

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Sunday, February 25

7:30 am Fama Fabian (*Living*)

9:00 am † Elizabeth Cox

11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, February 26

12:00 pm † All Souls

Tuesday, February 27

12:00 pm † Lourdes Aguilar

Wednesday, February 28

12:00 pm † Marie Bartley

Thursday, March 1

12:00 pm † Peter Gischwindt

Friday, March 2

12:00 pm † Hotka Family

Saturday, March 3

5:00 pm † Frances Holman

LENT

Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesdays during Lent from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays during Lent at 11:30am and 7:00pm

Thank you very much for your generosity Fast. We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes and enrolling with Faith Direct. Online giving will provide St. Ann's Church with consistent support and simplify your giving without the envelopes. Thank you for your continued support to our parish family! Please contact our Parish Office at (202) 966-6288 to request cancelation of your St. Ann's Church envelopes. To enroll giving online, visit www.faithdirect.net and use our **church code: DC811**. Many thanks.

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.

We are **looking for more volunteers for various ministries here at St. Ann's**. If interested in assisting as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher/Greeter, or Altar Server, please contact the Pastor. In addition, we are very much in need of faithful parishioners who will be willing to assist in counting the weekly Collections on Monday mornings from 7:30am until 9:00am. We are so very grateful to our money counters; yet, they need extra assistance and are looking for more help. Again, if you are willing, contact Msgr. Watkins.

Saint of the week: Anne Line c. 1565-1601 (*Feast February 27*). Anne is one of three laywomen among the



Forty Martyrs of England and Wales canonized in 1970 by Pope Paul VI. Anne Heigham and her brother were disowned by their Protestant father for converting to Catholicism. She married another disinherited convert, Roger Line, who died in exile in Flanders in 1594. Left penniless and always in poor health, Anne began working with Jesuits in London, where she organized and operated safe houses for priests and embroidered vestments. She took voluntary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Within one month, February 1601, she was arrested, tried at the Old Bailey, convicted of hiding a priest, and hanged at Tyburn. Anne is a patron of the childless, widows and converts.

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.

Lenten Rice Bowl Dinner: The Parish's Lenten Rice Bowl Dinner is at **6:00pm Sunday, February 25**, to be held in the Undercroft. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Relief Services. Suggested contribution will be \$5 per person, \$10 per family. If you would like more information or are interested in contributing a simple dish to share, please contact Susie Hirt at susie_hirt@comcast.net or Ted Hirt at tedhirt@comcast.net, or (202) 244-4739.

Is God Calling You to the Diaconate? Come and See! The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation of the Archdiocese of Washington will begin a new cycle of recruitment and preparation of men for the diaconate. The initial selection process for the next aspirancy class will be preceded with six opportunities to "Come and See" about the permanent diaconate. These events will be held at various locations around the Archdiocese in January-March 2018. To learn more about the specific dates and locations, please contact Diane Biggs in the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 301-853-5345 or biggsd@adw.org. The mailing address is: Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation, P.O. Box 29260, Washington, D.C. 20017. Additional information is available at adw.org/permanent-deacons.

Saint Ann's Boy Scouts: Thank you to everyone who celebrated Scout Sunday with Saint Ann's Troop 100 last Sunday, February 3. We will be hosting an open house for any interested scouts and their families on **Wednesday, Feb 28 at 7:15pm in the Collins Room**. Enter from the exterior side door to the left of the entrance to the church. Our Scouts range in age from 11 to 18 and come from private, public, charter and home schools. Please come check us out. If you would have any questions, please contact the Saint Ann's Charter Organization Rep, Elizabeth Snee, at elizabethsnee@gmail.com

