

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 26, 2017

Sunday, February 26

7:30 am † Justine O'Boyle Veith

9:00 am † Elizabeth Cox

11:00 am † Lina D'Silva

Monday, February 27

12:00 pm † June Noll

Tuesday, February 28

12:00 pm † Charles Bartlett

Wednesday, March 1 *Ash Wednesday*

7:00am † Michael Novak

8:00am † Hotka Family

12:00 pm † Charles Tasnadi

5:30 pm † Hotka Family

7:00pm † Anthony Alo

Thursday, March 2

12:00 pm † Dante Pagi

Friday, March 3

12:00 pm † Hotka Family

Saturday, March 4

5:00 pm † Antonin Scalia

LENT

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule: March 1, 2017

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

Confession & Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday during Lent from 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 11:30am & 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.

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.

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

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Sing Out for Shelter Concert: On Saturday, March 4, 2017, at 8:00pm, this A Cappella concert will be held at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church, at 3401 Nebraska Ave., NW, hosted by D.C.'s The Augmented 8. Portions of the proceeds will benefit several groups addressing the needs of the homeless and those served by Friendship Place. General seating is \$30, seniors, \$20, students, \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online securely through Eventbrite, <http://bit.ly/2kXcYRX>.

Respect Life News: On Sunday, February 5, the annual Pro-Life Day in Italy, Pope Francis, in his message to those gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Angelus, proclaimed the sanctity of life, as he has often done on other occasions. Freely translated the Pope's message reads, in part, "Today, Pro-Life Day is being celebrated in Italy, on the theme 'Pro-Life Women and Men in the wake of Saint Teresa of Calcutta.' I unite myself to the Italian Bishops in calling for support of bold educational action in favor of human life. Every life is sacred! Let us promote the culture of life in response to the logic of disposability and a declining population. Let us join together and pray for babies in danger of being aborted as well as for people who are at the end of life—every life is sacred! Let no one be left alone and may love defend the meaning of life. Let us recall the words of Mother Teresa: 'Life is beauty, admire it...defend it,' whether it is the life of the unborn child, or the life of the person close to dying: every life is sacred." Apropos of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, we note that Pope Francis in his homily during her canonization on September 4, 2016, sounded similar pro-life notes saying: she was "a generous dispenser of divine mercy...making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded, she was committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that 'the unborn are the weakest, the smallest, the most vulnerable'" And on November 20, 2016 in his Apostolic letter, *Misericordia et Misera*, signaling the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, he wrote: "I wish to restate as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to an innocent life... however, I can and must state that there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father." (section 12).

ACCW Sponsored Pilgrimage: The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites you to join them on Saturday, March 11, 2017 for a pilgrimage to America's First Cathedral in Baltimore, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The historic Baltimore Basilica, built from 1806-1821, was the first great metropolitan cathedral constructed in the United States after the adoption of the Constitution. Benjamin Henry Latrobe, father of American architecture, architect of the national Capitol, designed the Cathedral. Carpools will leave from the Church of the Resurrection in Burtonsville, MD at 9:30am. Local carpools can be arranged. A guided tour is scheduled for 11:00 am. Rosary or Mass at 12:00pm then a trip to Baltimore's inner harbor for lunch and sightseeing. Questions? Sonia D. Bobis: sondbobis119@gmail.com; Or call (240) 264-1821.

Catholic Date Night: March 25, 2017
6:00 to 7:00pm. A night out for engaged & married couples
6:00 to 6:30pm – Wine & Cheese
6:30 to 7:00pm – Relationship Talk & Discussion
March 25, April 22, and May 13. Co-hosted by the Office of Young Adult Ministry and Office of Family Life of the Archdiocese of Washington. For more information contact the Office for Family Life: flm@adw.org. Catholic Date RSVP at DCCatholic.eventbrite.com.

Spring Theology on Tap: Whole 40: A Lenten Spiritual Detox, starting March 14. Looking for a spiritual re-set? Ever looked for spiritual guidance at a bar? Join other young professionals for our 4-week Theology on Tap series: Whole 40: A Lenten Spiritual Detox as we focus on four healthy and essential ingredients for the spiritual life: prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and confession. Learn how these practices can help you reconnect with God and yourself this Lent. All young adults (21-late 30s) are invited to Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle on Tuesday evenings from March 14 - April 4. Meet other YA Catholics and invite friends for Happy Hour specials from 6:00 – 7:00pm with a talk and Q/A. Learn more about the speakers and series at: www.facebook.com/DCCatholic/events or Email Jonathan at DCCatholic@adw.org

Marriage Preparation Program: On March 2 at 7:15pm - 9:30pm at Silver Spring, MD. The Sacramental Preparation for Marriage program is designed to complement the preparation you are receiving from the priest or deacon that will witness your marriage. It is only one piece, albeit a very important one, of the six-month preparation required by the Archdiocese of Washington. We encourage you to look into taking a pre-marital assessment tool (such as the FOCCUS or Prepare/Enrich tools) and/or to request a mentor couple in your parish to meet with and discuss your up-coming marriage. Because marriage is a vocation, a call to holiness, the purpose and goal is to offer you some important information you will need regarding your upcoming marriage in the Catholic Church. 5 evening sessions on Thursdays, 7:15 - 9:30pm and a Saturday 9:30am - 2:30pm (March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Saturday March 18, 2017). To Register: Please send an email to flm@adw.org or call Course Office at 301-853-5334.

Light the City with Cardinal Wuerl: March 4, 2017.
7:00 - 11:00pm. Join us and Cardinal Wuerl on Saturday, March 4 at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle for an evening of prayer and street evangelization.
To register as a volunteer visit here.
Volunteer in one of these ways:

- *** Be a Street Evangelizer – encounter and invite others
- *** Be a Prayer Warrior – spend time in the church praying throughout the evening
- *** 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 – 8:00pm: Volunteer training
8:00 – 11:00pm: Prayer service, adoration & opportunities to talk with priests. We invite all to share their prayer intentions with us on Saturday evening on social media using #LighttheCity. If interested call (301) 853-4559 or Email: DCCatholic@adw.org and visit our website: <http://adw.org/young-adult-ministry/>

Archdiocese of Washington Women's Conference:
"Occasions of Grace: Encountering God's Grace in Day to Day Family Life." In May 2017.