



Annunciation Catholic Church

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

February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent

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 1028
Entrance Hymn – Worship 715
Responsorial Psalm

"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant."

Offertory Hymn – Worship 466
Communion Hymn – Worship 932
Closing Hymn – Worship 461

Parish Announcements

Our second collection this weekend supports our school. Your generosity is appreciated.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of Presidents' Day.

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

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Administrator

Rev. Adam Park
In Residence

Deacon William Maksymiec
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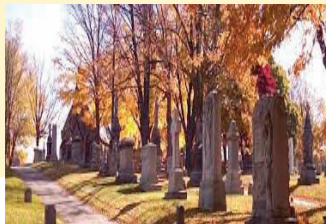
Sacramental Celebrations



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

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.

Vocations Tree

Please stop by our "Vocations Tree" in the church foyer and 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!

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 18

8am	†Mordini & Rukavina Families	Afu
10am	†Henri & Franziska Ulrich	Park
12pm	Parishioners	Oberle

Monday, February 19

8am	†Alexander Tinachos	Oberle
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Tuesday, February 20

8am	†Pope Benedict XVI	Park
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Wednesday, February 21

8am	Special Intention	Afu
5:30pm	†Keith Armistead	Oberle

Thursday, February 22

8am	†Margaret Gower	Afu
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Friday, February 23

8am	†Souls in Purgatory	Oberle
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Saturday, February 24

9am	†Nicholas B. Scheetz	Oberle
5:30pm	†Mathew Huynh	Park

What's Happening This Week?

Sunday, February 18

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

Monday, February 19

Presidents Day (Office Closed)

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

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

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

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

Saturday, February 24

First Reconciliation Retreat, 9:30am (PC)
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.

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.

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.

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

faith + fraternity + fiat

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



walking with purpose

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@lohse.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 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.

REST IN PEACE: THOMAS H. NEALE DECEMBER 14, 1947 - JANUARY 23, 2024

Tom Neale had been a member of Annunciation Parish for over 25 years. He served as a Lector, on the Parish Council, and on the Music Committee. His service to the Parish was very valuable and will be long remembered. Tom worked for over 53 years in the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress. A lover of music, Tom attended most of the Roth Concerts, usually sitting in the choir loft with other members of the Music Committee. Tom had a very nice singing voice, preferring to sing from the pews rather than in the choir. His presence at Annunciation will be greatly missed.

For a more detailed obituary, go to <http://www.devolfuneralhomedc.com>.

THE 2024 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors announces The 2024 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition. The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition is open to all eighth-grade students presently attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. who plans to attend a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. in the fall of the year.

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition officially opens January 16, 2024.

Interested students can apply online at <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Visit the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>, to find the application packet which contains the application form, school report, teacher recommendation, the criteria, and details for 1500-2500 word essay on January 16, 2024.

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, 2024.**

For more information, visit <http://www.lljsf.org/> or contact Charmene Alston, Director of Applications, at 301-780-5313 or send an email to lljsf@aol.com.

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.





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!)

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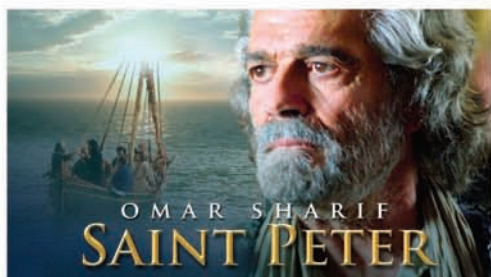
Thank You for Your Generosity!

"It's not enough that we love them, they must know that they are loved." St. John Bosco



THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 18, 2024



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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Gospel Today First Sunday of Lent | Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert for 40 days where He prayed and fasted and angels took care of Him.

Year B

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Like Jesus, we too will spend 40 days praying and fasting.



Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

LET'S MAKE PRETZELS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package dry yeast
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 cups flour
- Kosher salt
- Water to hold salt on

Latin - Bracellae "Little arms", the original Lenten bread dating back to the 4th century.

Place yeast, sugar & warm water in a large bowl and let stand. Add flour & salt, mix well and knead to form smooth ball.

Divide into 12 pieces and roll each into a "rope" about 10-12 inches long. Form into a pretzel and place on baking sheet, brush with water and sprinkle with kosher salt. Let rise slightly and bake at 425° about 12-15 minutes.



Flip ends over to resemble arms crossed over chest - praying little arms



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

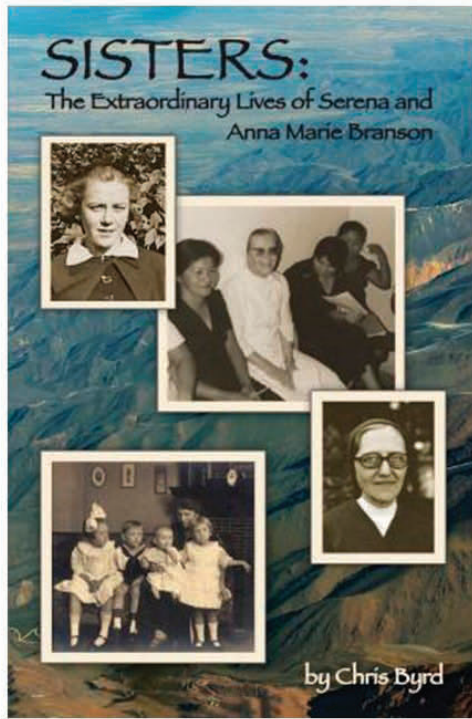
April 6, April 13



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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