

# Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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#### **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 1:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for dates and family orientation.

**Marriage:** Diocesan Common Policy requires that the Parish be notified one year in advance of intention to marry. Pre-Cana is also required at St. Paul Inside the Walls.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Anytime by request. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:** will be administered upon request prior to a scheduled hospital admission or before any elective surgery. Please call the Parish Office at 973-694-5700. All calls are kept confidential.

Bilingual sacraments are available upon request.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:30 AM

5:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00 AM

10:00 AM 11:45 AM

Weekdays: 12:05 PM

Monday Holidays 8:30 AM

**Holy Days of Obligation:** 

7:30 AM, 12:05 PM, 7:30 PM

**Holy Hour** Exposition and Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament will be held every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. concluding with Benediction at 2:00 p.m. Private

confession is available.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 3, 2023

#### PRIESTLY, RELIGIOUS LIFE AND LAY VOCATIONS

If God calling you to a life of service as a Priest, or Religious, please contact Fr. Ed Rama at the Vocation Office of our Diocese of Paterson: 973-777-2955 or speak to our Pastor.

Parish Office Hours

M-F 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

"... you are thinking not as God does, but as humans do." - Mt 16:23

#### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

† = Deceased

#### Saturday, September 2 - BVM

8:30 a.m. - † David Marrocco by loving family

**5:30 p.m. -** FIO Michael and Jackie DeBenedetto on the occasion of their marriage - Love, Mom and Dad

#### Sunday, September 3 -22 Sunday in Ordinary Times

8:00 a.m. - Mass for the People of the Parish

**10:00 a.m. -** FIO Reggie and Aileen Tindoc on the occasion of their wedding anniversary

#### Monday, September 4, Labor Day

**12:05 p.m.** - † Bob Scharf Anniversary Remembrance by loving family

### Tuesday, September 5, International Day of Charity 12:05 p.m. - † David Marrocco by loving family

#### Wednesday, September 6

12:05 p.m - † Inocencia Ortega by Claire Ellio

#### Thursday, September 7

**12:05 p.m.** - FIO Rosunig Viver on the occasion of wedding anniversary by Rose Thomas

#### Friday, September 8

12:05 p.m. - FIO Cindy Nauso by loving family

#### Saturday, September 9

**8:30 a.m.** - † George Massood and +George Gibney Love Jackie Massood

**5:30 p.m.** - † Deceased members of the Chafitelli Family by Ann Marie Venya

#### Sunday, September 10 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Times

8:00 a.m. - † David Marrocco by loving family

10:00 a.m. - † Kim Glinkn by Daniela and John Ferrara

#### Remember Annunciation Parish in Your Will

#### **DAILY READINGS For The Week**

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9, Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, Rom 12:1-2, cf. Eph 1:17-18, Mt 16:21-27

**Monday:**1 Thes 4:13-18, Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13, See Lk 4:18, Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:**1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11, Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14, Lk 7:16, Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col1:1-8, Ps 52:10, 11, Lk 4:18, Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:**Col 1:9-14, Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6, Mt 4:19, Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Mi 5:1-4a, Rom 8:28-30, Ps 13:6ab, 6c, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

**Saturday:**Col 1:21-23, Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8, Jn 14:6, Lk 6:1-5

#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY, September 9th - 5:30 P.M.

**LECTOR:** Greg Schmitt

**SERVERS:** Haile and Melissa Ziemba **EMHC:** Barbara Esser, Debbie Bedoe **GREETER:** Lou Zecca and Paul Veltri

SUNDAY, September 10th - 8:00 a.m.

**LECTOR:** Thomas Henry

SERVERS: Miguel and Raphael Enriquez EMHC: Alex and Carmella Enriquez GREETERS: Joanna Antinora, Chuck D.

SUNDAY, September 10th - 10:00 a.m.

**LECTOR**: Lorelane Tindoc

**SERVERS:** Raphaela and Racheleen Tindoc **EMHC:** Nina B., Bill Meyers, Michele Vargas **GREETER:** Regerick & Aileen Tindoc

SUNDAY, September 10th - 11:45 a.m.

