

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 4, 2016

Sunday, December 4

7:30 am (L) Consuelo de los Santos

9:00 am † Rita & Edward Bernier

11:00 am † For The Parish

Monday, December 5

12:00 pm † Alma Welch

Tuesday, December 6

12:00 pm † Von Stroebel Family Members

Wednesday, December 7

12:00 pm † Charles Noll

Thursday, December 8

7:30 am † Dr. Betsy Toland *The Immaculate Conception*

12:00 pm † Thomas & Emily Brewer *of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 pm † Thomas & Patricia Brewer *(Holy Day of Obligation)*

Friday, December 9

12:00 pm † DeVol Family Members

Saturday, December 10

5:00 pm † Anthony Aloï

St. Ann's Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass: Saturday, December 24:

Masses at:

5:00pm *Children's Christmas Pageant w/ Brass and Choir*

8:00pm *Brass and Choir*

Christmas Day Masses: Sunday December 25:

Masses at:

7:30am

9:00am *(Organ and Cantor)*

11:00am *(Organ and Cantor)*

St. Ann's New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve Mass: Saturday, December 31:

Mass at 5:00pm

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

Masses at

7:30am

9:00am *(Organ and Cantor)*

11:00am *(Organ and Cantor)*

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Saint Ann's Parish
Online Giving

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Thank you for using our Online Giving program at Saint Ann's Parish. Your participation allows us to effectively manage monthly expenses based on your consistent support. We encourage you to share with fellow parishioners how safe, secure and easy it is to participate in our Saint Ann's Online Giving program.

If you are not yet a participant, our Online Giving system will provide you a convenient option that you may access at any time. Your gift will be transferred from your credit card or bank account directly to Saint Ann's Church. No need to share any sensitive account information. To sign-up, please visit www.stannndc.org and click on the Financial Support icon and then click on the Online Giving logo and create an account. If you have questions, call the church's office at, (202) 966-6288 or OSV at 1-800-348-2886 ext.4.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sick Calls: Please email us at stann@stannndc.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.

Please Pray for the Sick, especially, Maureen Cullen Fitzgerald Zabatta, Margaret Singh, Olga Paez, Marian Fleming, Franklin Ponce, Curt Carnemark, Virginia Battle, Robert Raczynski, Nancy Clasen, Wanda Olechowski, Elizabeth Schumacher, Margaret Walls, Sarah Ziegler, John Finley, Tony Vegetabile, Betty Cole Dukert, and all who are ill and confined to hospitals and homes.

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.

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.** Children ages pre-kindergarten and older can participate as a shepherd, a magi, or in other non-speaking roles. We also need petition readers (grades 4 and higher) and greeters. *Signups continue at the Dec. 4 coffee and donut social after the 9:00am Mass in St. Ann's Gym.* If you want to participate, email Patty Sucato (patty4714@aol.com) and put "Christmas Pageant" in the subject line.



Volunteers Needed: St. Ann's is looking for volunteers to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Poinsettias and other seasonal plants adorning the sanctuary can instill a more full participation in the liturgy and it is our hope that through being surrounded by elegant and simple beauty, it will add to our experience, worship and encounter with Christ. If you are interested, please contact Deborah Kemp at Deborah.Kemp@live.com with your availability. We must have decorations in place no later than Friday, December 16. Alternatively, if you cannot volunteer your time but want to donate a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please check the end of your pew for the Christmas Flower Offering envelopes. Thank you in advance!

Movie and Lecture on Thomas More, A Man for All Seasons: The Oscar-winning film *A Man for All Seasons*, which depicts the life and martyrdom of Thomas More, will be shown at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine at 3900 Harewood Road, NE, in Washington, D.C., on December 3 at 1:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served afterwards followed by a lecture. Dr. Bryan Berry, a scholar on Thomas More, will speak on Thomas More's duty as Lord Chancellor of England to defend the Catholic faith against heresies and on the movie's portrayal of More's public witness to the truths of the faith.

For more information about the movie and lecture, which is part of the ongoing Thomas More Lecture Series at the Shrine, please visit www.jp2shrine.org.

Admission is free but registration is required at www.manforallseasons.eventbrite.com.

The original exhibition, *God's Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More* continues at the Saint John Paul II Shrine through March 31, 2017.

Advent Concert: Rejoice on Gaudete Sunday by coming to Advent Concert and Carols at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. on December 11, from 3:30 – 5:30pm. The concert will be based on Sacred Scripture and St. John Paul II's writings on Advent. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies during intermission and then sing along to many favorite carols. In addition, on Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00pm., the Shrine will have a Penance Service with Adoration, Confession, and Benediction. On Sunday, December 18, Blessing of the Bambinelli will take place after the 2:00pm Mass.

For more information visit www.jp2shrine.org or email events@jpshrine.org. The shrine is located at 3900 Harewood Road NE near the Brookland-CUA Metro station. Parking is available on site.

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.

Centennial Celebration of Blessed Charles de Foucauld: The Centennial Anniversary of the death of Blessed Bro. Charles de Foucauld at Tamanrasset, South Algeria, on December 1, 1916, is being commemorated throughout the International Network of the de Foucauld Fraternities and Congregations. A mini-day of presentations on the legacy of Bro. Charles, his witness among the Muslim people, and the spirituality of Nazareth that served as a center of his spiritual grounding, together with sharing by members of the of the Little Sisters of Jesus and Fraternity of Priests, will occur on Thursday, December 1, at the the Washington Retreat House (4000 Harewood Road, NE) from 10am-3pm. Arrival time is 9:30am. Eucharistic Adoration will be celebrated, and lunch will be served. The local archdiocesan Iesus Caritas Fraternity of Priests, who meet monthly, are hosting the day's events at the retreat center. In order to plan for attendees, please contact Fr. David Bava at Holy Redeemer Church in Washington, DC for further information and to indicate attendance. (holyredeemer.dc@adwparish.org; [202-347-7510](tel:202-347-7510)).

Into the Deep . . . Discovering the Depths of God in Prayer and Peace: Start Advent off right and go into the deep as author Dan Burke leads a reflection on his new book, *Into the Deep ... Discovering the Depths of God in Prayer and Peace*. Dan will delve into his testimony, the universal call to conversion, and the journey on the path of prayer to an ever-deepening union with God. In conclusion, Dan will unpack the secrets of the saints, revealing concrete steps to progress and success in prayer. This event will encourage, inspire, and draw you ever more deeply into the heart of God. Choose one of the following times and locations:

* Friday, December 2, from 6:30-10pm at St. Andrew Apostle Church in Silver Spring, MD (11600 Kemp Mill Rd.). Doors open at 6pm.

* Saturday, December 3, from 9am-12pm at St. Aloysius Church in Leonardtown, MD (22800 Washington St.). Mass at 7:30am.

The cost of the event is \$25 per single person or \$40 per married couple. Each single registrant or registered couple will receive a free copy of Dan's award-winning book, *Journey to God*, and a bag of other goodies. To register, go to SpiritualDirection.com/Events. For questions, email Events@MyAvila.com or call [203-605-8653](tel:203-605-8653).

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. All are welcome! Space is limited, so register today.