



# Annunciation Catholic Church

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

**February 9, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## 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 1123  
First Reading – Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8/75  
Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15: 3-8/11  
Gospel – 5:1-11

Entrance Hymn – Worship 783  
Responsorial Psalm  
*"In the sight of angels, I will sing your praises, Lord."*  
Offertory Hymn – Worship 758  
Communion Hymn – Worship 760  
Closing Hymn – Worship 784

## Parish Announcements

Today's second collection supports our building and maintenance fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Our next Roth Concert is Sunday, February 16th at 5:00pm in the church. All are welcome. See details inside the bulletin.

**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

### Contact

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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

# Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Our three scripture readings for this weekend work together to show us that the Lord calls each of us to serve him in various ways. Isaiah says he is a man of “unclean lips.” He says to the Lord that he is unworthy. But the Lord knows the heart of men and women and with His grace we are able to say, “Hear I am, send me.” St Paul calls himself unworthy because he persecuted the followers of Christ and therefore, Christ Himself. The Lord still chooses him to be one of the greatest of the Apostles and the bearer of the Good News. We come to Peter who recognizes his sinfulness but in light of this Jesus says, “Follow me.” Peter responds even though he will fail and sin again. Jesus still loves and calls him to be the head of the Church, the first Pope. We are all sinners, unworthy, and in need of God’s grace. Open your heart to the Lord say, “YES,” and know He will be with you to the end of time

Being called by the Lord to join in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ has been the blessing of a lifetime. As you may know when a priest reaches the age of 75, he is required by Canon Law to submit his resignation from his assignment. That time in my life has come and I wrote my letter. The Archbishop can accept or delay his response to the letter. I have asked Cardinal Gregory to accept my letter and to assign a new pastor to Annunciation Catholic Church.

These past several years have been a challenge for me physically, emotionally, and spiritually. With your love and support I have been able to serve the Lord and this church community. I love you very deeply and thank you for your prayers and thoughtfulness. I especially want to thank the priests and parish staff that have assisted me over these six years. They are a blessing from God and truly the sign of God’s presence in our parish.

In July a new pastor will assume the responsibilities of serving Annunciation Parish, School, and the faithful families that make up this part of the Kingdom of God. I will continue to serve as a parish priest in our Archdiocese. I look forward to serving you during the following months as we place our trust in the Lord under the leadership of Robert Cardinal McElroy.

God’s Peace  
Fr. Mike

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 9

8am	Benefactors	Mellone
10am	† Vincent J. Feik	Afu
12pm	Parishioners	Park

### Monday, February 10

8am	Annunciation Scholars	Park
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### Tuesday, February 11

8am	† James Armistead	Park
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### Wednesday, February 12

8am	Government Officials	Afu
5:30pm	† Felix Sambuchino	Park

### Thursday, February 13

8am	† Elvira Velasquez	Afu
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### Friday, February 14

8am	Married Couples	Afu
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### Saturday, February 15

9am	American University Students	Afu
5:30pm	† Souls in Purgatory	Park

## What’s Happening This Week?

### Sunday, February 9

Religious Education, 9:00am (School)  
CLOW, 10:00am (Atrium)  
Breaking Open the Word, 10:00am (PC)

### Monday, February 10

OCIA, 7:00pm (CR)

### Tuesday, February 11

Walking with Purpose, 7:00pm (CR)  
Men’s Group, 7:00pm (Atrium)

### Wednesday, February 12

Walking with Purpose, 9:00am (CR)  
Mass, 5:30pm (Church)  
Adoration & Confession, 6:00pm (Church)

### Thursday, February 13

Contemplative Prayer, 6:25pm (Zoom)  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm (Church)

### Saturday, February 15

Confessions, 4:15 (Church)

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Children's Religious Education

Thank you to all the children who participated in the Christmas Pageant. You were wonderful!

Children's religious classes continue on Sunday mornings from 9-9:50am. Please plan on arriving on time!

