



Annunciation Catholic Church

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

March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent

(5:30pm, 8:00am, 12:00pm Masses)

Worship 1040

Entrance Hymn – Worship 463

Responsorial Psalm

"Create a clean heart, a clean heart in me, O God."

Offertory Hymn – Worship 729

Communion Hymn – Worship 966

Closing Hymn – Worship 759

(10:00am Mass Only)

Worship 1039

Responsorial Psalm

"With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption."

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 ministry to the homeless. Your generosity is appreciated.

Stations of the Cross are on Fridays at 7:00pm.

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

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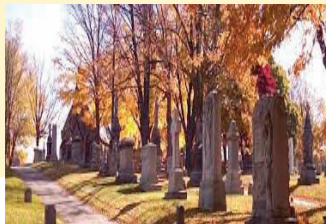
Sacramental Celebrations



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

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.

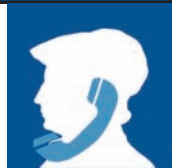
The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition officially opens January 16, 2024. Interested students can apply online at <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Visit the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>, to find the application packet which contains the application form, school report, teacher recommendation, the 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.

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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 17

8am	Parishioners	Oberle
10am	†William & Jeanne Cassidy	Afu
12pm	†Camilla Bozzoli-Rudolph	Park

Monday, March 18

8am	Catechumens & Candidates	Oberle
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Tuesday, March 19

8am	Special Intentions	Park
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Wednesday, March 20

8am	†Anthony Bow Jung	Afu
5:30pm	†Bishop Francisco Gonzales	Oberle

Thursday, March 21

8am	†Souls in Purgatory	Afu
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Friday, March 22

8am	World Peace	Oberle
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Saturday, March 23

9am	†Msgr. Godfrey Mosley	Afu
5:30pm	†Lou Rabil	Park

What's Happening This Week?

Sunday, March 17

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

Monday, March 18

OCIA, 7:00pm (CR)

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

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

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

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 Bazaar 2024—We are now collecting donations for 2024! Jewelry, Attic Treasures, Art, Home & Kitchen Goods, Handbags & Scarves, Seasonal/Christmas, Office, Gadgetry, Toys & Sporting Goods. *Please—no DVDs, CDs, Clothing, or Books!*

Lenten Food Drive—Many thanks to those who contributed to our Lenten Food Drive. If you were unable to participate because you were out of town, monetary donations are welcome and will be used to purchase fresh produce, milk and eggs, meat and poultry. You may send your donation to Mulholland Foundation, 1629 K St NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20006 or online at jsmff.org. Thank you all for your generous support!

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 March will benefit Martha's Table which operates nationally accredited education programs beginning at birth; fights for food justice and increases access to healthy meals and fresh produce for over 15,000 residents; and promotes family success through their no-cost community store and engagement programs

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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@annunelationdc.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



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@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 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.

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.

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday)

- Vigil Mass | 5:30pm
- Sunday Masses 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Thursday, March 28 (Holy Thursday)

- No 8am Mass
- Morning Prayer | 9:00am
- Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7:00pm
- Adoration at the Altar of Repose | ends at 11:00pm

Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)

- No 8am Mass
- Morning Prayer | 9:00am
- Stations of the Cross | 3:00pm
- Confessions | 3:45pm – 4:30pm
- The Passion of the Lord | 7:00pm

Saturday, March 30 (Holy Saturday)

- No 9am Mass or 5:30pm Mass
- Morning Prayer | 9:00am
- Easter Vigil | 8:00pm
- (No 4:15pm-5:15pm Confessions)

Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday)

- Sunday Masses | 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm
- Easter Egg Hunt | After the 10:00am Mass



HOLY WEEK

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.



SAVE THE DATE!

Annunciation Catholic Church

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

APRIL 20, 2024 - 6:30PM



Tickets will go on sale April 6th

Interested in Volunteering?
Email sue@lohsen.com

Annunciation Catholic School

Come On In

In This Week's Column, We Believe That...



Pictures Are Worth a Thousand Words!

Learning has no limits! ACS supports hands-on discovery of the ecosystem. Our efforts to "Go Green" have improved our habitat and opened our minds to innovative ways to naturally enhance our atmosphere.

As an institution of inquirers, scholars here at ACS are continuously finding ways to nurture our environment and those surrounding us. We understand it is our responsibility to push for sustainability and to stay curious about ways to amplify our community.