**LECTOR:** Lorie Fen

SERVER: Jack Rewick, Liam & Thomas Romero

EMHC: Nancy Cataneo, Susana Schmitt, Jacqueline Pisatowski

**GREETER:** Cataneo Family



#### **2024 MASS BOOK**

The 2024 Mass Book is open. Please limit your request for Sunday Masses to 3 so that as many people as possible will have the opportunity to reserve Sunday Masses. Masses are \$15.00 each.

#### **PARISH CONTACTS**

Eva May's Seniors Trips: Eva May 973-696-5427

Knights /Columbus: John Ferrara, Grand Knight 862-226-1047

St. Joseph Table: Phyllis Romitelli 201-805-6517 Women's Bible Study: Alice Sujkowski 973-790-8535



#### Listen to Him and Learn

In last week's Gospel, we heard Peter confess, you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus then proclaimed that Peter was the rock on whom He would build His Church. This week, things go sideways. Peter cannot accept that Jesus must go to Jerusalem, suffer, and die. God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you. He has recognized who Jesus is, but cannot grasp what that means.

This is true of nearly all of us - most of the time. We maintain that we are Christians and may regularly go to Mass. However, we flinch and cover our ears when we hear the radical demands of the Gospel. Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

Furthermore, we must give away all that we have to follow Him, that our forgiveness must be boundless, and that we should not be anxious about tomorrow. Lovely ideas, but we may be tempted to think they are unrealistic. We may assent to the theory of the Gospel, but when it comes to the radical transformation of our lives, we may not be ready.

Can we ever achieve a breakthrough into a full-hearted embrace of the Gospel? Not by ourselves, but the Lord will not leave us lost in mediocrity. If we listen to His word, we will slowly begin to understand the strange ways of God. We will be transformed by the renewal of our minds.





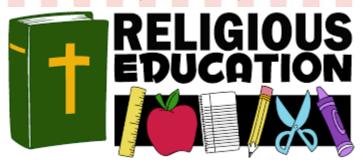




## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Is our Annual Parish Picnic 12:30 p.m. -4:00 p.m.



Another year of Religious Education will begin on Sunday, September 17, 2023. We are so happy and blessed to be part of your child's faith journey this year, and we look forward to having them and your entire family join us again in another year of learning.

New families are always welcome to register, so if you have not registered with the parish yet, please do so and register your children in our religious education program. Please email **Carmela Enriquez at** carms958@gmail.com.



#### **Our Food Pantry Needs Your Help**

Our parish collects food for the needy every weekend. Please bring nonperishable food and offer it as your gift to those in need. Donations can be left at the Chapel entrance. Please do not bring any expired items.

Through the generous donation of a parishioner, we were able to purchase re-usable bags from ShopRite at .50 cents each. Those wishing to continue purchasing non-perishable items for the Food Pantry can pick up a bag at the Chapel entrance, take it with you to the grocery store, purchase and place your donations in the bag and drop it off either at the Chapel entrance or in the small room between the closets in the community room.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Food Pantry.





Dear parishioners and friends of ABVM,

As I had previously announced, we will have a Memorial Mass in honor of my mother celebrated by our Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney on September 13th, 2023 at 7 p.m. here at the Church of ABVM.

Following the Holy Mass, we will have refreshments in the Parish Hall

organized by our faithful parishioners to which all are welcome to celebrate life.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Ricardo Ortega, Jr. Parish Priest

#### **Serving in Our Military**

With gratitude, we remember our veterans and we also pray for the safe return of our loved ones who now serve us faithfully both here and in foreign lands.

As a visible reminder of their sacrifice and our love, we would like to begin publishing a prayer list of the men and women who are actively serving. This list will be published regularly in the bulletin.

