

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Sunday, February 4

7:30 am † Ted Efantis
9:00 am † Metrano Paz
11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, February 5

12:00 pm † Jim Ince

Tuesday, February 6

12:00 pm † Rita Horbett Burns

Wednesday, February 7

12:00 pm † Piedad Cordova

Thursday, February 8

12:00 pm † Marie Gibbons

Friday, February 9

12:00 pm † Carmen Arias

Saturday, February 10

5:00 pm † Michael Griffin

LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Please note the special scheduled Masses with distribution of Ashes

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, February 14.

7:00am, 8:00am, 12:00noon, 5:30pm and 7:00pm.

Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays during Lent from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at 11:30am and 7:00pm

Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$6,597. 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**. God bless and thank you!!

Bulletin: We welcome any information you may wish to share with others in our bulletin each week for the good of all. Please submit your news items or articles of interest in writing to the Parish Office at least two weeks in advance, feel free to contact us via email stann@stanndc.org. If anyone would like to advertise on the back page on the bulletin, contact Bon Venture services at (800) 883-4343.

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.

Saint of the week: Joan of France 1464-1505 (*Feast February 4*). Also known as Joan of Valois, this French



foundress was the daughter of King Louis XI and the wife of King Louis XII, her father's cousin. She was mistreated by both men, and reportedly was physically handicapped from birth, though she may have been merely undersized and plain. Her husband sought to

have their marriage annulled so he could marry Joan's sister-in-law, who inherited Brittany; he succeeded in 1498. Thereafter Joan lived in Bourges, where she devoted herself to prayer and good works, and established, under Franciscan direction, the Order of the Annunciation with 11 local schoolgirls. A year before her death, she renounced all her possessions, including her title as Duchess of Berry. She was canonized in 1950.

Souper Bowl of Caring at all Masses on Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11:

The St. Ann's Youth Group is again participating in the national "Souper Bowl of Caring" to raise needed funds for Friendship Place, a local organization that helps many people each day. Thank you for supporting this project for the 14th year! Youth Group members will be at the doors after all Masses the weekend of February 10 and 11. Please give generously, every dollar really does make a difference! St. Ann's Youth Group is open to all teens in grades 7 to 12. Please email macarey@kff.org if you can help with the collection. While we usually do this collection in conjunction with Super Bowl weekend, we've moved the date this year so we don't conflict with the annual Cardinal's Appeal, which is scheduled at St. Ann's for the weekend of Feb. 3 and 4.

Cardinal's Appeal: "Seek First the Kingdom of God" (MATTHEW 6:33):

Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Cardinal Wuerl in early January. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal. The Cardinal's Appeal not only funds the operations of the archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. As we seek first the Kingdom of God, we have the capability of helping it to be present in our lives and in the lives of those around us through our works of charity, our works of love, our works of love and compassion. Contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal. The in-pew appeal collection will take place at St. Ann's on the weekend of Saturday, February 3 and Sunday, February 4 at all the Masses. The parish goal for St. Ann's is the same as last year, \$135,350. Thank you for your generosity.

Coffee and Donut Social: 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 for our benefit. If you are interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, please speak with Mr. Drew Gorman whom you can meet during Coffee and Donuts.

Eucharistic Adoration: Join us every First Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm. During your busy schedule, take a moment to visit Saint Ann's for Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. If you have been looking for something to enhance your prayer life, spend some quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Church doors open at 5:30pm. Mark your calendar to join us on Wednesday, **February 7 at 6:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.**

