

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 13, 2018

Sunday, May 13

7:30 am † Hotka Family

9:00 am † Dante Pagi

11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, May 14

12:00 pm † Osvalda Muzzatti

Tuesday, May 15

12:00 pm † Danny Jenkins

Wednesday, May 16

12:00 pm † Barbara Perez

Thursday, May 17

12:00 pm † Kalesnik Family

Friday, May 11

12:00 pm † Thomas & Emily Brewer

Saturday, May 12

5:00 pm † Thomas Battista

Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$6,029. **The Second Collection** last weekend for **Building Fund** was \$3,422. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Ann with electronic donations through **Faith Direct**. To enroll, just go to www.faithdirect.net or download the free app and use our **church code: DC811**. God bless and thank you!

A piano recital will be held today at **St. Ann's** from **4:00pm to 6:00pm**. Students of Ms. Ilgin Kaymaz-Guneri, ranging from the beginner to very advanced, will perform many genres of music on the piano in the church. Everyone is welcome; admission is free.

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 at stann@stanndc.org.

Bulletin: We welcome any information you may wish to share with others in our bulletin each week for the good of all. Please submit your news items or articles of interest in writing to the Parish Office at least two weeks in advance, feel free to contact us via email stann@stanndc.org. If anyone would like to advertise on the back page on the bulletin, contact Bon Venture services at (800) 883-4343.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

For those whose mothers and grandmothers are still alive - cherish them today. Honor them and thank them. For those whose mothers have gone home to the Lord, remember them. For all who bear the name Christian, the name of our eternal family, let us also honor the Mother of the Lord today. Her maternal care for Jesus still embraces all those who are joined to Him, as members of His Body, by that great new birth of Baptism. Finally, let us ask the Lord to open our eyes and our hearts to come to more fully understand the great mystery and gift of the Church as our Mother. Let us live our lives as Christians, by living in the heart of Mother Church, for the sake of the world into which we are sent to bear the Good News.

Congratulations to our Parish Children who will make their **First Holy Communion** this weekend on Mother's Day at the 9:00am Mass: **Francisco James Blancato, Daniel Cedric Corpuz, Edward Alexander Petrillo Hulten, Evan Jude Monaco, Cecelia Marguerite Morvis, Auletta Ruth Schwab, John Christopher Searby, Keira Rose Searby, and Cayetano Mateo Vega de las Casas**. Many thanks to Mrs. Lys Schaeffer and Ms. Kathy Curran, as well as all of our Sunday School teachers who volunteer every Sunday to educate our children in the Faith. The Parish School Religion Program is now concluded and will begin again in the fall.

St. Ann's Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee Kickoff Sunday, May 20: Did you know that St. Ann's celebrates its 150th anniversary next year? Please join us on **Sunday, May 20 at 12:15pm** (just after the 11:00am Mass) in the Undercroft for the kickoff meeting of St. Ann's Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee. To reach the Undercroft, enter through the gates on Wisconsin Avenue to the left of the church and walk downstairs. We welcome your ideas and participation.

Catholic Women: Visit to the Museum of the Bible: On **Saturday, May 19**, women are invited to join the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women to visit the Museum of the Bible. For tickets, go to www.museumofthebible.org/tickets. Suggested donation is \$15. Choose the 1:15pm or nearby entry time. The museum is located at 400 4th St. SW, Washington, DC. Contact 301-651-8190 or archdioceseCCW@gmail.com for more information.

World Day of Prayer for the Church in China: Thursday, May 24 is the liturgical memorial of Our Lady Help of Christians, venerated with great devotion at the Marian Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai, China. It is also a World Day of Prayer for the Church in China, and you are invited to join the Holy Father and friends around the world, especially those in China, in praying for God's grace upon our brothers and sisters in Christ. From 6:30 to 8:30pm on that day, Our Lady of China Pastoral Mission is hosting an evening of Taizé prayer and faith sharing (English-Chinese) in the parish hall of St. Mary's Church in Rockville, MD (520 Veirs Mill Rd.), RSVP to info@ourladyofchina.net by Sunday, May 20.

