

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 3, 2019

Sunday, February 3

7:30 am † Leroy Bussells
9:00 am † Frederick Cox
11:00 am † *Pro Populo*
7:00 Pm † Joseph Wilczynski

Monday, February 4

12:00 pm Alexander Richey (*Living*)

Tuesday, February 5

12:00 pm † Frederick & Elizabeth Cox

Wednesday, February 6

12:00 pm † Betty Dale

Thursday, February 7

12:00 pm † Ida O'Connell

Friday, February 8

12:00 pm † Marian Connolly

Saturday, February 2

5:00 pm † Cipriano Eboda, Sr.

Faith Direct Online Giving Electronic Giving has become easier.

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Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$6,142. **The Faith Direct Online Collection** (includes Offertory, 2nd Collections, and Donations) for the first half of January was \$2,062. (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 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.



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- A convenient and consistent way to support St. Ann Church by electing to use direct debit from your bank or credit card account.
- The opportunity to support our parish even if you are absent from Mass for travel or illness.
- A solution to a situation many families face on their way to Mass: Where did I put my envelopes? And, you also save your checks.

How does it work?

- You can visit faithdirect.net or stanndc.org and enroll securely online.
 - You can elect to have your specified bank or credit card account debited on the 4th & 15th of the month for both offertory and any second collections you support.
 - Parishioners can elect to receive "offertory cards" in lieu of envelopes to be placed in the collection basket.
- For assistance, please call Faith Direct at (866) 507-8757.

Saint of the week: (*Feast February 3*). St. Blaise; also known as Saint Blase, was a physician, and bishop of Sebastea in historical Armenia (modern Sivas, Turkey). According to the Acta Sanctorum, he was martyred by being beaten, attacked with iron combs, and beheaded. He is the patron saint of wool combers. In the Latin Church his feast falls on 3 February, in the Eastern Churches on 11 February. The first reference we have to him, is in manuscripts of the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, a court Physician of the very end of the 5th or the beginning of the 6th century; there his aid is invoked in treating objects stuck in the throat. Marco Polo reported the place where "Messer Saint Blaise obtained the glorious crown of martyrdom", Sebastea; the shrine near the citadel mount was mentioned by William of Rubruck in 1253. However, it appears to no longer exist.

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

First Friday of the month: Join us this **Friday, February 8** 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.

Souper Bowl of Caring: St. Ann youth in grades 7 to 12 are again participating in the national "Souper Bowl of Caring." Members of St. Ann's youth group will be at the doors after all Masses holding soup pots for cash donations on Super Bowl weekend. Your generous help will send needed funds to Friendship Place, a local organization that helps our neighbors in need. Every dollar helps! In the past 14 years, this parish has donated more than \$7,000 for feeding the hungry in the Washington area, and they could not be more grateful. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Pancake Supper and Bake Sale: (SHROVE TUESDAY). The Palisades Georgetown (Friendship) Lions Club announces its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The Pancake Supper and Bake Sale will be held **Tuesday, March 5 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at Palisades Community Church parish hall**, located at 5200 Cathedral Avenue, NW. All proceeds go to support Lions charities for the prevention of blindness, restoration of sight and support for the hearing impaired. For further information please call 202-966-4418. Visit us on Facebook for our events and other Lions Club happenings

Evenings with the Merciful Jesus: On the 22nd of every month from 7:00 to 10:00pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) 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. Please contact events@jp2shrine.org or visit jp2shrine.org for more information.

Behold! Adoration and Confession: Behold the face of God every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:00pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE). During this time, there is Adoration with prayerful music, silence, and Confession. Behold! is hosted in collaboration with parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington. For more information, visit jp2shrine.org or email pastoral.programs@jp2shrine.org.

The Art of Prayer: Taking place on Sunday evenings from 6-7pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE), The Art of Prayer includes a presentation on interior prayer, time for silent meditation, and a sung Sunday Vespers service. For more information, email pastoral.programs@jp2shrine.org.

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.

Respect Life News: Pro-Life members of Congress have already introduced pro-life legislation. On January 9, Representative Vicky Hartzler (R-MO-4) who leads the House Values Action Team, introduced the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2019, H.R. 369. She has 91 co-sponsors. Her bill would revoke Planned Parenthood, funding via Medicaid. It should be known that Planned Parenthood, officially known as the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), performs more than a third of all abortions in the United States and according to its own annual report, with its affiliates last year received \$543.7 million, or 37%, of its total in revenues funding from federal, state and local grants and payments. Under the newly introduced legislation, all funds that are no longer available to abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, are explicitly made available to other eligible entities to provide women's health care services. In the Senate on January 10, Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) introduced the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (S. 109) This proposed legislation "will make permanent a policy on which there has been strong popular and congressional agreement for more than 40 years including the Hyde Amendment, and many other provisions governing a wide range of domestic and foreign programs. Yet each of these provisions governs only a particular funding stream. This patchwork of provisions, on occasion, has resulted in a gap or loophole, as was the case with the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Even collectively these various provisions did not prevent the ACA from subsidizing health plans that cover elective abortions, contrary to the policy of every other federal program. S. 109 would end this contradiction in federal law and establish a policy for future health programs. The federal government should not use its funding power to support and promote elective abortion and should not force taxpayers to subsidize this violence. In addition to having broad public support, recent analysis found that as many as two million lives have been saved as a result of restrictions on federal abortion funding" (lifenews.com, 1.9.10, 2019; 1.14.2019 Letter to Senate supporting S.109 by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman USCCB Pro-Life Committee; NCHLA 1.14.2019 memo).

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.

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.