Respect Life News: Among the speakers at the rally preceding the 45th annual March for Life on January 19th were the president, the vice-president and the speaker of the House of Representatives. President Trump, introduced by Vice President Pence in the Rose Garden, was the first president to address the thousands of participants via video screening. Several of his predecessors (Presidents Reagan, H.W. Bush and George W Bush) had done so by telephone). He assured those gathered on the Mall that "Under my administration, we will always defend the very first right in the Declaration of Independence, and that is the right to life." Catholic speakers at the rally included Jeanne Mancini, the President of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, the successor of Nellie Gray (also a Catholic), who had organized and managed the March since 1974 till her death in 2012 at 88. Other Catholic speakers were Representative Chris Smith (R-NJ), the cochairman of the House of Representatives Pro-life caucus, Sister Bethany Madonna, vocations director of the Sisters of Life, an order founded by the late pro-life champion, Cardinal John O'Connor, Archbishop of New York in 1991. Receiving "rock-star treatment," from the crowd as the Washington Post put it, was the Speaker of the House of Representatives Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.) also a Catholic. His address reads in part: "One thing that gets lost is how compassionate the pro-life movement is....to help women who have gone through the pain of abortion, to help single mothers, to give them resources through thousands of pregnancy centers: this is the face of the pro-life movement" (March for Life website, Washington Post, 1.20.18, pages B1,2.).

Men's Retreat: Actively Engaged in the Spiritual Life: On the weekend of February 9-11, join men from around the Archdiocese of Washington for a retreat directed by Fr. Dave Wells and Fr. Rick Kramer, who will lead talks on keys for men to actively engage in the spiritual life. They will celebrate Mass and offer opportunities for Confession and to spend quiet time with our Lord in Adoration. A retreat is a time away to reconnect and recharge the most important relationship in your life - your relationship with the Lord. The Men's Retreat will be held at Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV. It is a short drive from the Washington D.C. area and provides space for

quiet reflection away from all the distractions. The cost of the retreat is \$230 for the weekend, covering a double occupancy room (two double beds and a private bath) and meals including dinner Friday night; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday; and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. To register, visit www.2018adwmen.eventbrite.com or call 301-853-5337.

Lenten Rice Bowl Dinner: Please mark your calendars for 6 PM, Sunday, February 25, 2017, for the Parish's Lenten Rice Bowl Dinner, to be held in the Undercroft. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Relief Services. Suggested contribution will be \$5 per person, \$10 per family. If you would like more information or are interested in contributing a simple dish to share, please contact Susie Hirt at susie_hirt@comcast.net or Ted Hirt at tedhirt@comcast.net, or (202) 244-4739.

Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Weekend
Upcoming weekends: Mar 8 to 11, Apr 12 to 15, May 10 to 13. Are You Ready?! You're not just planning a wedding, you're preparing for a lifetime! Our marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS Inventory included and we are a partner of the Witness to Love program! The cost for the retreat is \$295 per couple. Registration required. www.ourladyofbethesda.org, or call 301-365-0612. These weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Save the Date: First Archdiocesan Intercultural Conference. On Saturday, April 21 from 9am-5pm, the Archdiocese of Washington will host the First Archdiocesan Intercultural Conference at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. The diversity in our local Church provides new and exciting opportunities to strengthen our evangelization efforts, as well as new opportunities for encounter and accompaniment. This conference, sponsored by the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach, will help participants grow in the knowledge of the role of culture in the process of faith transmission. Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, call 301-853-5335 or email culturaldiversity@adw.org.

World Meeting of Families: Ireland 2018. The Archdiocesan Office for Family Life will participate in the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Dublin, Ireland. The 11-day pilgrimage will be from August 17 to August 27, 2018 and includes: official registration to the World Meeting of Families, visits to Knock Sanctuary, Kylemore Abbey, the Cliffs of Moher, Bunratty Castle, Folk Park, and a cruise on Lough Corrib, with non-stop roundtrip flights from Washington Dulles to Dublin and 9 nights in 3* and 4* hotels. This pilgrimage will be an important and joyful way to prepare for participation in the World Meeting of Families. Please join the pilgrimage and share the news about this exciting opportunity to gather with families from around the world in Ireland. For more information or to register, go to www.adw.org/wmof2018 or call the archdiocesan Events Office at 301-853-4561.