

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 26, 2018

Sunday, August 26

7:30 am † Hotka Family

9:00 am † Lina DeSilva

11:00 am † Jim Murphy

Monday, August 27

12:00 pm † Genovevo Rubalcaba

Tuesday, August 28

12:00 pm † Kalesnik Family

Wednesday, August 29

12:00 pm † Ann Marie Parenteau

Thursday, August 30

12:00 pm † Sheila Jo McKinney Watkins

Friday, August 31

12:00 pm † Barbara de Perez

Saturday, September 1

5:00 pm † Pacita Mendieta

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Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was 6,422. **The Online Faith Direct** Total Deposit (includes Offertory, 2nd Collections, and Donations) for the second half of July was \$13,395. (We report to you the online giving amount twice a month). Your online gift to our parish helps to sustain our ministry and outreach efforts, as well as ongoing repairs and maintenance to our beautiful church building. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness; please tell your friends about St. Ann's! Go to our website: stanndc.org and use our St. Ann's Church CODE: DC811

Thank you for your continued support!

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.

Pietà Thank-You Book: Please sign the gratitude and appreciation of book near the Pietà Statue to thank the anonymous donor who made possible for us to purchase the beautiful statue for \$250,000! We are so very grateful to the donor.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) 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. Active Catholics who wish to renew, to deepen, or to share their faith are cordially invited as well. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open for your questions, reflection, and searching! **Meetings take place in the library, starting Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00pm.** Please contact the Pastor for an initial interview: Monsignor James Watkins at 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 28th in St. Ann's Gym** (4404 Wisconsin Avenue, NW-enter from Yuma Street NW) from **6:00pm until 9:00pm.** The Crab Feast is \$30.00/pp if you pre-register (see e-mail address below) and \$35.00/pp at the door (BYO Beer/Wine). There is a picnic dinner available for non-crab lovers (\$10.00/pp). **ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT LIONS CHARITIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS, RESTORATION OF SIGHT, SUPPORT FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AND DIABETES RESEARCH.** For further information/details or to register please e-mail John Sucato (sgtjohns919@gmail.com). Please make sure to visit our Facebook page for information/details regarding the Crab Feast and our other events (<https://www.facebook.com/DCPalisadesGeorgetownLionsClub>).

Eucharistic Adoration: Join us this **Wednesday, September 5th and 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 at 5:30pm. Mark your calendar to join us on Wednesday, September 5 at 6:00pm.

First Friday of the month: Join us this **Friday, September 7th and every first Friday of the month at 12:00noon** for Mass and the blessing for the sick with the Relic of St. Ann. St. Ann, pray for us. Join us also after every 12:00noon Mass for the Rosary.

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 from 2019 to 2020. The present church is the third church building which was constructed, together with the rectory building, in 1947, fifty years ago.

Help for Marriages: Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information call 443-400-7017.

St. Ann School Class '68: The 50 Year Reunion for the Class of '68 and their families will be on Saturday, October 13th in the St. Ann's School Gym. In order to send everyone an invitation we need your email addresses. Please call 562-485-4908 to leave a message stating your name and your email address. You will then receive an e-vite with all the details. We are also inviting the Class of '67 and their families to join us.

Parish School Religion News: Mark your calendars! Registration for St. Ann's Parish School of Religion will be on **Sunday, August 26, and Sunday, September 2, immediately after the 9:00 Mass in the church library.** St. Ann's PSR has classes for students in grades K through 8, including preparation for First Communion and Confirmation, which will be celebrated in the spring of 2019. **PSR classes will begin on Sunday, September 9.** Tuition remains at \$60 per student (\$80 per student after September 18), or a flat fee of \$150 for families with 3+ children enrolling. High school students and adults are invited to join our teaching staff as substitutes or aides. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schaeffer at dre@stanndc.org.

