



# Annunciation Catholic Church

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

**February 11, 2024**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Worship 1125

Entrance Hymn – Worship 835

Responsorial Psalm

*"I turn to you, O Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation."*

Offertory Hymn – Worship 972

Communion Hymn – Worship 650

Closing Hymn – Worship 689

**February 14, 2024**  
**Ash Wednesday**

Worship 1026

Entrance Hymn – Worship 461

Responsorial Psalm

*"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."*

Offertory Hymn – Worship 473

Communion Hymn – Worship 932

Closing Hymn – Worship 463

## 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

## Parish Announcements

Our second collection this weekend supports our building and maintenance fund. 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*

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mezek@annunciationdc.org

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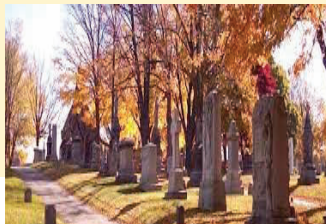
## Sacramental Celebrations



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 11

8am	†Christopher Danello	Park
10am	†Jeffrey Lundell	Oberle
12pm	Parishioners	Oberle

#### Monday, February 12

8am	Lucile & Claude Bationo 25th Anniversary	Oberle
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#### Tuesday, February 13

8am	†Elvira Velasquez	Park
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#### Wednesday, February 14

8am	†Cheryl Speed	Afu
10:30am	School Intentions	Watkins
5:30pm	†Maureen Nolan	Oberle
7:00pm	†Walter Sheehan	Watkins

#### Thursday, February 15

8am	†Terry Rothman	Afu
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#### Friday, February 16

8am	Special Intention	Park
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#### Saturday, February 17

9am	†Lee MacVaugh	Park
5:30pm	†Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	Afu

### What's Happening This Week?

#### Sunday, February 11

CLOW, 10:00am (Atrium)  
Breaking Open the Word, 10:00am (PC)  
Roth Concert, 5:00pm (Church)

#### Monday, February 12

OCIA, 7:00pm (CR)

#### Tuesday, February 13

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

#### Wednesday, February 14

Walking with Purpose, 9:00am (PC)  
School Mass, 10:30am (Church)  
Mass, 5:30pm (Church)  
Mass, 7:00pm (Church)  
Religious Education, 7:00pm (School & CR)

#### Thursday, February 15

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

#### Friday, February 16

Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm (Church)

#### Saturday, February 17

Grief Support Group, 10:00am (CR)  
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](mailto:mezek@annunciationdc.org).

# SOCIAL CONCERNS OUTREACH

**Summer and Christmas Bazaars 2023**—Your wonderful and generous donations along with the hard work of volunteers all year long made it possible to raise a total of \$44,480.35. We are now collecting donations for 2024!

**Christmas Project 2023**—The seniors and families at our sister parish, Holy Redeemer, received gift cards valued at a little over \$5,000. Thanks and gratitude go to our parishioners. Thank you for your generosity.

**Share the Love Food Drive, February 18, 2024**—Food insecurity continues to be a problem in our city. We are happy to help feed the hungry by collecting donations for the Mulholland Family Foundation which supports 9 food pantries in our poorest neighborhoods.

**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](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org).

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.

Donate with Venmo



or sign-up with Faith Direct





## 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,  
Art, Home & Kitchen Goods,  
Handbags & Scarves, Seasonal/Christmas,  
Office, Gadgets, Toys & Sporting Goods  
*Please—no DVDs, CDs, clothing or books!*

Contact Tina Lindberg  
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



#### **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 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).

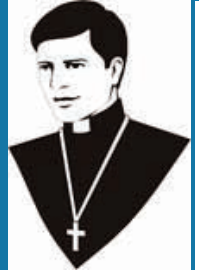
#### **Annunciation Contemplative Prayer Thursday Evenings @ 6:25pm**

We begin with 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](mailto:martha@marthajohnston.com).

## PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Please stop by our "Vocations Tree" in the church foyer, where there are cards for each of the seminarians for the Archdiocese of Washington. Choose one or more cards to pray for your chosen seminarian(s) each day during Lent. Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church. Who knows? You could be praying for a future pastor of our parish!



