

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

Annunciation Catholic Church

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

September 10, 2023 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship 1175
Entrance Hymn – Worship 697
Responsorial Psalm
"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."
Offertory Hymn – Worship 818
Communion Hymn – Worship 693
Closing Hymn – Worship 798

Parish Announcements

Our second collection this weekend supports Catholic University.

A Memorial Mass will be held for Father Donald Brice on Sunday, September 17th at noon.

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 <u>Contact</u> (202) 362-3323

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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 inquires 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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We come to a section in Matthew's Gospel, (Chapter 18:15-35), which deals with mercy and conversion, forgiveness and judgement, both communal and personal. On the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time we reflect on verses 15-20. Next Sunday, the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we will look at verses 20-35. It is best if one reads and prays with the whole of Chapter 18.



The community to whom Matthew writes is made up of both Jews and Christians. If one sins against the community, that person should be made aware of the fault by one other person. There is no ganging up on the individual, no publicity, no posting of it on the internet. It is a private matter geared to winning your brother back into right relationship. The emphasis here is on reconciling the brother. If this attempt fails then one is to take two or three witnesses in order to help the brother see his error. Again, the emphasis is on reconciliation and not condemnation. If this brother refuses to listen to the small number of witnesses then it is to be presented to the Church, (assembly of members). Finally, if he does not even listen to the elders he should be removed from the community and treated as an outsider.

The power to bind and loose is now expanded to the community and not just to the Apostle Peter. It is important that the community or the two or three be gathered in the Lord. The community is never to act solely on its own but always in union with Christ. One of the messages we can receive from these verses is that we are to be ministers of reconciliation and healing for all our sisters and brothers.

God's Peace, Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions		What's Happening This Week?
Sunday, September 10 8am	Afu Mellone Park Mellone Park Mellone Afu Mellone Park	Sunday, September 10 CLOW, 10:00am (Atrium) Tuesday, September 12 Men's Group, 7:00pm (Atrium) Walking with Purpose, 7:00pm (PC) Wednesday, September 13 Walking with Purpose, 9:00am (PC) Mass, 5:30pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration & Confession, 6:00pm (Church) Thursday, September 14 Contemplative Prayer, 6:25pm (Zoom) Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm (Church) Saturday, September 16 Serra Club, 9:30am (Atrium) Confessions, 4:15pm (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

Homeless Ministry

Food donations are accepted throughout the year. Please place any donations in the bin in the church hallway.

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.

Parish Bazaar

We are now accepting donations for our Christmas Bazaar.

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 September support the DC Food Project and Weekend Bag Program which provides weekend meals for students.





PARISH LIFE



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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.

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

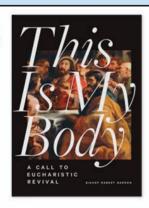
Every Thursday at 12pm—Rain or Shine in front of the Russian Embassy 2650 Wisconsin Ave NW

BOOK CLUB

Book of the Month

We will meet on Sunday, **September 24th at 11am** in the Parish Atrium.

For more info contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org





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 Lection 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.

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

- Myt 28:19



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



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75th Anniversary



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th
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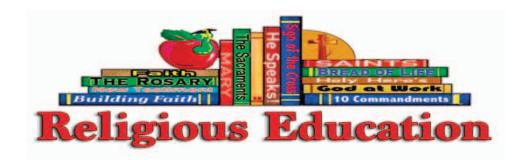
COCKTAILS 6:30-7:30 PM DINNER 7:30-9:30 PM

TICKETS \$75 A PERSON COCKTAIL ATTIRE

NOTE SPACE IS LIMITED

Invitations have been mailed to all registered parishioners. Please send back your RVSP as soon as possible to secure a seat. You can also buy tickets at our 75th Anniversary table at church after the Saturday 5:30 PM masses and the Sunday masses.

For more information call (202) 362-3323 or email 75anniversary@annunciationdc.org



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Our faith is a lifelong process of formation and knowledge.

Online registration is now open for our 2023-2024

Catechetical Program year!

Register your 1-8 grade child(ren) today.

Religious Education sessions will begin on

Wednesday, September 20 at 7pm with an opening celebration in the Church.

Scan the code to complete registration.

Contact Andreja Mezek at 202.362.3323 ext 13 or mezek@annunciationdc.org for information.

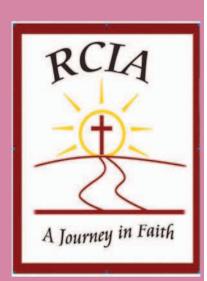


ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information, please contact Andreja at 202-362-3323 or mezek@annunciationdc.org.



