

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Sunday, November 26

7:30 am † Anthony Aloï
9:00 am † Lina D'Silva
11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, November 27

12:00 pm † Ramon Sitja Homedes

Tuesday, November 28

12:00 pm † Marie Bartley

Wednesday, November 29

12:00 pm † Edward Haddad

Thursday, November 30

12:00 pm † Larry Benes

Friday, December 1

12:00 pm † Elizabeth Cox

Saturday, December 2

5:00 pm † Frances Holman

St. Ann's Holiday Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23:

Fourth Sunday of Advent, 5:00pm

Sunday, December 24:

Fourth Sunday of Advent, 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve

5:00pm (*Children's Christmas Pageant w/Brass and Choir*)
8:00pm (*Brass and Choir*)

Monday, December 25: Christmas Day

9:00am (*Cantor*) and 11:00am Mass (*Choir*)

Tuesday, December 26; Parish Office closed

St. Ann's New Year's Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 30:

Vigil Mass, 5:00pm

Sunday, December 31:

Feast of the Holy Family, 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Monday, January 1, 2018: New Year's Day

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00am (*Cantor*)

11:00am (*Cantor*)

No 7:00pm Mass on New Year's Day - Parish Office closed.

There will be **Confessions** heard for Christmas after each of the morning Masses on, **Sunday, December 17, 2017.**



With the Season of Advent coming up, enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts to St. Ann are received even while you are traveling for the holidays. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church **CODE: DC811**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

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.

Saint of the week: Francis Anthony of Lucera 1681 - 1742 (*Feast November 29*)



Giovaniello Fasani's foster father sent him for his education to the Franciscans in Lucera. At fifteen he joined the order and took the name Francis Anthony after the great sainted friars. In 1705, he earned a doctorate in theology. Then he began to teach at the Franciscan college in Lucera, where he spent the rest of his life. Renowned for his preaching and teaching, the townspeople called Francis Anthony "Padre Maestro." And his reputation for mercy drew many to his confessional. "I was indulgent, I don't deny it," he said, "but it was You who taught me to be so." Francis Anthony showed particular concern for the well-being of prisoners. And he initiated an annual Christmas collection of goods for the poor.

St. Ann Movie Night: Saturday, December 2. Come and enjoy the holiday classic "Home Alone" as part of the 2017 TenleyFest celebration. **Gym Doors will open at 6:00pm show begins at 6:15pm. Enter through the gymnasium doors on Wisconsin Avenue.** Light refreshments for sale. Enter through the gymnasium doors on Wisconsin Avenue. Light refreshments for sale. **Admission is free!** We encourage you to bring a new toy or new piece of children's clothing or a gift card to benefit the St. Ann's annual Angel Tree Gift Drive for needy families at the Spanish Catholic Center in Mt. Pleasant. If you can help with movie night (this is a great way for teens to earn those service hours), please email macarey@kff.org and put "movie night" in the subject line.

First Friday of the Month: Join us every first Friday of the month at 12:00noon for Mass and **the blessing for the sick with the Relic of St. Ann.** St. Ann, pray for us. Join us also after every 12:00noon Mass for the Rosary.

Eucharistic Adoration: Join us on **First Wednesdays** of the month at **6:00pm** in the church for a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. **Church doors open at 5:30pm.** This is a great way to punctuate your week with prayer.

Angel Tree: The Annual Christmas Gift Drive continues throughout November. St. Ann's partners with the Spanish Catholic Center in Mt. Pleasant to provide Christmas gifts to children of families receiving support from the Center (which is part of Catholic Charities). See our volunteers at the Angel Tree (Yuma St. Door) after weekend masses to get more details about how you can be an Angel for a child this Christmas. **Pease leave your gifts on Sunday, December 10 between 9:00am and 12:00pm in the gym.** Thank you very much to all our volunteers.

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 **Sunday, Dec. 24.** Children ages pre-kindergarten and older can participate as a shepherd, one of the Magi, or in other non-speaking roles. We also need petition readers (grades 4 and higher) and greeters. If you want to participate, please email Patty Sucato at (patty4714@aol.com) and put "Christmas Pageant" in the subject line.

