

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 11

Sunday, February 11

7:30 am † Thomas Connolly

9:00 am † Frederick Cox

11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, February 12

12:00 pm † Joseph & Anna Barklas

Tuesday, February 13

12:00 pm † St. Martin de Porres

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 am † Mary Cox

8:00 am † Frederick & Elizabeth Cox

12:00 pm † Maria Perarca

5:30 pm † Hotka's Family

7:00 pm † Bro. Roger Petrus OFM

Thursday, February 15

12:00 pm † Marian & Joseph O'Neil

Friday, February 16

12:00 pm † Joe & Ann Catherine Candal

Saturday, February 17

5:00 pm † Margaret Zekas

LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Please note the special scheduled Masses with distribution of Ashes:

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, February 14.

7:00am, 8:00am, 12:00noon, 5:30pm and 7:00pm

Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesdays during Lent from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays during Lent at 11:30am and 7:00pm

Here are the church regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent:

* Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

* Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

* On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

* Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Saint of the week: Our Lady of Lourdes, 19th century.

(*Feast February 11*). This feast recalls the 18 appearances of Mary to a young French girl, Bernadette Soubirous, from



Feb. 11 to July 16, 1858, near a grotto at Lourdes, France. Bernadette did not know the identity of "the beautiful lady in white," and asked who she was. Mary said, "I am the Immaculate Conception," the title Pope Pius IX had defined as dogma four years earlier. In 1890 Pope Leo

XIII allowed the local Diocese of Tarbes to celebrate this feast; Pope Pius X made it a universal feast in 1907. Lourdes is still the most famous Marian shrine in Western Europe.

Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$5,445. **The Second Collection** last weekend for Building Fund was \$2529. Enroll in eGiving through @FaithDirect so you can support St. Ann from anywhere. To enroll, just go to www.faithdirect.net or download the free app and use our **church code: DC811**. Many thanks also to all who contributed to the annual Cardinal's Appeal; in case you wish to contribute, envelopes are available at the table of the church. God bless and thank you!!

New Parishioners: If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with the parish. Registration forms are available at the main entrance of the Church or from the Rectory Office. Completed forms may be returned by dropping them in the Sunday collection basket, mailed, or brought to the Rectory. **Please let us know if you are relocating or moving away** by dropping a note or calling the Rectory Office at (202) 966-6288.

We are **looking for more volunteers for various ministries here at St. Ann's**. If interested in assisting as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher/Greeter, or Altar Server, please contact the Pastor. In addition, we are very much in need of faithful parishioners who will be willing to assist in counting the weekly Collections on Monday mornings from 7:30am until 9:00am. We are so very grateful to our money counters; yet, they need extra assistance and are looking for more help. Again, if you are willing, contact Msgr. Watkins.

Antonio Cardinal Tagle, the Archbishop of Manila, will offer **Mass** at St. Ann's Church on **Friday, February 16 at 6:00pm**. All are welcome to attend the Mass and the reception (No Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm on February 16).

Lenten Rice Bowl Dinner: Please mark your calendars for 6:00pm Sunday, February 25, 2017, for the Parish's Lenten Rice Bowl Dinner, to be held in the Undercroft. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Relief Services. Suggested contribution will be \$5 per person, \$10 per family. If you would like more information or are interested in contributing a simple dish to share, please contact Susie Hirt at susie_hirt@comcast.net or Ted Hirt at tedhirt@comcast.net, or (202) 244-4739.

Light the City with Cardinal Wuerl: Join Cardinal Wuerl on Saturday, February 17th at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle (1725 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20036) for an evening of prayer and street evangelization! Volunteer in one of these ways:

1. Be a Street Evangelizer - encounter and invite others
2. Be a Prayer Warrior - spend time in the church praying throughout the evening
3. If you are a priest, join us to hear Confessions throughout the evening.

Following a prayer service, teams of volunteers will head out on the streets and invite passers-by to come into the church to light a candle, pause peacefully in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament, and talk with a priest.