Into the Deep Young Adult Retreat: How do I hear God speak? How do I discern a job, relationship, or big decision? "Into the Deep" is a retreat for young adults (college-age through 30s) providing practical lessons on prayer, discernment, and how to listen to the voice of God in the depth of your heart. Join us Friday night, **Sept. 28th and Saturday Sept. 29th** at the Archdiocese of Washington Pastoral Center featuring talks by Fr. Mark Ivany, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Washington and Megan Philip, Coordinator of Campus/YA Ministry.

Tentative Schedule:

Friday, 6:30pm to 10:00pm;

Saturday, 10:00am to 7:00pm

Location: 5001 Eastern Ave. Hyattsville, MD 20782

Metro: Fort Totten

Parking: Free. On-site

Cost: \$20

Register: DCCatholic.eventbrite.com

Questions: Email Megan at DCCatholic@adw.org

Help for Marriages in Trouble: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue? Have you stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program, beginning with a weekend on September 14 to 16. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@retrouvaille.org.

Learn English at Saint Ann's: Get a better Job! Help children with homework! Speaking English is fun! Aprende ingles en Saint Ann's: Consigue un mejor trabajo! Ayuda a los niños con la tarea! Hablar ingles es divertido! Llamar a/call Paula Ackerman at (202) 363-2303

Respect Life News: Saint John Paul II in his 1995 Encyclical "The gospel of Life" popularized the phrases "culture of life" and "culture of death." Regarding the latter, Michael Gerson in a July 27 Washington Post op-ed article, "Will future generations find us cruel?" (p. A 19) calls attention to the fact that a culture of death existed long before "The Gospel of Life." He does so in a brief review of Edwin Black's *War Against the Weak* (2003, 2012), a history of the Eugenics movement in the United States. He begins by referring to a letter of appreciation of a book called *The Passing of a Great Race* (1916) by a lawyer who was a prominent zoologist and eugenicist, Madison Grant (1865-1937). The letter writer, Adolph Hitler, said Grant's book was his (Hitler's) "Bible." Grant writes in his book: "Mistaken regard for what are believed to be divine laws and a sentimental belief in the sanctity of human life tend to prevent both the elimination of defective infants and the sterilization of such adults as are themselves of no value to the community. The laws of nature require the obliteration of the unfit and human life is valuable only when it is of use to the community or race." Tragically, widespread implementation of the implications of Grant's book was carried out in the United States: more than 60 thousand coerced sterilizations were performed in the United States alone. Moreover, eugenics was financially supported by John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Mary Harriman and publicly approved of by Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. and Theodore Roosevelt. We note also that Margaret Sanger, founder of what became Planned Parenthood, was a well-known eugenics proponent who wrote in her *Women and the New Race* (1920) that the "unfit" should be weeded out. She too was admired by Hitler who had his own sterilization program. Its implementation preceded his "Euthanasia" program in which "an estimated 250,000-350,000 Germans considered 'unworthy of living lost their lives.'" In the second half of Gerson's article, he speaks of "social practices" in contemporary society because of which, "future generations" would "find us cruel." Among them, he lists "the historically unprecedented [high] level of incarceration.... The widespread use of psychoactive drugs," the millions of women "'missing' around the world due to gender-based sex selection—which includes abortion after ultrasound scans, death from neglect and infanticide." He also lists the devastatingly high rate of Down Syndrome children aborted worldwide, children Hitler would consider "unfit" and "unworthy of living" (publishersweekly.com/978-1-56858-258-0; waragainsttheweak.com/ ; internet passim St Ann bulletin, 4.2.17).

Raising our Children in the Catholic Faith: The Archdiocesan Office of Family Life is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Raising our Children in the Catholic Faith," to be held on Saturday, **September 22 from 9:00 am to 11:00am** at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Silver Spring, MD (805 Wayne Ave.). This workshop will address the needs of parents who share a desire to see their children grow in the Catholic faith. Parents who are single, divorced, separated, or widowed are encouraged to attend. For more information and to register, please email smacc.marriage@gmail.com.