

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 16, 2018

Sunday, December 16

7:30 am † Kevin Keyes
9:00 am † Vivien Delima
11:00 am † *Pro Populo*
7:00 pm † Reuben Finger

Monday, December 17

12:00 pm † Thomas & Patricia Brewer

Tuesday, December 18

12:00 pm † Kalesnik Family

Wednesday, December 19

12:00 pm † Eileen O'Brien

Thursday, December 20

12:00 pm † Mary Ellen & Steve Trimble

Friday, December 21

12:00 pm † Mary Cleary

Saturday, December 22

5:00 pm † Albert Peter, Jr.

St. Ann's Christmas Mass Schedule 2018

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve

5:00pm (*Children's Christmas Pageant - Brass and Choir*)
8:00pm (*Brass and Choir*)

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas Day

No 7:30am Mass
9:00am (*Cantor*)
11:00am (*Choir*)

St. Ann's New Year's Mass Schedule

Monday, December 31:

12:00pm

Tuesday, January 1, 2019: New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00am (*Cantor*)

11:00am (*Cantor*)

No 7:00pm Mass on New Year's Day

Parish Office closed on December 24 & 25,
December 31 & January 1.

End-of-Year Donations: Please remember in your generosity your end-of-year gift to St. Ann's Church which can help the parish in the new year, especially as we anticipate our 150th parish celebration 2019-2020. Thank you always for your support and care for St. Ann's Church.

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.

From the Pastor: Parishioners have requested clarification of the distinction between the **Offertory Collection** and **Donations** to the church as we go forth with modernization of the church, preparing for growth in the mission and liturgical outreach of St. Ann's Church. Contributions to St. Ann's Church may be made in two ways. The weekly Sunday Mass offertory and the monthly Parish Building Fund are assessed at 12% by the Archdiocese to fund Archdiocesan needs and objectives. The special Second Collections mandated by the U.S. Bishops are turned over in full for these particular purposes. Donations, on the other hand, are retained within St. Ann's Capital One Bank Parish account and are not assessed. As such, Donations should not be confused with your offertory giving and should not be placed in the offertory basket (unless the Donation is clearly marked in a separate envelope with the word, "Donation" or mailed to the Parish Office). In this way, Donations allow the parish to take care of a number of significant costs incurred for various major needs (e.g., the church bathroom renovation, electrical and plumbing improvements, etc.).

Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$6,709. **The Online Faith Direct Total Deposit** (includes Offertory, 2nd Collections, and Donations) for the first half of November was \$2,098. (We report to you the online giving amount twice a month). Your online gift to our parish helps to sustain our ministry and outreach efforts, as well as ongoing repairs and maintenance to our beautiful church building. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness; please tell your friends about St. Ann's! Go to our website: stanndc.org and use our St. Ann's Church CODE: DC811.

Christmas Confessions: There will be Confessions heard for Christmas **after each of the morning Masses on, Sunday, December 16 and December 23.**

Saint of the week: First Century. (*Feast December 17*). The Gospels describe Lazarus of Bethany, and his sisters Mary and Martha, as friends and disciples of Jesus.



Lazarus was raised from the dead by Jesus, and he was at a banquet for Jesus just days before the Crucifixion. But Lazarus also figured in legends. In one, he, Martha, Mary Magdalen and others were set adrift in a boat that took them to Gaul, where he became a bishop and martyr. In another, he was cast off in a leaky boat that miraculously made it to Cyprus. In a third, he traveled to Syria. The 2005 Roman Martyrology gave him a shared July 29 memorial with Martha, but Cubans still celebrate their major festival of San Lazaro on Dec. 17.

Calling All Angels and Shepherds: St. Ann's welcomes your child's participation in the **Christmas Eve Pageant** at the **5:00pm Mass on Monday, Dec. 24**. Children ages pre-kindergarten and older can participate as a shepherd, one of the Magi, or in other non-speaking roles. We also need petition readers (grades 4 and higher) and greeters. If you want to participate, please email Patty Sucato at (patty4714@aol.com).