Annunciation Catholic Church offers formal religious education to students in grades 1-8 who attend schools where Catholic religious education is not available. Each year of instruction builds upon the previous year. It is highly recommended that each child attend formal Catholic religious education beginning at 1st grade through 8th grade.

## Baptism Preparation Class

The next class will take place on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 1pm. We'll meet in the front of the church. Please contact Tina Lindberg at [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org) if you plan on attending.

# SOCIAL CONCERNS OUTREACH

**Summer and Christmas Bazaars**—We are now accepting donations! Keep us in mind as you clean up from Christmas. We can find a good home for any decorations you no longer need. Rather than re-gifting, donate to the bazaar.

**St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth & Families Bassinet**—St. Ann's Center helps mothers and children overcome crisis and achieve lasting independence and stability by providing a safe and supportive home, child care, education and employment assistance, and clinical social work services within a Catholic community that welcomes all. You can help by donating liquid laundry detergent, baby wipes, Dove soap bars, toothpaste, and hand lotions for Mom. These items make a big difference in Mom's budget and help them feel loved and part of a community. Thank you for your support.

**Food Drive**—Feeding the hungry is a corporal work of mercy. Let's take care of our brothers and sisters. The most requested items are canned tuna or chicken, dry cereal (Cheerios, Bran Flakes), canned vegetables, hearty soups, canned fruit, rice, peanut butter and jelly and pasta and sauce. Please, no glass jars! Place these items in the grey bin located in the parish hallway.

**Homebound or Hospitalized Parishioners**—Please notify us if parishioners are hospitalized or homebound so we may provide the sacraments - especially Holy Communion.

For more information on these programs, contact Tina Lindberg at [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org)

# FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

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



## POOR BOX

Donations for the month of February will benefit the FAIR Girls. FAIR Girls offers compassionate care to prevent the exploitation of all girls, with a special emphasis on girls who have experienced homelessness, life inside the foster care system, sexual abuse, and trafficking

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# PARISH LIFE



## Questions about becoming Catholic or returning to the Catholic Church?

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) classes have begun. It's not too late to join! Contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x 15 or [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org)



## 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 the Christmas Bazaar!

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

Contact Tina Lindberg [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org) or 202-362-3323 x15 to schedule a drop-off

## ANNUNCIATION

# MEN'S GROUP

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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](mailto: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



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:martha@marthajohnston.com).

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SESSIONS

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in DC is offering 8 bereavement sessions starting February 18 through April 8, 2025. The sessions are on Tuesdays, are virtual and held between 7:30 and 9:00 PM. The goal of these sessions is to provide a safe and inviting space where grief can be shared freely without expectations, fear or criticism. Group members connect with each other through their loss and help each other through effective and compassionate listening. This is the basic process that helps members work through their burdens of pain and loss. There are no fees but registration is required. If interested, please contact Jim Hoffman at 202-577-2213 or email: [hoffmanlpc@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmanlpc@gmail.com)

## LOURDES ANOINTING MASS

The Federal Association of the Order of Malta cordially invites the sick, disabled, and elderly of the Archdiocese to receive the Sacrament of Anointing at the 15th annual Lourdes Anointing Mass on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Potomac (9200 Kentsdale Dr., Potomac, MD 20854).

Our Lady of Mercy is completely accessible for mobility aids and there is plenty of free parking. Members of the Order of Malta will be present to help people throughout the morning.

There will be an anointing and a blessing with Lourdes water for the sick, disabled and the elderly in attendance.

Family, friends, and caregivers are invited. A light luncheon reception will be offered to everyone after Mass in the Parish Hall. There is no charge for the day.

If you have any questions, please contact: Barbara Ritschel (202) 674-2931 or email her at [barbaraff@live.com](mailto:barbaraff@live.com).



### ***You can help the Moms, babies, and children at St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth & Families.***

St. Ann's Center helps mothers and children overcome crisis and achieve lasting independence and stability by providing a safe and supportive home, child care, education and employment assistance, and clinical social work services within a Catholic community that welcomes all.

