

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 4, 2018

Sunday, March 4

7:30 am † Anthony Aloï
9:00 am † Sebastian Nathan
11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, March 5

12:00 pm † Suzanne Segalla

Tuesday, March 6

12:00 pm † Donald Arias

Wednesday, March 7

12:00 pm † Rita di Mateo

Thursday, March 8

12:00 pm † Ozzie Muzzatti

Friday, March 9

12:00 pm † Vincent Sutera

Saturday, March 10

5:00 pm † Gertrude Dalton

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 parish. Through on-line giving by way of Faith Direct, you can provide St. Ann's Church with consistent support and simplify your giving without the envelopes. Thank you for your continued support to our parish family! Please contact our Parish Office at (202) 966-6288 or by way stann@stanndc.org to request cancelation of your St. Ann's Church envelopes. To enroll giving online, visit www.faithdirect.net and use our **church code: DC811**. Many thanks.

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: Frances of Rome 1384–1440.

(*Feast March 9*). This laywoman and foundress, born a Roman aristocrat, married Lorenzo Ponziano when she was 13; they had several children. In 1409, their palazzo was pillaged by Neapolitan soldiers and Lorenzo was exiled for five years, returning home a broken man. He died in 1436. Frances, known for her great charity during epidemics and civil war, organized a ladies society dedicated to self-denial and good works. It became the Oblates of Tor de Specchi, which she directed for her last four years. She is the patron saint of motorists, perhaps because she was guarded for 23 years by an archangel visible only to her. Her last words were: "The angel has finished his work. He is beckoning me to follow."

Fr. Ramonito Celestial, who has been a priest in residence at St. Ann's since last summer, has returned to the Philippines to continue the process of his legal immigration for several months. We thank Fr. Celestial for his pastoral service to us this past year. We wish him all the best.

The Young Adults meet on **Sunday, March 4 at 7:00pm** in the **parish library**. For more information, consult the website.

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.

Monthly Telephone Rosary: Join the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) to pray the Rosary on the 4th of each month at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to pray as a community by calling 605-468-8016 and inserting access code: 357090#. Questions? Contact Carol Monaco, ACCW's Spirituality Chairperson, at csmonaco@verizon.net.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Let the Holy Spirit acknowledge and increase our love for our spouses while we participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next

weekends are April 20 to 22, November 2 to 4, in Gaithersburg, MD and August 3 to 5, in Hanover, MD. Go to MOMENTS4MARRIAGE.ORG to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up!

Respect Life News: Unborn babies with Down Syndrome (DS) and other disabilities, in the past, and in the present, have been, and are discriminated against at very high rates. Shamefully, part of this lethal problem is that parents whose unborn babies have DS or other disabilities report that frequently they have been pressured by doctors and genetic counselors to abort them. Earlier this year, a CBS News reported on this shockingly discriminatory abortion trend. According to the report, nearly 100 percent of unborn babies who test positive for DS are aborted in Iceland. The rate in France was 77 percent in 2015, 90 percent in the United Kingdom and 67 percent in the United States between 1995 and 2011. Some put the rate as high as 90 percent in the United States, but it is difficult to determine the exact number because the U.S. government does not keep detailed statistics about abortion. It is known, however, that the history of our country's treatment of people with DS is barbaric. DS people were physically and sexually abused through forced sterilization. By 1981, over 60,000 people with DS and other intellectual disabilities had been sterilized. Doctors as late as the 1980s were starving DS babies to death because they considered the feeding of a baby with this diagnosis as a "lifesaving procedure." And until 1984, many doctors would refuse life-saving procedures like heart treatments on people with DS. Thankfully, Ohio has banned abortions on babies with DS. North Dakota and Indiana have passed similar legislation, while other states like Utah, Illinois and Pennsylvania are also considering similar legislation. Parishioners are earnestly encouraged to pray for the success of these initiatives. (Washington Post, 12.23.17, page A3; lifenews.com; 1.9.18; 2.6.18; 2.7.18).

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.

Student Lenten Pilgrimages to the Franciscan Monastery: Students – with their family or school group – are invited on Lenten pilgrimage at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC (1400 Quincy St., NE). Take a guided tour of the church, the replica Tomb of Christ and catacombs, and pray the Stations of the Cross (indoors or in the gardens). Each

student receives a certificate of participation with a blessing. Reservations are required for these pilgrimages. The monastery is the U.S. home of the friars who have cared for the sacred shrines and Christians in the Holy Land for 800 years. Visit myfranciscan.org or call 202-526-6800.

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

National Geographic Exhibit: "Tomb of Christ". Journey to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Tomb of Christ in an immersive exhibit at the National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC. "The Edicule" documents the historic 2016 restoration of the Tomb of Jesus. Visitors will be able to walk through a 3-D digital rendering of the rotunda in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Tomb, including a view of the newly-revealed cave walls that have not been seen in centuries. Learn more about this extraordinary exhibit plus talks and other special events at nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ.

The Sunday TV Mass: Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are homebound, broadcast from the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshipping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy.

The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW-50:

- No cable; Dish or DIRECTV subscribers: Ch. 50
- Comcast: Ch. 23 in Washington, DC and Montgomery County; Ch. 3 in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland
- RCN: Ch 15
- Verizon: Ch. 3

Would you like to be on TV? Join the congregation at a taping of the TV Mass! Your presence at the TV Mass is a wonderful way to bring the Mass to those who are homebound. Two Masses are taped on the same evening, from 7:30 to 8:45pm in the Crypt Church of the Basilica at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 400 Michigan Ave., NE in Washington, DC. Come for one Mass or stay for both! Upcoming taping dates are Thursday, March 1 and Sunday, March 18. To receive the free Celebrate! TV Mass newsletter, please email communications@adw.org with your mailing address.