

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 16, 2017

Sunday, July 16

7:30 am † Kathleen Carroll

9:00 am † The Mother of Anita Papersenos

11:00 am † Philomena Aquino

Monday, July 17

12:00 pm † Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Tuesday, July 18

12:00 pm † Anna Huebschman

Wednesday, July 19

12:00 pm † Nancy Clasen

Thursday, July 20

12:00 pm † Adelina Palis

Friday, July 21

12:00 pm † Senen P. Vibas

Saturday, July 22

5:00 pm † Maria Carmen Miranda

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Thank you for being a part of our St. Ann family. I appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Your active participation in the life of our parish helps us to fulfill our vision and mission. This summer, I pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy, and peace of being with family and friends. Please consider that St. Ann continues to be open for Mass, numerous activities, and the Sacraments. During these summer months, your generosity through Faith Direct can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish ministries.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC811. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You!

Rev. Msgr. James D. Watkins

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Archdiocesan Day of Reflection for Married Couples:

The archdiocesan Family Life Office is hosting a Day of Reflection for Married Couples on Sunday, July 23 from 8:30am-3pm at St. Catherine Laboure in Wheaton, MD. The day will be led by Fr. Angel Espinoza de Los Monteros from México. He will be talking about Communication in Marriage and growing deeper in your relationship with your spouse. Talks will be in Spanish but with simultaneous translation into English. To register please go to www.adwdayofreflectionformarriedcouples.eventbrite.com

World Youth Day UNITE:

All young adults and families are invited to World Youth Day UNITE taking place on Saturday, July 22. It will feature artists Audrey Assad and Tony Melendez, TED-style talks by dynamic Catholic bishops, and opportunities for Confession and Adoration. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington. The festival themes this year, chosen by Pope Francis, is "The Mighty One Has Done Great Things for Me and Holy is His Name." The event will take place at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in, DC from 11:30 - 10:00pm. Go to www.wyduite.com/register.

St. Ann Young Adult Group:

All young adults (21-39), please consider joining us for Reflections with Monsignor Watkins on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm. We discuss the faith, and enjoy fellowship and light refreshments. Write to nataliejplumb@gmail.com to find out the topic and location for a given week.

Fatima Worldwide Children's Holy Hour at the Basilica:

The International World Apostolate of Fatima's children's program, Children of the Eucharist, Young Missionaries of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, cordially invites everyone to gather your children and make a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, on Friday, October 13, 10:00am. This will mark the 15th annual Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. EWTN will broadcast to over 140 nations. As you know on this recent May 13th at Fatima, Portugal, the Holy Father Pope Francis canonized the Little Shepherds of Fatima, now Saint Francisco Marto and Saint Jacinta Marto. At Fatima, our Blessed Mother taught these children that 'prayer and sacrifice' will bring peace to our families and world. Begin planning for this 'Eucharistic and Marian Pilgrimage' giving students the opportunity to pray for peace in their own families and all the families of the world. This Holy Hour gives a unique opportunity to spiritually unite with children throughout the world. To RSVP email Kathleen Fitzpatrick at FatimaHolyHour@gmail.com

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week:

The theme for Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week, July 23-29, is "It's time! Say 'Yes' to God's plan for married love!" NFP Awareness Week is a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote the methods of NFP. These methods reflect the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promoting openness to life and the gift of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving nature of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between

