

February 12, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

*Miraculous Medal Novena
after the Saturday 9am Mass*

Sunday
8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00pm

Monday– Friday
8:00am

Wednesday
5:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday
6:00pm-6:45pm

Saturday
4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an
appointment*



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: SIRACH 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday	Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
Friday	Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday	Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

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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.

FLOCKNOTES

Want to receive timely information from Father Mike? Sign up for email messages at <https://AnnunciationCatholicChu1.flocknote.com/everyone>

or on our website – www.annunciationdc.org. Please be sure to add mail@flocknote.com to your address book or safe sender list to ensure delivery.



HOMEBOUND HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

We depend on you to notify us if parishioners are hospitalized and/or homebound so we may provide the sacraments - especially Holy Communion. If you know of anyone in need of the sacraments, please contact us. Also, if you would like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at: 202-362-3323 or lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am (School Mass—All Are Welcome) & 7:00pm (No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession)



Lenten Fast and Abstinence Guidelines

All Catholics from their 14th birthday until and including their 59th birthday are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. One full meal is allowed on the days 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 Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays of Lent.

UPCOMING ROTH CONCERT

Our next Roth concert on Sunday, February 26th at 5:00pm, will feature the three top winners—violinist, violist, and cellist – of the 2022 Johansen International Competition for Young String Players. Works by Schumann, Brahms, Debussy, Britten, and others will be performed. There is no admission charge, but free-will offerings will be received, and a reception will follow in our parish center. For further information, please call 202-441-7678.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Blessed Sacrament 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 Winter series will begin Tuesday, February 28, 2023 and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through April 18 from 7:45-8:45 PM. Meetings are virtual using zoom technology. There is no fee, but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. For more information contact Jim Hoffman at hoffmanlpc@gmail.com or call cell: (202) 577 – 2213.



2023 Annual Appeal: Many Ministries, One Church | This weekend parishioners are being asked prayerfully to consider making a gift to the 2023 Annual Appeal. Please complete or take a commitment form at Mass this weekend, or make your gift at give.adw.org. Visit appeal.adw.org to learn more about how the Annual Appeal benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout the archdiocese. It is our goal that every parish family will participate this year. All gifts will be credited towards our parish goal. Thank you in advance for your generous response to the 2023 Annual Appeal.



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Join us in praying the rosary every Thursday at noon in front of the Russian Embassy on the Wisconsin Avenue Side for peace and an end to the war in Ukraine.

THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, February 12
CLOW 10:00am (PC)

Tuesday, February 14
Walking with Purpose
7:00pm (PC)

Wednesday, February 15
Walking with Purpose
8:45am (PC)
Mass 5:30pm (Church)
Eucharistic Adoration &
Confession 6:00pm (Church)

Thursday, February 16
Contemplative Prayer
6:20pm (Zoom)

Saturday, February 18
Confession 4:15pm (Church)

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Valentine

Third Century

FEAST February 14

How Feb. 14 came to be celebrated as the feast for lovers is somewhat a mystery. What little is known of the feast's namesake can be attributed to the lives of two martyrs: one a priest, the other a bishop. Their lives have no connection to the contemporary holiday. The priest Valentine reportedly was beheaded in 269 by Emperor Claudius II. The bishop, known for healing, was martyred earlier. It's probable that a medieval custom of sending messages of love on this day somehow merged later with the feast.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 12—*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Vocations	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Personal Intention	Intentions

Monday, February 13—*Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Elvira Velasquez	In Memory
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Tuesday, February 14—*Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Benjie Byers	In Memory
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Wednesday, February 15—*Wednesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Benjie Byers	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Francisco Balmaceda	In Memory

Thursday, February 16—*Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Benjie Byers	In Memory
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Friday, February 17—*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Benjie Byers	In Memory
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Saturday, February 18—*Saturday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m.	Park	Francis Keller	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	In Memory

Sunday, February 19—*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Park	Stacey Ouzts	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Park	Enrique Lewis-Morgan	In Memory

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



2023 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS

The 2023 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition is open to all eighth-grade students attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. who are attending a Catholic high school in the fall in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Interested students must complete an application form, write a 1500-2500 word essay, provide one teacher recommendation and have the principal submit a school report. Details on the essay submission can be found at the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Submissions are accepted ONLY online. All materials (application form, essay, school report and recommendations) must be successfully submitted online no later than 11:59 pm, March 31, 2023.

For more information, visit contact Charmene Alston, Director of Applications, at 301-780-5313 or send an email to lljsf@aol.com.



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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of February 12, 2023



Beloved - Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.



How to Study the Bible

Are you looking to take your spiritual life deeper this upcoming Lent? There's no better place to start than the Lord's Word. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Giszczak as they explain how to study and devote yourself to Scripture!



What Do You Seek? The Search Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

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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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Gospel Today

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, following the Beatitudes, Jesus reminds us of the ten commandments. Love God and all He created.