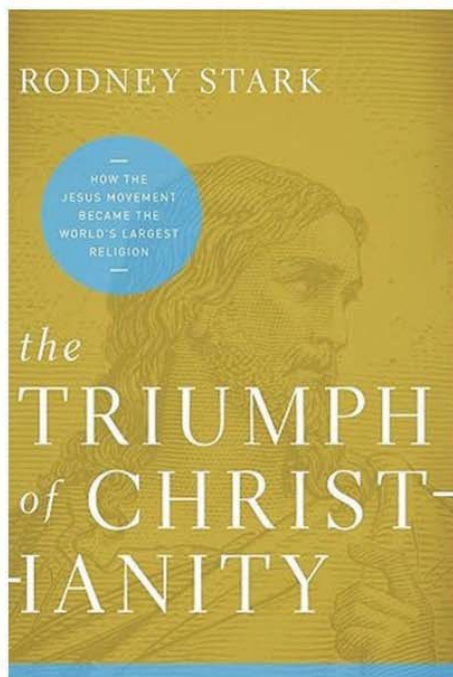
St. Ann's is committed to care that is **safe, nurturing, healing, empowering, and strength based** and where all are served with **compassion, dignity and respect**.

**Donations of liquid laundry detergent, baby wipes, Dove soap bars, toothpaste, and hand lotions for Mom** make a big difference in these Moms' budgets, and help them feel loved and part of a community. You can place these items in the bassinet for delivery to St. Ann's Center in Northeast DC.

*Little things do mean a lot! Thank you on behalf of the mothers and children at St. Ann's!*

For more information about St. Ann's Center go to [stanns.org](http://stanns.org)

# ANNUNCIATION BOOK CLUB



Our book selection for February/March is *The Triumph of Christianity: How the Jesus Movement Became the World's Largest Religion* by Rodney Stark.

Celebrated religious and social historian Rodney Stark traces the extraordinary rise of Christianity through its most pivotal and controversial moments to offer fresh perspective on the history of the world's largest religion. In *The Triumph of Christianity*, the author of *God's Battalions* and *The Rise of Christianity* gathers and refines decades of powerful research and discovery into one concentrated, concise, and highly readable volume that explores Christianity's most crucial episodes. The unique format of *Triumph of Christianity* allows Stark to avoid dense chronologies and difficult back stories, bringing readers right to the heart of Christian history's most vital controversies and enduring lessons.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD @11AM**  
**IN THE PARISH ATRIUM**

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Questions?

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## Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 5:1-11

Simon-Peter, James and John were uncertain about another attempt at fishing, since they were out all night and caught nothing. They faithfully obeyed Jesus' command and filled their nets overflowing. With belief and trust in Jesus, they left everything and followed Him.

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Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

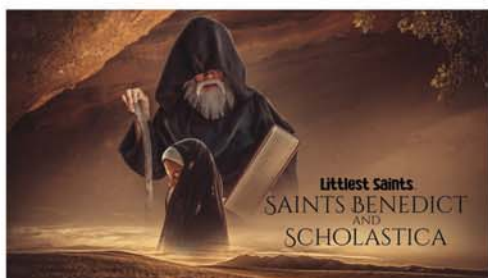
**“Don’t be afraid;  
from now on you will**

\_\_\_\_\_ **for people.”**

LUKE 5:10

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 09, 2025



## Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.



## The Bible (Part 2) | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Bible. What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament? Do Catholics read the Bible? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



## Catholic Community

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.

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&  
Frank Conlon, Pianist**

**Franck – Sonata in A Major  
Vaughan Williams – The Lark Ascending  
Works by Florence Price and Sergei Rachmaninoff**

**Sunday, February 16, 2025  
5:00 P.M.**

**Annunciation Catholic Church  
3810 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20016  
(one block west of Wisconsin Avenue)**

No admission charge - Free-will offerings will be received.

***A reception will follow the concert, at which Sonya's paintings will be on display.***

For further information, please call 202-441-7678.

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