7:00 to 8:00pm: Volunteer training. 8:00 to 11:00pm Prayer service, adoration and opportunities to talk with priests. We invite all to share their prayer intentions with us on Saturday evening on social media using #LighttheCity. To learn more here to go: adw.org/light/.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." As Jesus cured the leper, let the love of God heal and strengthen our marital bonds so we can live within our camp with joy". The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are April 20-22, 2018, November 2 to 4, 2018 in Gaithersburg, MD and August 3 to 5, 2018 in Hanover, MD. Go to MOMENTS4MARRIAGE.ORG to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up!

2nd Annual Holy Family Celebration: Join fellow Catholic couples and families for the 2nd Annual Holy Family Celebration on Saturday, February 17 from 1:30 to 6:30pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE). 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 day will conclude with a family-style meal and entertainment. The cost of attendance is \$15 per couple and \$30 for a family of three or more, which includes a meal after Mass. To register, please visit www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com. This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the DC State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.

Is God Calling You to the Diaconate? Come and See! The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation of the Archdiocese of Washington will begin a new cycle of recruitment and preparation of men for the diaconate. The initial selection process for the next aspirancy class will be preceded with six opportunities to "Come and See" about the permanent diaconate. These events will be held at various locations around the Archdiocese in January-March 2018. To learn more about the specific dates and locations, please contact Diane Biggs in the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 301-853-5345 or biggsd@adw.org. The mailing address is: Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation, P.O. Box 29260, Washington, D.C. 20017. Additional information is available at adw.org/permanent-deacons.

Respect Life News: The Lenten 40 days for life campaign will begin on February 14, Ash Wednesday, and end on March 25, Palm Sunday. It is the largest Lenten Campaign yet and will take place in 354 cities in 25 countries. The closest campaign site to St. Ann will be in Bethesda on the public sidewalk outside the Wildwood Medical Center building at 10401 Old Georgetown Road. In Suite 104 of that building, the notorious late term abortionist, Leroy Carhart, performs abortions through 28 weeks of pregnancy. Carhart was forced to leave Nebraska in 2010 after a state law was passed banning abortions beyond 20 weeks of pregnancy. Travelling to Maryland, he resumed his practice (Prince George's Reproductive Services) in Germantown in late 2010. After the Germantown building where he operated was sold to the Maryland Coalition for Life, he began another practice, in October, 2017, this time in Bethesda, which he calls AbortionClinics.org. Its website euphemistically advertises: "advanced gestation abortion care." We noted in the September 10, 2017 bulletin that under Carhart's "care" in Germantown, ambulances had to be called 10 times to bring patients to an emergency room and that the outcome of one of those calls was the death in February 2013, of a 29 years old mother due to complications resulting from a late abortion he had performed. We note, additionally, that he, himself, has admitted to having performed over 20,000 abortions" [and counting] during his career. For more information regarding participation in the Bethesda Lenten campaign, call Jill Perry at (301) 924-3838, extension 204 or open socialconcerns@mothersetonparish.org. and Bethesda 40 Days for Life on Facebook <http://www.prayforbethesda.com/> <https://40daysforlife.com>

Forest Side Memory Care Adult Day Program Opens in Chevy Chase, DC: Do you need activities and a safe environment for your loved one suffering from memory loss? Forest Side Memory Care is accepting applications for new adult day program located at their residential facility, 2701 Military Road NW. Fee based. Limited space. 8:30am-4:30pm. Part-time or full time. Call Marianna Blagburn, Program Director at (202) 696-1910.

National Geographic Exhibit on the Restoration of Jesus' Tomb: Journey to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Tomb of Christ in an immersive exhibit at the National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC. "The Edicule" documents the historic 2016 restoration of the Tomb of Jesus. Visitors will be able to walk through a 3-D digital rendering of the rotunda in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Tomb, including a view of the newly-revealed cave walls that have not been seen in centuries. Learn more about this extraordinary exhibit plus talks and other special events at nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ.

Coffee and Donut Social: After the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses on Sundays in the Collins Room, located on the lower level of the church. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus who organize this weekly fellowship for our benefit. If you are interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, please speak with Mr. Drew Gorman whom you can meet during Coffee and Donuts.