

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 15, 2017

Sunday, January 15, 2017

7:30 am † Souls in Purgatory

9:00 am † Nancy Clasen

11:00 am † Marian & Joseph O'Neil

Monday, January 16

12:00 pm † Phyllis Norton

Tuesday, January 17

12:00 pm † Caterina Kokotakis

Wednesday, January 18

12:00 pm † Hotka's Deceased Family Members

Thursday, January 19

12:00 pm † Mary Carol Massonneau

Friday, January 20

12:00 pm † Hotka's Deceased Family Members

Saturday, January 21

5:00 pm † Thomas & Emily Brewer

**Our new website is up!!!
please visit us: stanndc.org**

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.

Bulletin: We welcome any information you may wish to share with others in our bulletin each week for the good of all. Please submit your news items or articles of interest in writing to the Parish Office at least two weeks in advance. Feel free to contact us via email stann@stanndc.org. If anyone would like to advertise on the back page on the bulletin, contact Bon Venture services at (800) 883-4343.

Raffle: We are raffling off a beautiful painting of the Madonna and Child soon. You can buy raffle tickets (available soon) to win an original painting of the Madonna and Child. The winner will take home a 24" x 30" painting of the Madonna and Child created especially for our raffle by our own parishioner, Andrea Pascual. All proceeds from the selling of raffle tickets will help to defray the cost of repairing the church boiler. Tickets are \$4.00 each. Drawing will be on Saturday, January 28 at the gym after the 5:00pm Mass. Look for a picture of the Madonna and Child to be posted soon near the entrance of the church.

Year-End Contributions: As we come to the end of the year, please remember your generous donation to St. Ann's Church. God bless you for all you do to help the parish to address repairs to the church, rectory, school, and convent properties. Upon request, the parish secretary would be happy to provide you a tally of your 2016 contributions for tax purposes.

Sick Calls: Please email us at stann@stanndc.org, to notify the Pastor of any sick, homebound or those hospitalized, so that we may arrange to bring them the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick.

The Spirit of Love: Marriage Enrichment Retreat
In celebration of World Marriage Day, St. Michael the Archangel Church in Silver Spring, MD (805 Wayne Ave.) will host a Marriage Enrichment Retreat on Saturday, February 11, 2017. *The Spirit of Love* is a Marriage Enrichment Retreat designed and presented by Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center and Center for Family Development. The retreat day will close with a special Mass, including renewal of marriage vows for retreat participants. The cost of the retreat is \$50 per couple and includes continental breakfast, lunch, and a marriage enrichment workbook. To register for the retreat, email St. Michael Parish at smacc.marriage@gmail.com.

Men's Discernment Retreat: From Friday, February 3, through Sunday, February 5, men in their 20s, 30s or 40s who are considering a call to the priesthood are invited to attend a discernment retreat at Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington, DC (145 Taylor St., NE) led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. The weekend will offer time away from your daily routine and will provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God's call. There is no fee to attend. Registration is now open at www.dcpriest.org, or email vocations@adw.org for more information.

Mother Teresa Vocation Society Annual Day of Recollection: On Saturday, January 28, from 9am-2pm, Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, will lead a day of recollection at Annunciation Church in Washington, DC (3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW). It is not required to be a member of the Mother Teresa Vocation Society to attend this event! Please visit www.dcpriest.org or call/email Maris Moriarty at moriartym@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

Make a Difference for Christians in Syria: The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC, is part of the Franciscan Custody (province) that has served the people and shrines in the Holy Land for 800 years. Please keep the Franciscan friars and parishioners in Syria in your prayers as they struggle to keep our Catholic faith alive in the midst of the war that has engulfed this second cradle of Christianity: The Place of St. Paul's conversion. Call 202-526-6800 extension 895. Learn more at myfranciscan.org/Syria.

Tour of St. Ann's Stained Glass Windows: We are surrounded by beautiful images of Saints with light pouring through our windows. But, who were they, and what do the images accompanying them mean? Find out by attending a guided one hour tour of our Stained Glass windows and deepen your Faith as well as your understanding of Saint Ann's Church! The tour will begin shortly after the 11:00 Mass on January 29th. The tour group size is limited, so please sign up with the tour guide and usher, Sal Selvaggio. This can be done by contacting him at: 202-309-8562, or signing up after the 11:00 Mass at the main entrance.