Respect Life News: Father Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, in a recent email provided several pro-life Lenten prayers. We quote, in part, from one them, a litany titled, "In Response to Abortion." Part one, Response: "Have mercy on us. God the Father, Creator of the world, God the Son, through whom all things were made, God the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life, Lord Jesus, living in the womb of the Virgin Mary, Lord Jesus, Lover of the poor and weak, Lord Jesus, Defender of the helpless, For every sin against life, For the sin of abortion, For the daily killing of innocent babies, For the killing of Your future disciples, For the exploitation of women by abortion, For the silence of Your people, For the apathy of Your people, For the co-operation of Your people in this tragedy, For our pre-born brothers and sisters threatened by abortion." Part two, Response: "Hear our prayer. For our brothers and sisters who have survived abortion, For mothers who have had abortions, For mothers tempted to have abortions, For mothers pressured to have abortions, For mothers who have refused to have abortions, For the fathers of aborted babies, For the families of aborted babies, For the families of those tempted to have abortions, For abortionists, For all who assist and cooperate in abortions, For doctors and nurses, that they may nurture life, For government leaders, that they may defend life, For the clergy, that they may speak up for life, For the pro-life movement, For those who speak, write, and work to end abortion, For those who help provide alternatives to abortion, For those who promote adoption, For courage and perseverance in pro-life work, For those who suffer ridicule and rejection for their stand for life, For those imprisoned for defending life, For those who have been injured and mistreated for defending life, For legal professionals, For courts and judges, In thanksgiving for the babies saved from abortion, In thanksgiving for the mothers saved and healed from abortion, In thanksgiving for the former abortion providers who have become pro-life, In thanksgiving for all those who take a stand against abortion, In thanksgiving for the call to be part of the pro-life movement. Let us pray: Almighty and ever-living God, May all who acknowledge You, promote the sacredness of life and always serve You faithfully, Amen.

Kidsave: A non-profit organization is looking for host families in July. Kidsave works with older children domestically and internationally in hopes of finding a permanent loving home. This July, Kidsave is bring 50 children from Colombia and need a host family to stay with over the 5 weeks. We are looking for families that are interested in adoption or if not, can network and find a family who are looking to adopt. Visit their website at www.kidsave.org to get more information on hosting. Contact Anelle Iapalucci at anelle.iapalucci@yahoo.com if you are interested in hosting.

Coffee and Donut Social: After the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses on Sundays in the Collins Room, located on the lower level of the church. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus who organize this weekly fellowship for our benefit. If you are interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, please speak with Mr. Drew Gorman whom you can meet during Coffee and Donuts.

St. Ann's Youth News: Many thanks to all who contributed to our annual **Souper Bowl of Caring collection** to benefit Friendship Place, which helps the homeless. The Saint Ann's Youth Group **raised \$1,200** during our collection after all Masses on the weekend of February 10th and 11th. Many thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers, especially the Hirt family which coordinated collections at the Masses.

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. It can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal. For confidential information about or to register for an upcoming program, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@retrouvaille.org

Make a Difference for Christians in Syria: The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC is part of the Franciscan Custody (province) that has served the people and shrines in the Holy Land for 800 years. Please keep the Franciscan friars and parishioners in Syria in your prayers as they struggle to keep our Catholic faith alive in the midst of the war that has engulfed this second cradle of Christianity, the place of St. Paul's conversion. Learn more at myfranciscan.org/Syria or call 202-526-6800, x895.

World Meeting of Families: Ireland 2018, the Archdiocesan Office for Family Life will participate in the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Dublin, Ireland. The 11-day pilgrimage will be from August 17 to August 27, 2018 and includes: official registration to the World Meeting of Families, visits to Knock Sanctuary, Kylemore Abbey, the Cliffs of Moher, Bunratty Castle, Folk Park, and a cruise on Lough Corrib, with non-stop roundtrip flights from Washington Dulles to Dublin and 9 nights in 3* and 4* hotels. This pilgrimage will be an important and joyful way to prepare for participation in the World Meeting of Families. Please join the pilgrimage and share the news about this exciting opportunity to gather with families from around the world in Ireland. For more information or to register, go to www.adw.org/wmof2018 or call the Archdiocesan Events Office at 301-853-4561.

First Archdiocesan Intercultural Conference: On Saturday, April 21 from 9:00am to 5:00pm, the Archdiocese of Washington will host the First Archdiocesan Intercultural Conference at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. The diversity in our local Church provides new and exciting opportunities to strengthen our evangelization efforts, as well as new opportunities for encounter and accompaniment. This conference, sponsored by the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach, will help participants grow in the knowledge of the role of culture in the process of faith transmission. If you have any questions, call 301-853-5335 or email culturaldiversity@adw.org
