

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 30, 2018

## *Blessed New Year!*

### **Sunday, December 30**

7:30 am † Emily & Thomas Brewer  
9:00 am † Thomas & Patricia Brewer  
11:00 am † *Pro Populo*  
7:00 pm † Peter Duval

### **Monday, December 31**

12:00 pm † Emily & Thomas Brewer

### **Tuesday, January 1 *Holy Day of Obligation***

9:00 am † Albert A. Peter, Jr.  
11:00 pm † Larry Benes

### **Wednesday, January 2**

12:00 pm † Maria Trinidad Mouret

### **Thursday, January 3**

12:00 pm † Carmen Jimenez

### **Friday, January 4**

12:00 pm † Lorna Lafuente

### **Saturday, January 5**

5:00 pm † James DeVol

### **Tuesday, January 1, 2019: New Year's Day Mass**

#### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

#### ***Holy Day of Obligation***

9:00am (Cantor) and 11:00am (Cantor)

**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 grow and maintain our ministry. At the end of January, after we close out our books, the parish secretary will be sending your 2018 contributions total to you in the mail. Please note that the parish office keeps a record of your contributions as long as you indicate your name and address on any correspondence and envelope; cash in the basket without envelope identification does not allow us to include that amount in your annual contributions.

**Thank you very much.**

**Thank you very much for your generosity** to the weekly Collections at Mass. Help our parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting St. Ann's Church, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this coming year. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Visit [www.stanndc.org](http://www.stanndc.org) or [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our **Church Code: DC811**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

**Welcome to St. Ann's Church:** Our hope is that newcomers will soon find a "home" here in our beloved community, and that visitors will come back often. To promote a sense of belonging, we communicate regularly with the parish community through email, our web site ([www.stanndc.org](http://www.stanndc.org)), and the weekly church bulletin. We encourage you to attend our **Coffee and Donuts after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses** on Sundays in the **Collins Room, located on the lower level of the church**. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus who organize this weekly fellowship for our benefit. If you are interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, please speak with Mr. Drew Gorman whom you can meet during Coffee and Donuts.

**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 Parish Office at (202) 966-6288.

**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.).

**Sick Calls:** Please email us at [stann@stanndc.org](mailto: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.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Join us this Wednesday, **January 2<sup>nd</sup> and every First Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm**. During your busy schedule, take a moment to visit Saint Ann's for Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. If you have been looking for something to enhance your prayer life, spend some quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Church doors open at 5:30pm. Mark your calendar to join us on **Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm**. Doors open at 5:30pm.

**First Friday of the month:** Join us **this Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and every first Friday of the month at 12:00noon** for Mass and the blessing for the sick with the Relic of St. Ann. St. Ann, pray for us. Join us also after every 12:00noon Mass for the Rosary.

**Sponsoring a Child for Baptism or Confirmation:** In accepting the role of a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation, you are responsible as a model and example of a committed and active Catholic and assume the responsibility for assisting the candidate in living a Christian life, and be a support to the parents and family in the practice of the Catholic faith, and you must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be a registered parishioner of a Catholic Church.
2. Must be at least 16 years of age.
3. Not be a parent of the person to be Baptized or the candidate for Confirmation.
4. Attends Mass and receives the Sacraments of Penance and only Communion on a regular basis.
5. Must be an active Catholic and in good standing and of high Moral character.
6. If married, your current marriage must have been witnessed by a Catholic Priest or Deacon.
7. Present the person to be Baptized or the candidate for Confirmation for the sacrament and will further help them to fulfill their baptismal promises, faithfully, in accordance with the Holy Spirit.

Potential sponsors must get their Good Standing letter from the parish where they are registered.

**Parking at the Church:** As a reminder, there are approximately 14 parking spaces in the alley for parish use (School side only) during the weekdays and 3 spaces on the lower school lot with signage for St. Ann's Church. While St. Albans has permission for parents to drop-off and pick-up their children for 10 minutes or so, there should not generally be a problem for daily Mass attendees at 12:00noon. However, we are noticing that there are several non-parishioner violators, and we are trying to address this issue with notices. Thank you for your patience. Please note that the school parking lot during the weekday school hours (7:00am to 7:00pm Monday to Friday) is reserved for St. Albans use according to the parish lease. On Saturdays and Sundays for Mass-goers, both the alley (School Side) and the lower School parking lot are available to St. Ann's Parishioners. On Saturdays, in particular, please try not to park in the alley or on the lower lot as "free parking" while you shop in the Tenleytown area, as parking is needed for so many groups who use the gymnasium in the evenings and on weekends. Parking has become a huge problem for all of us, so we thank you once again for your patience and cooperation.

**150<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Respect Life News:** As we begin this month of January and approach the 46th anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton Supreme Court decisions, we suggest that in addition to participating in the March for Life on 18 January, we look back to 12 December, and pray for pro-life success to Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint of the unborn, who was declared Patroness of Latin America by Pope St. Pius X in 1910 ; Empress of all the Americas by the Venerable Pope Pius XII in 1945 and patroness of the Americas by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1999, who also raised December 12 to the rank of Feast for all the countries of the Americas. "Perhaps no Marian apparition provides such cause for hope as does Our Lady of Guadalupe." Before she appeared three times in December 1531 as an indigenous, pregnant young woman , to her visionary, Saint Juan Diego, the Aztecs had routinely sacrificed 10,000 human victims each year to appease their gods. "Many of the victims were children. But within just a few years after Mary's apparitions, paganism had been swept aside, and millions of Aztecs had been converted and baptized as Catholics. Human sacrifice came to an abrupt end." A "culture of Death" existed in Aztec Mexico long before Saint John Paul II coined the phrase in the Gospel of Life (1995). "Our own culture's paganism is sanitized and hidden behind a veneer of clinical efficiency." But, as the "Apostle of Life," "Father. Paul Marx O.S.B. (1920-2010), founder of the Human Life and the Population Research Institutes, "never tired of observing, in substance [our culture] is no different from the horrors witnessed in the most degenerate pagan civilizations, such as the Aztecs. In ever greater numbers, society sacrifices our young and aged at demonic altars, hurrying them to destruction through abortion, sex education, prostitution, pornography, infanticide and euthanasia, ...foolishly believing," Father Marx added, "that just a little more contraception, just one additional population control program, and we will be blessed with the happiness and peace that we so desire.... In the face of the systemic, deep-seated, industrial-scale anti-life juggernaut that takes the lives of untold unborn children every year, we may feel a sense of helplessness and even powerless in the face of such evil." But we, as Father Marx did, encourage all to turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe and to pray to her daily that through her Intercession with her Son, we may overcome "the seemingly insurmountable barriers" erected by the culture of death "looming over the world today." We close with a brief passage from a prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe composed by Saint John Paul II: "Grant to our homes the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb the life of the Son of God. Blessed Virgin Mary, protect our families, so that they may always be united, and bless the upbringing of our children" (Human Life Institute, 10 December 2018; "Respect Life News," in 21 October and 4 Nov 2018, Saint Ann bulletins).

**World Youth Day in DC:** Join thousands of college students and young adults (ages 18 to 39) on Saturday, January 26, 2019 for a one-day Catholic festival at The Catholic University of America. For more information visit [www.wyddc.org](http://www.wyddc.org) #wydDC.