

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY MAY 27, 2018

Sunday, May 27

7:30 am † Suzanne Zucardy

9:00 am † Marie Bartlye

11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, May 28

12:00 pm † Elsa Almazan

Tuesday, May 29

12:00 pm † Elena Moreno

Wednesday, May 30

12:00 pm † Ellen McNamara

Thursday, May 31

12:00 pm † Barbara Perez

Friday, June 1

12:00 pm † Elsa Almazan

Saturday, June 2

5:00 pm † Lourdes Aguilar

Msgr. Watkins will be on retreat June 1 to June 5.

Give to Our Parish Online

Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$7,980. **The Second Collection Faith Direct Online Collection** for the first half of May was \$1,202. (We report to you the online giving amount twice a month). 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!!

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.

Michelangelo Pietà: St. Ann's Church has been blessed to receive a life-sized replica of the famous Michelangelo Pietà which will arrive in early June. Please see the attached flyer in this bulletin for more details and plan to join us for a special dedication and blessing of the statue at the **11:00am Mass on Sunday, June 17**. Cardinal Wuerl will not be able to join us on June 17 as we had hoped.

Bishop Mario Dorsonville will be our guest celebrant on **Sunday, June 24 at the 11:00am Mass**.

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

Memorial Day started as an event to honor Union soldiers who had died during the American Civil War. It was inspired by the way people in the Southern states honored their dead. After World War I, it was extended to include all men and women who died in any war or military action. Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. The current name for this day did not come into use until after World War II. Decoration Day and then Memorial Day used to be held on May 30, regardless of the day of the week, on which it fell. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed as part of a move to use federal holidays to create three-day weekends. This meant that that, from 1971, Memorial Day holiday has been officially observed on the last Monday in May. However, it took a longer period for all American states to recognize the new date.

Saint of the week: Ursula Ledochowska 1865-1939.

(*Feast May 29*) Born into a distinguished Polish family in Austria, Julia Maria entered an Ursuline convent in Poland



at age 21, taking the name Maria Ursula of Jesus. She taught in a girls' school for 20 years, and in 1907 went to St. Petersburg to supervise a new school. Expelled from Russia at the beginning of World War I, she spent the war in Sweden and returned to Poland in 1920. In 1923, she founded the Ursulines of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus, known as

Grey Ursulines. As the order expanded, the Vatican asked her to live in Rome, where she died. Grey Ursulines now minister in 12 countries. Ursula was canonized in 2003; her older sister, Blessed Maria Theresa Ledochowska, is also a foundress.

Parking at the Church: As a reminder, there are approximately 14 parking spaces in the alley for parish use (School side only) during the weekdays and 3 spaces on the lower school lot with signage for St. Ann's Church. While St. Albans has permission for parents to drop-off and pick-up their children for 10 minutes or so, there should not generally be a problem for daily Mass attendees at 12:00noon. However, we are noticing that there are several non-parishioner violators, and we are trying to address this issue with notices. Thank you for your patience. Please note that the school parking lot during the weekday school hours (7:00am to 7:00pm Monday to Friday) is reserved for St. Albans use according to the parish lease. On Saturdays and Sundays for Mass-goers, both the alley (School Side) and the lower School parking lot are available to St. Ann's Parishioners. On Saturdays, in particular, please try not to park in the alley or on the lower lot as "free parking" while you shop in the Tenleytown area, as parking is needed for so many groups who use the gymnasium in the evenings and on weekends. Parking has become a huge problem for all of us, so we thank you once again for your patience and cooperation.

Supporting Josephite Seminarians: For over 140 years, the Josephites have long been a key to the vibrant black Catholic presence in the Washington and Baltimore area. St. Joseph's Seminary in Washington, DC, located just blocks from the Basilica, has formed Josephite priests and brothers for serving the African-American community through the proclamation of the Gospel and personal witness. The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites you to join them in support of Josephite seminarians. Since most of the seminarians are far from home, the Council has decided to support each of them with a monetary gift. To donate, send a check by June 1, made payable to ACCW, to Sonia Bobis, ACCW Treasurer, 13901 Belle Chasse Blvd., #311, Laurel, MD 20707. Questions? Contact Carol-Ann Parker, ACCW Service Commission Chair, at 904-287-7862 or carolannparker1965@gmail.com.

