

March 15, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena

after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, &
12:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word

at the Sunday 9:00am Mass

Monday– Friday

8:00am & 11:00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday

11:30am-8:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday

11:30am-12:30pm

7:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday

4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an
appointment*

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

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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://AnnunciationCatholicChurch1.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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In Year A, of the three-year Lectionary Cycle we have three of the most important Gospel readings. These are so important that there is an option to do them every year in addition to Year A. The Third Sunday of Lent we have the Woman at the Well, the Fourth Sunday of Lent we have the Man Born Blind, and the Fifth Sunday of Lent we have Raising Lazarus from the Dead. These three Gospels are the foundation stones for those being received into the Catholic Church. The Living waters of Baptism offer us the gift of faith. Sight to the blind calls us to witness to who Jesus is. The raising of Lazarus is confirmation of life after death. As we reflect upon these Gospels we see that they are meant for each one of us. God gives us a share in His life through Baptism, washed clean of original sin and made a child of God. God strengthens this faith by bestowing on us the ability to enter into a relationship with Him and offering us opportunities to witness to and worship Him. In raising Lazarus Jesus allows us to see and believe in eternal life which is further confirmed in Jesus' Resurrection. We can spend a lifetime pondering these three Gospel accounts and their implications for us to live in, through and with Jesus. Please don't let these three weeks pass you by. Sit and reflect upon them and you will come to know the Lord and His love for you.



At the direction of the Archdiocese of Washington we are instituting these procedures at all Masses at Annunciation Catholic Church. We wish to be prudent and not fearful.

- Please refrain from shaking hands during the Sign of Peace (bow or verbal gesture is appropriate)
- Please refrain from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer if it is your custom
- We will no longer distribute the Precious Blood (Christ is fully present under both species of the Blessed Sacrament)
- We have removed Holy Water from the Holy Water fonts at the entrances to the church

We strongly urge the faithful to receive the Holy Eucharist only in their hands instead of on the tongue to mitigate any transmission of saliva.

Further, anyone who is ill, or suspects he or she is ill, should refrain from participation in public activities, including Mass. If a person refrains from Sunday Mass due to illness, they are dispensed from the Sunday obligation.

Thank you for your cooperation and prayers during this time. Trusting in the Lord and knowing his great love for us.

God's Peace,
Fr. Mike



Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC43 or call 866-507-8757 for a registration form.

SECOND COLLECTION

March 22

Ministry to the Homeless

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.

This week's bulletin is made possible by our sponsor



SAINT OF THE WEEK



JOSEPH

First Century

FEAST MARCH 19

The husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the legal father of Jesus according to Jewish law, Joseph is a model of humility and obedience to God's will. He followed God's instructions, given by angels in dreams, and took the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife, protected her and Jesus from the child's birth in Bethlehem through the family's sojourn in Egypt, and provided for them as a carpenter in Nazareth. This feast, which was celebrated locally as early as the ninth century, became a universal feast in the 16th century. Pope Pius IX named Joseph patron of the universal church in 1870; he is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying and workers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 15—*Third Sunday of Lent*

7:30 a.m.	Berard	Vocations	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
10:30 a.m.	Mellone	Kris Lugo & Andrew Graulich	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Berard	Kevin Gray	In Memory

Monday, March 16—*Monday of the Third Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Special Intention	Intentions
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Romana Miaco	In Memory

Tuesday, March 17—*Saint Patrick, Bishop*

8:00 a.m.	Berard	Alicia Castaneda	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	William & Jeanne Cassidy	In Memory

Wednesday, March 18—*Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Eva Taylor	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	In Memory

Thursday, March 19—*Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Creusa R. DaSilva	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Mary Pasciutti	Intentions

Friday, March 20—*Friday of the Third Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Dick Coffman	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Maria Jose Escartin	In Memory

Saturday, March 21—*Saturday of the Third Week of Lent*

9:00 a.m.	Berard	Andrea Clune	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Mary Kay Ruddy	In Memory

Sunday, March 22—*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

7:30 a.m.	Mellone	Vocations	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Sparks	William & Jeanne Cassidy	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Berard	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Berard	Clementina Theresa Sclafani	In Memory

We can bring Holy Communion to those who are sick or home-bound. Ministers are available to visit any member of Annunciation who cannot attend Sunday Liturgy due to extended health issues or the infirmities of age. Please call Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x 15 or email lindberg@annunciationdc.org. Weekly Eucharist, prayer, fellowship, and sharing news from Annunciation keeps us all in communion as the Body of Christ.

Please continue to pray for all our parishioners who are hospitalized, home-bound, or living in a care facility.

THIS WEEK ...

