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## Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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### 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  
On Holidays, Mass is at 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.

### 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.

*he humbled himself, becoming  
obedient to the point of death*

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

October 1, 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.

*Please see Page 3 for a Message from  
Father Ricardo's Desk*



† = Deceased

### Saturday, September 30th

8:30 a.m. - † Inocencia Ortega by Chick & Keith Barnes

5:30 p.m. - † Rosemary Halas by Debbie & Steve Bedoe

### Sunday, October 1st –26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.- FIO Judi & Craig Comperatore 40th Wedding Anniversary

10:00 a.m.-† Remo Romitelli Anniversary Remembrance by Loving Wife & Family

11:45 a.m.—Mass for the People

### Monday, October 2nd

12:05 p.m.— FIO Elsie Rodriguez by Loving Family

### Tuesday, October 3rd

12:05 p.m.— Carole/Byron De Boer Wedding Remembrance

### Wednesday, October 4th

12:05 p.m.— Special Intention by Janice & Mike Debenedetto

### Thursday, October 5th

12:05 p.m.- † David Marrocco by Loving Family

### Friday, October 6th

12:05 p.m.— Peter De Carlo by Ann Marie Ven

### Saturday, October 7th

8:30 a.m. - † David Marrocco by Loving Family

5:30 p.m. - Fatima Refuerzo, Ariel Tolome, Rina Tolome - Wishing good health

### Sunday, October 8th—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.- † Rosemary Hallas by Chuck Donovan

10:00 a.m.- † Kim Glinkin by Judi & Craig Comperatore

11:45 a.m.- † Albert Barsa by Georgia Puntalillo

### DAILY READINGS For The Week

**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28, Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Phil 2:1-11, Phil 2:1-5, Jn 10:27, Mt 21:28-32

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8, Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23, Ps 103:21, Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23, Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mk 10:45, Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Neh 2:1-8, Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6, Phil 3:8-9, Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12, Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11, Mk 1:15, Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22, Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9, Ps 95:8, Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29, Ps 69:33-35, 36-37, See Mt 11:25, Lk 10:17-24

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, October 7th – 5:30 P.M.**

**LECTOR:** Sean Hartman

**SERVERS:** Alessia Rocco

**EMHC:** Lou Zecca, Barbara Esser

**GREETER:** Zimak Family

**SUNDAY, October 8th - 8:00 a.m.**

**LECTOR:** Chuck Donovan

**SERVERS:** Nicholas and Phoebe Nguyen

**EMHC:** Diana/Dayron Guirales

**GREETERS:** Joanna Antinora, Gina Stritch

**SUNDAY, October 8th -10:00 a.m.**

**LECTOR:** Matt Fava

**SERVERS:** Natalia and Paulina Fronc

**EMHC:** Daniel & Tiblay Ortiz, Colette Peri

**GREETER:** Nina Bello, Joan Miller

**SUNDAY, October 8th - 11:45 a.m.**

**LECTOR:** Eva May

**SERVER:** Massimo King

**EMHC:** Lori Fen, Susana Schmitt

**GREETER:** Cataneo Family



Please begin using  
our new Parish email  
[abvmparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:abvmparishsecretary@gmail.com)



### 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 973-694-5700

**Women's Bible Study:** Alice Sujkowski 973-790-8535



**ADORATION:** The Blessed sacrament is exposed for Adoration every Wednesdays 9am-2pm. Please maintain a reverent silence. Confession is also available.

**CONFESSION:** Are available every Saturday from 4:00 PM-5PM

### WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT October 1st, 2023

From 58 Envelopes	\$3,071.00
Loose Collection	\$793.00
Online Giving	\$1,385.00
Net Amt. of Collection	<b>\$5,249.00</b>

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

## *Mean What You Say*

Today's parable highlights Jesus' invitation and acceptance of sinners and outcasts. More than that, it invites us to pay attention to two words that govern and direct our lives: "yes" and "no".

What makes the difference in our lives is not the words themselves, but the spirit in which they are said. They can be said without thinking, or they can be said thoughtfully. What really matters is if we have acted upon them.

There is a part of each son in us. Sometimes our actions do not always match our promises. We give our word but do not always keep it. We turn our "yes" to "no". It is easy to say "yes" because we do not always know what is involved in the task to which we are committing ourselves.

Many of the saints in the Church were sinners who had said no to God and then later changed their minds and became heroic men and women. St. Augustine is a classic example. A person is not judged by a single response or even a phase of his or her life but by the whole of life.

How does today's parable challenge us? With which son do we identify? Do we strive to keep our word no matter what? God gives us the freedom to say "yes" or "no". Sometimes we commit with words but not deeds. The important thing is constant self-examination. We must say what we mean and mean what we say.

## *FROM FATHER RICARDO'S DESK*

My Dear Parishioners and Friends of Annunciation, last week I reached out to say thank you, for the great job and successful picnic that we had. Under the leadership of our picnic committee and parishioners, we enjoyed a beautiful time together as a community.

