

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME March 3, 2019

Sunday, March 3

7:30 am † Ida O'Connell
9:00 am † Marcus Delima
11:00 am † *Pro Populo*
7:00 pm † Kevin Keyes

Monday, March 4

12:00 pm † Victor Vanardkid

Tuesday, March 5

12:00 pm † Reuben Finger

Wednesday, March 6 (*Ash Wednesday*)

7:00 am † Hotka Family
8:00 am † Adm. James D. Watkins
12:00 pm † Christopher Paul Nofal
5:30 pm † Elizabeth Schmuher
7:00 pm † Elaine Vande Hei

Thursday, March 7

12:00 pm † Nestor Largado

Friday, March 8

12:00 pm Rodrigo Ferrer (*Living*)

Saturday, March 9

5:00 pm † Hilda Faizi

LENT

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6.
Please note the special schedule of Masses
with distribution of Ashes.**

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, March 6.

7:00am, 8:00am, 12:00noon, 5:30pm and 7:00pm.

Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays during Lent from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at 11:30am and 7:00pm.

Saint of the Week: Saint Casimir, 1458 to 1484. (Feast March 4). Born in Krakow, Casimir was the son of Casimir IV, king of Poland and grand duke of Lithuania, and Elizabeth of Austria. Known for his refusal to take up arms, personal piety, generosity to the poor and devotion to the Blessed Mother, he rejected the idea of marrying in favor of voluntary chastity. During a visit to Lithuania, he fell ill, died from tuberculosis at the age of 25 and was buried in the cathedral in Vilnius. Canonized in 1521, he is the patron of Poland and Lithuania.

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.

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 \$5,830. **The Faith Direct Online Collection** (includes Offertory, 2nd Collections, and Donations) for the first half of February was \$2,944. (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!

Here are the church regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent:

* Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

* Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

* On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

* Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

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.)

Easter Flowers: Remember your loved ones at Easter with an Easter Flower Memorial offering by using the envelopes located on the church tables or in your mailing. The names of the deceased will be remembered at Easter and listed in our bulletin.

Lenten Rice Bowl Boxes. During Lent, parishioners are encouraged to contribute to Catholic Relief Services by using the cardboard boxes that are available on the tables in the church. The donations can be brought to the church beginning the week after Easter.

Are you smarter than a Catholic Sister? To kick off National Catholic Sisters Week, test your knowledge in a friendly trivia-style competition against a team of Catholic Sisters. SOAR! Support Our Aging Religious is hosting its second annual trivia night for young professionals on Thursday, March 7 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at Ireland's Four Courts, 2051 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 2220. Bonus questions will feature trivia about Catholic Sisters. Happy hour starts at 6:30pm and the trivia starts at 7:00pm. Enjoy appetizers and drink specials on SOAR! \$10 cover per team – no need to register in advance. Prizes will be handed out to the winners! All adults (ages 21-39) of all faith backgrounds are invited. Questions? Contact Annika Paquette at (202) 529-7627 or events@soar-usa.org.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays 11:30am and 7:00pm during Lent. The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.

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.

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

Coffee and Donut Social after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses on Sundays in the Library. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus who organize this weekly fellowship for our benefit. All are welcome.

Respect Life News: Somewhat “pro-choice” Kathleen Parker in her February 3 Washington Post op-ed article “The Banality of Evil, 2019” commented on New York states” recently passed “law allowing abortion up to the moment of birth.” That law, “absurdly named ‘Reproductive Health Act,’” (RHA) upon its passage on January 22 (46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Doe v. Bolton!) received “a standing ovation from state legislators.” Governor Andrew M. Cuomo (D.) signed the bill into law that evening and to celebrate, “ordered that the One World Trade Center”[tallest building in the U.S.] in New York City “be illuminated in pink hijacking the color associated with saving breast cancer victims—as well as the birth of a baby girl. What a weird, wicked world we live in.” We note that even before the passage of the RHA the Bishop of Albany, Edward Scharffenberger, issued an “Open Letter” to Governor Cuomo that was printed in the diocesan newspaper, The Evangelist on January 19. Addressing the Governor, the bishop begins: “Although in your recent State of the State address you cited your Catholic faith and said we should ‘stand with Pope Francis,’ your advocacy of extreme abortion legislation is completely contrary to the teachings of our pope and our Church. Once truth is separated from fiction and people come to realize the impact of the bill, they will be shocked to their core. By that time, however, it may be too late to save the countless lives that will be lost or spare countless women lifelong regret. The so-called Reproductive Health Act will expand abortion under the pretenses of choice and progress...Contrary to what its proponents say, the RHA goes far beyond Roe vs. Wade in its aggressive extremism. Granting non-doctors’ permission to perform abortions does nothing to advance the security and health of women. Condoning coerced or involuntary abortions by repealing criminal sanctions even in cases where a perpetrator seeks to make his partner “un-pregnant” through an act of physical violence does not represent any kind of progress in the choice, safety or health of women. Removing protection for an infant accidentally born alive during an abortion is abject cruelty, something most people of conscience would deem inhumane for even a dog or cat. Finally, allowing late-term abortions is nothing less than a license to kill a pre-born child at will. It is very difficult to understand how you can align yourself with Pope Francis and so vehemently advocate such profoundly destructive legislation.”

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.

<p>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.</p>
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