3/15	Sunday	CLOW 9:00am (PC) Faith Fun 9:30am (PC) Speaker Series 11:30am (CR)
3/17	Tuesday	Bible Study 11:30am (PC) Baptism Preparation 7:00pm (CR) Square Dancing 6:30pm (PC)
3/18	Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration 11:30am (Church) Bible Study 7:00pm (CR) Children's Religious Ed 7:00pm (School & Church)
3/19	Thursday	Young at Heart Luncheon 11:30am (PC) Contemplative Prayer 6:25pm (Parlor) Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm (Church)
3/20	Friday	Living Stations of the Cross 7:00pm (Church)
3/21	Saturday	Baptism 10:00am (Church) ACS Gala 6:00pm (PC)



Stations of the Cross

Fridays — February 28 thru April 3
7:00pm

The Light is on For You

Wednesdays — March 4 thru April 8
Eucharistic Adoration
11:30am — 8:00pm

Confessions

11:30am — 12:30pm
7:00pm — 8:00pm

Parish Mission

March 23 – 25 — 7:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 9

Morning Prayer — 9:00am
(No 8am or 11am Mass)
Mass of the Lord's Supper — 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 10

Morning Prayer — 9:00am
(No 8am or 11am Mass)
Stations of the Cross — 3:00pm
Confessions at 3:30pm — 5:00pm
Passion of the Lord — 7:30pm

Holy Saturday, April 11

Morning Prayer — 9:00am
(No 9am or 5:30pm Mass)
Confessions at 11:00am — 12:30pm
Easter Vigil — 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 12

Masses — 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am &
12:30pm
Easter Egg Hunt — 10:00am

SQUARE DANCE

There will be a Square Dance on Tuesday, March 17th in the Parish Center. Enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30pm with dancing to follow at 8pm. For more information contact Leo Gorman at 202-244-2394.



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Annual Catholic Charities/Archdiocesan Lenten Food Drive will be held on the weekend of March 21-22, 2020. Our Parish is supporting the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation which supports food pantries in our city's poorest parishes, St. Thomas More, St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Name and St. Luke. Please take a bag from the vestibule this weekend and return it the weekend of March 21-22, 2020.

The most needed items are canned tuna or chicken; dry cereal (Cheerios or Bran Flakes); canned vegetables (green beans, peas, corn); canned soup (hearty varieties are best); canned fruit (any kind); peanut butter and jelly (plastic containers only); baked beans (cans) and rice (any size); pasta and pasta sauce (plastic containers only).

If you are unable to fill a bag or will be away, monetary donations are accepted which are used to purchase fresh food items such as fresh produce, milk and eggs, meat and poultry. Drop an envelope in the collection labeled "Mulholland Foundation" and we will see that it is forwarded.

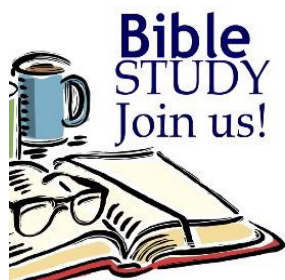
Contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x15 or lindberg@annunciationdc.org if you have any questions. Thank you for living the Gospel of Matthew 25 during the season of Lent and helping those who need our help the most!





2020 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DONATIONS

Spring cleaning? Making room for new things? Consider making a donation to the 2020 Christmas Bazaar! Drop your items off at the parish office, Tuesday-Friday from 10am-2pm. Many thanks!



Tuesdays
after the 11:00am Mass
in the Parish Center
or

Wednesdays
at 7:00pm in the
Conference Room

ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Sign up for emails about Young Adult events on our website
www.annunciationdc.org

SOME EMPTY BOWLS SUPPER

Please join SOME (So Others Might Eat) for our 26th annual Empty Bowls soup supper on Tuesday, March 10th at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 3630 Quesada Street, NW, Washington DC, 6pm-8pm. Each year SOME hosts Empty Bowls soup suppers to promote awareness of the growing issue of hunger in our area and to help provide meals for the hungry and homeless. Guests are invited to take home handmade bowls crafted by local artists and enjoy soup, bread and dessert donated by local restaurants. The bowl serves as a reminder of the meal's purpose – every time you take the “empty bowl” from your cupboard, we hope you'll remember that someone's bowl is always empty and, on this occasion, you help to alleviate someone's hunger. The cost is \$25 per person and tickets may be purchased at the door or online at some.org/emptybowls. All proceeds will help SOME continue to provide more than 1,000 meals each day to hungry and homeless men, women and children. For more information, please contact Siannah Marcellin at smarcellin@some.org.

