

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## May 7, 2017

### Sunday, May 7

7:30 am † Shane Broderick

9:00 am † John Mundy

11:00 am † Antoine Nguyen

### Monday, May 8

12:00 pm † Berta Junco

### Tuesday, May 9

12:00 pm † Jack Dillon

### Wednesday, May 10

12:00 pm † Victor & Elsa Almazan

### Thursday, May 11

12:00 pm † Donald Mohr

### Friday, May 12

12:00 pm † Bridget Quine

### Saturday, May 13

5:00 pm † Denise Ferguson

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**Msgr. Watkins is away from May 3 to May 10 in Lourdes, France and sends his prayers from the Grotto where the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Bernadette in 1859.**

Congratulations to our Parish Children who will make their **First Holy Communion** at the 9:00am Mass next Sunday, May 14. 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.

Congratulations to all our youth of the Parish who will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** by Bishop Dorsonville on Sunday, May 21 at the 11:00am Parish Mass.

**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 or calling the Rectory Office at (202) 966-6288.

**9th Annual Quo Vadis Camp:** This event for young men in high school will be held on July 16-19 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The four-day camp includes daily Mass, prayer, talks, sports, and much more. Bus transportation is available. For information and registration, visit [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org). Questions? Contact the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org).

**Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild Open House:** Interested in gardening at one of the most peaceful sites in Washington while helping feed our neighbors in need? Come to the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild Open House on Saturday, May 13, 10am - 12 noon. Learn about our herb, vegetable and flower gardening, beekeeping, garden tours and more. Visit [www.fmgg.org](http://www.fmgg.org) or email [gardenguild@gmail.com](mailto:gardenguild@gmail.com).

**The Trinity Dome at America's Catholic Church:** The Bishops of the United States have approved a special one-time collection to take place in parishes across the nation on May 14, 2017, Mother's Day, to support the mosaic ornamentation of the Trinity Dome, the crowning jewel of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The National Shrine has been a century in the making since the laying of its foundation stone in 1920. Your prayerful and financial support will not only adorn this "Crowning Jewel" and complete Mary's Shrine, but will also leave a lasting legacy for generations to come in this living monument to our Catholic faith and heritage that is America's Catholic Church.

**New Evangelization Summit:** On May 12-13 in Ottawa, Canada, the New Evangelization Summit will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom, and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All Catholics – pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and the lay faithful – will benefit immensely from this powerful opportunity to be further equipped in the fundamental mission of the Church. The event will be streamed to 24 host-sites, providing a way for Catholics around North America to participate in the summit. Thus approximately 5,000 like-minded Catholics from across the continent will be united in one goal. Visit [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca) or contact the founder [michael.dopp@missionofthedeemer.com](mailto:michael.dopp@missionofthedeemer.com)

**Memorial Mass for the Military Services:** On Sunday, May 21, the 23rd Annual Memorial Mass will be held to honor those who have served and are serving in our nation's armed forces. The Mass will take place at 4:30pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave., NE). The principal celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform, and civilians should wear business attire. Parking is limited and carpooling is advised. To register and to request group seating, please visit [www.milarch.org/memoriamass/laity-registration](http://www.milarch.org/memoriamass/laity-registration). Call Jo Ann Redmond at 202-719-3600.

