

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 10, 2017

Sunday, September 10

7:30 am † Florence Galayda

9:00 am † Michael Novak

11:00 am † Pro Populo

Monday, September 11

12:00 pm † Alberto Businelli

Tuesday, September 12

12:00 pm † Monica Bellevue

Wednesday, September 13

12:00 pm † Edward Haddad

Thursday, September 14

12:00 pm † Henry Richardson

Friday, September 15

12:00 pm † Marian & Joseph O'Neil

Saturday, September 16

5:00 pm † Nora Mary Zimmerman

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From your Pastor: Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly collection at Mass: The **Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$11,700. The **Second Collection** last weekend for the Parish Building Fund was \$4,245. 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 you and thank you!

Also, please join me in thanking and congratulating the following members of our **altar server team** as they **head to college**; **Sylvie Ashford, Annie Brennan, Paul Flanagan and Koto Langa.**

Welcome back to Church after summer vacation, and welcome back to school for our youth and children.

Hurricane Harvey Special Collection: To assist in charity our brothers and sisters in Texas who have suffered so much in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, the Parishes of the Archdiocese have been asked to take up a special collection. St. Ann's will take up this **special collection** the weekend of **September 16/17**. Thank you for your prayers and generosity to assist so many in need.

Happy Birthdays to **Peter Catama** (September 9), our Parish Secretary and to **Bob Bright** (September 10), our Parish Director of Music.

Monthly Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration: Join us every **First Wednesday of the month from 6:00pm – 7:00pm**. During your busy schedule, take a moment to visit Saint Ann's for Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. If you have been looking for something to enhance your prayer life, spend some quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Church doors open a 5:30pm.

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.

PSR (Sunday School) News: School is back in session! Our Parish School of Religion **classes begin September 10 at 10:05am in the School Building**. Bring your child to the Awalt Room after the 9:00am Mass and we will put her/him right into class while you complete the registration process. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Schaeffer at dre@stanndc.org. And don't forget - **Sunday, September 17 is Catechetical Sunday** when there will be a special blessing for parents and teachers at the 9:00am Mass.

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

Crab Feast (all you can eat) and Bake Sale: The Palisades Georgetown (Friendship) Lions Club announces its annual **Crab Feast and Bake Sale**. The Crab Feast and Bake Sale will be held **Friday, September 29th, in St. Ann's Gym from 6:00pm to 9:00pm**. The Crab Feast is \$30.00/pp pre-registered and \$35.00/pp at the door (BYO Beer/Wine). There is a picnic dinner available for non-crab lovers (\$8.00/pp). All proceeds go to support Lions Club Charities for the prevention of blindness, restoration of sight, support for the hearing impaired and diabetes research. For further information or to register please call (202) 966-4418. Visit us on Facebook for our events and other Lions Club happenings.

Parking at the Church: As a reminder, there are approximately 14 parking spaces in the alley for parish use (School side only) during the weekdays and 3 spaces on the lower school lot with signage for St. Ann's Church. While St. Albans has permission for parents to drop-off and pick-up their children for 10 minutes or so, there should not generally be a problem for daily Mass attendees at 12:00noon. However, we are noticing that there are several non-parishioner violators, and we are trying to address this issue with notices, warnings, and possibly ticketing and towing. Thank you for your patience. Please note that the school parking lot during the weekday school hours (7:00am to 7:00pm Monday to Friday) is reserved for St. Albans' use according to the parish lease. On Saturdays and Sundays for Mass-goers, both the alley (School Side) and the lower School parking lot are available to St. Ann's Parishioners. On Saturdays, in particular, please try not to park in the alley or on the lower lot as "free parking" while you shop in the Tenleytown area, as parking is needed for so many groups who use the gymnasium in the evenings and on weekends. Parking has become a huge problem for all of us, so we thank you once again for your patience and cooperation.

