

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

EUCHARISTIC 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

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM September to May. Contact director@stanndc.org

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

September to May. Contact director@stanndc.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00am to 3:00pm Tuesday - Thursday, 11:00am to 3:00pm Friday, Closed for Lunch 12 to 12:30pm

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2025

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Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:30am † Francisco Aguirre

11:00am Tony & Lynn Cancelosi

(Living)

7:00pm † Eduardo DeLa Cruz

Monday, September 22

12:00pm † Eligio Jimenez

Tuesday, September 23

12:00pm † Nora Mary Zimmerman

Wednesday, September 24

12:00pm † Fr. Richard Poetzel C.S.S.R.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

12:00pm † Phil Rosenthal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

12:00pm † Lina D'Silva

Saturday, September 27

5:00pm † Milagros Nucom DeLa Cruz



First Friday Holy Hour

at St. Ann

Friday, October 3

at 12:30pm and 7:00pm

St. Ann Youth Program Hosted by the St. John Society



Middle School

Find a solid Catholic community, get answers to your questions, and experience Jesus personally.

Sundays 5pm | St. Ann Undercroft*

*Enter at iron gate @ Wisconsin & Nebraska Aves



High School

A program centered around the works of mercy showing faith in action with Christ in the center.

Sundays 5pm | St. Ann Gym*

*4404 Wisconsin Avenue NW

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 by emailing or calling the Office at (202) 966-6288.





ST. ANN | TENLEY CIRCLE

ST. ANN FLEA MARKET

Sept. 27, 9 am-5 pm Sept. 28, 9 am-3 pm 4404 Wisconsin Ave NW DC

Market will be in the gym.

Event proceeds benefit youth and community programs



Faith Direct to Transition to Parish Soft Beginning October 7!

In the coming months, Faith Direct will upgrade to ParishSOFT Giving. Your account and payment information will transfer securely — no need to create a new account or re-enter your details. After the upgrade, you'll log in to ParishSOFT Giving to manage your giving or make updates.







First Friday Healing Mass with St. Ann Relic at St. Ann Friday, Oct. 3 at 12 noon





GIVE BACK

Weekly Parish Collection Totals & How to Give Online:

The Offertory Collection the weekends of August 30 and September 7 was \$9,159.

The Online Faith Direct Total Deposit for September was \$14,801.

Faith Direct is convenient, free and saves us money. Already using Faith Direct? Please contact our Parish Office at (202) 966-6288 or stann@stanndc.org to cancel your St. Ann's Church envelopes.

Make a 1-Time Gift:



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OCIA CLASS OF 2025 TESTIMONY

by Christina Revolus, parishioner

THIRD OF A SERIES

Nothing is impossible for God. I know this because He saved me, a sheep so lost she mistook brambles for green pastures, and He did it through my husband, a

tenured atheist whose favorite pastime in college was debating Christians in Bible study until they doubted their faith. Yes, somehow God took two sinners who loved sinning and steered our hearts to him through each other.

To understand how far into depravity and brokenness God's grace extends, I have to tell you of our past before we met. I was born to parents who wanted desperately to serve God, to give up luxury and safety for the missionary life, to save souls for His kingdom. Unfortunately, they were misled in their passion for Christ and ended up in a cult, *The Children of God*. Despite their love for God and good intentions, the theology and praxis of the group was twisted, and

When I rejected the teachings of the cult, I rejected God, as well. I couldn't distinguish between the truth and the lies, so I rejected it all. From age 13 to 24, I did what was right in my own eyes. I held onto the Christian values of service, justice and charity, and wanted desperately to heal the world, but I was sucked into hookup culture and radicalized in leftist politics. I used people for pleasure and justified it because it was consensual. I raged at people who thought differently than me and called it social justice. I guilt-tripped myself over and over and called it reparation. I cheered on my friends who sold their bodies for money and called it inclusion and support. I didn't think about God or religion except to repost a meme mocking the Virgin Mary or the "sheep" mentality of religious people, all the while practicing a false religion and worshiping false gods without even knowing it. It wasn't until I met my husband that I started wrestling with God, and in the summer of 2024, after years of tears, questions and frustration, God spoke to me during the Holy Spirit Alpha retreat hosted through the St. John

every single one of my siblings and I were abused in many ways for many years.

My husband was on a steady path of atheism for 10 years when we met. He, too, was raised with a false version of Christianity, Seventh Day Adventism. He was devout as a child, even being selected to preach a sermon to his peers and arguing with his friends about their souls when they ate unclean food. However,

Society here at St. Ann Catholic Church, and I've been his follower ever since.



Cardinal Wuerl blesses Nate and Christina Revolus, with child, before the Easter Vigil 2025. Msgr. Watkins, our pastor, looks on with joy.

when he started asking questions at the end of high school, he realized his pastor had no answers, and the atheists on YouTube seemed to have way more knowledge than his church. Like me, he couldn't discern the truth from the lies, so he rejected Christianity and God altogether.

It was heartbreak that led him back to God. Despite his desire for marriage and family, he chose self-indulgence. Despite his professions of love and commitment, he pursued pleasure wherever he could find it. He realized that he was failing to live up to his values, and that he had no foundation for those values in atheism. On a phone call with his cousin, he finally realized that the ultimate act of love he witnessed in his life was that of Jesus on the cross. He knew that if it were up to him alone, he would never be able to love, and he would fail as a husband and a father. He knew he needed to fix his gaze upon Christ if he wanted a chance of having a healthy, whole family of his own.

So, in December 2020, Christ led a raging leftist with horrible misconceptions about how to heal this broken world and an overconfident atheist with a desire to love better together over a backyard fire, and 4.5 years later, on Easter 2025, we were both baptized into the Catholic Church. The miracle He worked for our salvation is only just the start. He has continued to provide and guide our family in the most incredible ways over the years, and we are so excited to see how He uses us in His salvation plan for other lost sheep.



Palisades Georgetown Lions Qub LIONS CRAB FEAST & Bake Sale

Friday, October 3, 2025

7:00 - 9:30 P.M.

St Ann's Gym 4404 Wisconsin Ave. NW Washington, DC 20016 (enter parking lot from Yuma Street)



Tickets:

"All You Can Eat" Crabs Non-Crab-Lover Dinner Children 7 and Under \$55 In Advance; \$60 At the Door \$10 FRFF

For tickets online, use QR code or this link: <u>Lions Crab Feast & Bake Sale Tickets</u>, <u>Fri, Oct 3, 2025 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite</u>. VENMO accepted at the door. For more information or tickets, call 202-362-2088, visit the DC Palisades Georgetown Lions Club Facebook page, or email <u>jimkernan4811@gmail.com</u>.

Proceeds benefit Lions' charities (blindness prevention & sight restoration, aid for the hearing impaired, support for children experiencing pediatric cancer, and support of diabetes research), as well as many local charities.

ST. IRENAEUS MINISTRY FOR ADULT FAITH STUDY



"THE GLORY OF GOD IS A PERSON FULLY ALIVE."

Please join us as we launch the St. Irenaeus Ministry for Adult Faith Study! This ministry is for those who want to understand our Catholic faith more fully, experience it more deeply and make it more relevant to our everyday lives.

OUR FIRST STUDY—
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: A HISTORY

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