

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## June 2, 2019

### Sunday, June 2

7:30 am Douglas Denby (*Living*)  
9:00 am † Christopher Paul Nofal  
11:00 am *Pro Populo*  
7:00 pm Siri Fostvedt (*Living*)

### Monday, June 3

12:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, June 4

12:00 pm Theresa Esquerra (*Living*)

### Wednesday, June 5

12:00 pm † Richard Bailine

### Thursday, June 6

12:00 pm Sarah Abdelmalek (*Living*)

### Friday, June 7

12:00 pm † Richard Manfreda

### Saturday, June 8

5:00 pm † Jean Darby

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**Saint of the week:** Anthony of Padua 1195 – 1231. (*Feast June 13*). This doctor of the church was born in Lisbon,



Portugal, and joined the Augustinians at age 15. In 1220 he entered the Franciscans to become an African missionary and was sent to Morocco. However, poor health forced his return to Europe and a storm at sea deposited him in Sicily. He traveled to Assisi, where his gift for preaching was recognized and put to use in Italy and

France. St. Francis appointed him the order's first "lector in theology"; he also was the superior of several communities. Many believers seek his intercession when something is lost.

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It can be very important whom we sit next to. Any family that has tried to sit down to a family dinner or packed the car for a trip has heard children argue at least once about who should sit where. To sit next to someone, especially if that person is important, is to have a place of honor. Jesus has this place of honor seated at God's right hand, but there's more to this metaphor than where Jesus sits in relation to God. To be in the place of honor is also to be in a place of power. Knowing people in powerful places can be helpful. Our children remind us of this each time we are called upon to referee a conflict. Jesus, honored at God's right hand, is a powerful ally for us. As you gather as a family, recall a time when there was a discussion, or perhaps even an argument, about where people were going to sit. Talk about why it might be important to a person to sit in a particular place. In today's Gospel, we will learn about Jesus' place in heaven. Forty days after his Resurrection, Jesus ascended to heaven, and so we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord forty days after Easter. The Gospel for the Ascension of the Lord uses the image of a seat to describe Jesus' place in heaven. When reading Mark 16:15-20, we learn a lot about the relationship between God and Jesus and Jesus' relationship to us. Observe that one of the things we learn is that Jesus continues to help us from this place of honor in heaven. We profess this belief about Jesus' importance in heaven when we pray the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. When we say Jesus is at the right hand of the Father, we are not describing a physical place, but the honor that Jesus has because of the Father's love for Jesus and approval of him. From this place of honor in heaven, Jesus helps us as we try to follow his example.

**Eleven Parish School of Religion Students Celebrate Sacrament of Confirmation:** Auxiliary Bishop Roy Campbell visits St. Ann at 11:00am on Sunday, June 2 to celebrate the Confirmation Mass for eleven Parish School of Religion Junior High students! When we are baptized as infants, our parents ask that we be accepted into the Church, uniting us with Jesus Christ. As young men and women, these students will affirm in the Sacrament of Confirmation their commitment to God and to the Church. They have spent the last year studying their faith and reaching out as Christ did in service to others in their families, the Church and the community. Please join us at the 11:00am Mass on June 2, and keep in your prayers these students: Nathan Gretschel, Naomi Horne, Annie Lee, Jacobo Lopez-Fernandez, Hamilton Mirkow, Harrington Mirkow, Amalia Pascual Moretón, Minh Nguyen, Ignacio Rios-Foster, Solveig Unteroberdoerster and Micaela Vega de las Casas.

**Special Memorial Day Procession, Blessing and Social Honored Those Who Died in Service:** Following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, May 26, Memorial Day weekend, Msgr. Watkins gave a prayer and blessing at our church flagpole to honor those who have died in service to our country. Thank you to all who joined us to remember those who gave the most – their lives.

**Celebrate our Pastor Msgr. Watkins' 30<sup>th</sup> Priesthood Ordination Anniversary:** Join us on Sunday, June 23 at the 11:00am Mass to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary of our pastor. A BBQ Luncheon Reception follows in our gym. Suggested donation is \$10 per person, \$20 per family. Families are asked to please consider bringing a dessert.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Join us this Wednesday, June 5 and every First Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm to visit our Lord in 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.

**First Fridays:** Join us Friday, June 7 and every first Friday of the month at 12:00 noon for Mass and the blessing of the sick with the Relic of St. Ann. St. Ann, pray for us.

