

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY APRIL 8, 2018

Sunday, April 8

7:30 am † Hotka Family

9:00 am † Teddy Garcia

11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, April 9

12:00 pm Sister Rosalva Perez (*Living*)

Tuesday, April 10

12:00 pm † Kalesnik Family

Wednesday, April 11

12:00 pm † Dick Garcia

Thursday, April 12

12:00 pm † Patricia Kirwin

Friday, April 13

12:00 pm † Kalesnik Family

Saturday, April 14

5:00 pm † John Cardinal O'Connell

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Easter Gratitude from the Pastor: Many thanks to all who made our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations so spiritually uplifting and beautiful: Our Music Director, Mr. Bob Bright, all those who assisted with the various ceremonies (Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, The Mother Butler Guild, The Parish Money Counters, among others). Thank you also to all contributed to the Easter Flower Collection! Happy Easter to all for 50 days of Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord!

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 at stann@stanndc.org.

Saint of the week: Frances of Rome 1384–1440 (*Feast March 9*). This laywoman and foundress, born a Roman



aristocrat, married Lorenzo Ponziano when she was 13; they had several children. In 1409, their palazzo was pillaged by Neapolitan soldiers and Lorenzo was exiled for five years, returning home a broken man. He died in 1436. Frances, known for her great charity during epidemics and

civil war, organized a ladies society dedicated to self-denial and good works. It became the Oblates of Tor de Specchi, which she directed for her last four years. She is the patron saint of motorists, perhaps because she was guarded for 23 years by an archangel visible only to her. Her last words were: "The angel has finished his work. He is beckoning me to follow."

St. Ann's Ice Cream Social on Sunday, April 29: Come celebrate spring and say hello to our pastor, Msgr. Watkins, at the **St. Ann's Ice Cream Social on Sunday, April 29 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the St. Ann's Gym**. Please stop in for a tasty treat, meet your fellow parishioners and learn about easy ways to serve your parish, including how to become an altar server, a lector or an usher. See you there.

St. Ann's Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee Kickoff Sunday May 20: Did you know that St. Ann's celebrates its 150th anniversary next year? Please join us on **Sunday, May 20 at 12:15pm** (just after the 11:00am Mass) in the **Undercroft** for the **kickoff meeting** of St. Ann's Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee. To reach the Undercroft, enter through the gates on Wisconsin Avenue to the left of the church and walk downstairs. We welcome your ideas and participation

Day of Hope and Healing: The Office for Family Life invites all those who are struggling with infertility or have suffered a miscarriage to a prayerful day of hope and healing hosted by Archdiocese of Washington on Saturday, April 14 at 10:00am to 3:30pm at St. Joseph Catholic Parish call (301) 937-7183.

Crying Room: We welcome all of our children to Mass and invite our parents to use the small "Crying Room" near the vestibule of the church when your child needs some fresh air. We leave the good judgement to the parents to assist their children when they may need to step out for a moment. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

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. Call 301-853-5335 or email culturaldiversity@adw.org