Respect Life News: R. Mary Hayden Lemmons, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis and current president of University Faculty for Life (uffl.org) published an article recently on the philosophical implications of assisted suicide and assisted suicide laws. In her article, titled "Compassion, Assisted Suicide and the Problem of Suffering," she writes, in part: "Assisted suicide laws instigate a bioethics not only contrary to the best medical practices of medicine but also to the philosophy of rights found in the Declaration of Independence. Yet the legalization of assisted suicide continues primarily due to the utilitarian argument that since life cannot be meaningful when autonomy and health are compromised, assisted suicide laws are compassionate. "To "the contrary," Professor Lemmons, writes, such laws "mask a...cruelty that interferes with the ability of the suffering to receive the support that they need. Especially crucial is the philosophical support that alleviates spiritual suffering by assigning it meaning in a variety of ways that is both compassionate and compatible with religious beliefs. Helping the suffering assign meaning to suffering is what true compassion requires of both medical professionals and family members. We quote or paraphrase below several other passages from her article to indicate something more of its content. She writes for example: "Although assisted suicide laws are promoted as compassionate, they paradoxically eviscerate compassion" in several ways. One way is that such laws "require adopting a utilitarian philosophy contrary to the founding philosophy of this country, as expressed by the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration identified life as an inalienable right ---not as a right conditioned by its pleasantness" Moreover, pleasant for whom, she asks. Utilitarians say "pleasantness is valuable only to those who are self-aware, autonomous and rational... and that the value of those lives" without these "properties is determined by on-lookers." Therefore the lives of people in a coma or those in a condition of advanced senility, according to utilitarians, would have no value. Regarding true compassion, she writes, in part, that it is incompatible with all forms of assisted suicide because assisted suicide "allows pain and suffering to triumph over the value of human life.... the ultimate cruelty" of assisted suicide treats "suffering as the worst of all possible evils---as if transcendence were not possible. Compassionate love abhors the cruelty embedded in the notion that suffering can make a human being's life worthless. No person's life is worthless---but that is not the philosophy of suicide and assisted suicide. And that is the reason why the legalization of assisted suicide introduces a vicious philosophy of person that threatens the suffering with resentment and intolerance" (Life and Learning, XXV (2015), pages 209-224). To read the entire article, open uffl.org and click on UFL Proceedings.

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New Miscarriage Sections at Catholic Cemeteries:

According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, nearly one in four women experience an early pregnancy loss in her lifetime. Yet, women who lose their baby in the first trimester often do not know their right to claim and respectfully bury what the medical community calls "the product of conception" after a miscarriage. No matter how early the loss, many Catholic couples long to name, inter, and remember their baby as an eternal member of the family. Catholic Cemeteries now offers burial options to answer that great desire of their hearts. For more information on the new Miscarried Baby Sections at Catholic Cemeteries, contact your parish priest or the manager at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD; 301-871-6500); Resurrection Cemetery (8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD; 301-868-5141); All Souls Cemetery (11401 Brink Rd., Germantown, MD; 301-428-1995), or St. Mary's Queen of Peace

Mass & Prayers: The Friday Night Prayer Group of St Anselm's Abbey wishes to welcome persons living with mental illness and their families to Mass and prayer on Fridays at 4501 South Dakota Ave., NE in Washington, D.C. For more information, please contact Judy Barr at 301-779-3150 or Email: new3heart@gmail.com.

Marriage Preparation Program: Rockville, MD. July 22, 9:00 - 4:30pm. 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, our purpose and goal is to offer you some important information you will need regarding your upcoming marriage in the Catholic Church. Two consecutive Saturdays, 9:00 – 4:30 pm (July 22 and 29) To Register: Please email to flm@adw.org or call Course Office at 301-853-5334.

WLC Workers' Rights Clinic: Have questions about your rights on the job? Come to our Workers' Rights Legal Clinic. We provide advice and brief legal services to workers who have experienced any type of employment related legal issue. This includes wage theft, workplace injuries, discrimination, wrongful termination, unemployment insurance, and issues with employee benefits. Services provided at clinic include explaining legal options, assistance with completing forms and advice on preparing for pro-se representation. Our weekly clinic is held from 6:00 – 9:00pm at Bread for the City NW. 1525 7th Street NW, Washington, DC. Sign in begins at 5:00pm. We also have a clinic during the last Saturday of the month from 10:00am-12:00pm at Bread for the City SE. 1640 Good Hope Road SE, Washington, DC. For more information on our clinics or Knowing Your Rights presentations please call (202) 319-1000 x138