

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 3, 2017

Sunday, September 3

7:30 am † Marguerite McCornally
9:00 am † Edward Haddad
11:00 am † Monica Bellevue

Monday, September 4

12:00 pm † Rosemarie Dunlap

Tuesday, September 5

12:00 pm † Rosemarie Dunlap

Wednesday, September 6

12:00 pm † Hotka Family

Thursday, September 7

12:00 pm † Edward Haddad

Friday, September 8

12:00 pm † Barbara dePerez

Saturday, September 9

5:00 pm † Monica Bellevue

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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 \$5415. Enroll in eGiving through @FaithDirect so you can support St. Ann from anywhere. To enroll, just go to www.faithdirect.net or download the free app and use our church code: DC811. God Bless and thank you!

Walking with Purpose: "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.

Eucharistic Adoration: Join us on **First Wednesdays of the month** (starting September 6) at **6:00pm** in the church for a **Holy Hour** of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Church doors open at 5:30pm. This is a great way to punctuate your week with prayer.

Parish Finance Presentation: Join us for an important meeting 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 (which is stable and good) and allow for 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.

PSR (Parish School of Religion) News: Registration for St. Ann's Parish School of Religion continues this **Sunday, September 3**, in the **church library after the 9:00am Mass**. You may register your child in grades K through eight. The PSR meets every Sunday after the 9:00am Mass in the School Building. **Classes begin this year on Sunday, September 10**. For more information, please contact Mrs. Schaeffer at dre@stanndc.org.

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

Parents of St. Ann's Teens in Grades 7 - 12: Join us on Sunday, September 10, for adult beverages and light snacks as we discuss the year ahead for the St. Ann's **Youth Group**. We'll meet at **7:00pm at the home of Ted and Susie Hirt**, 4929 Butterworth St NW, Washington DC. Bring a beverage or snack to share. Please RSVP to Susie at susie_hirt@comcast.net or call at (202) 244-4739.

Music to uplift your soul: Enjoy an organ recital by Dudley Oakes of Shenandoah University, Sunday, Sept. 10, 4:00pm, at the historic Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. A light reception follows. Free-will offering taken. Music at the Monastery is a monthly series the Monastery cosponsors with the DC Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Free parking; Brookland/CUA Metro and H6 bus toward Fort Lincoln; myfranciscan.org and 202-526-6800.

25th International Week of Prayer and Fasting October 1 - 9, 2017. The 25th International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition in collaboration with the Marians Fathers, Legion of Mary and Priests for Life, are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days (Oct 1st – 9th) of prayer and fasting for the following goals: Conversion of all Peoples and Nations, to Build a Culture of Life, to Defend the Sanctity of Marriage and Family Life, to Pray for Peace and to Implore God’s Mercy. Parishes are encouraged to host holy hours, recitation of the Rosary, Masses and some kind of sacrifice or penance during these nine days. For the final day, on Monday, October 9th, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 9:00am – 4:30pm for the International Day of Prayer. Registration is FREE, but please register online at www.iwopf.org to receive a free prayer card at the Basilica event. The Celebrant and Homilist for the noon mass will be Bishop Joseph Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, IL. For more information visit www.iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY (7729)

Domestic Church Day: Strengthening the Family with Mary. Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a “Domestic Church Day” with the theme of Strengthening the Family with Mary on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 12:30pm to 5:30pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day family retreat will feature a reflection on how Mary walks with families in dynamic catechesis sessions for all the members of the family, spiritual devotions including a multi-cultural rosary in front of a hand-embroidered Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and vigil Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Mario Dorsonville. The day will conclude with fun cultural activities and pupusas, tacos, and tamales. The cost of attendance is \$10 per adult and free for children under the age of 18. Parking is free. This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Cultural Diversity and the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. To register please visit: www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com.

Rose Marie Dunlap passed away peacefully on 8 August 2017 at the age of 99, in Charlottesville, VA. She was born on 1 March 1918, in Buffalo, New York, to Alfred and Grace Lang. Rose Marie resided for many years at 4606 Brandywine Street, N.W. She was a devout parishioner at St. Ann’s, and in her later years volunteered at the church. Her daughter Elizabeth moved her to Charlottesville following a debilitating fall. Her husband, Henry A. Dunlap, who died in 1989, was a Foreign Service diplomat. They were stationed in Berlin, Accra, and Vienna, eventually settling in the Washington, DC, area. Rose Marie Dunlap had 4 children: Charles Anthony Dunlap (deceased in Berlin in infancy), Thomas Aquinas Dunlap (Maryland), Elizabeth Rose Marcus (Virginia), and David Anthony Dunlap (Connecticut). All 4 of her children were born in Germany. She also had 3 grandchildren: Christopher (Rockville), Matthew (London), and Alexander (Amsterdam), and 3 great-grandchildren: Elena, Sebastian, and Anthony. A Memorial Mass at St. Ann’s will be held at a later date.

Respect Life News: Among recent developments in the struggle to establish a culture of life, we note the Oregon legislature’s July 5th passage of the egregious “Reproductive Health Equity Act,” also known as the Free Abortions for All Law ([A]ll includes illegal immigrants). Signed into law by Oregon Governor Kate Brown (D) on August 15, it requires health insurers to provide birth control and abortion without charging a co-pay. The law provides an abortion exemption for churches and religious nonprofits, which its opponents say is too narrow and ineffective. Commenting on the Governor’s signing the law, the executive director of Oregon Right to Life, said: “Today Gov. Brown demonstrated her extreme bias in favor of the abortion rights lobby, disregarding thousands of future Oregonians whose lives have been further endangered by making their elimination 100 percent expense-free.” Also on August 15, in pro-life contrast to Oregon’s law, a bill in Texas was signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott (R). The Texas law bans “insurance companies from covering abortion as part of their standard health insurance plans. Women in the state would have to pay a separate premium to have abortion coverage.” Proponents of the law “say that Texas policy holders who object to abortion should not [have to] help pay for insurance coverage for women who have the procedure.” Similar laws have been passed in ten other states: Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Utah. Indiana and Utah make exemptions for pregnancies due to incest and rape. California and Oregon require insurers to cover abortion. Efforts to build a culture of life however, are by no means restricted to legislative measures. The Knights of Columbus, for example, demonstrate that fact very clearly. Since 2009, Knights at state and local levels have partnered with the Supreme Council in New Haven, Connecticut, to fund ultrasound machines for pregnancy care centers. So far they have placed 829 units in centers or mobile medical facilities in all 50 states and plan to reach 1,000 by 2019, the 10th anniversary of this program. The pro-life significance of this program is that very many women who have seen their unborn children via the ultrasound machine have decided not to abort them (Washington Post, 8.14.17 page A 3; 8.17.17, page A 2; washingtontimes.com, 7.2.17; lifeneews.com, 8.4.17).

Sistine Chapel Choir Concert: On Wednesday, September 20 at 6pm, the Sistine Chapel Choir will present a concert at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This highly-accomplished group of 30 boys and 22 men sing for the Holy Father’s liturgies under the direction of Maestro Massimo Palombella. Officially called the Cappella Musicale Pontificia Sistina and affectionately known as the “Pope’s Choir,” this group is considered the most prominent and oldest choir in the world, dating back to the seventh century. This event is free and open to the public. There are no tickets or reservations required; seating will be first-come, first-served. The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Ave NE, offers ample free parking, and is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro’s Red Line. For more information please visit www.nationalshrine.com or call 202-526-8300.
