

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 9, 2018

Sunday, September 9

7:30 am † Poor Souls in Purgatory

9:00 am † Jocko Nickolaus

11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, September 10

12:00 pm † Bob Balkam

Tuesday, September 11

12:00 pm † Marie Bartley

Wednesday, September 12

12:00 pm Jean-Daniel Chretien (*Living*)

Thursday, September 13

12:00 pm † In Honor of St. Jude

Friday, September 14

12:00 pm † Jocko Nickolaus

Saturday, September 15

5:00 pm † Danny Jenkins

Saint of the week: John Gabriel Perboyre. 1802 to 1840. (*Feast September 11*). A Frenchman drawn to the missions, John Gabriel in 1818 joined the Congregation of



the Mission, whose members are called Lazarists or Vincentians. Ordained in 1826, he was assigned to seminary formation work in France. In 1835, he finally was sent to Macao, to learn Chinese, then to Hunan. For two years, he rescued abandoned children and taught them Christianity. In 1839 in Hupeh, persecution forced missionaries into hiding; John Gabriel was turned in by a recent convert. Paraded before bureaucrats and mandarins, he would not betray other missionaries or trample the cross. He was tortured at least 20 times before being strangled on a cross a year after his arrest. This martyr was canonized in 1996.

Welcome to the St. John Society: Now living at the old convent at 4133 Yuma Street, Fr. Ivan Pertine and nine seminarians of the St. John Society will offer their ministerial support to our parish. Fr. Ivan will be joined by Fr. Lukas, who arrives in November to join their community. We welcome Brothers Juan Maria, John, Aaron, Keefe, Andres, Hermogenes, Andrew, Ben, and Connor. These men are studying philosophy and theology at the Dominican House of Studies. The priests have been assigned as Chaplains to the American University. Please welcome them as they worship with us and become more involved in the life of our parish.

The Catholic Faith Is Exciting... Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith? 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.)** 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.

Parish School of Religion: Classes start on Sunday, **September 9 at 10:10am** in the **Awalt Room, Academy building**. It's not too late - if you have not yet registered your children (**grades K to 8**), please come by the Awalt Room. You can complete the paperwork and your children can go right into class. If you need further information, contact Mrs. Schaeffer at dre@stanndc.org.

Learn English at Saint Ann's: Experienced E.S.L. teacher seeks students eager to learn and 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.

Saint Ann's Parish Faith Direct Online Giving Electronic Giving has become easier.

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Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$4,863. **The Second Collection** last weekend for Building Fund was \$3,610. 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.

Sick Calls: Please email us at stann@stanndc.org, to notify the Pastor of any sick, homebound or those hospitalized, so that we may arrange to bring them the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick.

150th Parish Anniversary Organ Concert Recitals in 2019 at St. Ann Church: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:30pm with Vincent Dubois, Organist titular of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris France. Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 3:00pm with Nathan Laube, Organist. Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 3:00pm with Oliver Latry, Organist of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, France.

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.

The 26th International Week of Prayer and Fasting: A 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 (Sept 29 to Oct 7, 2018) 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 opening day, on Saturday, September 29th, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 9:00am to 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 is Bishop Roy Edward Campbell, Jr., Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Speakers to date include Father Francis J. Peffley, parochial vicar at St. Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax, Virginia and Colleen Willard, a prolific speaker on life and healing and Ted Flynn author, speaker, and film producer on Catholic issues. We are waiting to confirm other speakers. For more information visit www.iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY (7729).

St. John's/HoopEd Fall Skills classes are starting soon! There is still room in each class to join in the work! The 3rd to 4th grade and 5th to 6th grade girl classes are on Wednesday evenings and the 7th to 8th grade girls are on Tuesday nights. These classes are taught by famous HoopEd Director and St. John's Varsity Assistant Coach Brian Brennan. Boy's classes are held at St. Ann's Academy in Tenleytown and will be coached Julian King, former TC Williams Head Coach and professional coach in the Canadian Basketball League! The 3 to 4 grade boys will be on Mondays and 5 to 6 and 7 to 8 grade boy's classes will be on Wednesdays. All classes run 8 weeks throughout the fall. Skills Classes will include focused drill work on all the fundamentals of the game. Classes will also include controlled scrimmaging to work the skills into a real playing environment. All skill levels and abilities are welcome to join. For more information or to register online, go to www.hoopeducation.com. Hope to see you all on the courts.

Respect Life News: Pastor Clenard Childress is the Assistant National Director of the Life Education and Resource Network and founding Director of the organization's North East regional chapter. The National organization, based in Fayetteville NC, is also known as L.E.A.R.N. Inc. It is, according to its website, "the largest, African-American, evangelical pro-life ministry in the United States, a network of life affirming pro-family advocates who work to ensure the survival of all races of people and improve our quality of life without sacrificing our children. LEARN welcomes into the network all communities who support Christian values and share our passion." In a recent interview with One News Now, Pastor Childress said that more than 20 million black women have had abortions since 1973," the year the US Supreme Court handed down Roe v. Wade and its companion decision Doe v Bolton. He notes that those statistics are provided by the Guttmacher Institute. "They are doing the statistics nationally and 52 percent of all African-American pregnancies end in abortion." The Guttmacher Institute is named after Alan Guttmacher, the second president of what became Planned Parenthood. The institute for a long time, we add, was the research arm of Planned Parenthood; it is still very much "pro-choice." The Pastor in his interview, also referred to research conducted by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte which showed that abortion accounts for 61 percent of the deaths of blacks in the United States, far surpassing heart disease and cancer. And in a 30 July Life News article, he called abortion a "black genocide." And suggested that there is one stark reason that has led to this mass killing of so many" unborn African-Americans: "Planned Parenthood is in our schools.... there are many of the health curriculums coming from Planned Parenthood. They want to make abortion something that is a viable alternative to an untimed pregnancy. They're also encouraging our young people to engage sexually." Concluding the One News Now interview, the pastor encourages pro-life advocates to become more of a presence within their communities. He says change can be made when pro-lifers attend school board meetings and PTA meetings and insist that students learn the dangers of the Planned Parenthood message. If pro-life messages are shared within the school setting, then there could be a shift in the number of abortions, especially within the African-American community, he argues. There is hope, however, he adds, because African-American pastors are increasingly speaking about the genocide of abortion to their own congregations. If this culture of death can be swayed, lives can be saved. (Life News 30 July, 14 August, 2018; One News Now, 14 August 2018).

Young Adult Retreat: "Into the Deep": 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. It will be held on Friday, September 28 from 6:30pm to 10:00pm, continuing on Saturday, September 29 from 10:00am to 7:00pm. Visit DCCatholic.org and see "Young Adult Events." Email Megan at DCCatholic@adw.org