KEEP PRAYING FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Thanks to all of you who picked a card from the Vocations Tree. Please keep up the daily prayers for seminarians throughout Lent -- and beyond, if you wish. By the way, did you notice each seminarian's card lists his year of formation? Did you wonder what it meant? Archdiocesan seminarians go through many years of formation before ordination! Seminarians who have just graduated from high school work on earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy (*First College, Second College, Third College, Fourth College*). Then they go on to study graduate-level theology (*First Theology, Second Theology, Third Theology, Fourth Theology*). Men who have already earned a bachelor's degree before coming to the seminary may need to spend 2 years in a pre-theology program before going on to graduate-level theology (*First Pre-Theology, Second Pre-Theology*). At some point before ordination, a seminarian may spend a year at a parish (*Pastoral Year*). Usually a seminarian is ordained a transitional deacon the year before he is ordained a priest. If you picked a deacon, pray for him a special way: He is preparing for ordination in June!



TAKE A PERSONAL RETREAT DAY THIS LENT

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells you to "Come away with me..." to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. During your personal retreat on March 27, 2020, from 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction, quiet reflection, Mass, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$120 per person. Advance Registration is required, visit the website to register or to find more dates: www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today Third Sunday of Lent / John 4:5-42

Year A

When Jesus came to Jacob's well, He spoke to the Samaritan woman about living water - the Holy Spirit flowing within us. The well water is needed for this life but the living water gives us eternal life. The woman returned to Samaria and **lent** her new beliefs to her neighbors, who also became believers.

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Lent

The season of being sorry for sin, asking forgiveness and helping others.

lend / lent

The act of giving assistance or support to helping others.

WEEK 3

Dear God,
This week I...

LEND
for
LENT

Love,

Examples

- Invite a new student to share recess with you and your friends.
- Read a simple book to someone who doesn't speak English well and wants to learn.
- As spring sports begin, be kind and friendly to all of your teammates.

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As Jesus traveled He went into surrounding foreign regions lending spiritual support, teaching, finding believers and expanding the kingdom.

Be guided by the living water, and by simple actions, **lend** God's love and goodness to the world and witness new believers expand the kingdom. Write your lend/lent action on the cross. Color in the cross.





Come for an hour on **Sunday, March 15, 2020, beginning at 11:40am in the parish conference room (at the office)** to learn about Iona Senior Services, a highly respected nonprofit with a mission!

Find out about the impact they have on our community. Meet their amazing Director Sally White, and hear inspiring stories from staff. No money will be requested at this event!

Space is limited!

Contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x15 or Lindberg@annunciationdc.org if you have any questions.



LENTEN LUNCHEON & SERVICE PROJECT

THURSDAY,
MARCH 19TH

in the
Parish Center
following the 11am Mass



RSVP by Monday, March 16th to Stephanie Lucas
at parish@annunciationdc.org or 202-362-3323



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Annunciation Catholic Church

presents

“PAY IT FORWARD”

THREE-NIGHT PARISH RETREAT

7PM
at
Church

Tuesday, March 24th, 2020
JESUS CHRIST IS THE MODEL,
THE REASON FOR
THE SEASON

PENANCE SERVICE AND
CONFESSION

The Consciousness & Spirituality of
Jesus Question:

When did He know or realize that He
is God?

Low Christology vs. High Christology

Monday, March 23rd, 2020
JESUS IS NOT AN AFTERTHOUGHT

PRAYER SERVICE

Salvation/Redemption: the meaning
of Jesus' Life, Death & Resurrection

“Pay it Back” vs. “Pay it Forward”

Wednesday, March 25th, 2020
UNBIND HIM / HER AND LET
THEM GO FREE

MASS AND RECEPTION
TO FOLLOW

The Lazarus in all of us needs to “Let Go”
& “Be Set Free”

Am I already loved and redeemed or still
earning my salvation?

“Whisper words of wisdom, *Let it be.*”

PAULIST FR. DICK SPARKS IS OUR PRESENTER

He lives in Vero Beach, FL. and is a speaker and adult educator across the United States and Canada. He has a Ph.D. in Moral Theology, so he is adept at such diverse topics as medical ethics, sexuality, social justice, consistent life ethic, and the Catholic tradition. Fr. Dick considers himself a story-telling “bridgebuilder” between theology and pastoral practice, between the classroom and real people-in-the-pews. Plan to come to all three sessions or just one...you'll be sure to take away something!



Learn About the Brooks

Chris Rutledge from Friendship Place
will be here on
Sunday, March 29, 2020
after the 10:30am Mass
in the Parish Center

The Brooks, the Ward 3 Short-Term Family Housing Facility, located around the corner on Idaho Ave NW, is scheduled to receive its first guests mid-April.

You don't want to miss this informative session!