

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1, 2017

Sunday, January 1, 2017

7:30 am † Souls in Purgatory

9:00 am † Hotka's Deceased Family Members

11:00 am † Berta Junco

Monday, January 2

12:00 pm † Nardo Paulino

Tuesday, January 3

12:00 pm † John Gilder

Wednesday, January 4

12:00 pm † Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 5

12:00 pm † Maria Esteban

Friday, January 6

12:00 pm † Patricia Maria Smith

Saturday, January 7

5:00 pm † Hotka's Deceased Family Members

Our new website is up, please visit
us: stann.org

Sick Calls: Please email us at stann@stanndc.org, to notify the Pastor of any sick, homebound or those hospitalized, so that we may arrange to bring them the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick.

New Parishioners: If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with the parish. Registration forms are available at the main entrance of the Church or from the Rectory Office. Completed forms may be returned by dropping them in the Sunday collection basket, mailed, or brought to the Rectory. Please let us know if you are relocating or moving away by dropping a note or calling the Rectory Office at (202) 966-6288.

The Spirit of Love: Marriage Enrichment Retreat

In celebration of World Marriage Day, St. Michael the Archangel Church in Silver Spring, MD (805 Wayne Ave.) will host a Marriage Enrichment Retreat on Saturday, February 11, 2017. *The Spirit of Love* is a Marriage Enrichment Retreat designed and presented by Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center and Center for Family Development. The retreat day will close with a special Mass, including renewal of marriage vows for retreat participants. The cost of the retreat is \$50 per couple and includes continental breakfast, lunch, and a marriage enrichment workbook. To register for the retreat, email St. Michael Parish at smacc.marriage@gmail.com.

Year-End Contributions: As we come to the end of the year, please remember your generous donation to St. Ann's Church. God bless you for all you do to help the parish to address repairs to the church, rectory, school, and convent properties. Upon request, the parish secretary would be happy to provide you a tally of your 2016 contributions for tax purposes.

Raffle: We are raffling of a beautiful painting of the Madonna and Child soon. You can buy raffle tickets (available soon) to win an original painting of the Madonna and Child. The winner will take home a 24" x 30" painting of the Madonna and Child created especially for our raffle by our own parishioner, Andrea Pascual. All proceeds from the selling of raffle tickets will help to defray the cost of repairing the church boiler. Tickets are \$4.00 each. Drawing will be on Saturday, January 28 at the gym after the 5:00pm Mass. Look for a picture of the Madonna and Child to be posted soon near the entrance of the church.

Men's Discernment Retreat: From Friday, February 3, through Sunday, February 5, men in their 20s, 30s or 40s who are considering a call to the priesthood are invited to attend a discernment retreat at Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington, DC (145 Taylor St., NE) led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. The weekend will offer time away from your daily routine and will provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God's call. There is no fee to attend. Registration is now open at www.dcpriest.org, or email vocations@adw.org for more information.

Mother Teresa Vocation Society Annual Day of

Recollection: On Saturday, January 28, from 9am-2pm, Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, will lead a day of recollection at Annunciation Church in Washington, DC (3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW). It is not required to be a member of the Mother Teresa Vocation Society to attend this event! Please visit www.dcpriest.org or call/email Maris Moriarty at moriartym@adw.org or [202-636-9020](tel:202-636-9020).

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Marriages in Trouble
Many marriages may experience four stages:

- (1) Romance,
- (2) Disillusionment,
- (3) Misery, and
- (4) Awakening.

Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced "retro-vie" with a long "i"). The next Retrouvaille weekend is January 27-29, 2017. To register please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 443-400-7017, email 3015@Retrouvaille.org. All calls and inquiries are confidential.

Host Families needed for NIH Interns: The NIH/National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke hosts several Native American Students from reservations in South Dakota and the Arizona/New Mexico border each summer. We are in need of volunteer host families for several of our Lakota and Navajo students for some or all of the summer. If you think you can help out, Please call Rita at 301-728-3970, or email: rita.devine@nih.gov.

