

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 2, 2018

Sunday, December 2

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

Monday, December 3

12:00 pm † Alliali Family

Tuesday, December 4

12:00 pm † Barbara de Perez

Wednesday, December 5

12:00 pm Rafael Diaz (*Living*)

Thursday, December 6

12:00 pm † Albert A. Peter, Jr.

Friday, December 7

12:00 pm † Ida O'Connell

Saturday, December 8 (*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*)

7:30 am † Raul Concepcion
12:00pm Lourdes Dione (*Living*)
5:00 pm Rey & Lourdes Dione (*Living*)

St. Ann's Holiday 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.

Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$5996. **The Online Faith Direct Total Deposit** (includes Offertory, 2nd Collections, and Donations) for the first half of September 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.**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the solemn celebration of belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. It is universally celebrated on December 8, nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary, which is celebrated on September 8. The Immaculate Conception is one of the most important Marian feasts in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church and is celebrated worldwide. By Pontifical designation and decree, it is the patronal feast day of Argentina, Brazil, Korea, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Philippines, Spain, the United States and Uruguay. By royal decree, it is also designated as the Patroness of Portugal. It is celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church as well as a few other closely related Protestant Christian churches, but not by the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Oriental Orthodox Church, and Church of the East. Since 1953, the Pope in his capacity as Bishop of Rome visits the Column of the Immaculate Conception in Piazza di Spagna to offer expiatory prayers commemorating the solemn event. The feast was first solemnized as a Holy Day of Obligation on 6 December 1708 under the Papal Bull *Commissi Nobis Divinitus* by Pope Clement XI and is often celebrated with Mass, parades, fireworks, processions, ethnic foods, and cultural festivities in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is generally considered a Family Day, especially in many majority Catholic countries.

Eucharistic Adoration: Join us this **Wednesday, December 5th 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, December 5 at 6:00pm.

First Friday of the month: Join us this **Friday, December 7 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.

Help for Marriages in Trouble: call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@retrouvaille.org.

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).

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

Ministry of the Sick and Homebound: The Sovereign Military Order of Malta can facilitate the parish ministry for the sick and imprisoned. Kindly inform Msgr. Watkins (stann@stanndc.org) of parish members infirm, ill or imprisoned in order that St Ann's Church can extend the ministry of the parish and the Order on their behalf. The idea being that between Deacon Devaney and the cadre of Parish Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, we can get to the homes of the infirm and ill, get a handle on potential *malades* for the annual pilgrimage of the Order of Malta to Lourdes, and to be sure we enroll imprisoned parish members in the Malta Prison Ministry.

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 8pm EST, Mondays-Saturdays, at 605-468-8016, code 357090#. For more information, contact Sharon O'Brien, at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com.

Annual Christmas Concert at the National Shrine: On Friday, December 7, the Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in conjunction with the Chorus and Symphony Orchestra of The Catholic University of America, will present their Annual Christmas Concert for Charity. This festive concert of beautiful Christmas music is free and open to the public. The concert begins at 7:30pm and seats fill up quickly. No tickets or reservations are required; arrive early for seating. 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 202-526-8300.

Knights of Columbus Washington Council, Council 224: You are cordially invited to join the for a Noon Mass and Rosary. Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Watkins, the Chaplain for the Washington Council and pastor at **St. Ann's Church, on Saturday December 8th the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. St. Ann's Catholic Church is located at 4001 Yuma Street NW Washington, DC 20016. A reception will follow in the Collins Room.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection: The annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection will be held on the weekend of December 8 and 9 in the Archdiocese of Washington. This parish-based appeal, coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), benefits nearly 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests whose communities lack retirement savings. Participation in this collection provides an opportunity to be a witness of Our Lord's love and mercy for the religious men and women who have contributed so much to sharing his love with others and to building up the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

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 worshipping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy. The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW-50 and Comcast: Ch. 23 in Washington, DC and Montgomery County.

The Visit of Saint Nicholas: Saint Nicholas visits the Saint John Paul II National Shrine on Saturday, December 8! Bring your children to meet him. He is eager to tell them about his special friendship with Jesus and to help them prepare for a holy Christmas. This event is free, register by December 6 at visitsaintnicholas.eventbrite.com so that there will be ample supplies for food, games, and activities. We hope to see you and your whole family on December 8. For more information, contact 202-635-5400 or events@jp2shrine.org.

Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: On Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) will celebrate Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The principal celebrant and homilist of the 7pm bilingual Mass is Bishop Mario Dorsonville. A prelude serenade to Our Lady by Jorge Zurita will begin at 6:30pm. For more information, contact 202-635-5400 or events@jp2shrine.org. Find on Facebook by searching for "Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe."

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.

Coffee and Donut Social 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.