EASTER SUNDAY April 16, 2017

Sunday, April 16

Monday, April 17

Tuesday, April 18

12:00 pm ⊕ Caroline Alfano

Wednesday, April 19

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Thursday, April 20

12:00 pm P Norman & Mary Grace Jarvis

Friday, April 21

12:00 pm \$\dagger\$ Soul in Purgatory

Saturday, April 22

5:00 pm 🕆 Cynthia Lapuz

At the Easter Vigil, St. Ann's Parish welcomes into full communion with the Catholic Church the following individuals who have been preparing all year for instruction in the Faith: Dr. Ramin Oskoui, Amanda Neal, David Treichler, Rockie and Nissa Wilson. We also welcome children to be baptized at the Easter Vigil: The children of Justin & Juliet Schwab (Auletta, Lincoln, and Lucy); and the children of Rockie and Nissa Wilson (Lukas, Kyle, and Klaire) and Genesys Solano

Easter Gratitude from the Pastor: Many thanks to all who made our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations so spiritually uplifting and beautiful: Our Music Director, Mr. Bob Bright, all those who assisted with the various ceremonies (Readers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, The Mother Butler Guild, The Parish Money Counters, among others). Thank you also to all contributed to the Easter Flower Collection! Happy Easter to all for 50 days of Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord!

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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.

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.

Archdiocese of Washington Women's Conference: May 20, at 8:30am - 4:00pm. "Occasions of Grace: Encountering God's Grace in Day to Day Family Life." Wondering how you can encounter God's grace in your day to day life? Are you seeking ways to bring grace into your family life? Join women from across the Archdiocese of Washington for the 5th Annual Women's Conference on May 20, 2017 at Catholic University of America (Pryzbyla Center) 620 Michigan Ave., N.E. Washington, DC 20064 301-853-4466 or email mcdonald@adw.org.

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

Tenleytown Main Street: Is again this year celebrating Earth Day by sprucing up the eight blocks of Wisconsin Avenue from Fessenden to Yuma. Volunteers will remove litter, weed and mulch street trees as well as trim plantings in the parks at Fessenden Street and Tenley Circle. Save the date - April 22, from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Call (202) 215-0156 for more information.

Office Available at the Franciscan Monastery: The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land has a 150-square-foot office available for rent to a non-profit or individual. Located at 1400 Quincy St. NE, near Catholic University, the sunny office includes wifi and secure parking. Requested rent is \$1,000/month. Contact Friar John-Sebastian, OFM, at (202) 526-6800 or sebastian@myfranciscan.com.

DCCatholic Young Adult Ministry: Whether you just moved to DC or have been here for years all Young Adults (21-late 30s) are invited to get involved in the active Catholic young adult community in DC! Young Adult events include: Happy Hours, monthly Masses, retreats, bible studies, service projects and more! Visit DCCatholic.org or Facebook.com/DCCatholic to learn more about upcoming parish and city-wide events or email Jonathan at DCCatholic@adw.org to get involved!

Men's Discernment Dinner: A Men's Discernment Dinner will be held at Saint John Paul II Seminary (145 Taylor St., NE) on Sunday, May 14 from 5:00 - 8:30pm. The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington, DC area. Participants should be single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics. For more information, contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. Register online at www.dcpriest.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." Happy Easter! He has risen! Let us welcome Jesus even more into our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 21-23, 2017 or October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD. For more info and to apply online visit welovematrimony.org, or call 301-541-7007, or

email at applications@welovematrimony.org.

Annual Marian Pilgrimage for Asian and Pacific Catholics: The Asian and Pacific Catholic Network (APCN), in collaboration with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Secretariat of Cultural Diversity, is holding the 15th annual Marian Pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, May 6. More than 20 unique Catholic Asian and Pacific communities, from New York to North Carolina, gather to pray and celebrate with traditional music and sacred movements reminiscent of faith practices in their homelands. A procession, call to prayer, and Rosary will precede the Eucharist to be celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl. Everyone is welcome to participate in this multi-lingual, multi-cultural celebration of faith and heritage on May 6, beginning with Confessions at 12:00noon and the call to prayer at 1pm. Pls. contact Dr. Fred Semendy of APCN at 703-472-2032 or Sr. Myrna Tordillo at 202-541-3384 for further information.

DC Public Schools, Early Stages: Do you have questions or concerns about how your child is learning? Early Stages can help! Early Stages is a DC Public Schools diagnostic center for children between the ages of 2 years 8 months and 5 years 10 months. We help identify any delays that your child may have and we arrange services to address them. All of our services are completely FREE! If you have any questions please visit our website at earlystagesdc.org to make a referral, or contact Isabel Forguez at 202-997-7878 or at Isabel.forguez@dc.gov.

Coming Soon: The annual Franciscan Monastery Plant and Herb Sale will be April 29-30 at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land. Details are coming soon and will be online at www.fmgg.org



Respect Life News: Laws alone will not establish a culture of life; they can, however, help to provide a framework for a culture of life. As St. John Paul II writes in his encyclical, The Gospel of Life (GL): "...laws are not the only means of protecting human life, nevertheless they do play a very important and sometimes decisive role in influencing patterns of thought and behavior" (GL, 90). Moreover, very recent legislative history (late March, early April) shows a considerable number of pro-life victories, especially on the state level. Among them, signed into law in Arizona, was a conscience protection bill adding legal protection to health care providers and institutions opposed to assisted suicide. In Mississippi, legislators defeated a bill that would have legalized assisted suicide. And in Arkansas, the governor signed into law a bill banning sex selection abortions. On the other hand, a significant number of laws antithetical to a culture of life have also been passed such as the physician assisted suicide laws in several jurisdictions. But as St. John Paul II also writes in GL, "[W]e are the people of life and for (78)..... Everyone has an obligation to be at the service of life." (79). Later, he speaks of "our duty to preach the Gospel of life, to celebrate it in the Liturgy and in our whole existence, and to serve it with the various programs and structures which support and promote life" (79). Examples of such programs, we suggest, would include parish respect life groups, crisis pregnancy centers, the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, the 40 Days for Life prayer campaigns, the National March for Life and the state marches for life. Serving the gospel of life effectively, however, requires knowledge and understanding of the gospel of life. Some resources for satisfying that requirement include the pertinent sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Gospel of Life, the websites of the USCCB Secretariat for Pro-life Activities, the archdiocesan "Department of Life Issues," Priests for Life, Sisters of life, University Faculty for Life, Students for Life. Daily pro-life news can be found at the websites, for example, of Life News, and National Right to Life. We conclude with another passage of The Gospel of Life in which St. John Paul II writes: "What is urgently called for is a general mobilization of consciences and a united ethical effort to activate a great campaign in support of life. All together, we must build a new culture of life" (95) (National Right to Life News, 3.29, 4.4 17; Life News, 4.3. 7. Miss. Right to Life News, 4.3.17 et al., passim).

New Evangelization Summit: On May 12-13 in Ottawa, Canada, the New Evangelization Summit will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom, and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All Catholics — pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and the lay faithful — will benefit immensely from this powerful opportunity to be further equipped in the fundamental mission of the Church. The event will be streamed to 24 host-sites, providing a way for Catholics around North America to participate in the summit. Visit www.newevangelization.ca or contact the founder of the summit, Mr. Michael Dopp at michael.dopp@missionoftheredeemer.com