

Annunciation Catholic Church

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CONFRONTING "POLITE PERSECUTION"

As we celebrate "Independence Day" weekend, we celebrate the very tenets of "liberty" and "justice" that are cherished here in the United States. We, as Catholics, take these values and live them out through the lens of our Christian values of faith, hope, love, and mercy. However, as the late Pope Francis so clearly told the US Bishops in the past, the persecution that is so prevalent for us is not a violent persecution for using the name of Jesus. The persecution that ensnares us is a "polite persecution" that wants to sniff out any semblance of Christian values out of deference for personal rights. These are the fields that the Lord requires us to labor in. We are like lambs sent among the wolves that are called to work toward "peace constantly" (Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20). Yes, being a disciple of the Lord amidst indirect persecution can be a challenge. However, we must never forget that faithfulness is richly rewarded. As we celebrate "Independence Day", we are reminded that "polite persecution" must not distract us. We must not be deterred from allowing our Catholic values to breathe new life into the very tenets of "liberty" and "justice" for all. We must not be confused by false rhetoric. We must not grow tired when we are unwelcome. Jesus says simply "shake the dust" off of your feet and move on to a place where people are open to the Lord's graces. The independence that we cherish here in the United States is a true gift. Let us take this gift and the opportunities that lie before us and creatively let our Catholic values animate our country's values amid "polite persecution".

Christ's Blessings
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June 29, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

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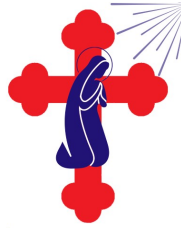
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PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

Tuesday	July 8
5:30p.m.	Mass
Wednesday	July 9
8:00a.m.	Mass
Thursday	July 10
8:00a.m.	Mass
8:30a.m.	Adoration(Chapel)
Friday	July 11
8:00a.m.	Mass
Office Closed	
Sunday	July 13
7:15-7:45	Confession
8:00a.m.	Mass
10:30a.m.	Mass

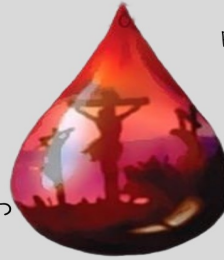


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Saints and Seasons A Summer of Faith

July is the Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

Religious Education



In July, the Church honors the Precious Blood of Jesus. His Blood was shed for us on the Cross to save us from sin and show how much He loves us. Every time we go to Mass, we remember His sacrifice and thank Him for His great love. The Precious Blood reminds us that Jesus gave everything to bring us back to God.

(See Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1365, 1432)

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STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

07-06-25

Weekly Offering	06-29-25	\$	6,915.33
On-Line Giving:	06-29-25	\$	7,010.00
SVDP	06-29-25	\$	910.00
On Line Mass	06-29-25	\$	0.00
Chapel Preservation	06-29-25	\$	610.00

Mass Intentions

Tuesday	07-08-25	5:30 pm Tom Griffin	CH	RIP
Wednesday	07-09-25	8:00 am Betsie Tremant	LB	RIP
Thursday	07-10-25	8:00am. Stella VanZanten	CF	RIP
Friday	07-11-25	8:00 am Carl Doumit	CH	RIP
Sunday	07-13-25	8:00am Hank Jolly	DR	RIP
Sunday	07-13-25	10:30am People of the Parish	SI	

Encharist Adoration



Be still and know
that I Am God

Ps 46:10

July 10th
8:30a.m. to 8:00p.m.
in the Chapel

Flowers donated
in honor of

Happy 90th Birthday
Bill Heath! (DAD)

Love,

George & Melodie & Family
Kenny & Kimberly & Family
Tom & Terri & Family
Susan & Forrest & Family

God Bless the USA

Congratulations

Elena Rangel, Ann Studdard and Vera Myers, the winners of the Independence Day Prizes raffled by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus.