Saint Ann's Boy Scout Troop 100 News: Troop 100 meets at Saint Ann's on Wednesday evenings from **7:15pm - 9:00pm** in the Collins Room. All boys ages 11-17 interested in Scouts are welcome to learn more about our program by participating in a meeting. Our troop enjoys many camping, service, character building, and other activities throughout the year. Stop by, check out: www.centurytroop.com, email bsatrop100.dc@gmail.com for more information. **Christmas Tree Fundraiser.** Troop 100 will be selling trees on **Saturday, December 2** from **8:00am until 5:00pm** at **Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church**, (just off Tenley Circle). Pre-orders can be done through: <https://squareup.com/store/century-troop>.

St. Ann's Youth Group Schedule: The St. Ann's Youth Group is open to teens in grades 7 to 12. You're always welcome to bring your friends (they don't have to be Catholic). **Join us!** Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. **Sunday, Dec. 10: Service hours opportunity for teens.** Help with Angel Tree collection at St. Ann's Gym and transportation of the gifts to the Spanish Catholic Center. Send an email to Mike at mj_iapalucci@yahoo.com. Watch for bulletin announcements and St. Ann's Families Group email for more details about upcoming activities, including service hours opportunities for the 2017, Tenleytown WinterFest and annual Super Bowl of Caring collection for Friendship Place and more. Not receiving the Families Group email? Send an email to families@stanndc.org and we'll add you to the list.

Giving Tuesday: On November 28, Catholic Charities DC will once again participate in Giving Tuesday, the unofficial kick-off to the giving season. As you shop for gifts for friends and family, be sure to include charitable giving as part of your holiday plans to support those in need. Visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/givingtuesday to donate.

Respect Life News: October 27, was the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act "passed by the Parliament of the United Kingdom." The Act "made abortion legal in all of Great Britain (but not Northern Ireland) up to 28 weeks gestation." For various reasons, there have been far fewer abortions performed in the U.K. than in the United States, nevertheless, 8.8 million unborn children lost their lives in the U.K since 1967. Notwithstanding, what some "pro-choice" proponents claim, women have also suffered from abortions. In connection with the 50th anniversary of the baleful 1967 Abortion Act, "the largest and oldest U.K. Pro-Life organization, the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children [SPUC], has released Abortion and Women's Health, an evidence-based review...of the impact of abortion on women. The fully referenced review is based on global research and lists a catalogue of physical and mental health problems linked to abortions. It was carried out by Dr. Gregory Pike, the Founding Director of the Adelaide [Australia] Centre for Bioethics and Culture...." Among the review's findings were: "women are more likely to die from any cause after abortion versus giving birth; suicide is around six times greater after abortion than after childbirth; abortion is associated with significantly higher death rates for women up to ten years after an abortion, compared with women who gave birth; women described significant grief three years after abortion; a 30% increased risk of depression and a 25% increased risk of anxiety following abortion; women who had abortions experienced mental health disorders 30% more often compared to women who had not had an abortion; depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder are also associated with the subsequent pregnancies of women who have had an abortion; women who have had an abortion are at a higher risk of psychiatric admission compared to women who keep their babies; (News at SPUC, 11.3.17; Wikipedia, passim).

The Holy Land Roots at our Church: From the Heart of the Holy Land, From Bethlehem, the City of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, "Holy Land Roots" Team is coming to our church on the **9th and 10th of December 2017**, carrying messages of Holy and Faith, they will be offering a treasure form the Holy Land, **genuine handmade religious items made by handicraftsmen/women from Bethlehem!** Don't miss the opportunity to support them, as we always hope and pray with you to keep the bridges of faith with our brothers and sisters on the Holy Land. To know more visit them online: www.holylandroots.com. *"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them".* Hebrews 6:10.

Share the Journey: Supporting Refugees and Migrants Earlier this fall, His Holiness Pope Francis kicked off a two-year "Share the Journey" campaign to encourage Catholics to support refugees and migrants through prayer and action. To show your solidarity with refugees and migrants, snap a photo of you, your friends or your colleagues reaching out and post on social media using #ShareJourney. For more ways to get involved, visit sharejourney.org.