

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 13, 2017

Sunday, August 13

7:30 am † Hotka Family
9:00 am † Maddalena Ciacer and family
11:00 am † Frances Holman

Monday, August 14

12:00 pm † Donald Mohr

Tuesday, August 15 *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 am † Anthony Aloï
12:00 pm † Daniel K. Jenkins
7:00 pm † Frances Holman

Wednesday, August 16

12:00 pm † Agnes Bane Hively

Thursday, August 17

12:00 pm † Julia Villalobos

Friday, August 18

12:00 pm † Fred Repetti Perna

Saturday, August 19

5:00 pm † Frances Holman

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Code DC811

From your pastor: Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly collection at Mass: The Offertory Collection last weekend was \$13,619. The second Collection last weekend for Catholic Communications & Human Development was \$1,399 and the Parish Building Fund was \$330. Thank you for being a part of our St. Ann's family. As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy fall, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct, so that your gift can reach us, even when you are away for a weekend. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC811 to enroll. Thank you for your continued support of our parish through your time, talent, and treasure! God bless 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.

Parish Finance Presentation: Mark your calendar to attend an important meeting to present a full profile of the parish finances on **Thursday, September 21 at 7:00pm** in the **Undercroft** which is accessible by way of the church door at the front left sidewalk level and go downstairs to

the lower level of the church. After his first year as pastor, Msgr. Watkins wishes to make everyone aware of the overall parish financial situation and allow questions. Making the presentation will be the parish accountant, Mr. David Brake, and the Parish Finance Council will also attend, so that you can know how we manage, spend, and invest parish finances. This is a unique opportunity for the parish. Please make every effort to attend.

Did you know? While Jesuits from Georgetown's Holy Trinity Parish began mission work to Catholics in Tennallytown (now called "Tenleytown") in 1866, St. Ann's Parish was canonically established in 1869. We will celebrate our 150th anniversary in 2019. The present church is the third church building which was constructed, together with the rectory building, in 1947, fifty years ago.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15. It is a **holyday of obligation**. **Mass** here at St. Ann Church is at **7:30am, 12:00pm and 7:00pm**. We honor the day when Our Blessed Mother was assumed into Heaven, and gives to us a preview of the eternal rest we pray for.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH IS EXCITING...

Whether baptized or not, you might want to consider entering a program of faith formation, known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). Designed for Converts to the Catholic Church, sessions are for unbaptized adults and baptized non-Catholics who wish to inquire about certain aspects of the faith, learn more about the Catholic Church, her practices and history and/or seek full membership. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open for your questions, reflection, and searching! **Our 2017- 2018 registration starts NOW and runs through September 17th.** An orientation session will be held on **Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30pm at the Rectory**. Please contact the Pastor for an initial interview. Monsignor Watkins is available at his email: watkinsjas@aol.com

PSR (Sunday School) News: Mark your calendars!

Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes will begin on **Sunday, September 10.** St. Ann's Parish School of Religion has classes for students in grades K to 8. We **meet each Sunday after the 9:00am Mass.** Parents are a child's first, best, teachers and the instructors in our PSR are here to help parents teach their children about our wonderful religion. We learn our prayers, about Jesus' message of eternal life, about the liturgy, about the history of the Church, about how we all have a special place in this world, and so much more. In second grade our students will prepare for First Holy Communion next May on Mother's Day. Students in the upper grades will begin to prepare for Confirmation next academic year. **You may register your child for the PSR in the church library after the 9:00am Mass on either Sunday, August 27, or Sunday, September 3.** If you wish, you may also download a registration form at the St. Ann's website - stanndc.org/parish-school-of-religion. For more information or if you would like to explore working in the PSR, please contact Mrs. Schaeffer at dre@stanndc.org

20th Anniversary of the Our Mother of Africa Chapel:

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, invites you to its Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Our Mother of Africa Chapel on Sunday, September 17. The 2:00pm Mass will be celebrated in the Upper Church. For more information, call the National Shrine at 202-526-8300.

“Walking with Purpose” (a program of Catholic spiritual growth for women):

“See to it that no one misses the Grace of God” Hebrews 12:15. Do you have a heart for other women in our parish? Do you feel called to connect other women in our parish? Do you seek to meet women where they are in an authentic community? Our parish is discerning, to St. Ann’s, and we are seeking a group of women volunteers to lead the program. Walking with Purpose features at-home study, weekly small group discussions and a monthly Connect Coffee event for a talk on a relevant topic. The program offers leaders an online training and mentoring program to help you shepherd other women and draw them closer to Christ. Do you think you have too many limitations to serve this way? Great! Few things stretch and grow our faith like stepping out and asking God to work through us. Say, YES, and get ready to watch what He can do through imperfect women who depend on Him. Contact Jennifer Patterson at (202) 302-0391 or Email: jenpatter@aol.com for more information. We hope to start the program on Wednesday, September 20th with sessions in the morning and evening in the parish Library with access by way of the side door immediately to the right of the rectory door.