Staff, faculty, and scholars strive to maintain a safe, learning environment to strengthen our faith, utilize our unique talents, and nurture our God-given gifts. We talk the talk and walk the walk of respect, responsibility, and reverence daily.

From our rigorous academics to our meaningful leadership opportunities, ACS provides support, guidance, and mentorship to each and every scholar. The essence of teamwork and collaboration can be felt throughout the building making ACS a launchpad for dynamic, novel ideas.

Join Us for Our Open House on
Sunday, March 17th at 2PM!



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Gospel Today Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 12:20-33

In His final days, Jesus reminds us to follow Him. Jesus says, "My Father will honor the one who serves Me". *John 12: 26*

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds". *John 12: 23-24*

Give us New Life, O Lord.

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

This week I will pray for _____

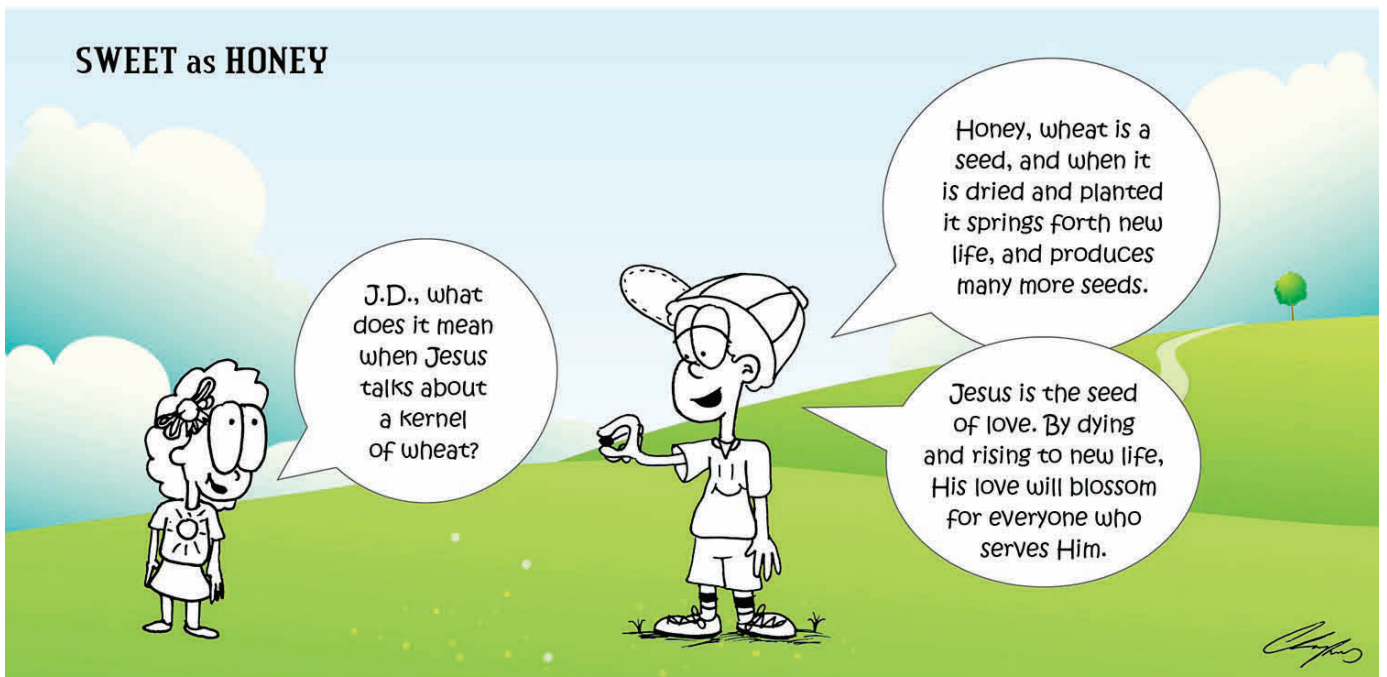
This week I will give up/do without _____

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

(Sundays optional)

Lent is almost over - next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

SWEET as HONEY





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>

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of March 17, 2024



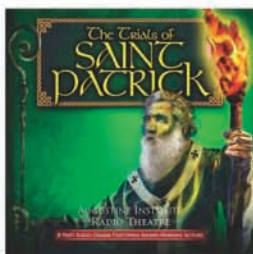
Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



An Encounter with Mercy

We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.

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