

March 24, 2019

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena
after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, &
12:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word
at the Sunday 9:00am Mass

Monday
8:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm

Tuesday-Friday
8:00am & 11:00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday
11:30am-8pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday
11:30am-12:30pm
& 7:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday
4:15pm-5:15pm
Or call the rectory for an
appointment

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: EXODUS 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

GOSPEL: LUKE 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with your parish. Registration forms are available on our website: www.annunciationdc.org, in the foyer or by request from the parish office. Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket or the 24-hour drop box outside the parish office.

New parishioners are invited to attend our coffee reception after Mass to meet members of the parish. Please let us know if you are relocating so we can update our records.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: The sacrament joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic community. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings at 9:45am or by appointment, following preparation of the parents. Baptisms for adults take place through the RCIA process.

CONFIRMATION: "Through the sacrament of confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." Confirmation is offered to adults through the RCIA process, and annually for our eighth-grade students. As with the other sacraments of initiation, preparation is involved.

MATRIMONY: Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible or at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to make arrangements for preparation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: For those who are interested in finding out more information about the Catholic faith and/or interested in becoming Catholic. Please call the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Our parish continues Christ's ministry of making whole the members of our community who suffer physical or emotional ills with Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive this sacrament.

TELEPHONE ROSARY FOR HEALING

The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (WACCW) is hosting a telephone Rosary call from now until September 4, 2019, with the special intention of healing for all hurt by individuals within the Church. All are welcome to join the call at 8pm EST, Mondays-Saturdays, at 605-468-8016, code 357090#. For more information, contact Sharon O'Brien, WACCW President, at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com, and follow on Facebook at [Facebook.com/WashACCW](https://www.facebook.com/WashACCW).



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Luke 13:1-9, provides us with the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent Year C.

The narratives of disaster experienced by the Galileans who were killed by Pilate and those killed by the falling tower at Siloam are warnings that Jesus is going to Jerusalem to face his own death. Those who were killed did nothing wrong and neither did Jesus and yet he will face death. What do we make of this parable regarding the fig tree? It usually takes a fig tree two to six years before it will bear fruit. The soil, the sun, and the water have a significant impact whether the tree will thrive. Since this tree is not providing fruit, the owner told his gardener to cut it down. The gardener responds that he will give it more care and time and it may provide figs. In our lives the Lord gives us time to repent and make our lives fruitful in heeding the message of Christ to turn back to the Lord. This time does not go on indefinitely; it has a limit to it. Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of our salvation. Lent is the proper season to experience the mercy of the Lord and make Him the center of our lives.

God's Peace,
Fr. Mike



ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

All are invited to attend St. John's College High School Spring Musical, the Marvelous Wonderettes. On April 4th, the Dinner Theater begins at 6:30 with the show following at 8:00pm. On April 5th, the performance begins at 8:00pm. On April 6th, there are two performances at 2:00pm and 8:00pm. Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information contact Sue@Lohsen.com or visit www.stjohnschs.org

2019 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS

The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or use the sign-up forms in the back of church to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Friday, April 19.



YOUNG AT HEART LENTEN LUNCHEON

Please join us for a Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 following the 11:00am Mass.

Monsignor Mellone will join us to offer grace and a Lenten Reflection followed by sandwich making for a local homeless shelter. Please RSVP by March 20, 2019 to Stephanie Lucas at 202-362-3323 or parish@annunciationdc.org.



2019 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DONATIONS

Spring cleaning? Making room for new things? Consider making a donation to the 2019 Christmas Bazaar! Drop your items off at the parish office, Tuesday-Friday from 10am-2pm. Many thanks!

ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES with Annunciation Volunteers!

Contact **Tom Keenan, YA Service Chair** if you have any questions: twkeenan6@gmail.com or 847-902-1405. Upcoming service events will be posted on FB/AnnunciationDCYA.