#### **Major Parish June Events:**

- *June 5* – Eucharistic Adoration, 6:00pm, Church
- *June 7* – Blessing of the Sick with Relic of St. Ann, 12:25pm, Church
- *June 8* – June Young Adult Rosary Experience, 1:00pm, Franciscan Monastery Marian Gardens
- *June 9* – Youth Tour & Fro Yo Social, 1:15 to 4:30pm, Franciscan Monastery & Mr. Yogato
- *June 23* – Mass to Commemorate the 30th Ordination Anniversary of our Pastor, Msgr. James Watkins, 11:00am, Church, Gym BBQ Luncheon Reception

**Volunteer Fifth Saturdays at IONA Senior Services:** Thanks to generous volunteers at our church, St. Ann has committed to help pack and deliver meals to IONA seniors every *fifth* Saturday of the month. All are welcome to help. Mark your calendars for the mornings of June 29, August 31 and November 30. RSVP here: [stanndc.org/volunteer](http://stanndc.org/volunteer)

**Young Adult June Rosary Experience – Franciscan Monastery Marian Gardens and Tour:** Join St. Ann young adults for a Franciscan Monastery guided tour and visit to the Marian Grotto and gardens. Meet at 1:00pm at the Franciscan Monastery, 1400 Quincy St NE, Washington, DC 20017. We will pray a Rosary, go on a guided tour and end with dinner. Confession is available. RSVP is not required, but helpful. Respond to the event at [facebook.com/stanndc](https://facebook.com/stanndc) or email [aweyrich@gmail.com](mailto:aweyrich@gmail.com). Visit [stanndc.org/young-adults](http://stanndc.org/young-adults) for a full itinerary!

**New Logo Coming Soon:** Visit [stanndc.org](http://stanndc.org) this week to see a redesigned website! A new logo is also coming soon. Stay tuned for this and many updates this year in honor of our parish 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary! **#StAnn150**

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**Youth Franciscan Monastery Tour and Fro Yo Social:** On Sunday, June 9, youth in grades 6 to 12 are invited to tour the Franciscan Monastery followed by a Fro Yo social at Mr. Yogato in Dupont Circle. We will meet at 1:15pm in the parking lot at St. Ann and be back at the church by 4:30pm. Youth and interested chaperones should RSVP to Natalie at [director@stanndc.org](mailto:director@stanndc.org) by Thursday, June 6. The Monastery has a St. Ann Chapel, an Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and many more beautiful sites.

**Mother Butler Guild Dinner-Dance Draws Crowd:** More than 300 people came to the dinner-dance hosted in our parish gym on Saturday, May 25. Thank you to the Mother Butler Guild for hosting this biannual event that brings our parish community together with raffles (one lucky winner got a donated TV!), contests, dancing, food, fellowship and fun. Stay tuned for the next one likely in October!

**Parish Finance Council Update:** The Finance Council met on Thursday, May 23. The Council spent considerable time discussing the decrease in offering contributions, which are necessary for operating expenses. The parish has received directed, single-purpose donations, which have allowed us to make capital improvements.

**Parish Council Update:** The Parish Council met on Wednesday, May 22. Topics covered included the 150<sup>th</sup> parish anniversary year events extending through 2020, the Flocknote email platform, the new bulletin, logo and website, podcast title submissions, the new Flickr profile showcasing parish photos from events, and fall ideas for events and initiatives. The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday, September 5 at 7:00pm.

**Last Call for Podcast Title Submissions:** By popular demand, we will begin to publish the audio of Sunday homilies and other lectures as they happen at our parish. But we need your ideas for a podcast title! This podcast will feature weekly the Sunday morning 11:00am Mass homilies, Sunday evening 7:00pm Mass homilies, and important talks at our parish such as distinguished theologian George Weigel's "Theology of a Catholic Parish" lecture in November in honor of our parish's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Send ideas to [director@stanndc.org](mailto:director@stanndc.org).

**Become an Altar Server at St. Ann:** Do you know what a sacarium is? Okay, that's a tough one. How about a ciborium? I bet if you ask a former altar server they will know. Of course, being an altar server is more than learning all the special names for things found in our church. Altar servers play an essential role during Mass, helping the celebrant with the liturgy. This is often the first opportunity our young people get to serve their community in such an important and meaningful way. Also: Altar serving counts for community service hours! Do you have a daughter or son who has received first Communion and may be interested in serving? Maybe you have questions or would just like to speak to a mom or dad of a current server. **Please come to coffee and donuts after the 9:00am Mass on June 8** to learn more or contact Mike Iapalucci at (301) 938-0645 to be put in touch with someone who can answer your questions.