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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday12:00pm

Saturday Vigil Mass5:00pm

Sundays.....7:30am, 11:00am & 7:00pm

Holy Days of Obligation 7:30am, 12:00pm & 7:00pm

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Sundays 6:35pm

Monday - Friday.....12:25pm

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

First Wednesday of the month6:00pm

First Friday of the month.....12:30 to 1:30pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Email the Pastor to arrange.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45pm (in vestibule of church)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Email the Pastor to arrange.

HEALING MASS/BLESSING OF THE SICK

1st Friday of the month after the 12:00pm Mass

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Online this year. Contact dre@stanndc.org

September to May

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00am to 5:00pm (Tuesday - Friday)

Parish Office closed on Saturdays, Sundays & Mondays

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Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021

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@Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

7:30am † Thomas Bailey Brewer

11:00am † Malena Lacayo

7:00pm † Demmon Guimard

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

12:00pm † Marian Jean-Baptiste

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

12:00pm † Lina D'Silva

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

12:00pm Mim & Nick Bourke
(Living)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

12:00pm † David Thomas &
George Henry Bevington

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

12:00pm † Shin Sok Choi

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

5:00pm † Charles Barry Brewer



Year-End Contributions

At the end of January, after we close out our books, the parish secretary will be sending your 2020 total contributions tally to you in the mail. Please note that the parish office keeps a record of your contributions as long as you indicate your name and address on any correspondence and envelope. Cash in the basket without envelope identification does not allow us to include that amount in your annual contributions. If the parish accounting does not match your own record of contribution, please contact Mr. Peter Catama at (202) 966-6288 or stann@stanndc.org.

THANK YOU!***Save the Date! Thursday, March 11, 2021, 7:30pm***

Livestreamed Concert with St. Ann musicians

Tune in at: stanndc.org/music

St. Ann DC Presents:
Parish Movie Night, Online
DAY OF THE MARCH FOR LIFE 2021
The striking true story about Abby Johnson, Planned Parenthood Director turned pro-life advocate.

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021****6PM MOVIE, 8PM DISCUSSION****RSVP: [STANNDC.ORG/UNPLANNED](https://stanndc.org/unplanned)**

Event is free, but donations to St. Ann DC to help cover the movie licensing costs are gratefully accepted.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with the parish. Register online at stanndc.org/become-a-member. You can also find printed registration forms at the main entrance of the Church or the Parish Office. Completed printed forms may be mailed or returned to the Sunday collection basket or Parish Office. **Please let us know if you are relocating or moving away** by dropping a note or calling the Rectory Office at (202) 966-6288.

welcome
TO OUR CHURCH

MARCH FOR LIFE

Want to march with St. Ann's?
Contact Natalie: director@stanndc.org
or (202) 363-4460.

January 29th,
2021

Washington, D.C.



MARCH FOR LIFE

#WhyWeMarch | MarchForLife.org

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

by Frank Zapatka, parishioner

The first national March for Life took place in 1974, under the leadership of the late Nellie Gray ---- one year after the joint *Roe v. Wade* v. *Bolton* Supreme Court decisions legalizing abortion nationwide. **Since then, an estimated sixty million abortions have been performed in the United States. Even more shocking, we note that worldwide, “abortion was the leading cause of death in 2020, killing 42.6 million” unborn children according to Worldometers.**

The 2021 March for Life, the forty-eighth, will take place on January 29. The theme for this year’s March is **Together Strong: Life Unites** and highlights the critical role each person plays in building a culture of life. In preparation for the march, we are urged to pray for its success by invoking the intercession of **Our Lady Of Guadalupe, the “Patroness of the Unborn”**: “....Mary Mother of Jesus and Mother of life...Renew our hope in Him that we all may have the courage to say Yes to life and to defend those children in danger of abortion. Give us your compassion to reach out to those tempted to abort, and to those suffering from a past abortion. Lead us to the day when abortion will be a sad, past chapter in our history. Keep us close to Jesus, the life of the world who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen (“Prayer for Life to Our Lady of Guadalupe,” Priests for Life).

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, will lead the .opening prayer of the rally before the march. Archbishop Naumann is the outgoing Chairman of the US Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities. The closing prayer will be led by Cissie Graham Lynch, daughter of Franklin Graham and granddaughter of the late Rev. Billy Graham. The rally will take place on the National Mall at 12th St. between 12:00 and 1:00pm.

Among the speakers at the rally are Jim Daly, president of Focus on the Family; and J.D. Greear, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Representing students will be, Elizabeth Eller, student body president at Christendom College, Front Royal, VA. Tim Tebow, a two-time national champion, first-round NFL draft pick, Heisman Trophy winner and New York Times bestselling author, will speak virtually. Marchers will be addressed in person by retired NFL player Benjamin Watson and his wife Kirsten Watson, authors, speakers, podcasters, movie producers, and parents of seven. Matthew West, the GMA Dove Award®-winning and GRAMMY Award®-nominated artist/songwriter, will be performing at this year’s Pre-Rally Concert from 11:00am to noon.

