



Annunciation Catholic Church

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

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

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 1002

Entrance Hymn – Worship 393

Responsorial Psalm

"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

Offertory Hymn – Worship 411

Communion Hymn – Worship 713

Closing Hymn – Worship 642

Parish Announcements

We will not have coffee and donuts this weekend.

Our second collection this weekend supports our social concerns ministry. Your generosity is appreciated.

There will be a square dance on Thursday, December 7th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.

Friday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception which is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be at 8:00am, 10:30am (school Mass), and 5:30pm.

We will have an Advent Christmas party at 6:30pm on Friday, December 8th in the Parish Center.

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

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Administrator

Rev. Adam Park
In Residence

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Permanent Deacon

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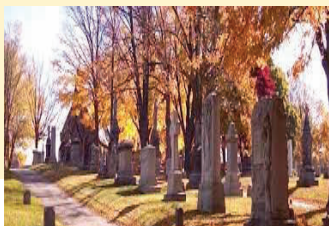
Sacramental Celebrations



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

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to
those who have
given a lifetime.



You can help. “Religious are blessed to serve,” says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

SQUARE DANCE

The next square dance will be held on Thursday, December 7th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Square dances will feature live musicians and a caller. There is no admission charge. For more information, please contact Leo Gorman at 202-244-2394. All are welcome.



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, December 3

8am	†Christopher Danello	Afu
10am	†Madison Naveah Sullivan	DF
12pm	Parishioners	Park

Monday, December 4

8am	Special Intention	DF
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Tuesday, December 5

8am	†Andrea Clune	Park
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Wednesday, December 6

8am	Peace in the Middle East	DF
5:30pm	†Lolita Ceides	Afu

Thursday, December 7

8am	†Tim Lanigan	Afu
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Friday, December 8

8am	Edfa Bagalacsa & Family	
	Thanksgiving	Park
5:30pm	†Annette Wisniewski	Swink

Saturday, December 9

9am	†Deceased Residents of the Towers Condominium	Afu
5:30pm	†Eugene & Pauline McMahon	Park

What's Happening This Week?

Sunday, December 3

Christmas Bazaar, 10:00am-2:00pm, PC
CLOW, 10:00am (Atrium)

Tuesday, December 5

Men's Group, 7:00pm (Atrium)
Walking with Purpose, 7:00pm (PC)

Wednesday, December 6

Walking with Purpose, 9:00am (PC)
Mass, 5:30pm (Church)
Eucharistic Adoration & Confession, 6:00pm (Church)
Religious Education, 7:00pm (School)

Thursday, December 7

Square Dancing, 6:30pm (PC)
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm (Church)

Friday, December 8

Mass, 8:00am (Church)
Mass, 10:30am (Church)
Mass, 5:30pm (Church)
Advent Christmas Party, 6:30pm (PC)

Saturday, December 9

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 December will go to the Holy Family of Bethlehem Foundation which is the premier hospital and neonatal critical care center in Bethlehem. No one is ever turned away.

Donate with Venmo



or sign-up with Faith Direct



PARISH LIFE

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



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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@lohse.com for more info.



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*



**Pray the
Rosary for Peace
in Ukraine**

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

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



**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.

ADVENT REFLECTION BY MSGR. JAMES WATKINS

My dear Parishioners and Friends,

It is now time for **Advent** and a new liturgical year. The word *Advent* means coming toward or approaching. As we draw close to the end of another year, once again the days become shorter and shorter in terms of sunlight until we mark the shortest day of the year on December 21. Then, the days slowly but surely begin to become longer, as more and more sunlight fills the skies. Nature's dramatic show of sky light inspired the ancient pagan world to believe in gods of light and darkness which battle each other in a never-ending struggle of good *vs.* evil. While it may seem at times that light fades under the power of darkness, it is never entirely snuffed out; in fact, it comes back stronger and fills the sky with more and more radiance and power, as the tide turns in favor of more and more light, beginning on December 22. For the ancient pagan world, the Sun God would always return triumphant over the power of the opposing god of darkness.

