, 10am, 12pm

Monday – Friday.....8:00am
Wednesday.....5:30pm
Saturday.....9:00am

Confessions

Wednesdays.....6:00-6:45pm
Saturdays.....4:15-5:15pm

Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Wednesday 6-7pm

Rosary
After the 8am daily Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena
After the 9am Saturday Mass

Worship 1042
Opening Antiphon – 1043
Entrance Hymn – Worship 483
Responsorial Psalm
"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"
Offertory Hymn – Worship 488
Communion Hymn – Worship 641
Closing Hymn – Worship 885

Parish Announcements

Our second collection this weekend supports Catholic Relief Services. Your generosity is appreciated.

We will not have an 8:00am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday nor will there be a 9:00am or 5:30pm Mass on Holy Saturday. See inside for our Holy Week schedule.

We will serve coffee and donuts after each Mass on Easter Sunday.

Welcome to Annunciation!

Our Mission

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Annunciation Catholic Church exists to further God's reign in all its members and our local community.

Through worship, education and prayer, we come together to minister to all God's people in healing and reconciling love.

Our Parish

Hours

Monday-Friday
9am-4pm

Rev. Msgr. James D. Watkins
Administrator

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Permanent Deacon

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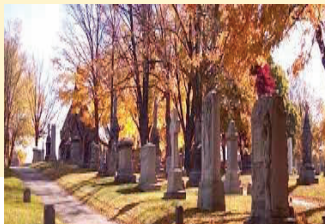
Sacramental Celebrations



Baptism joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic Church. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings, following preparation of the parents. Baptisms for adults take place through the RCIA process. For more information contact Andreja Mezek.



Couples should contact the parish office as soon as they are able, at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to make arrangements for marriage preparation. Any inquiries should be sent to the parish office.



Our parish continues Christ's ministry of healing to those who suffer physical or emotional ills with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive this sacrament.

Our parish also wants to assist with the passing of a loved one. In death life is changed, not ended, because of our faith in the Resurrection. Please contact the office so that our staff can help you with the funeral arrangements.

Liturgical Worship

"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows." (Sacrosanctum Concilium)

Active participation in our worship of God fosters growth in faith, hope and charity for all the faithful, but particular ministries help in that participation. If you would like to be a lector (a reader of Sacred Scripture), an acolyte (a minister who assists the priest at the altar), or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion (a minister who helps distribute the Eucharist), please contact Tina Lindberg.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Col 3:16). If you would like to be a part of our music ministry, please contact Frank Conlon: frankconlon@comcast.net

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The Council came to order with prayer at 7:04 pm. Msgr. Watkins, Kathy, Ron, Nicole, John, Christine, Anita, and Kip attended.

The meeting focused on our school. Principal Nicole Peltier-Lewis provided an overview of the school's current programs and goals. The Council discussed ways to connect our school and our parish more deeply, such as (among other things) shared service opportunities, regular connection and visibility, increased communication between school and church of upcoming plans, praying for the school in our universal prayer, and the new "Come on In" school updates in the bulletin. The council made plans to hold a gathering in May to build connections between key stakeholders in the parish and the school.

The Council made plans to meet to discuss other items that had been on the agenda on the Tuesday of Holy Week. The meeting closed with prayer at 8:40 pm.

A WAY TO HELP YOURSELF AND YOUR CHURCH

Having to take a distribution from your IRA this year? The IRA charitable distribution permits individuals who are 70 1/2 to gift up to \$100,000 from their IRA to charity free from federal income tax. If you are 72+ years old, then an IRA distribution may qualify for your required minimum distribution, permitting you to lower your income and taxes for this year while helping Annunciation Church or School. For more information or to make a contribution, please contact our business manager/accountant Patty Lovett at 202-331-9880 (office).

PRAYER LINE | SETON SHRINE

Are you in need of prayer? Are you lonely or overwhelmed? The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a prayer line available with staff who will speak with and pray with you. Your prayer intentions can be placed on the tomb of Mother Seton. Call us toll free at 1-866-202-4934, Monday - Friday, 10am - 5 pm. We are here for you.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 24

8am	Parishioners	Park
10am	†Marilyn Ankenbrand	Oberle
12pm	†Clementina Theresa Sclafani	Afu

Monday, March 25

8am	†Souls in Purgatory	Oberle
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Tuesday, March 26

8am	†Ann McKeever	Park
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Wednesday, March 27

8am	†The Taylor Family	Afu
5:30pm	†Anthony Quainton	Oberle

Thursday, March 28

7pm	†Martha Neuner	Park
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Friday, March 29

7pm	No Intentions Allowed	Afu
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Saturday, March 30

8pm	Special Intention	Oberle
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What's Happening This Week?