Celebration of the Saints of Africa: On Saturday, **June 2**, the Celebration of the Saints of Africa will take place from **2:00 to 8:00pm at St. Camillus Church** in Silver Spring, MD (1600 St. Camillus Drive). This year's theme is "Becoming Missionary Disciples," answering the call of Pope Francis to "Share the Journey" of migrants and refugees. The celebration will include Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Mario Dorsonville as well as a Rosary Procession, youth forum, socials, and choir concert. This celebration is organized by the African Catholic Association under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Washington and in collaboration of with the USCCB Subcommittee on Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees and Travelers. For more information, please contact Ms. Sandra Coles-Bell in the archdiocesan Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach at 301-853-4469.

Monthly Evenings of Reflection for Men: "Finding True Freedom: Detachment from the Things That Don't Matter" On June 6, 7:00 to 9:30pm at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers Monthly Reflections for men on the first Wednesday of every month! Each Reflection includes: Mass, guided meditations, opportunity for confession and a delicious meal. Suggested donation: \$20 per person. Find more information call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Quo Vadis Camp: The Office of Priest Vocation's annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at **Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD** from **July 15 to 18**. The four-day camp includes daily Mass, prayer, talks, sports, and much more. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org! Contact the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020.

Healthy Aging Forum: Northwest Neighbors Village and the Washington Hebrew Congregation are presenting a Healthy Aging Forum. This event will feature experts in the field of healthy aging lecturing on a variety of interesting and useful topics. It will be held **Sunday, June 10th** at the Washington Hebrew Congregation on Macomb Street. For information, you can visit the Northwest Neighbors Village website at: <http://www.nnvdc.org/>, or call Sal Selvaggio at 202-362-0571.

Many thanks to all who attended the **piano recital** at the church on Mother's Day and for their donations for the event and, in particular, to Jeff Ashford for organizing the recital. As well, many thanks to all who attended the 150th parish anniversary kickoff meeting last Sunday. We hope to report back the ideas that was shared as we anticipate a wonderful year of celebration in 2019-2020.

Learn English at Saint Ann's: 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 inglés es divertido! Llamar a/call Paula Ackerman at (202) 363-2303.

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 for our benefit.

Respect Life News: The American Medical Association (AMA), very probably the most important medical organization in the U.S. medical community, has reaffirmed its opposition to physician assisted suicide (PAS). "The AMA was asked recently by legalization activists to reconsider its decades-long opposition to legalizing assisted suicide, specifically, to distinguish between suicide and the euthanasia movement's" often repeated "euphemism, 'aid in dying.'" The organization's "Ethics Committee, the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs," (CEJS) reiterated its opposition to legalization in full." Its report on the matter reads, in part: "The council recognizes that choosing one term of art over others can carry multiple, and not always intended messages. However, in the absence of a perfect option, CEJA believes ethical deliberation and debate is best served by using plainly descriptive language. In the council's view, despite its negative connotations, the term "physician assisted suicide" describes the practice with the greatest precision. Most importantly, it clearly distinguishes the practice from euthanasia. The terms "aid in dying" or "death with dignity" could be used to describe either euthanasia or palliative/ hospice care at the end of life and this degree of ambiguity is unacceptable for providing ethical guidance." It also rejects the preposterous proposition that assisted suicide is not suicide maintained by a number of PAS proponents. Additionally, it calls attention to the fact "that quality end-of-life care is unequally available in the country and is a particular problem for poor populations. After careful consideration, CEJA concludes that in its current form the [AMA] "Code offers guidance to support physicians and the patients they serve in making well-considered, mutually respectful decisions about legally available options for care at the end of life in the intimacy of a patient-physician relationship. The Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs therefore recommends that the Code of Medical Ethics not be amended." We note, therefore, that the AMA remains in the good company of the American College of Physicians, the American Nurses Association, and various palliative care and disability groups that oppose PAS. (Adapted from "AMA Says No To Assisted Suicide" by Wesley J. Smith J.D., Center for Bioethics and Culture printed in lifefews.com, 5.7.18).