

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 24, 2017

Sunday, September 24

7:30 am † Wayne Kelloway

9:00 am † Nora Mary Zimmerman

11:00 am † Senen Vibas, Jr.

Monday, September 25

12:00 pm † Mr. & Mrs. Vedrini

Tuesday, September 26

12:00 pm † Lina D'Silva

Wednesday, September 27

12:00 pm † Lorenzo Decastra

Thursday, September 28

12:00 pm † Mary Dorothy Hurley

Friday, September 29

12:00 pm † Ann C. Hurley

Saturday, September 30

5:00 pm † Hotka Family

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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 \$6,822. **The Second Collection** last weekend for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma was \$3,745. Enroll in eGiving through @FaithDirect so you can support St. Ann from anywhere. To enroll, just go to www.faithdirect.net or download the free app and use our church code: DC811. God Bless and thank you!

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 the 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.

St. Ann's 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!!!*

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.

First Friday of the month: Join us 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.

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 at 5:30pm. Mark your calendar to join us on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.

St. Ann's Young Adult Group: All young adults (20's to 30's), please consider joining us for Reflections with Monsignor Watkins on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm in the Library, accessible by way of the side door (immediately to right of the Rectory) on Yuma Street. We discuss the faith and enjoy fellowship and light refreshments. Write to nataliejplumb@gmail.com for detailed information.

"Greeters" Wanted: The Parish requests volunteers to be "Greeters" at the church doors before each weekend's Masses. This is a great way to welcome visitors and parishioners to worship at our church. If you are interested, please contact Susie Hirt at (202) 244-4739 or susie_hirt@comcast.net

PSR (Sunday School) News: The Parish School of Religion is off to a great start! Classes began last Sunday with about fifty students already attending and a number ready to complete their registration. All Catholic parents have an obligation to provide a Catholic education for their children and the PSR is a great way to do so. We meet each Sunday after the 9:00am Mass. Our PSR students develop a deeper understanding of their faith - and have a good time doing so. If you would like to learn more about our program and/or would like to register your child, please contact Mrs. Schaeffer at dre@stanndc.org.

Run for Vocations: Registration is open! The Marine Corps 10K will be held on Sunday, October 22, but plan to register soon. Register at www.dcpriest.org/promote/run-for-vocations/register-to-run for both the 10K and Run for Vocations. It is not necessary to be part of a parish team to run. All proceeds to support vocation promotion and benefit seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. For more information, go to www.dcpriest.org, search "Run for Vocations" on Facebook, or email RFV@adw.org.

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.

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 this weekend** to benefit the Diocese of Balasore in India. We welcome Mr. Thomas Phil Guerra who is speaking at all our weekend Masses.

Fatima Worldwide Children's Holy Hour at the Basilica:

The International World Apostolate of Fatima's children's program, Children of the Eucharist, Young Missionaries of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, cordially invites everyone to gather your children and make a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, on Friday, October 13, 10:00am. This will mark the 15th annual Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. EWTN will broadcast to over 140 nations. As you know on this recent May 13th. at Fatima, Portugal, the Holy Father Pope Francis canonized the Little Shepherds of Fatima, now Saint Francisco Marto and Saint Jacinta Marto. At Fatima, our Blessed Mother taught these children that 'prayer and sacrifice' will bring peace to our families and world. Begin planning for this 'Eucharistic and Marian Pilgrimage' giving students the opportunity to pray for peace in their own families and all the families of the world. This Holy Hour gives a unique opportunity to spiritually unite with children throughout the world. To RSVP email Kathleen Fitzpatrick at FatimaHolyHour@gmail.com.

Music at the Monastery: Music to uplift your soul! Enjoy a Music at the Monastery organ recital on Oct. 4, 4:00pm, with Jeffrey Pannebaker. Held at the historic Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017, this monthly series is cosponsored with the DC Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A light reception follows; free-will offering. For information: myfranciscan.org or call 202-526-6800; free parking; Brookland/CUA Metro and H6 bus toward Fort Lincoln.

Respect Life News: The Catholic News Service and other news services reported that the New York Court of Appeals on Sept. 7 upheld the state's ban on assisted suicide. The court ruled 5-0 in the case Meyers v. Schneiderman that there is no constitutional right to assisted suicide. The case was filed in 2015 by three terminally ill, sound of mind patients and their physicians in an attempt to insure that the doctors assisting their suicide would not be prosecuted. Since that time, two of the ill plaintiffs died and the cancer of the third is in remission. The court said: "we reject plaintiffs' argument that an individual has a fundamental constitutional right to aid-in-dying. We also reject plaintiffs' assertion that the State's prohibition on assisted suicide is not rationally related to legitimate state interests." On Jan. 26, 1997 in *Vacco v. Quill*, the United States Supreme Court ruled 9-0 that physician-assisted suicide is not a constitutional right. With their Sept.7 decision, the New York State Court of Appeals joined other state courts which have so ruled on physician assisted suicide. We note further that no high court in the United States has ever ruled that there is a constitutional right to assisted suicide "We are tremendously heartened by today's decision," said Adam Prizio, attorney for several Disability Rights groups "This was the right decision for the Court of Appeals and for the disability community, because the Petitioners were asking the Court to write into law an exception which the Legislature did not create and did not intend. The Court rightly declined to do this. I expect proponents of assisted suicide to redouble their efforts with the Legislature as a result, and to try to push assisted suicide through in a hurry next year. We will be there to push back when they do, because this issue is life and death for the disability community" (notdeadyet.org, 9.7.17; nationalrighttolifenews.org; 9.10.17).

25th International Week of Prayer and Fasting: October 1 - 9, 2017, the 25th International Week of Prayer and Fasting 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 (Oct 1st – 9th) 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 final day, on Monday, October 9th, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 9:00am – 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 will be Bishop Joseph Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, IL. For more information visit www.iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY (7729).