Sign up for emails about Young Adult events on our website www.annunciationdc.org

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ANNUNCIATION
OF THE LORD

first century

FEAST MARCH 25

According to the revised New American Bible, the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel tells Mary she has been chosen to be the mother of God, the Son, is the exact moment of the Incarnation. The encounter, with Mary's questioning and acceptance, is described in Luke 1: 26-38. This liturgical feast, first celebrated in the East, was introduced in Rome between 660 and 680. The oldest liturgical books called it "Adnuntiatio Domini," the Annunciation of the Lord, but during the Middle Ages it was popularly celebrated as a Marian feast, the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary. The 1969 revision of the Roman liturgical calendar restored the feast as a solemnity of the Lord and restored its ancient title..

CNS Saints

Join your fellow parishioners and pray a rosary in honor of the Blessed Mother after the 11:00am Mass on Monday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 24 – *Third Sunday of Lent*

7:30 a.m.	Panke	Francesca Castro	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Antonicelli	Vocations	Intentions
10:30 a.m.	Wakefield	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Mellone	Clementina Theresa Sclafani	In Memory

Monday, March 25 – *The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Timothy Patrick Granger	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Clementina Theresa Sclafani	In Memory
7:00 p.m.	Mellone	Claude Hanfling	In Memory

Tuesday, March 26 – *Tuesday of the Third Week in Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Mary Moulthrop	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Sandi Logan & Family	In Memory

Wednesday, March 27 – *Wednesday of the Third Week in Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Ralph Sam	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Anna Sutherland	In Memory

Thursday, March 28 – *Thursday of the Third Week in Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Andrea Clune	In Memory

Friday, March 29 – *Friday of the Third Week in Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Paula Aiken	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	William E. Cassidy	In Memory

Saturday, March 30 – *Saturday of the Third Week in Lent*

9:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Marilyn Panke	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Lockman	Vocations	Intentions

Sunday, March 31 – *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

7:30 a.m.	Wakefield	Parishioners	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Kirk Walsh	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Antonicelli	Jose Coco Blanco & Carmen Palomeque Ocana	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Mellone	Clementina Theresa Sclafani	In Memory

We can bring Holy Communion to those who are sick or home-bound.

Ministers are available to visit any member of Annunciation who cannot attend Sunday Liturgy due to extended health issues or the infirmities of age. Please call Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x 15 or email lindberg@annunciationdc.org. Weekly Eucharist, prayer, fellowship, and sharing news from Annunciation keeps us all in communion as the Body of Christ.

Please continue to pray for all our parishioners who are hospitalized, home-bound, or living in a care facility.

THIS WEEK ...

3/24	Sunday	CLOW – 9:00am (Parish Center) Faith Fun – 9:30am (Parish Center)
3/26	Tuesday	Adult Bible Study – 11:30am (Parish Center)
3/27	Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration – 11:30am (Church) Young at Heart Luncheon – 11:30am (Parish Center) Children’s Choir Practice – 6:30pm (Parish Center) Adult Faith Formation – 7:00pm (Parish Center) Religious Education – 7:00pm (School & PC)
3/28	Thursday	Contemplative Prayer – 6:25pm (CR) Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm (Church)
3/29	Friday	Stations of the Cross – 7:00pm (Church)
3/30	Saturday	First Eucharist Retreat – 9:00am (Church & PC)

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

During this season of Lent, we have the opportunity to provide much needed food for the shelters and food pantries in our Archdiocese. Catholic Charities will once again provide labeled food bags for our use. All donations are welcome and needed.

The collection at Annunciation Catholic Church and School will take place the weekend of March 30th–31st. Please pick up a bag and return your donation to the containers provided. Thank you for your generosity in responding to a growing need in our city.

**JOIN THE CIA!**

Students need Community Service Hours? **Come join the CIA!** All High School, 7th & 8th grades are invited to participate! Students are not obligated to participate in all the events listed. Contact Sue Lohsen at sue@lohse.com or Patrice Morace at morace@annunciationdc.org to get on our email list. Parent drivers/chaperones welcome! Visit our page on the parish website www.annunciationdc.org/catholics-in-action--cia.html for dates and times.

**March Schedule**

Saturday, March 23rd – IONA
Saturday, March 30th – Food Drive

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.



Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC43 or call 866-507-8757 for a registration form.