St. Ann Youth: More than 70 shoe boxes filled by Youth with the generous help from parents and parishioners. Thank you to all of the youth grades 7 to 12 who came out and helped fill more than 70 shoe boxes for the homeless last Sunday, Dec. 2. We had a great turnout. Also thank you to all of the parents who helped get the shoe boxes to fill, provided food, delivered the filled boxes to Friendship Place, and so much more. Lastly, thank you to all our parishioners for their generous donations, we couldn't do this without you! For many homeless, this may be one of the only gifts they get this season. Know that your efforts and donations are cherished! If you have questions? Please contact your Director of Youth Ministry via email at director@stanndc.org.

Celebration of Las Posadas in Washington, DC: The Archdiocese of Washington, in partnership with the Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc. (CLINIC), invite you to remember the Holy Family's journey by celebrating Las Posadas in the nation's capital. This Latin American tradition recreates Mary and Joseph's quest for shelter as participants get a chance to dress up, sing, and feast in celebration of the upcoming birth of Jesus. It also reminds us of the similar journey immigrants experience in searching for refuge all over the world. On Monday, December 17, Mass will begin at 5:00pm at St. Joseph's Church on Capitol Hill (313 2nd St., NE), celebrated by Bishop Mario Dorsonville. Followed by a procession to St. Peter's Church on Capitol Hill (313 2nd St., SE), where there will be a closing reception and the breaking of a piñata. Call Claudia Bartolini at 301-853-5335 or culturaldiversityi@adw.org. #PosadasDC

Saint Ann's Boy Scout Troop 100 News: Troop 100 meets at Saint Ann's on **Wednesday evenings** from **7:15pm to 9:00pm** in the **Collins Room**. All boys ages 11 to 17 interested in Scouts are welcome to learn more about our program by participating in a meeting. Our troop enjoys many camping, service, character building, and other activities throughout the year. Stop by, check out: www.centurytroop.com, email bsatroup100.dc@gmail.com

Blessing of the Bambinelli: Lighting of the Christmas Tree at the National Shrine. This year the National Shrine will host its annual Blessing of the Bambinelli and Lighting of the Christmas Tree on Sunday, December 23 at the 4:30pm Mass. Bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to be blessed at the National Shrine on this Fourth Sunday of Advent. This annual tradition in St. Peter's Square features the Pope offering a special blessing after his weekly Angelus for all those who brought their Bambinelli. Following the Mass and Blessing of the Bambinelli, the National Shrine will bless and ceremonially light the Christmas Tree as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please come for this special opportunity to start your Christmas week! No tickets or reservations are required. The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Ave NE, offers ample free parking, and is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. For more information please visit www.nationalshrine.org or call 202-0526-8300.

Mother Teresa Vocation Society Annual Day of Recollection: On Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 9:30am to 2:00pm, 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). The day will include Mass, a talk, Adoration, and an opportunity for Confession. Lunch will be served, and donations are welcomed. It is not required to be an MTVS member to attend this event! For more information, please visit www.dcpriest.org or contact Maris Moriarty at moriartym@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

150th Parish Anniversary Organ Concert Recitals in 2019 at St. Ann Church: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:30pm with Vincent Dubois, Organist titular of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris France. Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 3:00pm with Nathan Laube, Organist. Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 3:00pm with Oliver Latry, Organist of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, France.

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 and volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

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. 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. Learn more at myfranciscan.org/Syria or call 202-526-6800, x895.

Telephone Rosary for Healing: The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (WACCW) is hosting a telephone Rosary call from now until September 4, 2019, with the special intention of healing for all hurt by individuals within the Church. All are welcome to join the call at 8:00pm EST, Mondays-Saturdays, at 605-468-8016, code 357090#.

The Sunday TV Mass: Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are homebound, broadcast from the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshiping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy. The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW-50 and Comcast: Ch. 23

Bulletin: We welcome any information you may wish to share with others in our bulletin each week for the good of all. Please submit your news items or articles of interest in writing to the Parish Office at least two weeks in advance, feel free to contact us via email stann@stanndc.org.