Sunday, March 24

CLOW, 10:00am (Atrium)
Breaking Open the Word, 10:00am (PC)

Wednesday, March 27

Mass, 5:30pm (Church)
Adoration & Confession, 6:00pm (Church)

Thursday, March 28

Morning Prayer, 9:00am (Church)
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm (Church)
Adoration, 8:15pm (PC)

Friday, March 29

Morning Prayer, 9:00am (Church)
Stations of the Cross, 3:00pm (Church)
Confessions, 3:45pm (Church)
The Lord's Passion, 7:00pm (Church)

Saturday, March 30

Morning Prayer, 9:00am (Church)
Easter Vigil, 8:00pm (Church)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Becoming Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, join RCIA.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a gradual process of spiritual formation that includes prayer, sharing, and study and occurs in the context of the parish community. It is intended for adults who:

- are not baptized and would like to be fully initiated and welcomed into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
- were baptized in another Christian community/tradition and seek to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist
- were baptized as Catholics as infants/children but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

RCIA Meetings take place on Mondays from 7-8:30pm.

Children's CCD

The Children's Faith Formation program exists to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the context of the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. It provides sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation as well as ongoing faith formation for children in First through Eighth Grades.

For any questions please contact Andreja Mezek at mezek@annunciationdc.org.

SOCIAL CONCERNS OUTREACH

Summer Bazaar 2024—We are now collecting donations for 2024! Jewelry, Attic Treasures, Art, Home & Kitchen Goods, Handbags & Scarves, Seasonal/Christmas, Office, Gadgetry, Toys & Sporting Goods. *Please—no DVDs, CDs, Clothing, or Books!*

Lenten Food Drive—Many thanks to those who contributed to our Lenten Food Drive. If you were unable to participate because you were out of town, monetary donations are welcome and will be used to purchase fresh produce, milk and eggs, meat and poultry. You may send your donation to Mulholland Foundation, 1629 K St NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20006 or online at jsmff.org. Thank you all for your generous support!

Homebound or Hospitalized Parishioners—Please notify us if parishioners are hospitalized or homebound so we may provide the sacraments - especially Holy Communion. Also, if you would like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

For more information on these programs, contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

God loves a cheerful giver! (2 Cor 9:7)



POOR BOX

Donations for the month of March will benefit Martha's Table which operates nationally accredited education programs beginning at birth; fights for food justice and increases access to healthy meals and fresh produce for over 15,000 residents; and promotes family success through their no-cost community store and engagement programs

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or sign-up with Faith Direct



PARISH LIFE

**"Go, therefore,
and make disciples
of all nations."**



Pray the Rosary

*Pray in English Monday through Friday
after the 8am Mass,
in Spanish after the 10am Mass on Sunday
Meet in the church*

Now Collecting Treasures for Our Summer Bazaar!

Donate: Jewelry, Attic Treasures,
Art, Home & Kitchen Goods,
Handbags & Scarves, Seasonal/Christmas,
Office, Gadgets, Toys & Sporting Goods
Please—no DVDs, CDs, clothing or books!

Contact Tina Lindberg
lindberg@annunciationdc.org
or 202-362-3323 x15 to schedule a drop-off

ANNUNCIATION

MEN'S GROUP

faith + fraternity + fiat

Through faith formation and fraternal discussions, the men of the parish strive to imitate Mary and Joseph's Fiat to God—Be it done to me according to Your Word!

Tuesdays from 7-8:15pm in the Parish Atrium

Contact Daniel Danello for more info:

dfdanello@gmail.com



Pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine

Every Thursday
at 12pm—Rain or Shine
in front of the
Russian Embassy
2650 Wisconsin Ave NW



walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

Meetings take place on Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm and
Wednesdays from 9-10:30am in the Parish Center.

Contact Sue Lohsen at sue@lohsen.com for more info.



Coffee Hour is Back!



Thanks to volunteers, there are now donuts and coffee after the 8am and 10am Masses every week, but after the 12pm Mass only on the second Sunday of the month. With more volunteers, we can have donuts and coffee after that Mass, too. If you would like to volunteer to help with setup, cleanup, or to tend the coffee and donuts between Masses, please contact Anita Siegfriedt at asiegfriedt@gmail.com.

Annunciation Contemplative Prayer Thursday Evenings @ 6:25pm

We begin with Lectio Divina, a traditional way of cultivating a relationship with Christ, then move into 30 minutes of silent Contemplative Prayer. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to deepen that relationship.

Contact Martha Johnston for Zoom Coordinates and any questions you may have—
martha@marthajohnston.com.

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday)

- Vigil Mass | 5:30pm
- Sunday Masses 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Thursday, March 28 (Holy Thursday)

- No 8am Mass
- Morning Prayer | 9:00am
- Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7:00pm
- Adoration at the Altar of Repose | ends at 11:00pm

Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)

- No 8am Mass
- Morning Prayer | 9:00am
- Stations of the Cross | 3:00pm
- Confessions | 3:45pm – 4:30pm
- The Passion of the Lord | 7:00pm

Saturday, March 30 (Holy Saturday)

- No 9am Mass or 5:30pm Mass
- Morning Prayer | 9:00am
- Easter Vigil | 8:00pm
- (No 4:15pm-5:15pm Confessions)

Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday)

- Sunday Masses | 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm
- Easter Egg Hunt | After the 10:00am Mass

Good Friday Abstinence Guidelines

All Catholics from their 14th birthday until and including their 59th birthday are obliged to fast on Good Friday. One full meal is allowed on the day of fast. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, are allowed. Together the two meals should not exceed the full meal. Drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast. Catholics over the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat on Good Friday.



EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flowers can be offered in the memory of your loved ones. Envelopes are located in the back of the church. Please complete one and return it to the Parish Office, or place it in the collection basket with cash or check payable to Annunciation Church. The suggested donation is \$25.



A JOYOUS RETURN: FIRST RECONCILIATION

Last Saturday, March 17th was a day of reflection, joy, and spiritual renewal at our parish as we celebrated the First Reconciliation of 20 of our young members. In a moving reenactment of the Parable of the Prodigal Son during the penitential service, our children brought to life the timeless message of forgiveness and return to God's grace.

Following a heartfelt Examination of Conscience and an Act of Repentance, each child stepped forward to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. A boy shared: "I was a bit scared before entering confessional, but now I'm happy, because Jesus forgave my sins. I feel light, like flying." and a girl said: "I was nervous last night. I was scared and cried, but when I went to confession, I saw it was good and fun. I will get back next Saturday."

After their penance children lit the candles they prepared during their Reconciliation retreat. As each flame was kindled, it symbolized the light of Christ and the restoration of grace within their hearts.

Our celebration continued with a communal lunch in the parish center, where families and candidates gathered in fellowship. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the children and their families, and we pray that this experience will continue to guide them on their path of spiritual growth.



Annunciation Catholic School

Come On In

In This Week's Column, We Believe That...



Pictures Are Worth a Thousand Words!

Celebrating different cultures creates a space for everyone to feel seen. It is our culture at ACS to prioritize and amplify openness and diversity.



Hard work pays off! ACS scholars are known for their academic excellence and acumen. We are so proud of our honor roll recipients!

Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." – Frederick Douglass.
This month our Community Members, Parents, and Scholars continue to celebrate literacy during this month's, Read Across America events.



The more you learn, the more places you'll go. Here at ACS, every lecture, every discussion, and every moment of curiosity fuels our scholars grasp the interconnectedness of God, humanity, and oneself.

Join Us for Our Open House on
Sunday, April 14th at 2PM!



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Gospel Today

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Mark 14:1–15:47

In Jesus' last days, He was scented with perfume, blessed the bread of the First Eucharist, was arrested and denied, suffered and died.

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EASTER BREAD

(6 single servings)



- INGREDIENTS -

1 cup milk (*scalded*)
1/3 cup butter
(*melted in milk*)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water
1 package yeast
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup sugar
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit
about 15 minutes, add
to flour - mix well

3 3/4 cups flour

large bowl

- DIRECTIONS -

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil & place in oiled bowl. Cover and put in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Punch dough and cut into 6 equal parts (do not flour surface). Roll each piece into a strip about 15-18" long, place raw, colored egg* in center, bring ends together and twist. Place on flat baking tray. Brush with egg white and dust with colored sprinkles or sugar. Cover and let rise, bake at 350° 20-25 minutes until golden brown.

**Colored eggs - use food coloring dye to color 6 raw in-the-shell eggs. 1 cup warm water, 1 tbsp. white vinegar, 5-6 drops food color. Egg will cook while bread bakes.*



GETTING READY FOR EASTER...

It is a tradition to wear something **NEW** next week for Easter. New shoelaces, hairclips, socks, tie, a new "Easter bonnet" or new clothes reminds us of our new lives in Christ, through the resurrection.

The egg in our Easter bread is also a symbol of our new life!



Grief Support Group at Annunciation

**Are you grieving the loss of a family member
or loved one?**

If you have experienced the death of a family member or loved one within the last three years, you are invited to join an eight-week grief support group at Annunciation beginning February 17, 2024.

While the experience of grief is profoundly personal, navigating the loss with others is often a source of consolation for the bereaved. This Catholic faith-based grief support group can provide a place of rest and comfort during a time of loss. Through prayer, exploring the grieving process, sharing your experience, you'll find ways to grow, heal, and integrate loss.

The group will be facilitated by Marianne Panke, MA. Marianne is a lay chaplain with 15 years of experience in Hospice and Hospital Chaplaincy and Grief Support Facilitation. She has been facilitating Grief Groups at Sibley Memorial Hospital and the Widowed Persons Outreach for the past six years and more recently at St. John Neumann and St. Bartholomew parishes.

A suggested offering of \$75 supports this eight-week program.

Contact Marianne – mariannepanke@gmail.com – with questions or for more information.

Location: Annunciation Catholic Church

3125 39th St NW
Washington, DC 20016

Schedule: 90-minute Sessions on Saturdays from 10-11:30am

February 17, February 24

March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23

April 6, April 13



Registration is limited. Scan QR Code to register or visit:

<http://www.annunciationdc.org/grief-support-group.html>

SAVE THE DATE!
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APRIL 20, 2024 - 6:30PM



Tickets will go on sale April 6th

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