

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 31, 2017

Sunday, December 31

7:30 am † Jack Border
9:00 am † Frances Holman
11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, January 1 *Holy Day of Obligation*

9:00 am † Miguel Angel Rodriguez
11:00am † Antonio Duran

Tuesday, January 2

12:00 pm † Maria Petrarca

Wednesday, January 3

12:00 pm † Dante Pagi

Thursday, January 4

12:00 pm † Dante Pagi

Friday, January 5

12:00 pm † Jose Victor Giongco

Saturday, January 6

5:00 pm † Julie Ewers

Monday, January 1, 2018: *New Year's Day Mass*

Holy Day of Obligation

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

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

Parish Office closed.

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 2017 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. In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own 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 holiday season. **Faith Direct enrollment form attached.** Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Visit www.stanndc.org or 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), 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 Rectory Office at (202) 966-6288

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.

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. If anyone would like to advertise on the back page on the bulletin, contact Bon Venture services at (800) 883-4343.

First Friday of the month: Join us **this Friday, January 5 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.

Eucharistic Adoration: Join us **this Wednesday, January 3rd 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, October 4 at 6:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm

The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women: Mary, Our Blessed Mother, asks us to pray very much, especially the Rosary. Please join the Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) to pray the Rosary on the 4th day of each month at 8:00pm (Eastern time). We welcome all to phone into our ACCW Rosary by calling 605-468-8016 and insert access code: 357090# to pray the Rosary as a community. Our next call is scheduled for January 4 at 8:00pm. We look forward to your joining us! Thank you.

Saint of the week: Catherine Laboure. 1806 to 1876. (Feast December 31). Born Zoe Laboure, this visionary lived simply and anonymously for 45 years as a Sister of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in Paris.



But during her novitiate, Sister Catherine had visions of Our Lady, shared then only with her confessor and a tribunal that investigated and authenticated them. In the visions, Our Lady stood on a globe, with light shafts beaming from her hands and these words around the image: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." The

Miraculous Medal devotion was born immediately, but credited to Catherine's visions only eight months before her death. Her incorrupt body lays in her convent chapel.

Catholic Charities Hope Corps: Catholic Charities of DC is recruiting young adults to help us engage volunteers in impactful, recurring service projects. Hope Corps members serve in teams to lead community volunteers in a project once a month thorough 2018. Volunteers for the projects sign up on line for a one-time commitment to do a project that makes a big difference in a few hours. Examples of projects include: serving meals, packaging food, cleaning up inside or out, conversations with clients to practice skills, and game nights to encourage socializing. You can view a full list of projects where Hope Corps members will serve here. Hope Corps members receive training and swag and healthy pride in doing good deeds to benefit people in great need! Contact Julie to learn more: Julie.Bodnar@CC-DC.org or apply to participate. Visit CatholicCharitiesdc.org for ongoing service opportunities across the DC area!

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, warnings, and possibly ticketing and towing. 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.

Is God Calling You to the Diaconate? Come and See! The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation of the Archdiocese of Washington will begin a new cycle of recruitment and preparation of men for the diaconate. The initial selection process for the next aspirancy class will be preceded with six opportunities to "Come and See" about the permanent diaconate. These events will be held at various locations around the Archdiocese in January-March 2018. To learn more about the specific dates and locations, please contact Deacon Desi Viktor, Director of Formation, at 301-853-4582 or at vikord@adw.org. The mailing address is: Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation, P.O. Box 29260, Washington, D.C. 20017. Additional information is available at adw.org/permanent-deacons.

Mother Teresa Vocation Society Annual Day of Recollection: On Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 9:30am-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). 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.

Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Weekend: Upcoming weekends: Jan 11 to 14, Jan 25 to 28, Mar 8 to 11, Apr 12 to 15. Are You Ready? You're not just planning a wedding, you're preparing for a lifetime! Our marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS Inventory included and we are a partner of the Witness to Love program! The cost for the retreat is \$295 per couple. Registration required. www.ourladyofbethesda.org, or call 301-365-0612. These weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

National Geographic Exhibit on the Restoration of Jesus' Tomb: Journey to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Tomb of Christ in an immersive exhibit at the National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC. "The Edicule" documents the historic 2016 restoration of the Tomb of Jesus. Visitors will be able to walk through a 3-D digital rendering of the rotunda in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Tomb, including a view of the newly-revealed cave walls that have not been seen in centuries. Learn more about this extraordinary and special event at nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ.

Happy New Year!