

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 9, 2018

Sunday, December 9

7:30 am † Reuben Finger

9:00 am † Kevin Reyes

11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

7:00 pm † Ida O'Connell

Monday, December 10

12:00 pm † Rosemary Johanssen

Tuesday, December 11

12:00 pm † Clint Lauderdale

Wednesday, December 12

12:00 pm † Kalesnik Family

Thursday, December 13

12:00 pm † St. Lucy

Friday, December 14

12:00 pm † Emily & Thomas Brewer

Saturday, December 15

5:00 pm † Marian & Joseph O'Neal

St. Ann's Christmas Mass Schedule 2018

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve

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

8:00pm (*Brass and Choir*)

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas Day

No 7:30am Mass

9:00am (*Cantor*)

11:00am (*Choir*)

St. Ann's New Year's Mass Schedule

Monday, December 31:

12:00pm

Tuesday, January 1, 2019: New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00am (*Cantor*)

11:00am (*Cantor*)

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

Parish Office closed on December 24 & 25,
December 31 & January 1.

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.

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.

Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$6,535. **The Second Collection last weekend for Building Fund** was \$3,441. (We report to you the online giving amount twice a month). 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 very much for your continued support!

Christmas Confessions: There will be Confessions heard for Christmas **after each of the morning Masses on, Sunday, December 16 and December 23.**

Saint of the week: Saint of the Week: Our Lady of Guadalupe 16th century. (*Feast December 12*) Under this title, Our Lady is the patron of Mexico, the United States and all of the Americas, as well as the protector of unborn children. In 1531, she appeared in a vision to the peasant Juan Diego, on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City, and charged him with asking the bishop to build a church on that spot. But the bishop demanded a sign, so Our Lady had Juan gather flowers in his cloak, in December, to take to the bishop. When

Juan opened his cloak, the colorful image of Guadalupe was emblazoned on the cactus-cloth. That icon is preserved in the most famous shrine in the Western Hemisphere and Our Lady of Guadalupe continues to inspire poor and oppressed people worldwide.

Calling All Angels and Shepherds: St. Ann's welcomes your child's participation in the **Christmas Eve Pageant** at the **5:00pm Mass on Monday, Dec. 24.** Children ages pre-kindergarten and older can participate as a shepherd, one of the Magi, or in other non-speaking roles. We also need petition readers (grades 4 and higher) and greeters. If you want to participate, please email Patty Sucato at (patty4714@aol.com).

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. Stop by, check out: www.centurytroop.com, email bsatrop100.dc@gmail.com

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

Help for Marriages in Trouble: Call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@retrouaille.org.



Mother Teresa Vocation Society Annual Day of Recollection: On Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 9:30am to 2:00pm, 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.

Telephone Rosary for Healing: The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (WACCW) is hosting a telephone Rosary call from now until September 4, 2019, with the special intention of healing for all hurt by individuals within the Church. All are welcome to join the call at 8pm EST, Mondays-Saturdays, at 605-468-8016, code 357090#. For more information, contact Sharon O'Brien, at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com, and follow on Facebook at [Facebook.com/WashACCW](https://www.facebook.com/WashACCW).

150th Parish Anniversary Organ Concert Recitals in 2019 at St. Ann Church: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:30pm 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.

Parking at the Church: As a reminder, there are approximately 14 parking spaces in the alley for parish use (School side only) during the weekdays and 3 spaces on the lower school lot with signage for St. Ann's Church. While St. Albans has permission for parents to drop-off and pick-up their children for 10 minutes or so, there should not generally be a problem for daily Mass attendees at 12:00noon. However, we are noticing that there are several non-parishioner violators, and we are trying to address this issue with notices. Thank you for your patience. Please note that the school parking lot during the weekday school hours (7:00am to 7:00pm Monday to Friday) is reserved for St. Albans use according to the parish lease. On Saturdays and Sundays for Mass-goers, both the alley (School Side) and the lower School parking lot are available to St. Ann's Parishioners. On Saturdays, in particular, please try not to park in the alley or on the lower lot as "free parking" while you shop in the Tenleytown area, as parking is needed for so many groups who use the gymnasium in the evenings and on weekends. Parking has become a huge problem for all of us, so we thank you once again for your patience and cooperation.

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.

Respect Life News: The most recent 40 Days for life campaign was held in 769 cities in 50 countries. It began on September 26 and ended on November 4. As we reported for many earlier campaigns, the results of this campaign were also very successful. At abortion facilities where 40 days for life volunteers were praying, more than 400 unborn children were saved from abortion when their mothers decided not to go through with the procedure. The 40 Days website as of November 28, announced that since 2007, 15, 256 unborn children have been saved. In an indirect and unintended acknowledgement of the effectiveness of the campaigns, volunteers attracted protesters in several locations. In Madison Wisconsin, for example, members of the International Socialist Organization spent more than two hours chanting slogans to try to silence the pro-life message. Their chants included, "We're younger; we're stronger. We will be here longer." But while 40 Days for Life volunteers prayed through the night--their presence has been unbroken since September 26--the socialists went home. Their desperate pleas to "save" the abortion facility were revealing. Madison is one of the country's most abortion-friendly cities. The abortion industry shouldn't be in danger there. That we are engaged in a spiritual struggle was very evident in this Fall campaign. Not only were there socialist protesters chanting and banging pots and pans, but there were also abortion advocates dressed as Catholic priests taking part in the protests. We close with a poignant note from the grandmother of the first baby saved during this campaign: "Just wanted you to know that you made a difference in my daughter's decision today. The sign on your truck was the third message from God about this. Thank you! God bless you!" Shawn Carney, 40 Days president and CEO, in a 1 November letter adds: This note is why we pray, fast, and stand vigil in heat, cold and rain" (40daysforlife.com, 11.28, 21;10,21).

Advent Lessons and Carols: On Sunday, December 16 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) will hold an Advent concert with reflections on the Nativity story followed by caroling around the Christmas tree. For more information, contact 202-635-5400 or events@jp2shrine.org.

Evenings with the Merciful Jesus: On the 22nd of every month at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) from 7-10pm, the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy welcome you to find a deeper understanding of the Father's infinite mercy and experience the joy that can come with it. This gathering includes a thought-provoking talk, Adoration with Praise and Worship, Confession, and fellowship over refreshments. Contact 202-635-5400.

World Youth Day in DC: Join thousands of college students and young adults (ages 18 to 39) on Saturday, January 26, 2019 for a one-day Catholic festival at The Catholic University of America. Experience World Youth Day in Panama, including world-renowned speakers, live music, simultaneous streaming of Pope Francis in Panama, and authentic Panamanian culture! Registration begins late summer 2018. For more information visit www.wyddc.org #wydDC.