This pagan understanding of light and darkness at the end of the calendar year served as the basis for celebrating the Nativity of Jesus Christ in late December. For Christians, Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. His Light dispels the powers of darkness and sin. Even in the midst of the apparent death of winter, light begins to fill all of creation again and warms the life of a new springtime. Hope abounds, even in the midst of pain and suffering.

The powers of goodness and truth and life and light are never snuffed out; in fact, they always return more powerful than before, just as the light of the sun returns to fill the earth with more radiance. Even though winter enters our hearts, springtime joyfully beckons. May the divine radiance shine brightly in our hearts and minds as we make his Light shine forth in a confused world.

As the year comes to a close, this serves me the opportunity to ask God's choicest blessings upon each of you and your families. May the Christ Child whom we long to see for ourselves one day in the Bethlehem of heaven find his Heart burning brightly in our own now and in the coming year.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. James D. Watkins

Administrator

CHRISTMAS TREES

Help support Annunciation Catholic Church by purchasing a Christmas tree from Dan & Bryan on our grounds on Massachusetts Avenue. Trees will be available until Saturday, December 16th or until they sell out from 10am–9pm weekdays and 9am–9pm weekends. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.



POINSETTIAS

Each year during Christmas Season, we decorate the sanctuary and chapel with poinsettias donated by parishioners, in memory of family, friends, and loved ones. If you wish to join with us in this memorial gesture, please use the envelopes included in your December envelope packet or use the envelopes in the back of the church so your name and your intention's name may be listed in the bulletin. The suggested donation is \$25 per plant.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will provide meals for hundreds of poor, homeless, elderly, and needy individuals living in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas on Christmas Day. Meals will be available for pick-up or delivery only. To request a Christmas Day dinner, please call 202-526-8300. All meal requests must be received by Friday, December 16th.

Volunteers are needed to fill many different positions. To register as a volunteer, please click [here](#). For more information, please contact rsvp@bnsic.org or 202-526-8300. Thank you for your interest in helping, and we look forward to welcoming you this Christmas.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Friday
Dec. 1st
11am–6pm

Saturday
Dec. 2nd
10am–2pm

Sunday
Dec. 3rd
10am–2pm

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FALL IS FLYING BY, AND ADVENT IS FAST APPROACHING! WE ARE LOOKING FOR CHILDREN AND PARENT HELPERS TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT THAT WILL TAKE PLACE DURING OUR PARISH CHILDREN'S MASS ON

DECEMBER 24 AT 4 PM.

CHILDREN AGES 4 AND OLDER CAN PARTICIPATE AS MARY, JOSEPH, ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, MAGI...

PRACTICE DATES ON **SATURDAYS:**

- DECEMBER 2 FROM 11 TO 12 IN THE CHURCH
- DECEMBER 9 FROM 10 TO 11 IN PARISH CENTER
- DECEMBER 16 FROM 10 TO 11 IN PARISH CENTER
- DECEMBER 23 FROM 10 TO 11 IN PARISH CENTER

ALL COSTUMES WILL BE PROVIDED BY PARISH!

TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT

ANDREJA MEZEK AT mezek@annunciationdc.org



ANNUNCIATION CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2023

The Annunciation Christmas Project will benefit our sister parish Holy Redeemer. Parishioners are invited to participate by donating gift cards from WALMART, TARGET or VISA.

We have been asked to support 75 seniors and 18 families (almost 100 individuals.) Our goal is to provide at least one \$25 gift card to everyone. The gift cards will be put into a Christmas card and delivered to Holy Redeemer.

Gift cards or monetary contributions may be placed in the collection baskets or sent to the parish office in an envelope marked "Christmas Project." Checks should be payable to Annunciation Church indicating "CHRISTMAS PROJECT" in the memo line.



Help us continue this tradition!

DONATIONS DEADLINE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

Thank you for your generous support!

Let's Celebrate Advent Together!

**Friday, December 8th
at 6:30pm
in the Parish Center**

Please let us know you're coming!

RSVP

75anniversary@annunciationdc.org

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Door Prizes! Santa!**

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and

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**Clara Schumann – Three Romances for Violin and Piano, Op. 22
Beethoven – Sonata for Violin and Piano in E Flat Major, Op. 12, No. 3
Lera Auerbach – Selections from Preludes, Op. 46
Franz Schubert – Sonata for Violin and Piano in A Major, D. 574
Alfred Schnittke – A Paganini for Solo Violin**

Sunday, December 10, 2023

5:00 P.M.

