THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Sunday, November 4

11:00 am ⊕ Pro Populo

Wednesday, November 7 12:00 pm Marie Plubell *(Living)*

Thursday, November 8 12:00 pm ⊕ Maria DeCastro

Thanksgiving Day Mass

St. Ann's Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held Thursday, November 22 at 10:00am only. No 12:00 noon Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

Please note that the Parish Office is closed on Thursday, November 22 (*Thanksgiving Day*) through Monday, November 26, 2017. Fridays are also the Pastor's day off.

Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass. Your online gift to our parish helps to sustain our ministry and outreach efforts, as well as ongoing repairs and maintenance to our beautiful church building. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness; please tell your friends about St. Ann's! Go to our website: stanndc.org and use our St. Ann's Church CODE: DC811

Thank you for your continued support!

All Souls: November is the month of All Souls. Please remember your deceased loved ones who have died in the Lord. You may use the envelope for All Souls or obtain one from the church tables near the doors to make an offering and list the name on the envelope of your loved one. Names are printed in the bulletin during the course of November as we receive the envelopes and record the Information for the bulletin.

End-of-Year Donations: Please remember in your generosity your end-of-year gift to St. Ann's Church which can help the parish in the new year, especially as we anticipate our 150th parish celebration 2019-2020. Thank you always for your support and care for St. Ann's Church.

Church Bathroom Renovation: We are renovating the 1947 church Men's and Women's bathrooms throughout October and November. Please use the bathrooms of the Collins Room on the lower level near the kitchen. For those who have ambulatory challenges, there is a small bathroom in the sacristy for your use. Thank you for your patience.

Saint of the Week: Zechariah and Elizabeth, first century. (Feast November 5). The first chapter of Luke's Gospel tells the story of John the Baptist's parents. Elizabeth, a cousin of Mary, is old and childless; her husband, Zechariah, is a priest in Jerusalem. Zechariah is praying in the Temple when an angel reveals Elizabeth will bear a son named John. When he doesn't believe the angel, he is struck dumb until he confirms the name John at his son's circumcision. Before John's birth, Mary, who is pregnant with Jesus, visits Elizabeth; their prayerful greetings became the "Hail Mary" and "Canticle of Mary." Luke also credits Zechariah with a canticle of praise. Elizabeth is the patron saint of pregnant women and infertile couples.

Retired Priests: Archdiocese of Washington priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue Christ's mission for decades, and in some cases, more than a half century. Our priests have been there for each of us and our families in providing spiritual support – year in and year out – for our entire lives. Please join the tens of thousands of the faithful in being there for them to assist in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service through support of the annual Retired Priests Collection. This year's retired priest collection takes place during the weekend of **November 3 and 4**. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Eucharistic Adoration: Join us this **Wednesday, November 7**th and 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, November 7 at 6:00pm.

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. For more information, email bsatroop100.dc@gmail.com.

Christmas Tree Fundraiser: Boy Scouts Troop 100 will be selling Christmas Trees on Saturday, December 1 at Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church near Tenley Circle.

Starting with the First Sunday of Advent (December 2), we will begin to offer a 7:00pm Mass on Sundays, thanks to the priests and seminarians of the St. John Society who now live in the old convent on Yuma Street.

Biddy Basketball Signups: December 1, 2018 6:15pm St. Ann's CYO announces Biddy Basketball sign-ups are going to be held in the St. Ann's Gym starting at 6:15pm (4404 Wisconsin Avenue, NW-enter the parking lot from Yuma Street NW). First come first served. THIS IS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD GRADE PARTICIPANTS ONLY, girls and boys. Games are held on Friday nights beginning December 28th thru March 1st. The fee is \$100.00/per player. Parents who are willing to coach are welcome to volunteer. Call 202-362-2088.