SECOND COLLECTION

March 31, 2019

Social Concerns

POOR BOX

Donations for the month of March will benefit Catholic Relief Services whose mission is to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas, working in the spirit of Catholic social teaching.

This week’s bulletin is made possible by our sponsor

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Additional Daily Mass

Every Monday, March 11 thru
April 8 — 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday, March 8 thru
April 12 — 7:00pm

The Light is on For You

Every Wednesday, March 13 thru
April 17

Eucharistic Adoration: 11:30am
until 8:00pm

Reconciliation: 11:30am to
12:30pm & 7:00pm to 8:00pm



Sunday, April 14th (Palm Sunday)

Vigil Mass: 5:30pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am & 12:30pm

Thursday, April 18th

Morning Prayer — 9:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper — 7:30am

Friday, April 19th

Morning Prayer — 9:00am
Stations of the Cross — 3:00pm
The Passion of the Lord — 7:30pm

Saturday, April 20th

Morning Prayer — 9:00am
Reconciliation: 11:00am — 12:30pm
Easter Vigil — 8:00pm

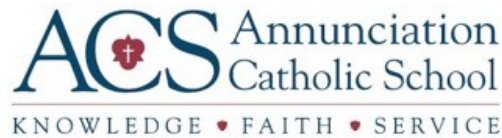
Sunday, April 21st (Easter Sunday)

Vigil Mass: 5:30pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am & 12:30pm
Easter Egg Hunt:
After the 9:00am Mass

FORTY DAYS – FORTY ITEMS CHALLENGE

Each day of Lent remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it into a bag provided for you. Bring the filled bag back to church at the end of the forty days. We will donate these items to someone who can really use them!

*Please only items that are clean, free of stains/smells and in good condition.



ACS students enjoyed Read Across America week March 1-7. Our lower school hallway was transformed by our amazingly creative teachers into Dr. Seuss-ville, complete with a "Lorax" Corner a "Once-ler" house and many "things 1 and 2"! There were mystery readers on Thursday including some familiar faces! Children and adults agreed that, no matter your age, Dr. Seuss and his characters are timeless and unforgettable!



Save the Date!

ACS Bingo Night - Saturday April 6th from 6:30pm - 9pm Join us after the 5:30 Mass when our ACS HSA will be hosting Bingo Night. Admission is \$25 and includes 6 Bingo cards, food/snack and 1 ticket for beer or wine or soda. In addition to restaurant gift cards, store gift cards, amazon/visa gift cards and a cash prize each grade will produce a theme basket for raffle and/or auction during the event. We hope to see you there!

ACS Italian Dinner - Thursday April 11th 5pm - 8pm Our 8th Grade will be sponsoring an Italian Dinner to raise funds for their end of year trip. We encourage all families to come out and support our 8th graders. Dinner is \$10 for adults and children 3rd grade and above, \$5 for all children 2nd grade and below.

ACS Car Wash - On Saturday April 13th from 9am - 3pm ACS HSA will be hosting a car wash fundraiser. The car wash will take place on the Annunciation School blacktop and will include car washes for \$10 a car and \$15 for SUV's. We will have baked goods and grilled burgers, hot dogs, and Italian sausages for sale, along with cold beverages.

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Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Lent | Luke 13:1-9

The parable uses a barren fruit tree to help us understand God's patience and love for His creation. Given the proper nurturing, unfruitful people can again become pleasing to God.

Year C



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This tree has no fruit. It can be home to birds & animals, but it is capable of so much more! It just needs to be nurtured.

Nurture: to feed, nourish, train, educate, cultivate



Jesus believes in us, is willing to give us another chance. We need to say we are sorry for not always doing the best we can.

Thank Jesus for His forgiveness & faith in us as we
FOLLOW OUR FAITH FOR 40 DAYS.

Draw fruit and leaves on the tree.
Add any fruit that would be good to eat.
Example: apples, oranges, peaches, pears, figs. Don't forget to add a bird to the nest!

Now the tree represents people — ready to share & give good things to others. **What can people give others that trees can't give?** Example: a hug