Attention Financial Professionals: Help motivate people to break the cycle of poverty. Join Catholic Charities “Financial Stability Network” of financial professionals who will offer *pro bono* financial education, financial coaching, and tax return preparation services for low-income families and individuals in the Archdiocese of Washington. If you have any type of financial experience, consider joining the new network. For more information and to apply, please contact Deacon Jim Shanahan jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org.

Burying Cremated Remains at Catholic Cemeteries:

Catholic Cemeteries seeks to assist families who are still holding the cremated remains of loved ones and are ready to inter them in sacred ground. The cemeteries of the archdiocese have prepared for the interment of cremated remains in ground burial sections, columbariums, or mausoleum niches, with respectful options for memorialization. Working with the pastor, charity burials also are available to families who desire interment, but cannot financially afford the full cost of burying their loved one. For more information contact the managers at Gate of Heaven Cemetery at 301-871-6500, Mt. Olivet Cemetery at 202-399-3000; Resurrection Cemetery at 301-868-5141; All Souls Cemetery at 301-428-1995; or St. Mary’s at 301-475-5005.

A Respect Life News: Late in the evening of July 13, the Appropriations Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives adopted an amendment that would repeal the District of Columbia’s Death with Dignity Act (DWDA) of 2016 (D.C. Law 21-182), a physician assisted suicide law (euphemistically described by proponents as a “medical aid-in-dying” law). The DC Council passed DWDA last November; the Mayor signed it in December; it became law on February 17. Four days after the House Appropriations Committee voted 28-24 in favor of the repeal amendment, the Mayor announced that as of July 17, the Death with Dignity law is being fully implemented. The amendment was offered by congressman Andy Harris (R-MD) a medical doctor, representing Maryland’s First Congressional District saying during his introductory remarks there is “nothing dignified about suicide,” And in a July 14 statement regarding his amendment, Harris said, in part: “encouraging patients to commit suicide deprives them of the opportunity” to receive “new treatments that could ameliorate their condition and even add years to their lives, if not cure them completely.” Later a spokeswoman for Representative Harris told the Washington Post that [since] the Harris amendment repeals the law... D.C. could implement” the DWDA but “it would be repealed once the appropriations process is complete and the [appropriations] bills are passed.” Also, on July 12, the day before the committee vote, we note that Cardinal Timothy Dolan, president of the U.S. bishops’ Pro-life Secretariat, in a letter to the committee members, asked them to “nullify the D.C. Council’s deceptively named ‘Death with Dignity Act’ that legalizes the dangerous and unethical practice of doctor-assisted suicide.” It should be noted further that the Harris amendment must be approved by the full House and Senate as well as by the President before it can take effect. Congress is on vacation however, until September 5. The annual budget runs out September 30. There is still time to overturn the DWDA; it is therefore very important that parishioners phone members of Congress urging them to vote for the Harris repeal amendment. Their staff members will accept the calls. The Capitol switchboard number is (202) 224-3121; the bipartisan congressional pro-life caucus number is (202) 225-5701; for names and contact information of all the members of Congress, open [www.congress.gov/members?q={\"congress\":115}](http://www.congress.gov/members?q={\) (nationalrighttolifenews.org,7.14.17; [Catholic Standard,7.27.17, p.4](http://CatholicStandard,7.27.17,p.4); harrishouse.gov/media/press-releases,7.19.17; [Congresswoman Norton’ e-newsletter,7.17.17dcist.com,7.17.17](http://CongresswomanNorton'e-newsletter,7.17.17dcist.com,7.17.17)). LifeSiteNews,7.18.17).

Caritas Counseling Center: Caritas Counseling Center, a ministry of Saint Luke Institute, offers confidential, professional, and compassionate therapy for individuals, couples, and groups. They understand the importance of faith and will assist you with recovery from grief, depression, stress, difficult relationships, and more. For more information, please contact Dr. Crystal Taylor-Dietz, director, at 301-431-6865, or visit caritas-sli.org. Calls are confidential. Caritas centers are located in Silver Spring, MD and Towson, MD.