A Glance at the Diocese of Balasore, India: The Diocese of Balasore is a mission Diocese located in the north-east of India, very close to the Archdiocese of Calcutta. Balasore is a relatively young Diocese founded twenty-six years ago. As in the case with all of India, Catholics in Balasore represent a minority and are often persecuted members of the population. People in the Diocese are very much tribal and rural in nature. Being of recent origin, it has only a Catholic population of 30,000, whereas the total population of the area is about 8.5 million. The majority of the Catholic population are tribal and continue to live in poverty and illiteracy. Our parishes, missions, schools and hospitals are served by 70 Priests – diocesan and religious, 146 Women Religious, 8 Religious Brothers and 80 lay catechists. Education and empowerment of our youth is of great importance for the future of the diocese. Health services in the rural areas are very much needed. Being poor, most of our people can contribute very little for the support of the Church, even when they have good will. Thus, we do depend on financial assistance from outside the diocese for carrying out many of our pastoral as well as developmental works. The Archdiocese of Washington has asked Parishes to assist with this missionary needs. Thank you so much for your generous contribution in the **Second Collection** at St. Ann's the **weekend of September 23/24 to benefit the Diocese of Balasore** in India.

St. Ann's Young Adult Group: All young adults (21-39), please consider joining us for Reflections with Monsignor Watkins on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm in the Library accessible by way of the side door on Yuma St. 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

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Walking with Purpose: Women's Catholic Bible Study, **starts on Wednesday, September 27**, for six weeks (9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18m, 10/25 and 11/1), **7:15pm to 9:15pm** in St. Ann's Library. For more information, visit www.walkingwithpurpose.com or contact Jennifer Patterson at (202) 302-0391 or by way of her Email: jenpatter@aol.com.

We welcome Fr. Ramonito Celestial, a priest of the Diocese of Tucson, who is in residence at St. Ann's for the next 3 years, studying Canon Law at The Catholic University of America. Fr. Celestial will be assisting Msgr. Watkins for Masses and Confessions as his schedule permits. Please welcome him to our Parish.

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Respect Life News: A generally unexpected but very welcome pro-life real estate deal was made recently. The Germantown Reproductive Health Services (GRHS) abortion facility where the notorious Leroy Carhart has been performing late-term abortions "is under contract to be purchased" by the Maryland Coalition for Life (MDCFL). The coalition's website explains that it "is a community-based grassroots pro-life network dedicated to bringing the many Maryland pro-life organizations, churches, elected officials, and individual citizens together peacefully and prayerfully to end abortion in Maryland—forever." The coalition's media director said that "a donor came forward this summer and the group raised additional funds to make an offer to buy out the owners of the facility." And in fact, the website, abortionpages.com announces that "Germantown Reproductive Health Services & Prince George's Reproductive Health Services Have BOTH Permanently CLOSED (both facilities have the same owner). Carhart, who practiced in his home state of Nebraska, began commuting long distance to perform late-term abortions in Germantown in late 2010 after Nebraska "made it illegal to perform most abortions beyond 20 weeks. Protests were organized as soon as he arrived." Among them were 40 days for life events and Witness to Life events consisting of Mass celebrated at Mother Seton Parish in Germantown and candlelight processions to GRHS. Cardinal Wuerl and Auxiliary Bishop Dorsonville have participated in some of them. Since Carhart has been performing abortions at GRHS, he has had to call ambulances ten times to bring patients to emergency rooms. One of those calls was for 29 years old, Jennifer Morbelli, who died at Shady Grove Adventist hospital in February 2013 "from complications to a 33 weeks abortion done by Carhart." Nevertheless, he has told supporters "that he would continue to provide late-term abortions at a new clinic he was in the process of opening somewhere in the region" (Washington Post, 8.26.17: B1,3; dcist.com, 8.28.17; huffingtonpost.com, 2.12.13; lifeneews.com, 8.28.17; operationrescue.org, 3.13.13).