Respect Life News: The most recent international 40 Days for Life campaign began on Ash Wednesday and ended on Palm Sunday. As has been the case in many earlier campaigns, the results of this latest and largest campaign so far have been good. "Reports are still coming in," Shawn Carney, 40 Days director, announced, "but local 40 Days for Life leaders tell us that as of now, they're aware of 490 babies in 354 locations around the world whose mothers have rejected abortion and chosen life! In many cases, all it took was the simple act of showing up to pray on the sidewalk." In Cincinnati, for example, a woman outside the Planned Parenthood abortion center told 40 Days for Life participants that she is pregnant ... and a Christian. "She'd had an abortion before and said she would never do that again," a volunteer related, "but she didn't know what else to do. So she scheduled an abortion ... and paid the deposit." But thankfully, she saw people praying at the vigil ... and went back to Planned Parenthood to get her deposit back. The volunteers then walked with her to the pregnancy help center about two blocks away, where she was greeted with open arms and life-affirming options. The Cincinnati campaign leader said that although this woman was aware deep down that abortion was the wrong choice, without 40 Days for Life volunteers present, "she might not have known there was any place that could help her ... and may have rescheduled the abortion." Regarding the international campaigns, we note that among the 354 locations where this most recent campaign took place, 55 of them were in Latin America: 26 in Colombia, 25 in Mexico and one each in Argentina, Bolivia, Guatemala and Paraguay. In Manchester, England, this was the 13th 40 Days for Life campaign and in that time, volunteers reported they had witnessed 87 babies saved from abortion at their vigil outside a very busy Marie Stopes facility, one of the "Marie Stopes International" (MSI) birth control, abortion and maternal care facilities. Named after Dr. Marie Stopes (1880-1958), a Scottish scientist who, like Margaret Sanger, the founder of what became Planned Parenthood, was a major birth control and eugenics proponent. Ironically Stopes herself was opposed to abortion but eventually MSI, under her name, became "Britain's largest abortion provider" with facilities in 37 countries around the world (40daysforlife.com. 3.23, 26. 2018; www.mariestopes.org).

Friends & Neighbors Breakfast: May 3, 2018. Friendship Place will hold its 14th annual breakfast on **Thursday, May 3, 2018, from 8:30am to 9:30am**, at Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb St., N.W. Our Parish has been a long-time supporter of Friendship Place - each year, the Youth Group prepares shoe boxes for its consumers and supports its work through the "Souper Bowl" collection. Please join the St. Ann's table so you can learn more about how Friendship Place helps the homeless in our local area - and so we can have a big turnout from St. Ann's! Contact Ted Hirt at tedhirt@comcast.net, or Kathy at kcurran@chausa.org, if you are interested in attending this event. Space will be limited. This is a fund-raising event, but whether you contribute or not is voluntary.

24th Annual Archdiocesan Vocations Mass for 8th Graders: The 24th Annual Archdiocesan Vocations Mass for 8th Graders will be held on Tuesday, April 24 at 10:30am in the Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Mass will include a homily by an archdiocesan priest and a talk by a religious sister. After Mass, students will be given the opportunity to visit and speak with seminarians, priests, and consecrated religious women and men. For more information, please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

Called to Leadership: Spirituality for Catholic Women, hosted by The Archdiocese of Washington on Saturday, April 21 from 8:00am to 3:00pm at 315 Greencastle Road Burtonsville, MD 20866. Discover how to enhance your spirituality to be a faith-filled leader in your home, parish, workplace, and community. If interested please contact Rose Folsom, at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com

Men's Discernment Dinner: On Sunday, May 13 from 5:00 to 8:30pm, a Men's Discernment Dinner will be held at Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington, DC (145 Taylor St., NE). The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington area. Participants should be single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. Register online at www.DCpriest.org.

Prepare to Care: Family Caregiver Training; Being a family caregiver is one of the most important jobs—and one of the most challenging. This role can be frustrating, satisfying, exhausting, joyful, thankless and everything in between. This workshop offers hands-on training, practical resources, and easy-to-use guides to help family caregivers find support, make tough decisions and handle conflict throughout the caregiving journey. This workshop is tailored to share resources and tips for all types of family caregivers; whether a first-time caregiver, experienced, or someone caring for a loved one from afar, and will be offered in April by Capital Caring, in partnership with AARP, at a day/time to be determined. For more information on this workshop, please contact Allison Kuchar, Capital Caring CARE Representative, at 443-417-3738.

VIRTUS Fingerprinting and Electronic Background Compliance: All deacons and clergy working for the Archdiocese of Washington, living in a rectory or volunteering at a parish, school, or other archdiocesan institution must have both fingerprinting and electronic background check completed. Please contact the parish office at stann@stanndc.org to verify that you are in compliance. This must be completed as soon as possible.

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.