



Annunciation Catholic Church

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

February 4, 2024
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 1119

Entrance Hymn – Worship 559

Responsorial Psalm

"Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted."

Offertory Hymn – Worship 972

Communion Hymn – Worship 646

Closing Hymn – Worship 645

Parish Announcements

Our second collection this weekend is for our church utilities. Your generosity is appreciated.

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

Rev. Msgr. James D. Watkins
Administrator

Rev. Adam Park
In Residence

Deacon William Maksymiec
Permanent Deacon

Andreja Mezek
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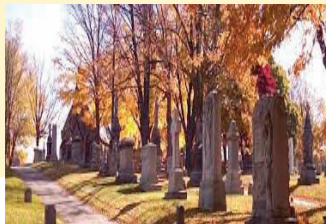
Sacramental Celebrations



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

LENT

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

8:00am | 10:30am (School Mass) | 5:30pm | 7:00pm
(No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession)

Eucharistic Adoration

•Wednesdays of Lent | 6:00pm-6:45pm

Stations of the Cross

•Fridays of Lent | 7pm

Confessions

•Wednesdays | 6:00pm-6:45pm

•Saturdays | 4:15pm - 5:15pm

By appointment | call the rectory office at 202-362-3323



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 Good Friday and the Fridays of Lent.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 4

8am	†Anthony Bow Jung	Oberle
10am	†James Carlo Cabangon	Park
12pm	Parishioners	Oberle

Monday, February 5

8am	Kimberly Brown	Oberle
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Tuesday, February 6

8am	†Mimi Hong	Park
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Wednesday, February 7

8am	†Souls in Purgatory	Afu
5:30pm	†Tom Neale	Oberle

Thursday, February 8

8am	Special Intention	Oberle
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Friday, February 9

8am	†Marc Lapadula	Oberle
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Saturday, February 10

9am	†Patricia McGlynn	Park
5:30pm	†James Armistead	Oberle

What's Happening This Week?

Sunday, February 4

CLOW, 10:00am (Atrium)
Breaking Open the Word, 10:00am (PC)

Monday, February 5

OCIA, 7:00pm (CR)

Tuesday, February 6

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

Wednesday, February 7

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

Thursday, February 8

Contemplative Prayer, 6:20 (Zoom)
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm (Church)

Saturday, February 10

CP Retreat, 9:30am (PC)
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 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

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



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 Our Summer Bazaar!

Donate: Jewelry, Attic Treasures,
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Please—no DVDs, CDs, clothing or books!

Contact Tina Lindberg
lindberg@annunciationdc.org
or 202-362-3323 x15 to schedule a drop-off

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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



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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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.



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.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The Council came to order with prayer at 7:05 pm. Msgr. Watkins, Kip, Kathy, Anita and John attended.

The Council sought a status update on the finalization of the carillon and the improvements to the Stations of the Cross. The Council also sought an update on the results of October's parish count.

The Council discussed the Advent/Immaculate Conception celebration, observing that it was very well attended and seemed to be widely enjoyed, and discussed plans for holding it again in 2024, perhaps for the Feast of St. Nicholas.

The Council discussed several issues with the parish's physical facilities and how to prioritize among remedies, noting in particular the lighting in the parking lot, the sinking in the parking lot, bad acoustics in the parish center, problems with the kitchen, and ducting issues in the parish center.

The Council discussed the success of the Christmas bazaar.

The Council discussed signage to promote ministries in the parish, perhaps via bulletin boards in the Parish Center and the parking lot entrance area.

The Council discussed establishing a welcoming and engagement committee.

The Council discussed having a Sunday where everyone gets a nametag so people can learn the names of fellow parishioners they may have met but whose names they have forgotten.

The Council tentatively selected April 14 for a ministry fair to promote participation in various ministries and communities in the parish, especially those facing shortages, like altar servers.

The Council discussed preparing for Lent and Easter, including the possibility of a parish mission or parish retreat and the Council's annual egg hunt.

The Council discussed other upcoming events like International Night and potential future events like another Corpus Christi procession and a May crowning.

The Council discussed possible ways to show support for the Jewish communities in our parish boundaries.

