

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 18, 2016

## Sunday, December 18

7:30 am † Jack Whitcomb  
9:00 am † Vivien DeLima  
11:00 am † For The Parish

## Monday, December 19

12:00 pm † Sister Lourdes, SP

## Tuesday, December 20

12:00 pm † Sister Petra, SP

## Wednesday, December 21

12:00 pm † Thomas & Patricia Brewer

## Thursday, December 22

12:00 pm † Msgr. William Awalt

## Friday, December 23

12:00 pm † Estelle M. Hurley

## Saturday, December 24

5:00 pm † Anthony Aloï  
8:00 pm † Anthony Aloï

### St. Ann's Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve:** Saturday, December 24:

4:30pm *Prelude of Carols*  
5:00pm *Children's Christmas Pageant w/ Brass and Choir*  
7:30pm *Prelude of Carols*  
8:00pm *Brass and Choir*

**Christmas Day:** Sunday December 25:

7:30am  
9:00am (*Organ and Cantor*)  
11:00am (*Choir*)

### St. Ann's New Year's Mass Schedule

**New Year's Eve:** Saturday, December 31: 5:00pm

**New Year's Day:** Sunday, January 1, 2017:

7:30am  
9:00am (*Organ and Cantor*)  
11:00am (*Organ and Cantor*)

There will be **Confessions** heard for Christmas after each of the morning Masses on, Sunday, December 18, 2016.

**Year-End Contributions:** As we come to the end of the year, please remember your generous donation to St. Ann's Church. God bless you for all you do to help the parish to address repairs to the church, rectory, school, and convent properties. Upon request, the parish secretary would be happy to provide you a tally of your 2016 contributions for tax purposes.



Saint Ann's Parish  
Online Giving

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**Thank you for your continued support!**

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**Sick Calls:** Please email us at [stann@stanndc.org](mailto: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.

**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.

**St. Ann's Youth Group:** would like to thank the many parishioners whose very generous donations filled more than 50 shoe boxes with items for the homeless. The warm hats, scarves and gloves and the numerous toiletry items are very much appreciated by the people at Friendship Place. Thanks for brightening the holidays for others!

**Calling All Angels and Shepherds!** St. Ann's welcomes your child's participation in the **Christmas Eve pageant at the 5:00pm Mass (new time this year) on Dec. 24.** The Rehearsal will be on Friday, December 23 at 5:00pm in the Church. Children report to the Collins room on December 24 at 4:00pm. For more information, please contact Patty Sucato at [patty4714@aol.com](mailto:patty4714@aol.com). Thanks to Patty Sucato and Elizabeth Snee and all who are organizing the Christmas Pageant.

Please note that **gym floor is being restored** and will be closed from December 12, to December 30.

**Raffle:** We are raffling of a beautiful painting of the Madonna and Child soon. You can buy raffle tickets (available soon) to win an original painting of the Madonna and Child. The winner will take home a 24" x 30" painting of the Madonna and Child created especially for our raffle by our own parishioner, Andrea Pascual. All proceeds from the selling of raffle tickets will help to defray the cost of repairing the church boiler. Tickets are \$4.00 each. Drawing will be on Saturday, January 28. Details forthcoming. Look for a picture of the Madonna and Child to be posted soon near the entrance of the church.

**The Spirit of Love: Marriage Enrichment Retreat**  
In celebration of World Marriage Day, St. Michael the Archangel Church in Silver Spring, MD (805 Wayne Ave.) will host a Marriage Enrichment Retreat on Saturday, February 11, 2017. *The Spirit of Love* is a Marriage Enrichment Retreat designed and presented by Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center and Center for Family Development. The retreat day will close with a special Mass, including renewal of marriage vows for retreat participants. The cost of the retreat is \$50 per couple and includes continental breakfast, lunch, and a marriage enrichment workbook. To register for the retreat, email St. Michael Parish at [smacc.marriage@gmail.com](mailto:smacc.marriage@gmail.com).

**Hope Corps:** Catholic Charities is recruiting young adults to work in teams to lead volunteer events once a month for the next year. Choose your project. Each month, Hope Corps members lead volunteers in one-time, short projects that make a big difference in a few hours: clean up a shelter, pack breakfast bags (Cup of Joe) for people who stay in our shelters, help load up food packages, and more. Hope Corps members receive training, swag, and gratitude! Visit: [www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer](http://www.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. This Christmas, 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](http://myfranciscan.org/Syria) or call 202-526-6800 extension 895.

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**Respect Life News:** On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, by a vote of seven to two (Justices Byron White and William Rehnquist dissenting) handed down the *Roe v. Wade* and companion *Doe v. Bolton* decisions which decriminalized abortion and essentially permitted it to be performed on demand. As of February 10, 2016, more than 58 million unborn children have been aborted. The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual March for Life to protest these lethal decisions will take place Friday, January 27, 2017, on their forty-fourth anniversary. At 11:45 there will be a musical opening, and at noon a rally, both to take place on the Washington Monument grounds near the corner of Constitution Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Street. The March will begin approximately at 1:00 on Constitution Avenue between 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets and end approximately at 3:00 outside the Supreme Court. In front of the Court, members of "Silent No More" will then give testimony about their abortions. At 3:30, March participants will visit their Representatives or Senators to advocate for life. The theme of the March is "The Power of One." Commenting on the theme, Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, said: "This year we sense that what our culture most needs is hope.... Hope, and especially the impact that one person can have in building a culture of life. And so our theme this year is the power of one, the power of one person to build a culture of life in" his or her "local community, family, and world." Accordingly, "rally organizers will highlight the legacy of the late" pro-life champion, "Rep. Henry Hyde, (R-Ill) who, Mancini added, "embodied a message of hope and the difference a single individual can make in society ([marchforlife.org/mfl-2017/rally-march-info](http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2017/rally-march-info); [dailysignal.com](http://dailysignal.com), 10.7.16).

**Christmas at the Monastery:** Christmas comes alive at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land. Bring the family for a free tour of the church and see full-size replicas of the Annunciation and Nativity Grottos from the Holy Land. On Christmas Eve, join the friars and their helpers at 1:00pm for the blessing and lighting of 1,000 luminaria candles illuminating the monastery's outdoor Rosary Portico and, after Midnight Mass, join a procession to place the infant Jesus at the Nativity Grotto. The Franciscan Monastery is located at 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017 (free parking/Brookland-CUA Metro/H6 bus). Information: [myfranciscan.org](http://myfranciscan.org) or call 202-526-6800

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