

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025



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4001 YUMA STREET NW / WASHINGTON, DC 20016

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday 12:00pm
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00pm
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

Fridays 12:30 to 1:30pm
First Fridays (not June, July & August) ... 7:00 to 8:00pm

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MATRIMONY
Email the Pastor to arrange.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45pm. Sunday 6-7pm.
Wednesdays 7-8pm during Lent (not Ash Wednesday).

HEALING MASS/BLESSING OF THE SICK
1st Friday of the month after the 12:00pm Mass

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)
September to May. Contact psr@stanndc.org

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September to May. Contact director@stanndc.org

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@Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MAY 25

7:30am † Daisy Damalagan

11:00am † *Pro Populo*

7:00pm † Peggy O'Bryant

MONDAY, MAY 26

12:00pm † Lina D'Silva

TUESDAY, MAY 27

12:00pm † Lloyce West

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

12:00pm Linda Mendoza (*Living*)

THURSDAY, MAY 29

12:00pm Catherine Nabukalu
(*Living*)

FRIDAY, MAY 30

12:00pm † Concha Catama

SATURDAY, MAY 31

5:00pm † Amy Ruth Bryant
Bolton

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI!

On Sunday, May 18,
at the 11:00am Mass,
these students were
confirmed! *Praise God!*

Please pray for them, by name:

James Backfield

Benjamin Chema

Stanley Chema

Coco Chiu

Scarlett Doherty

Seamus Dwyer

Elena Gullo

Adair Hersey

Aarik Luke

Sienna Monaco

Skyler Peiris

Christian Sands

William Thomas Torres

Julian Tipton

Everett Stowe-Utsick

Penelope Waggoner

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with the parish. Register online at stanndc.org/member or find print registration forms at the entrances of the Church! **Please let us know if you are relocating or moving away** by emailing or calling the Rectory Office at (202) 966-6288.

welcome
TO OUR CHURCH

RECENT PARISH EVENT PHOTOS!

Friendship Place empowers participants to rebuild their lives, find homes, get jobs, and connect with friends, family, and community, permanently!

On Saturday, May 3, parishioners Debbie, Mac, Elena, Aicha, Kristin, Marley, Kevin, CJ, Elsa, Nancy, Joan, Kathleen, Alexis and Lydia joined the Friendship Place Walk on the National Mall to end homelessness. **Their St. Ann DC Team collectively raised \$1,500 (and counting) to benefit Friendship Place!**



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FULL-TIME PASTOR WITH A PART-TIME JOB

As pastor of St. Ann Church in Northwest Washington, Rev. Msgr. James D. Watkins has also been teaching undergraduates as a lecturer in philosophy at The Catholic University of America since 1990. After 35 years of teaching at his alma mater where he earned his Bachelors and Masters degrees in philosophy, he has decided it's time to retire from that part-time service. "It has been a wonderful experience to teach so many students and to help to open their minds to good, critical thinking," he said. "I also learned a good deal about effective teaching from the students themselves." At the May 2025 CUA commencement ceremony, Professor Watkins expressed his appreciation to the School of Philosophy: "These 35 years of teaching have been my way of giving back to CUA in profound gratitude to the outstanding professors who formed my thinking skills when I was a student [1979-1984], especially Professors Sokolowski, Wipple, Prufer, and Dougherty."

He often reminded students that philosophy is essentially about making good distinctions: "I am convinced that making good and clear distinctions is a key function in critical thinking – for any vocation, career or job. I often tell my students that by the end of the

semester's mid-term exam, they will begin to distinguish between truth and opinion, the absolute and the relative, the natural and the artificial, substance and accidents, potentiality and actuality, good and evil, necessity and possibility, the one and the many, sameness and difference, real analogy of being, as well as other classic distinctions which are keys to knowing objectively being vs.



Professor Bradley Lewis, Dean of the School of Philosophy at The Catholic University of America, congratulates Professor James D. Watkins at the May 17, 2025 CUA Commencement Ceremonies, acknowledging his 35 years of teaching with the Dean's Award for Outstanding Service to the School of Philosophy.

non-being.” He also noted his own excitement about teaching: “What is always rewarding as a teacher is to see students go from feverishly trying to write lecture notes to watching them listen intently and to wonder about the subject matter --- to wonder clearly and not wander aimlessly. That’s when I could tell that they were beginning to really think – to move from the world of opinion to reality of truth.”

On the function of teaching in the art of preaching, Msgr. Watkins noted, “Lecturing in philosophy has greatly enhanced my ability to preach and to celebrate the sacraments. The challenge to effective preaching is to know essentially what you want to say and then to develop that theme with vivid metaphors and analogies which illustrate a key point ... and always try to make a good distinction which people can remember. A lot of well-meaning preaching gets muddled and loses people’s focused attention. State the thesis, develop it clearly around a distinction, and know when to land! More can be said in 10 minutes and much less in 25 minutes.”

Regarding the relationship between Faith and Reason, he says, “Curious to know, we all have a natural desire to know God and His real existence in our lives. We also desire to know why we believe what we believe as Catholic Christians: reasons for the faith and faith-filled reasoning. A clear grasp of classical philosophy helps to achieve that purpose. Such clear thinking is essential to effective evangelization. There is no way that Grace can elevate our Nature unless we take the Natural very seriously; this is critical to good theology and good Catholic Faith. That’s why good philosophy is required to safe-guard authentic Catholic theology, morality, spirituality, and pastoral ministry. Without it, things become blurred, strange, and confusing.”

Pastor Biography:

Monsignor Watkins is a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington and Pastor of St. Ann Church in Washington, DC since 2016. He attended St. Anselm’s Abbey School in Washington, DC. As a Basselin Scholar at CUA, he earned his B.A. (’83) and M.A. (’84) in philosophy from CUA. He attended the Pontifical North American College in Rome and received his S.T.B. (’87) from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) and his S.T.L. (’89) from the Pontifical Gregorian University before being ordained to the priesthood in 1989. He received his doctorate in philosophy from the Angelicum in 1997. He is also the Chief Chaplain in the Order of Malta.

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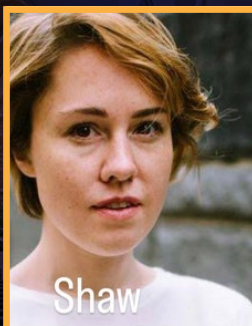
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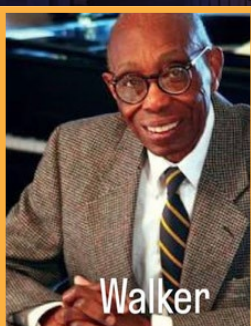


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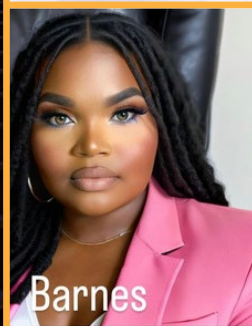
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