

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 28, 2018

### Love in Action!

This weekend we launch our Cardinal's Appeal effort for 2018. As you know, founded in 1969 by the late Cardinal O'Boyle the annual appeal fund hundreds of ministries and apostolate for outreach, pastoral care, ministry, evangelization, and education/scholarships and spiritual formation throughout Washington and our 5 Maryland counties. Since then, the Appeal has delivered millions of dollars to provide loving care, education and leadership to people throughout our community in the range of \$14-15 million worth of donations per year. Please give what you can, and if you can support a generous pledge paid out through the year there are many ways that you can contribute. On our own campus of Nativity, the Cardinal's Appeal is paying for the education of our beloved parishioner and seminarian Ebuke Mbnude; Fr. Evans was educated for 7.5 years for the Priesthood 100% of it coming from the Appeal. Our former convent now the Catholic Charities women's shelter on our campus is 100% funded through Cath. Charities of DC operation budget provide by The Appeal. Our Catholic young people on secular campuses of G.W., Univ. of Md., and Howard are ministered to by Chaplaincy programs funded by the Appeal. Prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift! Cardinal O'Boyle established the Appeal in 1969 to meet the critical needs he saw in our own community. Today all 143 parishes/missions participate and respond to specific goals for giving. Today all 143 parishes/missions in our archdiocese participate in the Appeal and have individual goals for giving. Here are results from recent years.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor

**9 Days for Life!** Thank you to all who prayed and sacrificed during the March for Life and the 9 Days for Life. To learn where you can help, or more about Post-Abortion Healing, Project Gabriel, and other pro life ministries please visit [www.adw.org/life-issues/](http://www.adw.org/life-issues/)

**Sacred Heart League** will meet Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> after the noon mass, in the music room.

### ATTENDANCE REPORT

1/21/18

**Attendance: 458 souls**

**Offerings & Tithes: \$7,053**

**Spanish Mass: \$624**

**Utility fund: \$443**

**Christmas offerings: \$500.00**

Thank you to the Sacred Heart League for their Christmas donation!



**Rest in peace**

**Deacon Richard Anthony Fisher**, 83 of Ft. Washington, MD passed away on January 19, 2018.

**Deborah Kirkland**, 100, passed away on January 24 Funeral will be at Nativity on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am.

**Mary Wood**, our long time help with flower decoration died Jan 9. Her funeral was held at St. Martin's on Jan. 26th. Her daughter Karen will continue her legacy and business. We are grateful for her hard work and pray for her repose.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto them Oh Lord!



**Vocations Tree:** Vocations do not fall from heaven. Like anything in God's plan, they being small like a seed, need nurturing, the light of God, care from others, inspiration, trimming, and care. Nativity parish, symbolized by a new year-round Christmas Tree will continue to regularly pray for vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life from our parish and help those in our Archdiocese. Please take a card and choose a DC Seminarian to pray for. You can write to him pray for him or make other efforts of your choosing to support him. DC "Sems" as they are called study at Catholic Univ., Mount St. Marys, Emmitsburg, Md.; and the Pontifical North American College of Rome where US, Canadian and some Australians study. ALL DC sems must begin with two years at our own St. John Paul 2nd Seminary or the Missionary Seminary "Redemptoris Mater" (Mother of the Redeemer) part of the Neo-Catechumenal Way, a church movement. Meet the sems at [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org) for more on all religious or consecrated life visit [www.adw.org/vocations](http://www.adw.org/vocations)



# Mass Intentions

**January 27 – February 3, 2018**

Sat. 1/27	8:00a	Miles Xavier Willis (thanksgiving)
	4:30p	+Napoleon Lleander
Sun. 1/28	8:00am	Russell & Conchita Garcia (50th. Wedding Anniversary)
	10:00a	Mr. & Mrs. Everett Crosson (40th. Wedding Anniversary)
	1:00p	People of the Parish
Mon. 1/29	Noon	Laura Carrera
Tue. 1/30	Noon	+Timothy Gronotte
Wed. 1/31	Noon	Luis Castillo (birthday)
Thu. 2/1	Noon	Marissa Lewis
Fri. 2/2	11:00a	+Deborah Kirkland funeral
Sat. 2/3	8:00a	Homebound and sick parishioners
	4:30p	+Winslow Vickerie