As you know, our Parish picnic (as a joke) is the best one in the Diocese of Paterson. It is a annual Parish social gathering, not a profitable event. I am saying this, because I would like to inform you all that we raised a total of \$3,390.49. According to the committee, it was a more successful picnic than the previous years. This is all due to the great job and beautiful organization of our picnic committee.

With these funds, we will pay all the parish picnic expenses. For example, the rental of tents, food... and other expenses including our DJ. Again, thank you very much for all the good work and great attendance to the best picnic in New Jersey.



### **CALLS TO ACTION**

Sign up for [pro-life action alerts](http://www.usccb.org/pro-life-action-alerts) so that you can contact your elected representatives to express your concerns and opinions on upcoming legislation. (Make sure to select "Pro-Life" under Areas of Interest) To sign up online go [www.usccb.org/pro-life-subscriptions](http://www.usccb.org/pro-life-subscriptions). Scroll down for Action Alerts.

## **Annunciation-Pro-life**

Pro-Life and Pro-Family news and legislative updates; To find information from the New Jersey Catholic Bishops go to [www.NJCatholic.org](http://www.NJCatholic.org). To find information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops go to [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). Both groups give the Catholic view of current issues. Always check out the ISSUES section. If you want to be part of Annunciation's Pro-Life groups, please send your name and email address to me, [leszkowicz@aol.com](mailto:leszkowicz@aol.com).



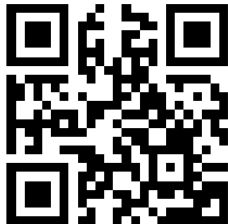


# I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME

## Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2023

Did you know that over 20,000 people are helped at our Father English Food Pantry in Paterson every single month? This year, and for the next two years, the Diocesan Ministries Appeal is committing \$200,000 annually to the Father English Food Pantry in support of their campaign to renovate their outdated space which is on the first floor of a building that is over 80 years old. These funds will be used to expand the Food Pantry's ability to serve people in need by offering a wide array of services in one convenient location. In addition to improving the floor plan of the food pantry, the facility will also expand its offerings with a clothing closet, emergency services, social workers, case managers, ESL and computer classes, and nutrition courses. Your gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal will have a positive impact on many vulnerable brothers and sisters in our Diocese. May God bless you for your support!

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## FOOD PANTRY

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.



## 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 [ABVMPARISHSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ABVMPARISHSECRETARY@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 Eyck, Marines
- Staff Sgt. Christopher Whitehead, US Army



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[TECHNOLGY@PATERSONDIOCESE.ORG](mailto:TECHNOLGY@PATERSONDIOCESE.ORG)

For more information please visit: <https://rcdop.org/scams>

## The Sacrament of Confirmation

October 15th, 2023 at 10 a.m.



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.

Remember your Parish Annunciation In Your Will







JOIN OUR PARISHES 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

# OCTOBER 22ND, 2023

THE BARNYARD AND CARRIAGE HOUSE

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased after Masses or by emailing Anton Vargas at [abvm60@gmail.com](mailto:abvm60@gmail.com)

A special 60th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Father Ricardo on Sunday, Oct 22, 2023 at 11:45am followed by the 60th Banquet at the 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 60th Anniversary 50/50 Raffle Drawing will take place at the banquet at 5:00pm.

Posters for the “Walk Down Memory Lane” are hanging on the walls in the hallway at church. The first three decades are complete! We are currently working on 1994-2003 and 2004-2013. Contact: Daniela Ferrara or Karen Marron if you have photos from these decades.

### Please Pray for the Sick

Dear Father of love and mercy, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need:

Edvie Canavan	Eleanor Redfearn	Marienna Silva
Carmelo Luvera	Rosemary Petro	Vivian Costanzo
Msgr. Herbert Tillyer	Michelle Colucci	Paul T.
Peggy Favocci	Maria Rodriguez	Eva May
Mario Ziemba	Dave Murphy	Father Lou Scurti
Francesca Inzani	Bernadette Jaros	Miguel Enriquez
Ann McKiernan	Silvio Peroni	Frances Iczkowski
	Barbara Kohan	

AMEN.

## Choir Rehearsal

October 8th at 11AM  
Music Room



## ROSARY RALLY

Please join us in a Rosary Rally on October 14, 2023 from 12 noon to 1 PM at Our Lady of Consolation Church, 1799 Hamburg Tpk., Wayne. We will pray for America, for Life, for our families and Church. The rally will be on the hill in front of the Church. Our world needs God's protection and help. Bring your rosary and chair. Hope to see you there!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

**10/01-10/30**

MARKED CONTAINER WILL BE PLACED AT CHAPEL ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH FOR DROP-OFFS

Items Needed:

- Winter outer wear (coats and jackets)
- Woolen Knit Caps, mittens, gloves, scarves, sweaters
- New woolen or cotton socks
- Weatherproof boots

## Blessings of the Animals

Happening Today  
OCTOBER 1ST

## Candlelight Prayer Service

October 19th

at 7 P.M.