Documentary on Medjugorje: January 25, at 7:00pm. Landmark E Street Cinema, 555 11th Street, NW, Washington, DC. Join us for a special screening of the inspirational documentary on Medjugorje that is changing lives and touching hearts. Bring your friends and family to this thought provoking film about life and what comes next. This one night showing of "Apparition Hill" will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Seats are limited and tickets can only be purchased online at www.apparitionhill.org. You can view the movie trailer at this link by clicking "About" and then "The Film." Contact Barb Steele with questions barb.steele@cox.net

Annual Motherhood Conference: Saturday, February 11, Women's leadership organization, Yuma Center, is hosting its annual Motherhood Conference on Saturday, February 11 from 9:00am – 1:00pm. This half-day conference brings mothers of all ages together to hear inspiring lectures and to have an opportunity to share the adventure and challenge of motherhood. Keynote talk will be given by professional coach, Dr. Stacy Kim, on "The Four Myths that Hold Moms Back". Cost before February 1: \$40.00, includes breakfast. Nursing babies welcome. Yuma Center's programs are inspired by the thought and work of St. Josemaria Escriva, the founder of Opus Dei, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Yuma Center is located behind St. Ann's Church at 4101 Yuma St. Washington, DC 20016. Please visit www.yumadc.org/motherhood for registration or email regina.bethencourt@yumadc.org for more information.

The National Prayer Vigil for Life: The National Prayer Vigil for Life is an all-night pro-life prayer vigil held on the eve of the March for Life each January. Over 20,000 pilgrims from across the nation pray through the night for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. It is held on January 26 - 27, 2017 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The vigil schedule includes the Opening Mass celebrated in the Great Upper Church. Prayer continues throughout the night with the National Rosary for Life, Night Prayer and Holy Hours for Life. The following morning, the prayer vigil concludes with Morning Prayer, Benediction and the Closing Mass the next morning. The National Prayer Vigil for Life is one small part of the Church's "great prayer for life." It is sponsored by the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and The Catholic University of America Office of Campus Ministry.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Meets every Monday night at 8:30 – 9:30pm at the Collins room. If you believe you may have a problem with alcohol and would like to learn to stop drinking, you are welcome to join every Monday night.

Temporary Exhibition on Saint Thomas More: In a new landmark exhibition, God's Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. presents the life, martyrdom, and legacy of the 16th century English philosopher-statesman whom Pope John Paul II named the heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians. The exhibition also explores the connection between Thomas More, the Carroll Family of Maryland, and the foundations of religious liberty in America. It features over 60 artifacts from England and the United States, including numerous period objects from Stonyhurst College in the United Kingdom that have never been exhibited in the United States. The exhibition runs through March 31, 2017 and is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. The Saint John Paul II Shrine is located at 3900 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, D.C. Additional information can be found at www.jp2shrine.org.

Respect Life News: Abortion rights proponents are prone to ask from time to time, why pro-life advocates continue to oppose the January 22, 1973 Supreme Court decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* which legalized abortion. On January 27, 2017, for example, thousands of people from all parts of the country as well as representatives from other countries will participate in the annual March for Life. Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, explained why we continue to oppose those rulings and their effects in a 2013 article he titled "40 Years after Roe, Human Dignity Hangs in the Balance." First: "Roe was so radical it galvanized pro-lifers. 'Within months of Roe, an organized pro-life movement came into shape, looking for any [legal] means of limiting and eventually ending the termination of unborn life.'" Second: Roe awoke "a sleeping giant: Evangelicals. The Catholic Church, which had done virtually all the heavy lifting, now had a partner.... 'With remarkable speed, evangelicals soon educated themselves on the issue and then mobilized themselves both politically and culturally.'" Third: "The sheer scale of the death toll sears the pro-life conscience....'over 50 million abortions' [The actual figure is now over 59 million]." Fourth: "[A]bortion has proved to be exactly what pro-life activists warned...a deadly threat to human dignity that would target specific populations....Prenatal testing has produced a deadly reality for unborn babies considered less than acceptable by their parents." Fifth: "[P]owerful imaging technologies now allow a look inside the womb...That window has" permitted 'millions of parents' to see 'their unborn children and [witness] the miracle of life.'" Dr. Mohler concludes his article writing: "[T]he only foundation for a recovery of human dignity is an affirmation of the fact that every single human being is made in God's image and is of sacred worth from the moment of fertilization until natural death" (National Right to Life News, 12.29.16).