The march itself will be led by students from Christendom College who will carry the march banner; students from Immanuel Lutheran School in Alexandria, VA will carry the flags. The hours for the march are 1:00 to 4:00pm. Marchers will proceed up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court. Following the march, in front of the Court, “Silent No More” testimony will be heard from women who have had, and now regret their abortions. March participants may also advocate for life issues at the congressional offices of their Representatives and Senators.

On the evening of the march, during the annual Rose Dinner (7-9 p.m.), held virtually this year, the Pro-Life Legacy award will be made. This year’s awardee is **Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Carl Anderson**. He “is a former Professor and Dean of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute, [for Marriage and Family] former Special Assistant to President Ronald Reagan, and current Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. He has dedicated his career to furthering the pro-life cause through policy, education, and through his tireless pro-life work with the Knights of Columbus.”

Those who cannot attend the march in person, may go virtually by registering at marchforlife.org

Sources: lifenews.com, Jan.1, 2021; worldometer.info; marchforlife.org, passim.

FAITH AND REASON IN THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT

BY: THE PASTOR, MSGR. JAMES WATKINS

Having concluded the celebration of the Christmas Season recently, we continue to reflect on

the significance of the birth rites of the Child Jesus, culminating liturgically with the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple forty days after his birth (February 2). This is a time for us to underscore the unique distinction which our Christian religion gives to the world, that is God is no longer known through distant signs and symbols, mere prophetic utterances or through signs of nature, but up close and personal...indeed, so close and personal that He takes on human flesh by means of His greatest creature, a woman. In the doctrine that God takes on flesh in the Incarnation of Jesus of Nazareth, we hold dear what no other religion has ever (or will ever) proclaim: God becomes Man at conception in a real and natural womb of a mother.

All of this bears on the dignity and purpose for each human life, as each human bears resemblance to the divine man, Jesus Christ. Moreover, that dignity is not something we impose on human nature; rather, it is human nature itself (like all natural beings) which first informs us of what it is: human life begins not when we say so but when it in itself begins. Biology and all the natural sciences attest to this truth which, only politically and through the strange thinking of some forms of contemporary philosophy, would challenge that natural understanding of how something potentially human becomes actually human. The language of physics (potency and act, or potential energy vs. actual energy, etc.) gives us a profound insight into the whole subject of how things move, how they become. In the case of human life, potential human life is not actually human life until it becomes actually so. Since biology and physics can point to the actuality of a unique human cell life at conception, then human nature begins there and not at some later point. Indeed, if human life began at a later point in time, it would have to already have within itself the potency for being human, which means it would have to already be human before it could be human: seemingly a problem to explain by those who say it (the human) is not human yet (or a human person) -- a contradiction.

All the other arguments for "Rights" or "Freedom of Choice" or the bizarre "distinction" between "human" and "person", etc., all stem from a misunderstanding of the biology and physics of natural beings. It's important to know that historically this kind of ignorant thinking is the consequence of some pretty strange relativism which has its Western roots in the worst interpretations of Descartes' "I think, therefore, I am." It's not what I think is the truth; it's what nature itself tells me is the actual fact.

Anyway, **I teach metaphysics and apologize for what some might deem too speculative for the issue at hand regarding human life. However, I would argue that this is exactly the kind of thinking (through the lens of scientific reason rather than religious faith – with all respect) which needs to re-emerge in the defense of human life – not to the exclusion of religious faith statements but in concert with them.** The pro-life movement is not simply a Catholic thing, a religious thing; that's exactly how the opposition would like to frame the debate. It is a debate that can be argued on naturally scientific terms – of course, elevated by the profound supernatural gifts of God and the specific doctrine of the Incarnation of Jesus and the Motherhood of Mary. As members of Catholic Church, we are called to defend the Faith against the enemies of religion; I would add that the enemies of religion are also the enemies of true reason (which is also a Catholic understanding of the intimate relationship of faith and reason (fides et ratio). To this purpose, natural reason can underscore the faith we believe and assist us effectively in explaining the faith intelligently to those who would relegate the Pro-Life movement and our arguments about the dignity of human life as exclusively "religious" and therefore prejudiced by "faith" alone. The dignity of human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death is not only a faith statement; it is also a natural understanding. As "grace perfects nature," then, in God's taking on human life in Jesus Christ through the Blessed Virgin, that dignity we bear is not only supernatural but clearly naturally endowed and to be safeguarded at every point of its actual existence. God bless.

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