

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 17, 2017

## Sunday, September 17

7:30 am † Estelle M. Hurley

9:00 am † Mary Lou Miller

11:00 am † Lyle H. Smith

## Monday, September 18

12:00 pm † David Hurley

## Tuesday, September 19

12:00 pm † Lucena Villarina

## Wednesday, September 20

12:00 pm † Jenaro & Daniel Garcia

## Thursday, September 21

12:00 pm † Julie Wingard

## Friday, September 22

12:00 pm † Dante Pagi

## Saturday, September 23

5:00 pm † Larry Benes

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### Code DC811

Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$7,791. **The Second Collection** last weekend for The Catholic University of America was \$1,556. The **Faith Direct Online Collection** for the first half of September was \$6,642. (We report to you the online giving amount twice a month.) Enroll in eGiving through @FaithDirect so you can support St. Ann from anywhere. To enroll, just go to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or download the free app and use our church code: DC811. God Bless and thank you!

To assist so many afflicted by **Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma**, we devote our **Second Collection** this weekend to relief efforts coordinated by the Archdiocese of Washington **Catholic Charities**. All proceeds go directly to assist our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you for your generosity.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Join us **every First Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm**. 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. Mark your calendar to join us on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.

**Deacon Thomas J. Devaney:** St. Ann's Church welcomes Deacon Devaney who will be assisting Msgr. Watkins with several tasks at the parish, including Sacramental preparation for baptism and marriage, R.C.I.A. instruction, burials, ministry to the sick and shut-in, and liturgical assistance. Deacon Devaney and his wife, Maureen, live in parish. The deacon was the coordinator of Pastoral Ministry at Georgetown University Hospital and served at Holy Trinity Parish in Georgetown before being assigned to St. Ann's by Cardinal Wuerl. Please welcome Deacon Devaney when he formally joins us at our Parish weekend Masses soon.

We welcome all of our children to Mass and invite our parents to use the small **"Crying Room"** near the vestibule of the church when your child needs some fresh air. We leave the good judgement to the parents to assist their children when they may need to step out for a moment. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

**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! **An orientation session will be held on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30pm at the Rectory.** For inquiries, please contact Msgr. Watkins at his email: [watkinsjas@aol.com](mailto:watkinsjas@aol.com)

**PSR (Sunday School) News: Sunday, September 17** is Catechetical Sunday, the day on which we recognize especially those who pass on the Catholic faith to our children - their parents and teachers. This year in the Parish School of Religion we again have a wonderful staff of teachers who give freely of their time and talent to guide our children on their faith journey. Kindergarten/1st will be team taught by Patty Sucato and Tracy Fitzgerald; 2nd graders will be with Kathy Curran; Vivien Foster will be teaching 3rd/4th; 5th/6th will be taught by Connie Lausten and Annie Gladchuck; and 7th/8th will be with Mrs. Schaeffer. Our lovely aides, Lizzie Brennan and Isabel Gretschel will return to assist the teachers. Classes have already started, but if you have been delayed in registering your child, please see Mrs. Schaeffer as soon as possible, or contact her at [dre@stanndc.org](mailto:dre@stanndc.org).

**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.

**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.

**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 need. 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.

**Blessing of the Animals:** Bring all your pets on **Saturday, September 30, at 12:00noon in front of the church** for the blessing of animals, honoring October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Please separate dogs from cats!!!

**Respect Life News:** Despite "Safe Spaces," "trigger alerts," and "Diversity and Inclusiveness Centers," there are many universities and colleges here and abroad that practice what can be called "selective inclusiveness." Specifically, pro-life activities, student organizations and activities are not welcome in such institutions of higher learning. In New Zealand, for example, the Auckland University Students' Association voted to reject a pro-life student club on campus. Pro-abortion students had been trying to do this since it began in 2010. Last month they succeeded. Some 1,600 students voted in a referendum to ban the club, while about 1,100 voted to keep it. The referendum also questioned whether clubs with a "similar ideology" should be banned from affiliating in the future. A leader of the Auckland Students for Choice claimed the pro-life club is an "embarrassment" to the university because it wants to take away women's "right" to abortion. Technically, the club can still exist on campus but the vote means it will be much harder to plan activities and get university funding. In March, pro-abortion students in Scotland petitioned Aberdeen University administrators to take down a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil poster in the Catholic chaplaincy saying that the poster was "actively harmful" to women. And late last year, the British group Alliance of Pro-Life Students reported its members are under "constant attack" at universities in the UK. In New York last January, Queens College officials denied the college's Students for Life chapter official recognition. Subsequently, that chapter of Students for Life, a national pro-life organization filed a suit against the college. In March the pro-life group at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania, asked for legal help after the university erased the group's pro-life chalked messages on campus sidewalks. The university permitted other groups' sidewalk chalked messages. Frequent anti-life vandalism, as well, occurs on campuses. Also in March, for example, a pro-life student display at the University of Colorado's, Boulder campus was vandalized. Similar incidents were reported in April at Texas State University and at Washington State University. Encouraging, however, is the fact that campus pro-life groups are opposing infringement of their rights by taking legal recourse. A striking example of that opposition is a suit filed by pro-life students at Fresno State against a professor caught on video instructing his students to deface and erase the pro-life group's sidewalk chalk messages. (lifeneeds.com, 3.13, 8.28.17; Auckland City Harbour News reports, 8.28.17). Parishioners are reminded once more to phone members of Congress to urge them to support the Harris amendment to the budget proposal passed by the House Appropriations Committee in July. The amendment would repeal the District's Death with Dignity law. The budget must be passed by the full Congress before Oct.1 when it would take effect. The Capitol switchboard number is (202) 224-3121. Contact information for all members of Congress [www.congress.gov/members? q={\"congress\"; 115}](http://www.congress.gov/members? q={\)

**Coffee and Donuts:** Join us in the Collins Room (downstairs) every **Sunday after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses** for fellowship. So many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for hosting every Sunday so generously.

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