17th Annual Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger: SOME (So Others Might Eat) invites you to join them on Thursday, November 22 for their 17th Annual Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger. As the only Turkey Trot in the District, this is a tradition for thousands of area residents and a meaningful way to remember people in need on Thanksgiving Day. Proceeds from the 5K benefit thousands of homeless families and single adults experiencing poverty, hunger, and homelessness. At Freedom Plaza (corner of 13th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW), the One Mile Little Turkey Fun Run begins at 8:30am; the timed 5K Run begins at 9am; and the 5K untimed Run/Walk begins at 9:15am. Please visit www.some.org to register and learn more, call 202-797-8806, x1131 for additional information.

Walk to End Homelessness: Friendship Walks is a 1.5 miles fun walk around the National Mall focused on ending homelessness in the Washington D.C. region. All proceeds benefit Friendship Place, a nonprofit organization that offers the most effective model for addressing homelessness, with innovative programs that empower participants to rebuild their lives, find homes, get jobs, and reconnect with friends, family, and the community. The walk takes place on Saturday, November 3 from 10:30 am-To learn more, register to walk, or make a donation, please check out this website: http://support.friendshipwalks.org

Mother Butler Guild Dinner Dance Fundraiser November 10: The St. Ann's Mother Butler Guild invites you to an evening of dinner and dancing at St. Ann's Gym on Saturday Nov. 10 from 6:30pm until midnight. Tickets are \$15.

"Shoeboxes for The Homeless" Collection: The Youth of St. Ann will again be wrapping and filling shoeboxes with personal care items for clients of Friendship Place. We're collecting hats, gloves, scarves, socks, soap, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, combs, brushes, tissues, snack bars and other small items. Please place your donations in bins at the church entrances any time through Sunday, December 2. With sincere thanks! Your generosity last year provided items to fill more 60 boxes!

Respect Life News: The 2019 March for Life, the 46th, will take place on Friday 18 January. "Each year the March for Life board and staff choose a theme that will best contribute to building a culture of life; and as they do so, they take into account cultural norms and current events to help make their message resonate with Americans. This year, March for Life leadership draws attention to the fact that science and technology continue to reveal the humanity and life of an unborn person even in its very earliest stages." Therefore, the 2019 March for Life theme is "Unique from Day One: Pro-life Is Pro-Science." Jeanne Mancini, the president of March for Life, explained in more detail: An organism is alive when it meets four criteria: metabolism, reaction to stimuli, growth and reproduction. The zygote, the first cell formed at the moment of conception, is the earliest developmental stage of the human embryo. It is undeniably human in that it is composed of human DNA and totally different from any other human that has ever existed. DNA is present, whether it's 23 pairs of chromosomes or 22. The fingerprint that each of us has - distinguishing us from any other human on the planet -- is determined by that DNA on day one. Fetal development in its simplicity and depth is astonishing. Only three weeks after fertilization the heart starts beating. At eight weeks of pregnancy the baby has started moving around. By the 10th week of pregnancy, a baby's fingers and toes are forming. By 13 weeks, right at the end of the first trimester, the baby has fingerprints. If the baby is female, she already has more than 2 million eggs! During the second trimester, organs including kidneys begin to work, and expectant parents might even see their child sucking his thumb on an ultrasound. At 19 weeks of development a baby's senses are developing and she or he can likely recognize the mother's voice at this stage. One hundred years ago our understanding of embryonic development was very different from what it is now. Medical advancements continue to reaffirm the science behind the pro-life cause - that life begins when egg meets sperm and a new, unique, human embryo is created. Moreover, breakthroughs in science and ultrasound technology have provided a window into the womb allowing us to witness firsthand the development of life. Pro-life is pro-science, and science should always be at the service of life. (Jeanne Mancini March for Life email,18 Oct 18; Jeanne Mancini, "Pro-life is Pro-Science: Unique from Day One" Real Clear Politics, 18 Oct.18).

150th Parish Anniversary Organ Concert Recitals in 2019 at St. Ann Church: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:3pm with Vincent Dubois, Organist titular of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris France. Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 3:00pm with Nathan Laube, Organist. Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 3:00pm with Oliver Latry, Organist of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, France.

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.