# Share the Love Food Drive

## Sunday, February 18th 10am-12pm

Bring your donations to Mass with You or  
Drop-off in the parking lot

**Benefits Inner City Washington Food Pantries through the  
John S. Mulholland Family Foundation**

### **Pantry Needs:**

- ♥ **Canned Tuna or Chicken**
- ♥ **Dry Cereal** (Cheerios, Bran Flakes)
- ♥ **Canned Vegetables** (Green Beans, Peas, Corn)
- ♥ **Soup** (Hearty varieties are best)
- ♥ **Canned Fruit** (any kind)
- ♥ **Peanut Butter and Jelly** (Plastic containers please!)
- ♥ **Baked Beans** (cans) and **Rice** (any size),
- ♥ **Pasta and Pasta Sauce** (Plastic containers please!)

**Grocery Gift Cards Always Welcome!**

## **Thank You for Your Generosity!**

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**Brian Quenton Thorne, Tenor**  
**Frank Conlon, Piano**

**Sunday, February 11, 2024**

**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.**

For more information, please call 202-441-7678 - Please sign-up for our email list at [brianqthorne@icloud.com](mailto:brianqthorne@icloud.com)

*A reception will follow the concert.*

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of February 11, 2024



### Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



### The Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.



### The Spirituality of Lent

Looking to take Lent more seriously this year? Join Tim Gray for ideas for a Lenten spirituality.

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# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:40-45

Jesus cured the leper, a man with a skin disease, with a touch of His hand.

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When the leper was healed, Jesus said, "Don't tell this to anyone." Jesus trusted the man to go quietly to the priest, but instead he ran off telling everyone he was cured. He did NOT keep it a secret (he was very excited). As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly, but stayed in lonely places. Still, people kept coming to Him from everywhere. **Jesus gave the leper new life...**

LENT <sup>begins</sup>  
this week...

## Give us New Life, O Lord.

Dear Jesus... I have sinned, I am sorry, let's begin again. Love, \_\_\_\_\_  
your name



# SHROVE TUESDAY

also known as... FAT TUESDAY = MARDI GRAS = PANCAKE DAY

It is a tradition to eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Shrove comes from the word "shrive", meaning to confess, or tell God we are sorry for our sins. Pancakes use up food items that were not permitted during Lent in the Middle Ages - milk, eggs, fat, butter and meat. Lent begins tomorrow - Let's eat pancakes today!

## ASH Wednesday

The ashes on my forehead say,  
"I have sinned, I am sorry. Please  
God, help me change, make me a  
new person."

## Homemade Pancakes



SIFT	MIX IN
1 1/4 cup flour	1 beaten egg
3 teaspoons baking powder	1 cup milk
2 tablespoons sugar	2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon salt	

Cook on greased, hot skillet. Flip when bubbles appear and pop. Makes 8, 4" pancakes — Serving with butter, syrup, fruit or meat is optional.



## **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](mailto: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

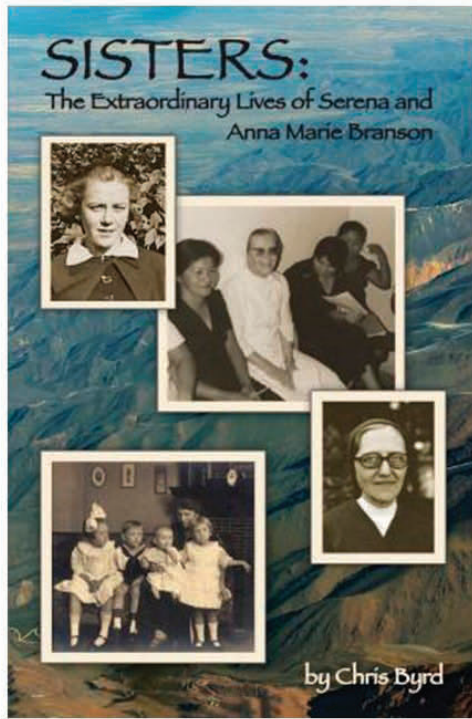


Registration is limited. Scan QR Code to register or visit:

<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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