The Council discussed holding a healing Mass aimed at various local, national, and global wounds.

The Council closed with prayer at 8:25pm.

A WAY TO HELP YOURSELF AND YOUR CHURCH

Having to take a distribution from your IRA this year? The IRA charitable distribution permits individuals who are 70 1/2 to gift up to \$100,000 from their IRA to charity free from federal income tax. If you are 72+ years old, then an IRA distribution may qualify for your required minimum distribution, permitting you to lower your income and taxes for this year while helping Annunciation Church or School. For more information or to make a contribution, please contact our business manager/accountant Patty Lovett at 202-331-9880 (office).

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.



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and Guest Artists

Brian Quenton Thorne, Tenor
Frank Conlon, Piano

Sunday, February 11, 2024

5:00 P.M.

Annunciation Catholic Church

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(one block west of Wisconsin Avenue)

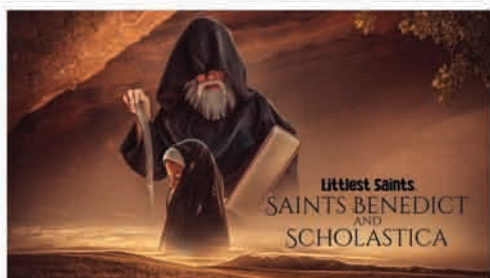
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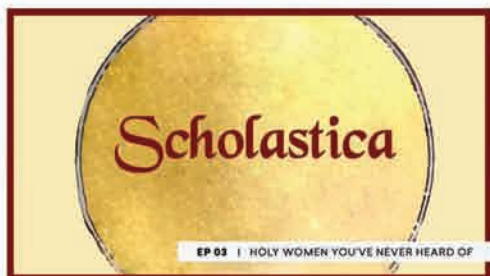
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 04, 2024



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. Visit their website here: www.littlestsaints.com



St. Scholastica | Holy Women You Never Heard Of | Episode 3

Dive into the lives of Holy Women You've Never Heard Of with Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Dr. Jessica Murdoch. St. Scholastica is the sister of St. Benedict. Holy siblings and holy families change the world!



Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

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Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:29-39

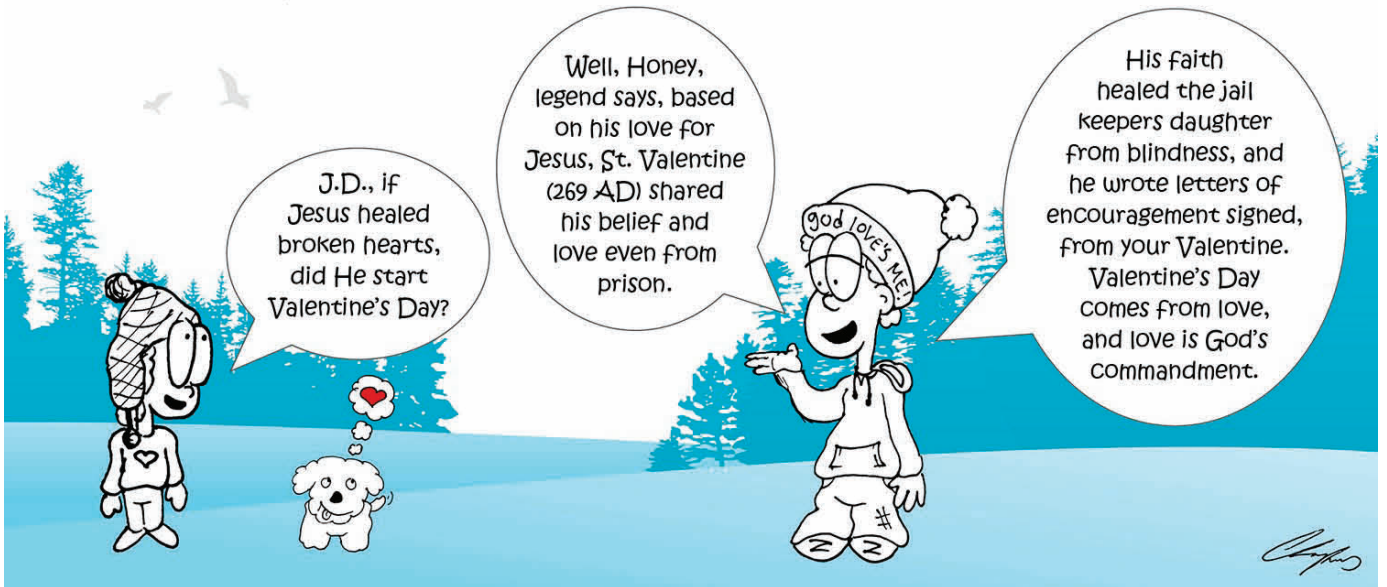
Jesus healed many people as He and His disciples moved from town to town.

