

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Sunday, February 18

7:30 am † Dacey Corpuz
9:00 am † Marcus Delima
11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, February 19

12:00 pm † Kvaka Family

Tuesday, February 20

12:00 pm † St. Jude

Wednesday, February 21

12:00 pm † Janet Critser

Thursday, February 22

12:00 pm † Thomas & Patricia Brewer

Friday, February 23

12:00 pm † Sinda Fernandez

Saturday, February 24

5:00 pm † Mary Criswell

LENT

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 \$6,061. **The Second Collection Faith Direct Online Collection** for the second half of January was \$13,452. (We report to you the online giving amount twice a month.) 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!!

Saint of the week:

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.

We are **looking for more volunteers for various ministries here at St. Ann's**. If interested in assisting as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher/Greeter, or Altar Server, please contact the Pastor. In addition, we are very much in need of faithful parishioners who will be willing to assist in counting the weekly Collections on Monday mornings from 7:30am until 9:00am. We are so very grateful to our money counters; yet, they need extra assistance and are looking for more help. Again, if you are willing, contact Msgr. Watkins.

Saint of the week: Chair of Peter First Century (*Feast February 22*) With this feast the church commemorates Christ's conferral of ecclesial authority on the apostle Peter and his papal successors. According to Matthew's Gospel (16:13-19), Jesus asks his followers, "But who do you say that I am?" It is Peter who answers, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus then says to him, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church... "A symbol of this authority is the "cathedra," a bishop's throne or chair in a cathedral.

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.

Lenten Rice Bowl Dinner: Please mark your calendars for 6:00pm Sunday, February 25, 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "The kingdom of God is at hand." As we begin Lent, let us try to bring the kingdom of God to our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are April 20 to 22, 2018, November 2 to 4, 2018 in Gaithersburg, MD and August 3 to 5, 2018 in Hanover, MD. Go to MOMENTS4MARRIAGE.ORG to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up!

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 Diane Biggs in the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 301-853-5345 or biggsd@adw.org. The mailing address is: Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation, P.O. Box 29260, Washington, D.C. 20017.

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.

Please note that the Parish Secretary **will be out** from Friday, February 16 to Monday, February 26. You can send your inquiries to stann@stanndc.org and we'll try our best to respond to you ASAP. Please try not to call the Rectory Office on these dates.

Respect Life News: Bishop Michel Aupetit of the diocese of Nanterre, France, was installed as archbishop of Paris on January 6. He succeeds retiring Cardinal Andre Vingt-trois. Archbishop Aupetit 66, a former medical doctor, has been described as a “vigorous pro-life advocate.” The archbishop’s vocation to the priesthood was a late one. He was ordained at age 44 after practicing medicine from 1979 to 1990. He also taught bioethics from 1997 to 2006 at the Henri-Mondor hospital center affiliated with the university of Paris at Creteil. Among his publications are *Contraception: la réponse de l'Église* (Contraception: The Response of the Church) 1999. In 2008, he published *L'Embryon, Quels Enjeux?* (The Embryo: What Are the Stakes?), a vigorous defense of the unborn child. He explains in this book: “We have tried to visit the different domains that concern the debate [over the unborn child]: biology, philosophy, history, law and anthropology, attempting to show that this is a subject of major importance for the future of man and of human civilization.” He addresses the pertinent issues in-depth, refuting objections, and pulling no punches when it comes to discussing where current trends are leading. Discussing embryo experimentation, for example, Archbishop Aupetit observes that pagans in the ancient world literally sacrificed their children on the altars of deities they thought would repay them with benefits like good crops, while today “the living human embryo is sacrificed on the altar of money.” Antiquity had its idols like Baal, but today’s “idols have changed their form: less coarse than in the past, they are called ‘money,’ ‘economic growth,’ ‘vanity,’ ‘celebrity,’ or ‘public renown.’ The victims? They are always the same.” In sum, the archbishop as a medical doctor, has the scientific background and expertise necessary to engage and respond to bioethicists and others ready to bless the next case of embryo experimentation here or euthanasia there. He is eminently qualified to proclaim and defend the Gospel of Life. (National Catholic Register, 1.6.18; internet search, passim).

Kidsave: A non-profit organization is looking for host families in July. Kidsave works with older children domestically and internationally in hopes of finding a permanent loving home. This July, Kidsave is bring 50 children from Colombia and need a host family to stay with over the 5 weeks. We are looking for families that are interested in adoption or if not, can network and find a family who are looking to adopt. Visit their website at www.kidsave.org to get more information on hosting. Contact Anelle Iapalucci at anelle.iapalucci@yahoo.com if you are interested in hosting.

Give the Gift of Service: Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back this holiday season by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

First Archdiocesan Intercultural Conference: On Saturday, April 21 from 9:00am to 5:00pm, 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. If you have any questions, call 301-853-5335 or email culturaldiversity@adw.org

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. 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. Learn more at myfranciscan.org/Syria or call 202-526-6800, x895.

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.

Spiritual Exercises Weekends: Silent weekend retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Guided meditations, time for private reflection, daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and spiritual direction. Call and find out at 301.365.0612.

Retreats for Women:

March 1-4, 2018

4-Day Retreat (Retreat Master: Fr. Stephen Ellis, LC)

March 16-18, 2018

3-Day Retreat (Retreat Master: Fr. Jacobo Muñoz, LC)

June 1-3, 2018

3-Day Retreat (Retreat Master: Fr. John Paul Durán, LC)

Retreats for Men:

February 22-25, 2018

4-Day Retreat (Retreat Master: Fr. Stephen Ellis, LC)

March 23-25, 2018

3-Day Retreat (Retreat Master: Fr. Robert Presutti, LC)