Improve your English! Tutoring available! Experienced E. S. L. teacher seeks students eager to learn. Adults and children of all ages are welcome for individual or group tutoring. Students' level of study will be based on a placement test and discussion of students' individual goals and interests. The program of study will be individualized to meet students' needs. Classes will meet on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at times designed to accommodate students' schedules. The cost for classes will be based on class size but may be adjusted after discussion with the student. I welcome students of all levels--from zero English to college preparatory--and from everywhere and anywhere in the world. I look forward to teaching you! Please phone or email Paula Ackerman for more information. Phone: 202-363-2303
Email: paula1@gwmail.gwu.edu

Employment Opportunities at Catholic Cemeteries: As part of the Archdiocese of Washington, Catholic cemetery managers and family counselors consider it a privileged ministry to assist families in a respectful, professional, and ethical way. In his new Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Pope Francis writes of the beatitude of those who "are unafraid to share in the suffering" and "know how to mourn with others." If you know of someone in your parish who might be interested in the work of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington, kindly point him or her to the job opportunities section of the CCAW website (ccaw.org/about_employment.html).

Memorial Day at Catholic Cemeteries: "A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathizes with pain and sorrow is capable of touching life's depths and finding authentic happiness," says Pope Francis in *Gaudete et Exsultate*. "He or she is consoled, not by the world but by Jesus." On Memorial Day, come gather in loving memory of family, friends, and fellow citizens who have given their lives for our freedom. "Knowing how to mourn with others: that is holiness," says the Pope. Special outdoor Memorial Day Masses will be held at 10am on Monday, May 28 on the sacred grounds of the Catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington, including [All Souls Cemetery, 11401 Brink Rd., Germantown, MD (301-428-1995); Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD (301-871-6500); Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 1300 Bladensburg Rd., NE., Washington, DC, (202-399-3000); Resurrection Cemetery, 8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD, (301-868-5141); St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, 38888 Dr. Johnson Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659 (301-475-5005)].

Quo Vadis Camp: The Office of Priest Vocation's annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD from July 15 to 18. The four-day camp includes daily Mass, prayer, talks, sports, and much more. Bus transportation is available. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations, email address at vocations@adw.org or call 202-636-9020.

Respect Life News: "Speaking a language of Life" written recently by Caitlin Thomas, a staff assistant for the Pro-life Secretariat of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in "Life Issues Forum," a bi-weekly column of the USCCB, reads, in part : Proponents of assisted suicide use terms like 'death with dignity' and 'aid in dying.' But these are misleading. They are the sickly-sweet phrases of a poisonous ideology that attacks our full dignity and worth as human beings. These phrases go beyond word games and become flat-out contradictions carefully etched into law. In fact, every state law (and proposed bill) legalizing assisted suicide in this country follows Oregon's law, proclaiming, 'the actions taken in accordance with [the law] shall not, for any purposes, constitute suicide [or] assisted suicide.' So, according to the law itself, assisted suicide isn't assisted suicide? The only sensible response to this legal blustering must be something like this sentiment from a wise character in C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*: 'Every disease that submits to a cure shall be cured: but we will not call blue yellow to please those who insist on having jaundice.'

We should not be seduced by slippery language into ignoring hard truths. The dying process can be painful, messy, full of uncertainty and difficult questions--just like life. But there is death with authentic dignity: dying at peace with God and our loved ones. Dying or terminally ill persons deserve the best care we have to offer, including appropriate treatment of symptoms and pain relief. There is a way to face this process with peace, not by hastening death, but by experiencing the support and loving care that our society should offer to those preparing for death. Assisted suicide, on the other hand, hurts the individual and the entire human family, sending a message that some lives are "completed" or not as valuable as others. We should 'kill the pain, not the patient.' Truth always walks hand-in-hand with love. It is not enough to say, 'suicide is bad.' We must also say, 'life is good'--especially when life is old, fragile... or of a different skin color or place of origin. We should learn how to best love those who are close to death. We should pray for holy deaths for them and for ourselves, recognizing that Jesus brings us to new life with Him through His death and resurrection. We should pray for the grace to build a true culture of life. And we should affirm the goodness of life in all that we do and say." (Reprinted in *National Right To Life News*, 4.23.18.).

Help for Marriages in Trouble: Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@retrouvaille.org.

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