

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## January 6, 2019

### Sunday, January 6

7:30 am John Nehra (*Living*)  
9:00 am Sarah Ann Verlinden (*Living*)  
11:00 am † *Pro Populo*  
7:00 pm † William Lawler

### Monday, January 7

12:00 pm † Inocencion Villafuerte

### Tuesday, January 8

12:00 pm † In honor of St. Jude

### Wednesday, January 9

12:00 pm † In honor of St. Martin de Porres

### Thursday, January 10

12:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, January 11

12:00 pm † Thomas & Patricia Brewer

### Saturday, January 12

5:00 pm † Stan Bennett

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Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Collection** was \$5,709. **The Christmas Collection** was \$16,217. **The Online Faith Direct Total Deposit** (includes Offertory, 2nd Collections, and Donations) for the first half of December was \$2,197. (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](http://stanndc.org) and use our St. Ann's Church CODE: DC811

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**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 at [stann@stanndc.org](mailto:stann@stanndc.org).

**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.

**The Epiphany of the Lord:** The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas as you remember back when you and your family gave each other gifts. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you? When a person's true identity is revealed, the experience can be referred to as an epiphany, a word that means "showing forth." Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Let's listen to the Gospel for this feast to see what or who is being shown forth or revealed. Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2: 1-12. The gifts of the Magi gold, frankincense, and myrrh have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings." The Magi represent Gentiles all people outside the Jewish world. On the feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the fact that Jesus is revealed not just to the Jewish people, but to the world. Like the Magi, we search for Jesus. When he is revealed to us, we respond by offering gifts that which is most valuable to us to Jesus.

**Saint of the week:** Raymond of Penafort. 4<sup>th</sup> Century. (*Feast January 7*). Born in Catalonia, Spain, he was already an accomplished academic and preacher when he joined the Dominicans in 1222. Called to Rome as papal confessor in 1230, he collected conciliar and papal degrees in a standard work used by canon lawyers for nearly 700 years. Returning to Spain in 1236, he devoted himself to converting Muslims and Jews, establishing schools to teach Arabic and Hebrew, and launching the Inquisition in Catalonia. He was Dominican master general for two years.



**Did you know?** While Jesuits from Georgetown's Holy Trinity Parish began mission work to Catholics in Tennallytown (now called "Tenleytown") in 1866, St. Ann's Parish was canonically established in 1869. We will celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The present church is the third church building which was constructed, together with the rectory building, in 1947, fifty years ago.

**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](mailto:stann@stanndc.org). If anyone would like to advertise on the back page on the bulletin, contact Bon Venture services at (800) 883-4343.

**Help for Marriages in Trouble:** Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track. For confidential information call 443-400-7017.

**How do you have a Mass said for someone?** The Church considers the Mass the greatest possible prayer of intercession because it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the Paschal Mystery of His death and resurrection. What does it mean to have a Mass “offered” for someone? Mass intentions refer to the particular purpose for which a specific Mass is offered. Most commonly, a Mass is requested for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One should never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one’s soul, both for the living and the deceased. Although the origins of the practice of offering Mass intentions date to the early Church, we still recognize its importance today. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated. Really, there is no greater gift that we can give. Daily and Sunday Mass intentions to be offered here at St. Ann’s are available, and there are many weekday intentions open for this year. Mass intentions can be arranged by visiting the Rectory Office. Cards are available, if you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please stop by or call the Rectory for more information.

**What is a Mass Card?** also known as a Mass offering card, memorial card or a remembrance card, is a greeting card given to someone to let them know that they, or a deceased loved-one, will be remembered and prayed for in the intentions at a Mass. The card-giver will obtain a Mass offering card, either from their local parish or by purchasing one from a store. Some religious orders also support their monasteries by offering Mass cards. If the card-giver goes directly to the parish office, give his or her offering (a customary donation of \$10), and the Mass will be offered for his or her intention. He or she will then give the card to the recipient, which lets the recipient know that he or she or a deceased family member, or some other intention, will be prayed for at the Mass. On the other hand, the card-giver may instead purchase a card from a store, contact a parish to give the offering and make arrangements for the Mass to be offered for his or her intentions, and then give the card to the recipient.

**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. Experience World Youth Day in Panama, including world-renowned speakers, live music, simultaneous streaming of Pope Francis in Panama, and authentic Panamanian culture! Registration begins late summer 2018. For more information visit [#wydDC](http://www.wyddc.org).

**Men's Discernment Retreat:** The Archdiocese of Washington invites young men (college aged through 40s) who are considering a call to the priesthood to attend a discernment retreat led by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. The retreat will offer time away from your daily routine and provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God's call. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020.

**Respect Life News:** As was announced in the 4 November 2018 and 6 January 2019 bulletins, the annual March for Life will take place on Friday 18, January. We add the following details: The schedule is:  
10:00am – 11:00am Ben Shapiro Live Podcast.  
11:00am – 11:45am Opening music by Sidewalk Prophets.  
12:00pm Rally Program.  
1:00pm March up Constitution Avenue to the U.S. Supreme Court and Capitol Buildings.  
3:00pm After finishing marching, participants may also listen to Silent No More testimonies outside the Supreme Court; advocate for life to their Representative or Senators; visit the March for Life Expo. After the Rally which will take place at noon at 12<sup>th</sup> St. on the National Mall, between Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive, the March will begin on Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets at approximately 1:00 pm. Marchers should use the Metro to arrive at the rally site. Recommended locations are Federal Triangle, Smithsonian, Metro Center. Pro-Life activist Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood facility director will be one of the principal rally speakers. She resigned in October 2009. after watching an abortion on ultrasound. Pro-Life political commentator, writer and attorney Ben Shapiro will be another speaker. There will also be a pro-life youth rally on Jan. 17 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th St NW. Doors will open at 1:30pm. A Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary Mother of God Church 727 5th St. NW at 7:30am on the 18th. The Archdiocese of Washington 2019 Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be held and celebrated at the Capital One Arena, 601 F St NW, the doors to the Arena will open at 6:15am and close at 7:15am ([marchforlife.org](http://marchforlife.org); [adw.org/media-events/events/youth-rally-mass-life/](http://adw.org/media-events/events/youth-rally-mass-life/)).

**Natural Family Planning Class in Spanish:** The archdiocesan Office for Family life is hosting Natural Family Planning classes in Spanish for 2019. Each class consists of two Saturday sessions, and they will take place at St. Andrew's Mission in Silver Spring, MD. A class will be offered on Saturday, March 9 and Saturday, April 13, and it will be offered again on Saturday, May 4 and Saturday, June 1. To learn the method, couples must attend both Saturdays of a class. Call 301-853-4546 if interested or email [signovisible@adw.org](mailto:signovisible@adw.org)

**Evenings with the Merciful Jesus:** On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of every month from 7:00pm to 10:00pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC hosts a gathering for young adults and the young at heart, featuring a talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music, Confession, refreshments, and a time for fellowship. Contact [events@jp2shrine.org](mailto:events@jp2shrine.org) or visit [jp2shrine.org](http://jp2shrine.org) for more information.

**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.