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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 6:30-7:30pm.
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 from 12 to 12:30pm

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

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Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30am † Gerda Ritschel
11:00am *Pro Populo*
7:00 pm † Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Munoz

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

12:00pm Ramon Roldan
(Living)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

12:00pm † Nora Weir

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

12:00pm † Elizabeth & Frederick
Cox

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

12:00pm † Fredrick Cox

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12:00pm † Robert Deac

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:00pm † Geraldine Ryan



First Friday Holy Hour at St. Ann
Friday, February 6
from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

First Friday Healing
Mass with St. Ann
Relic at St. Ann
Friday, Feb. 6
at 12 noon



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

The weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between you and your spouse that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. Upcoming experience are:
February 13-15, 2026 - Waynesboro, VA
March 6-8, 2026 - Hampton, VA

For more information please
call 757-690-1369 or to register,
go to WWME.org, click
"Apply" and search for your
desired location.



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.

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SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Volunteer with us!



Contact volunteer@stanndc.org

Visit stanndc.org/volunteer to sign up!



RESPECT LIFE NOTES

by Elise Ketch, parishioner

Welcome back to Respect Life Notes and Happy New Year! I'm Elise Ketch, a local Catholic and professional pro-life activist, taking over for beloved parishioner Frank Zapatka, who wrote RLN for several decades. Thank you for your service, Frank! Let me catch you up on the pro-life news since last April.

Over the summer, Congress passed the “Big Beautiful Bill” and President Trump signed it on July 4th. In this bill was a provision to defund abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, of federal Medicaid funds for the entire year. At first this may seem like a defeat, not a win – after all, don't we want Big Abortion defunded for good? But the great news is, all it takes is losing one year of funding for the abortion industry to start going bankrupt.

And the proof is coming in – according to Operation Rescue, at the end of 2025, the U.S. now has 10 fewer abortion clinics than in 2024! Planned Parenthood in particular has taken a sizable hit, shuttering 64 of its facilities, including its flagship Manhattan location in March (thanks in part to the amazing Witness for Life performed by faithful Catholics every first Saturday) and its Houston mega center in August (which was known for its role in the trafficking of aborted baby parts for research.) And according to the Guttmacher Institute, the total abortions in the U.S. for the first half of the year went down 5% compared to the last year! (This is partly attributed to the enforcement of Florida's Heartbeat Act.)

Praise be to God that two of the most notorious third-trimester abortion clinics in the US closed this year as well. The Boulder Abortion Clinic closed in April because the infamous abortionist Warren Hern retired. And right here in Foggy Bottom, DC, the Washington Surgi-Clinic's business license was found to be expired in September, and it was confirmed that they are no longer scheduling appointments. This was discovered after a campaign in June by Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust's DC chapter to close the facility for good, in which activists exposed that the abortionist Cesare Santangelo was performing dangerous surgical abortions with his arm in a full cast. They established [HurtBySurgi.com](https://www.hurtbysurgi.com), inviting victims of malpractice by Washington Surgi-Clinic to come forward. (Washington Surgi-Clinic is the facility from which leaders of Progressive Anti-Abortion Uprising recovered the bodies of 115 babies, including three third-trimester babies who appear to be victims of partial-birth abortion and infanticide. Learn more about them at [Jfor5.com](https://www.jfor5.com).)

If you're interested in fighting the remaining third-trimester abortion facility within the DC city limits, then please consider joining parishioners from St. Ann's and the Cathedral of St. Matthew every first Saturday of the month to witness the dignity of DuPont Clinic's victims with an hour of prayer. We gather outside of St. Matthew's at 10:30am, walk over to DuPont Clinic by 11am, and have fellowship after around 12pm. Each time we pray, people ask us why we are there; we are thus able to spread awareness of this grave injustice occurring in our city, and people are often appalled to learn that babies as old as 33 weeks gestation are killed here for any reason. **The next witness is scheduled for February 7th, 2026.** *If you can't join us in person, please consider praying for the closure of DuPont Clinic!*

Another win over the summer was the Supreme Court decision in *Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic*, which ruled that states can defund abortion businesses of Medicaid dollars. However, our tax dollars are still at risk of being used to fund abortion. Just two weeks ago in January of 2026, President Trump urged GOP representatives to be a “little flexible” about the inclusion of the Hyde Amendment in future bills, which prohibits federal funding of abortion. Thankfully, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson said “I'm just not gonna allow that to happen.” Please, contact your representatives and urge them to keep Hyde alive!

