

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2019

Sunday, January 13

7:30 am † Nenita Abraham Ladgado

9:00 am † Margaret Naylor

11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

7:00 pm † Don Genkinger

Monday, January 14

12:00 pm † Thomas Lee Johnson

Tuesday, January 15

12:00 pm † Herminia Navarro

Wednesday, January 16

12:00 pm † Donald Mohr

Thursday, January 17

12:00 pm † Norman & Mary Jarvis

Friday, January 18

12:00 pm † Kevin Keyes

Saturday, January 19

5:00 pm † Reymond M. Zimmerman, Jr.

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Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$4,322. **The Second Collection** last weekend for Building Fund was \$3,056. **The Faith Direct Online Collection** (includes Offertory, 2nd Collections, and Donations) for the second half of December was \$2,169. (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!

Year-End Contributions: At the end of January, after we close out our books, the parish secretary will be sending your 2018 total contributions tally 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. If the parish accounting does not match your own record of contribution, please contact Peter Catama at 202 966-6288 or email at stann@stanndc.org. Thank you very much.

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.).

The Baptism of the Lord: Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves," He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world." Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Angel Tree: Thank you for your generosity to St. Ann's Angel Tree Gift Giving. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and efforts and helped with the Angel Tree collection on Sunday Dec. 9. Once again, together we were able to brighten the Christmas of 484 children and help their parents give them a joyful Christmas. This is a team effort and could not be successful without the generosity of the St. Ann's community and most especially all of you.

St. Ann Youth: March for Life weekend activities including pizza dinner and trip to the Museum of the Bible. The weekend of the March for Life, youth from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Indiana will stay at our parish. They have invited the youth of our parish in grades 7 to 12 to participate on Friday, January 18, at 7:30pm. for a pizza dinner followed by a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00 to 10:00pm in the Church. The youth are also invited to meet at the parish the next day, on Saturday, January 19, at 8:15am outside St. Ann parish on the Yuma Street side. We will take the metro together and start our day at the Museum of the Bible, and make our way to tour other locations, such as the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Depending on response, we may need additional chaperones. Please email our new Director of Communications and Youth Ministry Natalie at director@stanndc.org if your youth in grades 7 to 12 will attend Friday evening or Saturday day, or both. She can also be reached at (202) 380-5702 with any questions. We can't wait to see you there!

St. Ann's Boy Scouts Open House: We will be hosting an open house for any boys and their families interested in scouts on Wednesday, January 16 at 7:30pm in the Collins Room (enter through the iron gates to the left of the Wisconsin Ave church entrance and proceed to the door at the end of the walkway). Our Scouts range in age from 11 to 18 and have come from private, public, charter, and home schools. Please come check us out. If you have any questions or would like to visit on a different night, please contact bsatroup100.dc@gmail.com.

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 or 202-636-9020.

Anniversary Organ Concert Recitals in 2019 at St. Ann Church: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:00pm 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.

National Telephone Rosary: A National Telephone Rosary in recognition of Fatima is held on the 13th of each month at 8pm by the National Council of Catholic Women. Call 515-739-1261 and insert code 703993#. Questions? Contact Province Director Cindy Perry at cindy.perry@hotmail.com.

Give the Gift of Service: Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

Make a Difference for Christians in Syria: The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC is part of the Franciscan Custody (province) that has served the people and shrines in the Holy Land for 800 years. Please keep the Franciscan friars and parishioners in Syria in your prayers as they struggle to keep our Catholic faith alive in the midst of the war that has engulfed this second cradle of Christianity, the place of St. Paul's conversion. Learn more at myfranciscan.org/Syria or call 202-526-6800, x895.

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 (12247 Georgia Ave., Room 301). 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. A fee of \$40 covers materials. To register, send an email to the Office for Family Life at signovisible@adw.org or call 301-853-4546.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on February 8-10, 2019 in Gaithersburg, MD or October 25-27, 2019 also in Gaithersburg, MD. Go to moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up! Early registration is highly recommended.

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.

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.