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Grief Support Group at Annunciation

**Are you grieving the loss of a family member
or loved one?**

If you have experienced the death of a family member or loved one within the last three years, you are invited to join an eight-week grief support group at Annunciation beginning February 17, 2024.

While the experience of grief is profoundly personal, navigating the loss with others is often a source of consolation for the bereaved. This Catholic faith-based grief support group can provide a place of rest and comfort during a time of loss. Through prayer, exploring the grieving process, sharing your experience, you'll find ways to grow, heal, and integrate loss.

The group will be facilitated by Marianne Panke, MA. Marianne is a lay chaplain with 15 years of experience in Hospice and Hospital Chaplaincy and Grief Support Facilitation. She has been facilitating Grief Groups at Sibley Memorial Hospital and the Widowed Persons Outreach for the past six years and more recently at St. John Neumann and St. Bartholomew parishes.

A suggested offering of \$75 supports this eight-week program.

Contact Marianne – mariannepanke@gmail.com – with questions or for more information.

Location: Annunciation Catholic Church

3125 39th St NW
Washington, DC 20016

Schedule: 90-minute Sessions on Saturdays from 10-11:30am

February 17, February 24

March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23

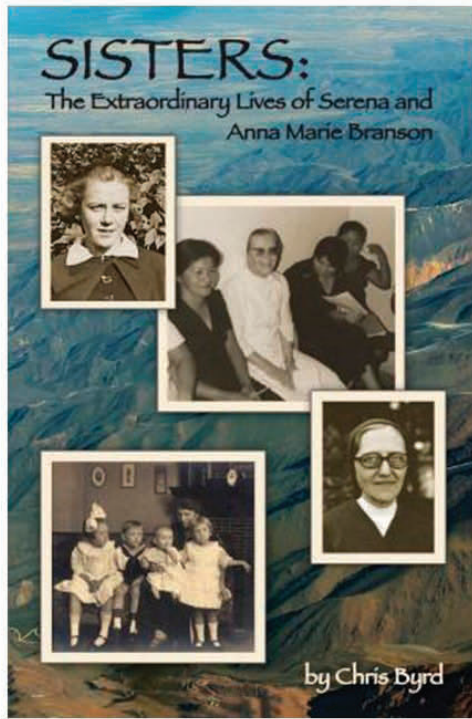
April 6, April 13



Registration is limited. Scan QR Code to register or visit:

<http://www.annunciationdc.org/grief-support-group.html>

ANNUNCIATION BOOK CLUB



The book chosen for February is *Sisters: The Extraordinary Lives of Serena and Anna Marie Branson* by Chris Byrd.

Sisters tells the stories of Chris' aunts, Sisters Serena and Anna Marie Branson. Daughters of Charity, their examples informed his desire to become a gospel person, who lives simply, works for justice, promotes peace, and respects lives at all stages and situations.

Serena was:

- The first woman in the United States to run a Catholic agency, Catholic Charities of Albany, which she led from 1974-1990, increasing its annual budget from \$500,000 to \$19 million.
- Frequently honored for her 72 years of service and advocacy, most notably Catholic Charities USA's highest honor—it's Vision Award—in 2002.

Anna Marie was:

- A missionary who served her final 20 years among Bolivia's indigenous poor.
- Regarded as a saint, for the heroic way she ignored her failing health to serve out her great love for God's poor. *Sisters* will promote her sainthood cause.

Author Chris Byrd will be here to discuss his book!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH @11AM

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