**Respect Life News:** Among recent shocking results of euthanasia and physician assisted suicide (PAS), we note that less than a year after most of Canada decriminalized PAS on 6.17.16, 1,324 patients died of PAS. That number may be even greater since the data from British Columbia and New Brunswick are not up to date. Quebec's are not up to date either; it decriminalized PAS earlier— on 12.10.15. Also in Canada, a court recently allowed PAS for a 58 year old mentally ill woman from Alberta who was not terminally ill. As Wesley Smith, assisted death (PAS and euthanasia) opponent, has said: "Euthanasia/assisted suicide are NOT about terminal illness. The issue is about normalizing killing as a response to human suffering," Assisted dying "eliminate[es] suffering by eliminating the sufferer." Additionally, in the Netherlands assisted deaths increased in 2016 by ten percent with 6,091 reported; 5,875 were euthanasia deaths, 216 assisted suicide deaths. That number constitutes four percent of all deaths in that country. Since 2006, there has been a 317 percent increase in assisted deaths in the Netherlands. We also note that in Oregon where PAS is legal, a recent study published in an oncology journal found that pain control has not been adequate in a considerable number of PAS cases. Addressing pain control, the Oregon Catholic Conference, points out: "Assisted suicide laws make suicide socially acceptable. As a result, Oregon's overall suicide rate is 41 percent higher than the national rate. Assisted suicide, like other forms of suicide, has negative effects on victims and families." The study also reported that some patients used Oregon's "Death with Dignity" law because the cost of chemotherapy was too high" Two patients in Oregon "were told that their medical insurance would not pay for cancer treatment but would cover assisted suicide" [!] And in California a week after its "End of Life Option act" came into effect, a patient was told her insurance would not pay for chemotherapy but that she would only have to pay \$1.20 for suicide pills. Finally, it may not be widely known that suicide assisting physicians "in most jurisdictions where euthanasia and/or assisted suicide has been decriminalized" are required by law to falsify death certificates saying the patient died from the underlying medical condition, not by PAS (First Things, 2.2.16; [lifeneews.com](http://lifeneews.com), 4.11,12,18, 21, 25.17; Euthanasia Prevention Coalition blog, 4.13.17; [nationalrighttolifeneews.org/news](http://nationalrighttolifeneews.org/news), 4.21.17).

**Hope After Abortion:** Day of Prayer and Healing for Women. Have you experienced shame, sadness, regret, or guilt after abortion? You are not alone. Any woman who has gone through the abortion experience is invited to attend an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, May 13. You will find the Sacraments, a caring retreat team, a witness talk, and a non-judgmental atmosphere that will help you to heal from shame and other negative emotions that come after abortion. The exact location is confidential due to the personal nature of this experience. For more information, contact Project Rachel Ministry, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, at 301-982-2008 or [hope@adw.org](mailto:hope@adw.org)

**Archdiocese of Washington Women's Conference:** May 20, at 8:30am - 4:00pm. "Occasions of Grace: Encountering God's Grace in Day to Day Family Life." Wondering how you can encounter God's grace in your day to day life? Are you seeking ways to bring grace into your family life? Join women from across the Archdiocese of Washington for the 5th Annual Women's Conference on May 20, 2017 at Catholic University of America (Pryzbyla Center) 620 Michigan Ave., N.E. Washington, DC 20064 301-853-4466 or email [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org).

**Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** A workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) will be offered on two more occasions this spring: Saturday, May 13 from 10am-1pm at Sacred Heart Church in Bowie, MD (Whitemarsh Hall, 16501 Annapolis Rd.), and Saturday, June 3 from 9am-12noon at the Church of the Nativity in Washington, DC (6001 13th St. NW). This workshop will instruct the faithful on how to serve effectively as an EMHC in the parish setting as well as when taking Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins. It is intended primarily for those who wish to be certified as an EMHC in the Archdiocese of Washington, but it is open to all. Please RSVP by emailing [liturgy@adw.org](mailto:liturgy@adw.org) or call 301-853-4594.

**New Miscarriage Sections at Catholic Cemeteries:** According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, nearly one in four women experience an early pregnancy loss in her lifetime. Yet, women who lose their baby in the first trimester often do not know their right to claim and respectfully bury what the medical community calls "the product of conception" after a miscarriage. No matter how early the loss, many Catholic couples long to name, inter, and remember their baby as an eternal member of the family. Catholic Cemeteries now offers burial options to answer that great desire of their hearts. For more information on the new Miscarried Baby Sections at Catholic Cemeteries, contact your parish priest or the manager at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD; 301-871-6500); Resurrection Cemetery (8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD; 301-868-5141); All Souls Cemetery (11401 Brink Rd., Germantown, MD; 301-428-1995), or St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery (38888 Dr. Johnson Rd., Mechanicsville, MD; 301-475-5005).