

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 17, 2017

Sunday, December 17

7:30 am † Edgar Piansay

9:00 am † Donald Mohr

11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, December 18

12:00 pm † Maria Petrarca

Tuesday, December 19

12:00 pm † Rita Horbett Burns

Wednesday, December 20

12:00 pm † Kolesnik Family

Thursday, December 21

12:00 pm † Dante Pagi

Friday, December 22

12:00 pm † Thomas & Emily Brewer

Saturday, December 23

5:00 pm † Larry Benes

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

4:30pm Prelude of Christmas Carols

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

7:30pm Prelude of Christmas Carols

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*) and 11:00am (*Cantor*)

No 7:00pm Mass on New Year's Day.

Parish Office closed.

Coffee and Donuts after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses on Sundays in the Collins Room, located on the lower level of the church. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus who organize this weekly fellowship.

Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$7,134. **The Second Collection for Retirement for Religious** was \$3,264. **The Faith Direct Online Collection** for the second half of November was \$14,515. (We report to you the online giving amount twice a month). In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting St. Ann's Church, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. **Please visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC811.** Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

St. Ann's Outreach to the Elderly and Infirm: We want to learn more about the needs of our members, especially the needs of our older parishioners. In addition to this important initiative, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta can facilitate the parish ministry for the sick and imprisoned. Kindly inform Msgr. Watkins at 202-966-6288 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 Eucharistic ministers we can get to the homes of the infirm and ill, get a handle on potential maladies for Lourdes, and to be sure we enroll imprisoned parish members in the Malta Prison Ministry.

Saint of the week: Lazarus. First Century. (feast December 17). The Gospels describe Lazarus of Bethany, and his sisters Mary and Martha, as friends and disciples of Jesus. Lazarus was raised from the dead by Jesus, and he was at a banquet for Jesus just days before the Crucifixion. But Lazarus also figured in legends. In one, he, Martha, Mary Magdalen and others were set adrift in a boat that took them to Gaul, where he became a bishop and martyr. In another, he was cast off in a leaky boat that miraculously made it to Cyprus. In a third, he traveled to Syria. The 2005 Roman Martyrology gave him a shared July 29 memorial with Martha, but Cubans still celebrate their major festival of San Lazaro on Dec. 17.



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.** **Rehearsal for the Children Christmas Pageant** will be at **4:00pm on Saturday, December 23** and a final walk through on **Sunday, December 24 at 3:30pm** in the church. Contact Patty Sucato at patty4714@aol.com.

Respect Life News: In observance of the December 12th feast day of our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint of all the Americas and of the unborn, we pray: "Our Lady of Guadalupe, pregnant mother, standing against the horror of human sacrifice we place the unborn, our families, and our city, underneath your mantle of protection. Our Lady of Guadalupe, 'Patroness of the Unborn,' pray for us! "Our Lady of Guadalupe is known as the 'Patroness of the Unborn' because in the image that miraculously appeared on the tilma or cloak of Saint Juan Diego in what is now known as Mexico City, she is pregnant. This is just one of the prayers asking for Our Lady's intercession under her Guadalupe title. A 2010 prayer from the liturgy guide of the USCCB reads in part: "Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of Unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human Life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen." A novena prayer from Priests for life reads: "Oh Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of Life, we honor you as Our Lady of Guadalupe. Thank you for pointing us to Jesus your Son, the only Savior and hope of the world. Renew our hope in him, that we all may have the courage to say 'Yes' to life, and to defend those children in danger of abortion. Give us your compassion to reach out to those tempted to abort, and to those suffering from a past abortion. Lead us to the day when abortion will be a sad, past chapter in our history" (atxcatholic.com,122.11)

Is God Calling You to the Diaconate? Come and See!
The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation of the Archdiocese of Washington will begin a new cycle of recruitment and preparation of men for the diaconate. The initial selection process for the next aspirancy class will be preceded with six opportunities to "Come and See" about the permanent diaconate. These events will be held at various locations around the Archdiocese in January-March 2018. To learn more about the specific dates and locations, please contact Deacon Desi Viktor, Director of Formation, at 301-853-4582 or at vikord@adw.org. The mailing address is: Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation, P.O. Box 29260, Washington, D.C. 20017. Additional information is available at adw.org/permanent-deacons.

Mother Teresa Vocation Society Annual Day of Recollection: On Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 9:30am-2pm, 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.

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. volunteers can sign-up online at www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner or by calling the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

Cathedral Penance Service with Confessions: All are welcome to experience the love of Christ through the Sacrament of Penance at the Advent Communal Penance Service, "Come Home for Christmas," on Tuesday, December 19 at 12:10pm at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle (1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW, near the Farragut North or Dupont Circle Metro Red Line stops). Fifteen priests, including confessors in American Sign Language, Spanish, and other languages, will be available for individual confessions.

Catholic Charities Hope Corps: Catholic Charities of DC is recruiting young adults to help us engage volunteers in impactful, recurring service projects. Hope Corps members serve in teams to lead community volunteers in a project once a month thorough 2018. Volunteers for the projects sign up on line for a one-time commitment to do a project that makes a big difference in a few hours. Examples of projects include: serving meals, packaging food, cleaning up inside or out, conversations with clients to practice skills, and game nights to encourage socializing. You can view a full list of projects where Hope Corps members will serve here. Hope Corps members receive training and swag and healthy pride in doing good deeds to benefit people in great need! Contact Julie to learn more: Julie.Bodnar@CC-DC.org or apply to participate. Visit CatholicCharitiesdc.org for ongoing service opportunities across the DC area!

Thanks to our Tenleytown Winterfest Volunteers:
Many thanks to those who attended St. Ann's Movie Night on Saturday, December 2. Many thanks also to the Boy Scout Troop 100 for helping to decorate the Christmas Trees at 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 grow and maintain our ministry. At the end of January, after we close out our books, the parish secretary will be sending your 2017 contributions total to you in the mail. Please note that the parish office keeps a record of your contributions as long as you indicate your name and address on any correspondence and envelope; cash in the basket without envelope identification does not allow us to include that amount in your annual contributions. Thank you.

*Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year to all!*