Catholic Relief Services: In Nigeria, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working with partners to help give the gift of education to women in the Feed the Future project. The project helps family farmers improve their crops. It also helps them by teaching life skills like reading and writing. The 5-year program will help 42,000 families, boosting their crops and incomes and improving nutrition. To learn more about the work of CRS, visit www.crs.org.

Make a Difference for Christians in Syria: The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC, is part of the Franciscan Custody (province) that has served the people and shrines in the Holy Land for 800 years. This Christmas, please keep the Franciscan friars and parishioners in Syria in your prayers as they struggle to keep our Catholic faith alive in the midst of the war that has engulfed this second cradle of Christianity: The Place of St. Paul's conversion. Call 202-526-6800 extension 895. Learn more at myfranciscan.org/Syria.

Collection for Church Missions in the United States and the Archdiocese for the Military Services: On the weekend of January 14-15, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up a second collection for Church Missions in the United States and the Archdiocese for the Military Services. The collection for Church Missions in the United States supports home mission dioceses in this country that are unable to offer their people basic liturgical, pastoral, and service ministries without outside help. It also supports vulnerable Black and Native American communities with funds for parish support and evangelization needs. The Archdiocese for the Military Services provides the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces, and is therefore responsible for more than 1.8 million men, women, and children.

Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: A workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) will be offered twice this winter: Saturday, January 14, from 9am-12noon at Our Lady of the Presentation Church in Poolesville, MD (17230 Tom Fox Ave.) and Saturday, February 25, (March 4 snow date), from 10am-1pm at Our Lady of Grace Church in Silver Spring, MD (15661 Norbeck Blvd.). This workshop will instruct the faithful on how to serve effectively as an EMHC in the parish setting as well as when taking Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins. It is intended primarily for those who wish to be certified as an EMHC in the Archdiocese of Washington, but it is open to all. A \$5 registration fee can be paid at the door. Please RSVP by calling Maria Hamm at 301-853-4594.

Saint Ann's Boy Scout Troop 100: Wishes to thank all parishioners for their support of the Christmas tree sales and pancake breakfast.

Concert and Liturgy Celebrating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: On Saturday, January 14, the Archdiocese of Washington will celebrate the national recognition of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with our annual liturgy, celebrated this year at St. Thomas More Church (4275 4th Street SE, Washington, DC). The 5pm Mass will be celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville. The Mass will be preceded by a concert and a Veneration of the Relics of the African Saints, and music will be provided by the Archdiocesan Gospel Mass Choir. For more information, email culturaldiversity@adw.org or call 301-853-4469.

Adult and Family Rally & Mass for Life: The Adult and Family Rally & Mass for Life is an occasion for people of all ages to come together in prayer on the morning of the March for Life on Friday, January 27. All parishioners of the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to attend this event, which will be held at 9am at the St. Matthew's Cathedral (1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW). The rally will feature keynote speakers Mary and Seamus Hasson, who are pro-life advocates and defenders of religious liberty. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mario Dorsonville with Msgr. Bill Parent as homilist. Attendees will depart for the National March for Life around 11:30am. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington and the Association of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities. Please visit adw.org/familyrally for more information.

Hope After Abortion: Day of Prayer and Healing for Men: Have you been impacted by abortion or do you know a man who lost a child through abortion? Did you pressure someone or were you both pressured to abort? Were you against the abortion? On Saturday, February 4 from 9am-5pm, Project Rachel Ministry of the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring an *Entering Canaan* Men's Day of Prayer and Healing: Addressing Issues Unique to Men. For more information, call Project Rachel Ministry at [301-982-2008](tel:301-982-2008) or email hope@adw.org. Location and contacts are confidential due to the personal nature of this experience.

Happy New Year!

Many thanks to all who have made contributions to our church boiler fund and to all who were so generous to the Christmas collection. God bless you.