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**3810 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
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(one block west of Wisconsin Avenue)**

No Admission Charge. Free-Will Offerings will be received.
For more information, please call 202-441-7678 - Please sign-up for our email list at brianqthorne@icloud.com
A reception will follow the concert.

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Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent | Mark 13:33-37

Year B

BE AWARE & KEEP WATCH!

Always be ready for the day and hour when God comes again. No one knows when, not even Jesus or the Angels in Heaven.

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FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

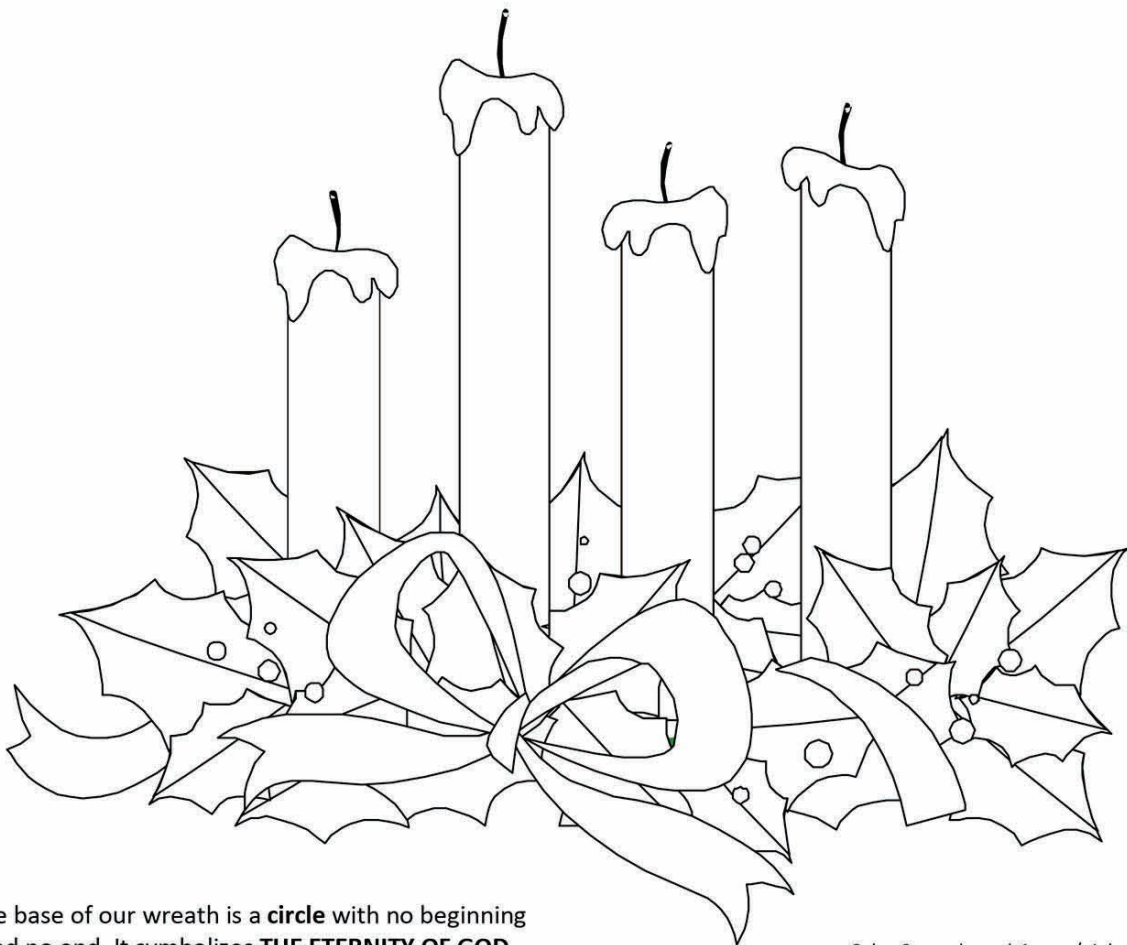
Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen". Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

BLESS THIS WREATH

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessings upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."



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