

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2017

Sunday, December 3

7:30 am † Hotka Family
9:00 am † Lourdes Aguilar
11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, December 4

12:00 pm † Barbara de Perez

Tuesday, December 5

12:00 pm † Marie Bartley

Wednesday, December 6

12:00 pm † Terez Szechenyi

Thursday, December 7

12:00 pm † Edward Haddad

Friday, December 8 *(The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*

7:30 am † Anthony Aloï
12:00 pm † Nikola Adamovich de Csepın
7:00 pm † Patria Sun

Saturday, December 9

5:00 pm † Monica Bellevue

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 - Brass and Choir)*
8:00pm *(Brass and Choir)*

Monday, December 25: Christmas Day

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

St. Ann's New Year's Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 30:

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 31:

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

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00am *(Cantor)*
11:00am Mass *(Cantor)*
No 7:00pm Mass on New Year's Day

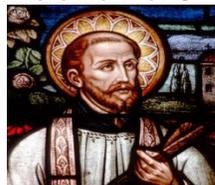
Parish Office closed on December 26 and January 1.

Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$7,074. **Thanksgiving Collection** \$650. Enroll in eGiving through @FaithDirect so you can support St. Ann from anywhere. To enroll, just go to www.faithdirect.net or download the free app and use our church code: DC811. Thank you!

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. See you on December 6 in the church.

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

Saint of the week: Francis Xavier, 1506-1552 (Feast, December 3). Known as the Apostle to the Indies and to Japan, Francis was born in Spanish Navarre, the youngest in a large family. He studied at the University of Paris, where he met St. Ignatius of Loyola, and was among the



first seven Jesuits who vowed to be spiritual soldiers for Christ. They were ordained as a group in 1537. For 11 years, from 1541 until his untimely death after only two weeks on the Chinese coast, Francis evangelized in the East Indies, Mozambique,

India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Japan. A missionary prone to seasickness who had trouble learning foreign languages, Francis is the patron saint of missionaries, Borneo, the East Indies, India, Pakistan, Japan and Outer Mongolia.

Website Contact for St. Ann's Parish: We want to thank Natalie Plumb for all her fantastic work in establishing our Parish website for the last year! Our new webmaster is **Ron Klinger**. If you would like to send him articles and photos for the website, please contact him at ronklinger@gmail.com.

Calling All Angels and Shepherds: St. Ann's welcomes your child's participation in the **Christmas Eve Pageant** at the **5:00pm Mass 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](mailto:patty4714@aol.com) at patty4714@aol.com.

Ministry of the Sick and Homebound: The Sovereign Military Order of Malta can facilitate the parish ministry for the sick and imprisoned. Kindly inform Msgr. Watkins (stann@stanndc.org) of parish members infirm, ill or imprisoned in order that St Ann's Church can extend the ministry of the parish and the Order on their behalf. The idea being that between Deacon Devaney and the cadre of Parish Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, we can get to the homes of the infirm and ill, get a handle on potential *malades* for the annual pilgrimage of the Order of Malta to Lourdes, and to be sure we enroll imprisoned parish members in the Malta Prison Ministry.

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.

Saint Ann's Boy Scout Troop 100 News: Troop 100 meets at Saint Ann's on **Wednesday evenings** from **7:15pm to 9:00pm** in the **Collins Room**. All boys ages 11 to 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.

Mother Teresa Vocation Society Annual Day of Recollection: On Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 9:30am to 2:00pm, Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, will lead a day of recollection at Annunciation Church in Washington, DC (3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW). The day will include Mass, a talk, Adoration, and an opportunity for Confession. Lunch will be served, and donations are welcomed. It is not required to be an MTVS member to attend this event! For more information, please visit www.dcpriest.org or contact Maris Moriarty at moriartym@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

Testify to the Light: Blessed Darkness. Jesus is "the Light of the World" we all seek! Our time will include an Advent Scripture Reflection, Adoration, and faith sharing. Advent prepares us to "testify to the Light" that changes pain, loss, struggles, anxiety, and disappointment into Blessed Darkness. December 10. 2:00pm to 4:00pm (\$20.00) RSVP to (202) 635-4000. Sister Sara Dwyer, ASC. Washington Retreat House Retreat Program Director.

Trinity Dome Dedication: All are invited to attend the historic dedication of the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception during the **12noon Mass on Friday, December 8**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The dedication will mark the completion of the work of the National Shrine begun in 1920 and will launch preparation for the 100th Anniversary of the laying of its foundation stone in 2020. No tickets or reservations are required. Call 202-526-8300.

Respect Life News: On November 14, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops elected Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, as Chairman of its Committee on Pro-Life Activities. Archbishop Naumann "has been a bold and sometimes controversial advocate for the right to life. Earlier this year, his archdiocese broke ties with the Girl Scouts because of" their "connection to... Planned Parenthood and other abortion activists. The move upset some parents, but the archbishop urged the change anyway. He encouraged schools and parishes to charter with ...American Heritage Girls" (AHG), an "organization for girls... that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement," whose mission is to develop "women of integrity through service to God, family and community" Among its alliances with likeminded groups is the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. The Archbishop said his decision was not easy, but he was concerned about the Girl Scouts' promotion of 'troubling trends' in society, including abortion. He also has rebuked Catholic politicians like Tim Kaine and former Kansas Governor and HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius because they oppose protections for unborn children. His election has been warmly welcomed by Pro-Life groups. Carol Tobias, president of the National Right to Life Committee, for example, commented "...Archbishop Joseph Naumann has long been a friend to the right-to-life movement, and to National Right to Life (NRLC), and has been an outspoken pro-life leader in the public square... His election to head the USCCB's pro-life efforts speaks to the importance of the bishops place on keeping the life issues at the forefront of our national dialogue. There is no doubt in my mind that Archbishop Naumann will serve as a tremendous and powerful voice on behalf of the unborn and their mothers, the elderly, and the medically dependent and disabled,...Over the years, Archbishop Naumann has been a featured speaker at the National Right to Life Committee's annual convention, and will do so again this coming summer when Kansans for Life hosts NRLC's first-ever national convention in Kansas (National Right to Life News, 11.15.17; archkck.org; americanheritagegirls.org; Wikipedia, "Joseph Fred Naumann").

The Holy Land Roots: From the Heart of the Holy Land in Bethlehem, the City of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, "Holy Land Roots" Team is coming to our church **on December 9 and 10**, carrying messages of Holy and Faith, they will be offering a treasure from 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. visit www.holylandroots.com.

Blessing of the Bambinelli & Lighting of the Christmas Tree at the National Shrine: This year the National Shrine will host its annual Blessing of the Bambinelli and Lighting of the Christmas Tree on Sunday, **December 17 at the 4:30pm Mass**. Bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to be blessed at the **National Shrine**.