With the money collected from raffle tickets, the Ladies are able to adopt a family at Christmas, bake desserts for Loaves and Fishes, help provide school supplies for needy children, contribute to our school's tuition assistance fund, and support Life Choices.

Thank you, generous parishioners!

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

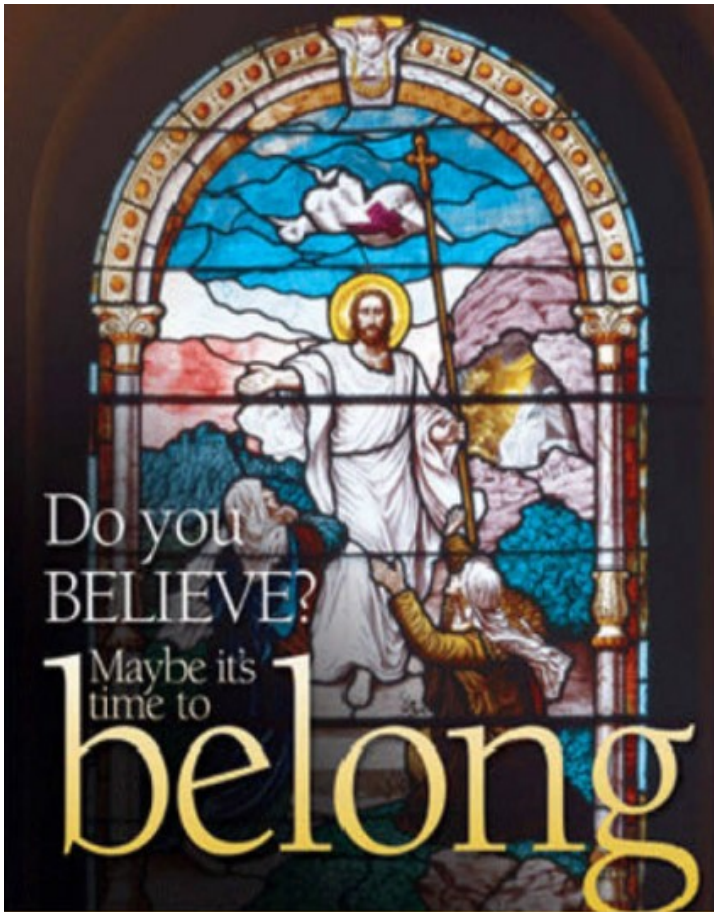
Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
New Officers for 2025-2026



Rhonda Hicks-President
Felice Olmos -Vice President
Margo Toledano- Secretary
Pat Jones-Treasure

For more information contact
Rhonda Hicks 662-364-0054(cell)

PARISH NEWS



*Wondering if there's
more to life?*

*Interested in finding out
more about the
Catholic Faith?*

*Need to strengthen
your Faith?*

**Journey with us at
Annunciation Catholic Church OCIA
to experience more about
"What It Means To Be Catholic."**

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, learning more about the Catholic faith, or journeying with those in OCIA (formerly RCIA), please email Maria Dunser at accadultfaith@gmail.com.

Annunciation Catholic School News

Now Hiring for 2025/26 School Year

Development Director

- Two days a week
- Promote the school
- Ensure financial growth

**Please visit our website for a full job description
or email Principal Joni House.**

**Send resume to Principal House at:
jhouse@annunciationcatholicschool.org**

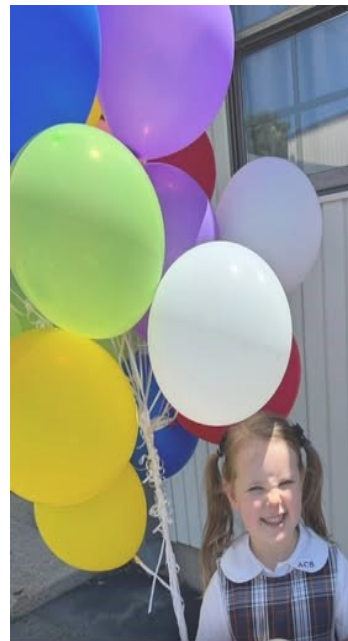
Welcome Mrs. Spears

ACS
2nd Grade
Teacher



Vivian Spears has taught for 28 years. She taught kindergarten, first grade, second grade gifted, 7th-8th grade social studies and 9-12th grade sociology and psychology. She has a Masters Degree and is National Board Certified in early childhood education.

