## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 28, 2019

Sunday, April 28

Monday, April 29

12:00 pm ⊕ Christopher Paul Nofal

Tuesday, April 30

12:00 pm ⊕ Michael Sheehan

Wednesday, May 1

12:00 pm ⊕ Christopher Paul Nofal

Thursday, May 2

12:00 pm <sup>♣</sup> Christopher Paul Nofal

Friday, May 3

12:00 pm & Christopher Paul Nofal

Saturday, May 4

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Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: The Easter Sunday Collection was \$12,782. The Online Faith Direct Total Deposit (includes Offertory, 2nd Collections, and Donations) for the first half of April was \$2,478. (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

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 by emailing stann@stanndc.org.

Reflections on Palm Sunday Mass: "The real meaning of the palms came out during today's Mass," said Agnese Fiorentino, who went to both St. Ann's Academy and The Catholic University. "It adds more real, visual meaning to what we're celebrating today." Saint of the Week: Catherine of Siena, 1347 to 1380.

(Feast April 29). Catherine was the 24th of 25 children of a Sienese dyer; her mystical experiences and raptures began at age 6. She refused to marry, and about 1367



joined the Third Order of St. Dominic. She attracted a like-minded group in Siena for prayer and good works and devoted her last five years to church unity and ending the scandal of rival papacies. Though she experienced the pain of the stigmata, it became visible

only after her death at 33. And, in an odd division of relics, her body is in a Roman church, while her head is in a Sienese church. Named a doctor of the church in 1970, Catherine is a patron saint of Europe and Italy, and the patron of fire prevention, nurses and nursing.

Concert in Solidarity with Our French Brothers and Sisters Mourning Notre Dame: On Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 3:00pm, Nathan Laube, internationally acclaimed organist, performs a free concert at in our church. Laube will perform a primarily French repertoire and offer his music as a prayer and reflection with our French brothers and sisters mourning the recent tragic Notre Dame Cathedral fire. On Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 3:00pm, Olivier Latry, Titular Organist of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, France, will offer a special concert in honor of the 800-year-old structure. Details will follow at stanndc.org.

Painting of Saint Ann in Honor of 150 Years: Thank you to Caitlin Greenhill Caldera, a parishioner, painter and graduate of Wellesley College, who has donated a beautiful painting of our church and the statue of St. Ann and Mary our Mother in celebration of our 150th parish anniversary! Take with you a print copy of this painting found at the exits of our church: On the back you'll find a schedule of events for our 150th parish anniversary!

**Eucharistic Adoration**: Join us this Wednesday, May 1 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, May 1 at 6:00pm.

**First Friday of the month:** Join us this Friday, May 3 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.

Inviting Youth to Serve Meals to the Homeless: On Sunday, May 19, parish teens and their friends in grades 7 to 12 are encouraged to help us assemble 350 meal kits as part of Catholic Charities' "Cup of Joe" program that provides breakfast to the homeless. Special guest speaker Kevin Nolan will present. We'll meet in the Collins Room at 5:00pm. Enter through the handicapped entrance on the Yuma Street side of the church. See you there!

In Celebration of #StAnn150: Historical Tour of Church and Tenleytown Neighborhood: On May 19 following the 11:00am Mass, you're invited to join us for a tour of St. Ann's followed by a walking tour of Tenleytown, led by the Tenleytown Historical Society. Take a walk from the past to the present in this 1-hour presentation: Did you know that our current Saint Ann Church is the third one situated on this site? Did you know that a 19th century woman was instrumental in the founding of Saint Ann's and the naming of it? You'll learn all this and more as part of this event in celebration of our 150th parish anniversary! See you there.

Domestic Church Day: Man and Woman He Created Them: Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Domestic Church Day on Saturday, May 4 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. The day will include engaging catechesis for adults, teens, and children, the opportunity to pray together as a family, and fun family activities. This will be the first part in a three-part series on The Theology of the Body. For information or to register, visit www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com. If you have any questions about the event, please email events@jp2shrine.org.

Highlighting Divine Mercy Sunday: 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, especially for souls in Purgatory who have no one else to pray for them. Daily and Sunday Mass intentions to be offered here at St. Ann's are available, and there are many weekday intentions open this year. 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.

Help for Marriages in Trouble: Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. It can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal. For confidential information please call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@retrouvaille.org.

**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 are celebrating our 150th anniversary in 2019 - 2020. The present church is the third church building which was constructed, together with the rectory building, in 1947.

Middle School BASH: BASH is the largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) every year! This annual event is an opportunity for the young Church to gather each year to pray, learn and celebrate the Catholic faith. At BASH 2018, there were more than 1,000 people gathered for a day of faith, fellowship, and fun! This includes music, games, inspirational speakers, confessions and a Vigil Mass for Sunday. BASH 2019 will take place on Saturday, May 11 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm at Bishop O'Connell High School, in Arlington, Virginia. Departure and pick-up will take place at St. Ann. Cost is \$10 per participant, which includes transportation, dinner, and a free t-shirt. RSVP to director@stanndc.org by Wednesday, May 1. Visit stanndc.org/youth to learn more.

Special Memorial Day Procession, Blessing and Social to Honor Those Who Died in Service: Following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, May 26, Memorial Day weekend, Msgr. Watkins invites all parishioners - and especially those of us remembering loved ones who have died in service to our country — to join him for a prayer and special blessing. After Mass, we will make a procession to our church flagpole, which was installed when the original school building was built (where the parking lot is now). It is now lit at nighttime and stands 65 feet tall! We believe it is the tallest flagpole along Wisconsin Avenue from the Potomac River to the District line. There, Msgr. Watkins will say a special blessing and prayer. Following the blessing, we will gather in the Gym for our weekly coffee and donut social. Please join us to remember and thank all those members of our parish community who have given so much, especially to remember those who gave their lives.

Breakfast to Support Friendship Place May 9: Join our table at this free 1-hour event for people to come and learn more about how Friendship Place is working to end homelessness and rebuild lives in our community. While this is a fundraiser, giving is optional. Those who want to simply come and find out more about the important role this organization plays in our community are welcome. The breakfast is May 9 from 8:30 to 9:30am at Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb St. NW. Please contact Kathy Curran at kcurran@chausa.org 202-364-0678 or Ted Hirt tedhirt@comcast.net 202-244-4739, to RSVP. Space is limited, so please respond by April 29.

## **Parish May Events:**

- May 1 Eucharistic Adoration, 6:00 to 7:00pm
- May 1-8 Msgr. Watkins away in Lourdes, France
- May 9 Friendship Place Breakfast, 8:30 to 9:30am
- May 12 First Holy Communion/Mother's Day Mass, 9:00am
- May 19 Historical Tour of Church and Tenleytown Walking Tour, following 11:00am Mass
- May 19 Youth Cup of Joe service project, 5:00pm
- May 25 Mother Butler Guild Dinner Dance 6:00pm to midnight
- May 22 Parish Council meeting, 7:00pm
- May 23 Parish Finance Council meeting, 7:00pm
- May 26 Memorial Day Procession, Blessing and Social, following 11:00am Mass