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Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

MATTHEW 5:19



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#3



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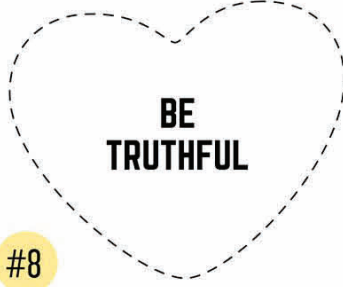
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The Ten Commandments are written on these sweet candy hearts just in time for Valentine's Day! Color the hearts, then cut them out - keep them for yourself or share them with the people you love.



Giving our YES to God

ANNUNCIATION
MEN'S GROUP

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"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong."

(1 Corinthians 16:13)

Imitating the example of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, the men of Annunciation want to help each other offer that same "yes" to God.

Through faith formation and fraternal discussions, we want our lives to become like Mary and Joseph's Fiat to God—
Be it done to me according to Your Word!

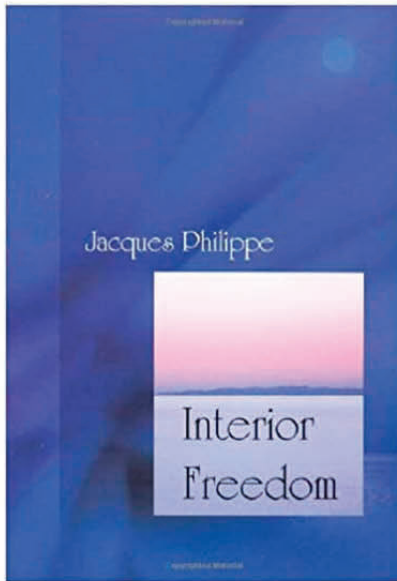
The first meeting is on
Tuesday, February 28th from 7-8:15pm in the Parish Center.

Email Andy Harms if you have any questions:

andrew.j.harms@gmail.com

240-671-5379

ANNUNCIATION BOOK CLUB



February's book choice is *Interior Freedom* by Jacques Philippe

About the book:

Interior Freedom leads one to discover that even in the most difficult circumstances we possess within ourselves a space of freedom that nobody can take away, because God is its source and guarantee. Without this discovery we will always be restricted in some way and will never taste true happiness. Author Jacques Philippe develops a simple but important theme: we gain possession of our interior freedom in exact proportion to our growth in faith, hope, and love. He explains that the dynamism between these three theological virtues is the heart of the spiritual life, and he underlines the key role of the virtue of hope in our inner growth.

About the Author:

Rev. Jacques Philippe is a member of the Community of the Beatitudes, founded in France in 1973. Ordained in 1985 and a preacher of retreats in France and abroad, he has written several books which focus on themes of interest to modern readers, including the need for prayer, peace of heart, and a correct understanding of freedom.

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

Questions? Need a book?

Contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org or 202-362-3323 x15.

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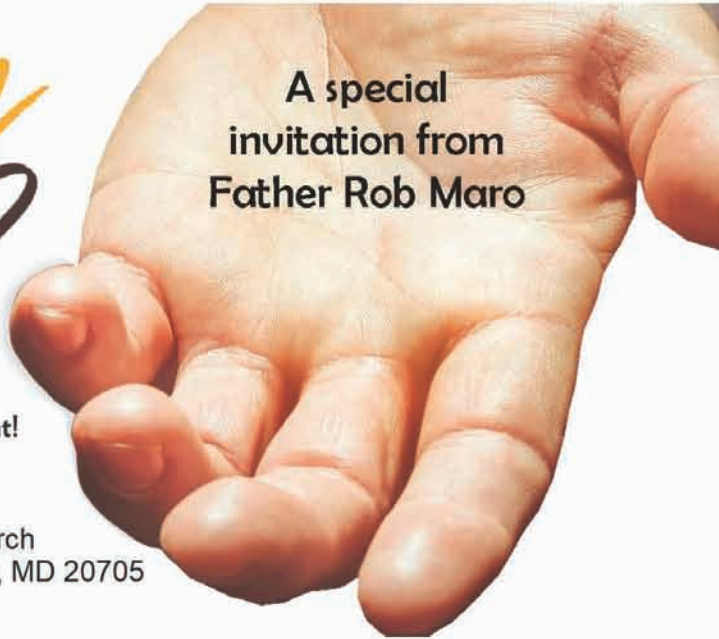
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Do you know you were made for greatness?

Do you understand your life's true purpose?

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Young men in high school: Are you interested in the priesthood?

Join us for an excursion and hike in
Ft. Washington Park!

Sunday, February 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.–2:15 p.m.



Are you a young man in high school who is interested in learning more about the priesthood? Join us on **February 19** for a day that includes Mass, lunch, hiking, and talks. Spend time with seminarians, priests, and other high-school guys who are open to the priesthood.

We'll gather at **Our Lady Help of Christians** (100 Village Street, Waldorf) for 10:00 a.m. Mass, followed by lunch. Next we'll travel by bus to Ft. Washington Park for hiking and talks. The day concludes at 2:15 p.m.

Please register at

<https://dcpriest.org/2023-ft-washington-excursion>



For more information, please contact Fr. Mark Ivany,
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