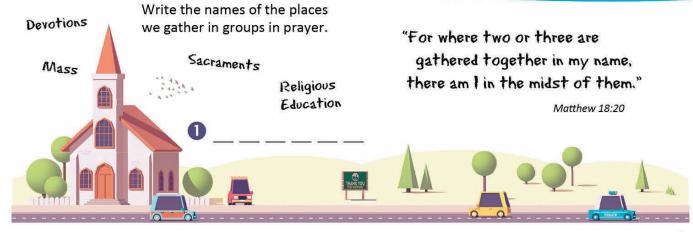


Gospel Today

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus says if two people disagree, try to work it out. If not, call in a third party. If that doesn't work, call in the community. He reminds us to **pray** in all matters and He will be there for us.

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Some letters of the alphabet are missing from the group.

Write them in the blank space below...

Jesus is in the midst of all who

Arrange the letters into a word found in today's gospel.

Bedtime

Family
Services

Meals

Gatherings

Gatherings

Remembrances

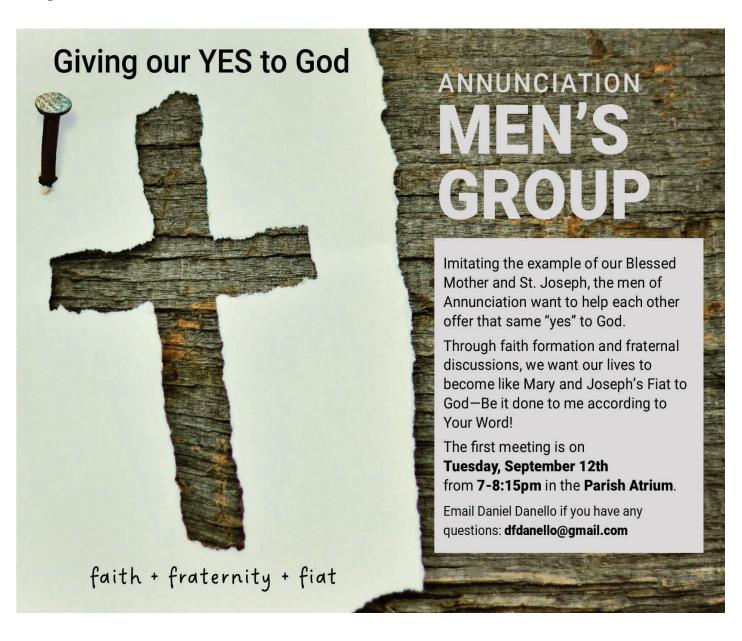
Answers: 1) Church 2) Home 3) Co

BLESSED SACRAMENT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3630 Quesada Street, NW Washington, DC, 20015-2538, will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, sibling or significant other. The next series will begin **Tuesday October 24**, **2023** and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through December 12, 2023 from 7:00-8:30 PM. The meetings are virtual. For more information contact Jim Hoffman at hoffmanlpc@gmail.com or call cell: (202) 577 – 2213.

MASS HONORING OUR LADY OF FATIMA

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima's first apparition, the World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division, "The Blue Army" invites you to a service which includes the Rosary, Mass, Confession, Brown Scapular enrollment, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and healing prayers on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at the Basilica of the National Shrine in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at 1:00pm. For more information call 301-595-1770.



Stations of the Cross Message from Father Mike

I know it is impossible to miss our new Stations of the Cross. We will bless them on September 10th, at the 10:00am Mass. I wish to thank those parishioners who contributed to these works of art and the spiritual blessings they provide us at Annunciation Catholic Church. Please pray the Stations at any time of the year. Look carefully at them and discover a new depth of meaning which the artist hopes deepens our faith.

The artist is Leonard Porter of New York. The frames were made by Deacon Dave Cahoon and Carlos Hernandez of the St. Joseph Carpentry Shop in Poolesville, MD. Deacon Dave also made the papal altars for Pope Benedict and Pope Francis, among other items, for their D.C. visits. His work is on display at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Read the Washington Post article about him here.







Our old Stations of the Cross will be donated to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Carcasse, Haiti. Deacon Dave is helping to rebuild the church after it was destroyed by Hurricane Matthew in 2016.





We're collecting treasures for the December Christmas Bazaar!

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Please—no DVDs, CDs, clothing or books!





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