"I am so excited to continue my career in second grade and to be a part of the ACS team!"

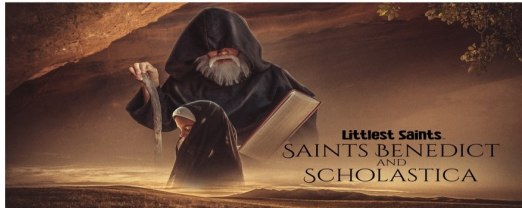


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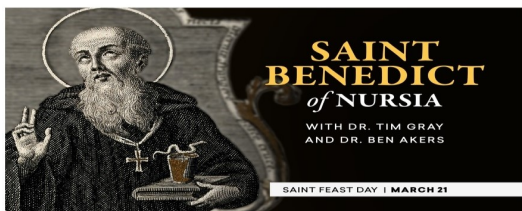
This Week on Formed

Week of July 06, 2025



Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.



Saint Benedict | Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Rule of St. Benedict as it applies to daily life.



Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon

Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.

Prayers for Parishioners

Prayer Changes Things

Prayers for Families and Friends

Bonnie Adair
Marian Beall
Delores Belhumeur
John Bino
Charles Bridges
Christy Burks
Rosemary Ciolino
Ginny Clarke
Judy Coleman
Karen Doumit
Larry Feeney
Joan Fleming
JoAnn Ferguson
Haley Graham
Gwen Gouveia
John Hamner
Marga Hamner
Dr. Sharon Harbin
Thomas Heath
Clara Hicks
Mary Hydrick

Dr. Ralph Johnson
Ginny Konieczki
Nell Labella
Diane Loftis
John Love
Anne Mitchell
Raymond Overstreet
Sam Phillips
Cindy Putman
John Purtell
Ron Shepperd
Shelby Stafford
Stewart Stafford
Steve Wells
Scott Weseli
Wink Wright

Katie Atkinson
Rufus Beason
Gary Belhumeur
Amanda Burell
Michael Boland
Luke Brown
Judy Berg
Joel Carrigan
Claude Carter
John Michael Crimm
Marc Ciolino
Angie Corona
Linda Dillard
Linda Etter
George Ferguson
Jacob Fine
Kathy Forrester
Sue Gentry
Gus Gianini
Jonathan Giles
Ellen Gore
Patti Guerri
Scott Hankins

Chad Hill
Billy Hendricks
Dylan Hicks
Marie Hillhouse
Dee Dee Hindman
Beth Huffer
Thomas Jones
Pam Jordan
Doreen Kahaulelio
Mason G. Konieczki
Ean Laitinen
Michelle Lawton
Donna Loftis
Darryl Lopaka
Bentley Luker
Patrice Majewski
Rose Maness
Jamie Manning
Marion McEwen
Steve McEwen
Diane Nelson
Lynn Rosamond

JoAnn Ruff
Alan Sansing
Lauri Sansing
Richard Sertic
Anna Sibley
Harry Smith
Jake Sudduth
Jett Sudduth
Kathy Corcoran-Sutter
Judy Therrel
Tom Walk
Doug Wheeler
Bree Wood



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Men of our parish, 18 years or older, are invited to become members of the W. H. Jolly K of C Council.

As members, you will join with your brother Knights, putting your faith in action in support of our parish and community.

For more information on how to become a member contact Dave Gruseck (412) 559-8514 or email him at

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Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary



Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is extending an open invitation to women of our parish to become members and share in our mission of spiritual and charitable growth.

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