If you wish to include a family member who is actively serving in the military, please call the Parish Office at 973-694-5700 and provide us with the individuals name and rank. You may also email the information to abymparishsecretary@gmail.com

Please keep in your prayers

- ~Matthew J. Agrusti, Second Lieutenant, US Marines
- ~CPL Axsel Consten, Marine
- ~Chastity Consten, Air Force
- ~Staff Sgt. Ross Devine, Special Forces
- ~Matt Doss, US Army
- ~Ryan Fen, Cpl, US Marine Corps.
- ~Lilliana Gemma, USNA
- ~Justin Greenberg, Second Lieutenant, US Marines
- ~Ensign Morgan La Sala, Navy Flight School
- ~Sam Oswald, Air Force
- ~Master Sgt Rick Van Eycke, Marines
- ~Staff Sgt. Christopher Whitehead, US Army



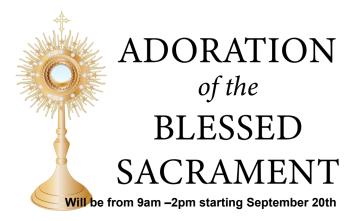
The planned events for the 60th Anniversary, happening throughout the year and culminating in an adult banquet at the Barnyard and Carriage House on Sunday, October 22, 2023, are coming along nicely.

We anticipate that more than two hundred friends of Annunciation Church will attend. The committee sincerely hopes many of you will join us for some or all of the meaningful events we are planning in celebration of our 60 years of service.

#### Here is a list of events planned:

~Banquet Tickets are on Sale after all Masses on Sunday. Contact Person: Anton Vargas – Details will be highlighted in upcoming bulletins ~June – Sept, 2023 "Walk Down Memory Lane" Contacts: Daniela Ferrara and Karen Marron

- The first decade 1963-1973 is complete!
- **~Sept 17, 2023** Parish Picnic We will have a 60th Anniversary table set-up at the picnic hosted by 60th Anniv Committee Members Banquet Ticket and the 60th Anniversary 50/50 Raffle Ticket will be on sale.
- **~Oct 22, 2023** 60th Anniversary 11:45 am Mass Celebrant: Father Ricardo Ortega, Jr ~Oct 22, 2023 60th Anniversary Banquet Barnyard and Carriage House 1:30-5:30pm Contacts: Carmela Enriquez and Daniela Ferrara. Join Father Ricardo, previous pastors, fellow parishioners and friends! Banquet Tickets: \$80 per person / Table of 10 for \$750 Get your group together! Each Banquet ticket includes a delicious buffet, one basket raffle ticket, music and dancing, memories from our pastors, video and photo montage. Basket raffle drawing and the 50/50 Raffle Drawing will take place at 5:00pm.





#### **Women's Bible Study**

This fall the Women's Bible Class will be studying the book, <u>The Lamb's Supper</u> by Scott Hahn. If you are interested in joining, call Barbara Esser 973-460-2771 or Alice S. 973-790-8535.

#### **Diocesan Ministries Appeal (DMA)**

The 2023 DMA Kick-off for Pastors and Lay Appeal Chairpersons will be held on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00PM at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. Our Lay Appeal Chairperson this year is Kathy Tanis.

Our goal for this year will remain unchanged from the previous year, therefore, the amount will be **\$21,671**. We look forward to your constant support in accomplishing this goal. More information will follow.



For those who wish to remember a loved one at a weekend Mass, may we suggest offering the flowers for the Blessed Mother altar, which will be there for the weekend and into the week following. The flowers will be ordered by the parish and mention of the intention will be made in the bulletin. The cost of flowers is \$35.00. You may also donate the Sanctuary Lamp for a specific weekend. The cost is \$10.00

If you would like to donate the Blessed Mother Altar flowers or the Sanctuary Lamp, please call the Parish Office 973-694-5700.

#### WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT August 27, 2023

From 70 Envelopes	1,654.00
Loose Collection	770.00
Online Giving	1,353.00
Net Amt. of Collection	\$ 3,777.00

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of your produce." (Prov 3:9) Thank you for your continued generosity!