**Please pray for the sick of our Parish:**

\*Amina Anderson-Pringle, \*Ann Butler, \*Shawn Coleman, \*William Corbel, \*Maria Cruz, \*Maurice & Flora Detiege \*Isel Fitzgerald, **\*Dion A. Fortune**, \*Linda Foster, \*Ruth Foster, \*John Green, Sr., \*Janet Henery, \*Blanca Hernandez, \*Lawrence C. Hill, \*Lee Hobbs, \*Francis Howard, \*Helen Hurd, \*Larry Ivy, \*Geraldine Jones, \*Odile Kalla, \*Michael Kelly, \*Busara Keneddy, \*Claude Kolthoff, \*Betty Lawton, \*Yavonna Lewis, \*Sandra Lucas, \*Eric Malcolm, \*Edwin & Regina Mbanude, \*Edith Mebane, \*Maria Magdalena Medrano, \*Agnes Moore, \*Robert Myers. \*Iris Newman, \*D. Cynhia Peters, \*Willie Poole, Jr., \*\*Dorothy Richburg, \*Rosa Maria Santos, \*Bonafacio Selayo \*Delores Sloan, \*Adrian Smith, \*Alice Smith, \*Bernadette Smith, \*Theresa Smith, \*Louise Sweatt, \*Emily Towles, \*Dominic Valentine, \*Donald Whiting, \*Paul Williams, \*Florentina Zoretta, **(\*BOLD entries are newly added)**

**Dollars and Diapers Outreach Ministry 2018.** Throughout the months of January and February until March 4th, 2018, the Social Outreach Ministry will help pregnant women in crisis through the Gabriel Project. Please join us by donating gifts of cash \$1, \$2 or more and diapers. Diapers may be dropped off at the front vestibule of the church in the labeled collection containers. Donation envelopes are provided in today's bulletin and in a basket located on the altar rail labeled DOLLARS AND DIAPERS. **Please place all monetary donations in the envelopes into the Sunday collection basket while the campaign is ongoing.**



**"Gospel according to Mark".**

Mondays at 5:45 pm in the Music Room with Fr. Evans.

Bring your Bible and a catechism.

St. Mark, pray for us!

**Tax Request:** Tax request forms are located at the entrance of the church. Please complete the form and put it in the collection basket. Tax statements will be mailed.



**Child Jesus (HHCJ)**

**Welcome to the neighborhood**

Sister Joanna Okereke,  
Sister Philomena Bassey and  
Sister Romana Uzodimma.

Sisters of **Handmaids of the Holy**



For your participation in the Nativity Parish Food Pantry. Special thanks to Annie & Steve Whatley and Greg Benton for their support in this project.

**Second Annual Family Celebration.** Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Holy Family Celebration on **Saturday, February 17 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.** This half-day celebration will feature an inspiring talk for couples by nationally recognized writer and speaker Msgr. Charles Pope, Mass and Consecration to the Holy Family, and fun catechesis for children and teens. The cost of attendance is \$15 per couple and \$30 for a family of three or more, which includes a meal after Mass. Registration is required at: [www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com](http://www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com).

**FAITH AND FUN DAY**

**February 10<sup>th</sup>. 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

For young people starting at 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to Senior in High School

**Sign up in advance!**

- ✓ fun,
- ✓ games,
- ✓ lessons,
- ✓ lunch,
- ✓ daily mass,
- ✓ mentor help from young peers

Our Lady of Bethesda Center will run the program - (Our Lady of Bethesda center 1 Priest, 1 Brother, 1 Lay Youth Missionary; and 6 High School volunteers. Chaperones and other helpers are welcome. Cost \$5 per person (for food/drinks and material expenses) -Funding available for those in need, contact Father Evans.