Did you know that the largest peaceful civil disobedience movement in America – garnering over 70,000 arrests – began right here in the DC area? On August 2nd, 1975, in Rockville, Maryland, seven women were arrested for performing a sit-in at the Sigma Reproductive Health Center. On August 30th, 2025, five of the sit-in participants and organizers reunited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the birth of the pro-life “Rescue” movement. You can watch a full recording of their speeches by searching for “Sigma Seven Sit-In” on YouTube. Meanwhile, on December 5th, 2025, Rescue was “resurrected” by pro-lifers who performed a peaceful blockade of the entrance of a Planned Parenthood in Memphis, Tennessee, which is known to be assisting in the trafficking of women out of state for abortions. Seventeen pro-lifers were arrested during this action. More recently, Rescue Resurrection demonstrated against the abortion pill on January 22nd, 2026 in front of the HHS headquarters in Washington, DC. More information about these and future events are available at [RescueResurrection.com](https://www.RescueResurrection.com).

Of course, the national March for Life took place on January 23rd in DC and was a rousing success, with thousands of people showing up for the unborn. The week before, the grassroots group Virginia for Preborn Justice hosted a week of action in Richmond, Virginia to combat the upcoming amendment being proposed as a ballot initiative to change Virginia's constitution with the goal of codifying abortion as a “right” through all nine months of pregnancy. To get involved with their work, visit [VirginiaForPrebornJustice.com](https://www.VirginiaForPrebornJustice.com). Also, last week, local Consistent Life Ethic campaign Horror & Hope both attended and hosted several events in the DC area with the goal of spreading the CLE message (an outgrowth of Catholic Social Teaching) that many pro-lifers also care about war, immigration, assisted suicide, the death penalty, and other injustices alongside abortion. They were inspired by the fact that the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision and the day that the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons went into effect are both January 22nd. View their efforts at [HorrorAndHope.com](https://www.HorrorAndHope.com).

Let's pray that 2026 will be a year of LIFE! Peace and blessings!

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

by Msgr. James Watkins

Dear Friends in Christ,

The turning of the calendar to February means Lent is just around

the corner. This also means it is the time of year when I will again ask you to make a gift to the Annual Appeal in support of the many charitable works of our Archdiocese.

You've been generous in providing for our parish needs. Your support of the Annual Appeal is in many ways an extension of your parish support. It is a critical source of funding for everything from seminarian formation to life and family ministries to pastoral and social outreach, all of which directly or indirectly impacts our parish and local community.

At the same time that the Annual Appeal strengthens our parish life, it also unifies us as the Church of Washington in caring for the spiritual and

other needs of those beyond our parish boundaries and even outside our Catholic faith. We are able to accomplish together what we could not do on our own.

As in every year, 100% of your gift to the Annual Appeal is restricted to the ministries that are a part of the Annual Appeal and will not be used for any other purpose. Learn more about the 2026 Appeal: give.adw.org

Thank you in advance for your prayerful commitment to the 2026 Appeal. Your steadfast generosity is not only a source of inspiration for me, but also a force for good. I pray that God will continue to bless you and bring you peace and joy!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Msgr. James Watkins



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Mass with Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala



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Registration Required
by Tuesday, February 3 at Noon:
stanndc.org/wedding

SAINT BLAISE
Pray For Us



**Blessing of Throats:
After 12:00pm noon Mass
on Tuesday, February 3, Honoring St. Blaise
*Who is he?***

A physician and bishop of Sebastea in historical Armenia (modern Sivas, Turkey), St. Blaise was martyred for the faith. In the Latin Church, his feast

falls on February 3; in the Eastern Churches on February 11. The first reference we have to him, is in manuscripts of the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, a court Physician of the very end of the 5th or the beginning of the 6th century.

There, his aid is invoked in treating objects stuck in the throat.

Youth Ministry at St. Ann

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

John 10:10



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