

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD DECEMBER 25, 2016

Sunday, December 25

7:30 am • For The Parish
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11:00 am • For The Parish

Monday, December 26

12:00 pm • Lina d'Silva

Tuesday, December 27

12:00 pm • Julia Anne Windgard

Wednesday, December 28

12:00 pm • David D. Hurley

Thursday, December 29

12:00 pm • Estelle M. Hurley

Friday, December 30

12:00 pm • David A Bush

Saturday, December 31

5:00 pm • For The Parish



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*)

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 at the gym after the 5:00pm Mass. Look for a picture of the Madonna and Child to be posted soon near the entrance of the church.

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.

Online Giving: Our online giving system is also an App for Apple products! You can download it and use it even if you already give through Online Giving or are new and want to create an account. Go to the App Store or OLGapp.com/IOS to download and then register by entering our church ID of Stann103



**Saint
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Electronic Giving has become easier.

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.stanndc.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@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.

National Shrine's Christmas Dinner for Those In Need:

The Basilica of the National Shrine will sponsor dinner for those who are alone or in need on Christmas Day, December 25. Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing, serving, and delivering meals as well as assisting with other logistics. Sign-up online at www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner or call the Basilica at (202) 526-8300.

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.

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 or call 202-526-6800

Host Families needed for NIH Interns: "The NIH/National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke hosts several Native American Students from reservations in South Dakota and the Arizona/New Mexico border each summer. We are in need of volunteer host families for several of our Lakota and Navajo students for some or all of the summer. If you think you can help out, For more information please contact Rita at 301-728-3970, or email: rita.devine@nih.gov."

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.

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. Call 202-526-6800 extension 895. Learn more at myfranciscan.org/Syria.

Respect Life News: A "person's right to life does not come from the parents, nor from society, nor from the community, but from God, who on the heights of Mount Sinai proclaimed, 'You shall not kill' (Ex. 20:13)." One "whose attitude conforms with the law of God accepts and treasures the priceless gift of life at any stage of its development and gives special attention and concern to the most defenseless members of the human family. Each and every human being is sacred and is called by God to an eternity of happiness with Him. There is no person not included—the fetus, children, the mentally and physically handicapped, the sick or the aged of any race or culture. From the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, the right to life is inviolable....In the eyes of God every human being is equal and of priceless value. We must see every life as having the value which it has for God" (Daughters of Saint Paul, Pro-Life Catechism, p.1-2,7

The Sunday TV Mass: Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are homebound, broadcast from the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshiping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy.

The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW-50:

- No cable; Dish or DIRECTV subscribers: Ch. 50
- Comcast: Channel 23 in Washington, DC
Montgomery County; Channel 3 in
Prince George's County and Southern Maryland
- RCN: Channel 15
- Verizon: Channel 3

Would you like to be on TV? Join the congregation at a taping of the TV Mass! Your presence at the TV Mass is a wonderful way to bring the Mass to those who are homebound. Two Masses are taped on the same evening, from 7:30-8:45pm in the Crypt Church of the Basilica at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 400 Michigan Ave., NE in Washington, DC. Come for one Mass or stay for both! Email communications@adw.org with your mailing address.

**Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year to All!**