

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST JUNE 24, 2018

Sunday, June 24

7:30 am † Joseph Marquez
9:00 am † Leonardo Panlican
11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, June 25

12:00 pm † Janet Critser

Tuesday, June 26

12:00 pm † Quiroga Family

Wednesday, June 27

12:00 pm † Ernesto Eugenio

Thursday, June 28

12:00 pm † Ernesto Eugenio

Friday, June 29

12:00 pm † Pedro Concepcion

Saturday, June 30

5:00 pm † Pedro Concepcion

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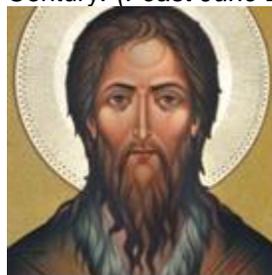
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Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$5,816. **The Second Collection Faith Direct Online Collection** for the second half of May was \$13,394. (We report to you the online giving amount twice a month). Your online gift to our parish helps to sustain our ministry and outreach efforts, as well as ongoing repairs and maintenance to our beautiful church building. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness; please tell your friends about St. Ann's! Go to our **website: stanndc.org** and use our St. Ann's Church **CODE: DC811**

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

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.

Saint of the week: Nativity of John the Baptist. First Century. (*Feast June 24*) In the Gospels, John, a kinsman



of Jesus through their mothers, preached repentance and baptized to prepare for the Messiah's coming. This feast marks his exceptional birth to the aged priest Zechariah and the equally aged and barren Elizabeth. The angel Gabriel announces his birth in a vision to Zechariah, who hesitates in

believing and is struck mute until eight days after John's birth. Then, Zechariah, in a beautiful canticle that ends the first chapter of Luke's Gospel, proclaims that John "will be called prophet of the Most High." John's eventual beheading is commemorated with an Aug. 29 feast. A patron saint of Canada and Jordan, John is also the patron of Florence and the Knights Hospitaller of St. John.

National eGiving Day: Did you know that June 21, the first day of summer was National eGiving Day? St. Ann can take particular joy in this celebration, as the response to eGiving in our church has been wonderful. To build on this success, we are challenging you to set up an eGiving account with Faith Direct today. eGiving is especially important in the summer months, when many families may be out of town some weekends and St. Ann does not receive their envelopes. It's easy for people to forget to catch up once they're back, and our weekly offertory can fluctuate as a result--making it harder to predict how much we will have to sustain our year-round ministries. The more families who welcome the beginning of summer by taking this National eGiving Day Challenge, the more consistent and predictable our offertory will be month after month and this will help us do even more to spread Christ's love throughout the community. Being part of this challenge is simple. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC811. Or go to **St. Ann's website: stanndc.org** and go to give to our parish online and register to online giving. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

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 ninos con la tarea! Hablar ingles es divertido! Llamar a/call Paula Ackerman at (202) 363-2303.

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.

Respect Life News: In the ongoing struggle with proponents of doctor-assisted-suicide and Euthanasia, we note a narrow but significant success in Portugal. On May 29, "The General Assembly (Parliament) voted down four government legislative proposals to legalize euthanasia [and physician assisted suicide (PAS)]. The similar measures had been proposed by the four parties comprising the ruling leftist coalition headed by the Socialist Party, the Left Bloc, the Green Party and the People, Animals, Nature party. The Socialist Party proposed law was defeated with 115 votes against, 110 in favor and four abstentions. There were roughly similar outcomes for the other three proposals." Mirabile dictu, the Communist party voted with the People's Party, a "conservative, Christian democratic, and national-conservative political party" opposed to legalization. The head of the Portuguese Catholic Doctors Association, Pedro Afonso, congratulated parliamentarians and declared the vote to be a "victory for medicine and for life." At the same time, he criticized the proposals as "a subterfuge by those claiming to eliminate suffering who instead eliminate the sufferer." Another opponent from the medical profession repeated a well-known fact that approximately 80% of gravely ill Portuguese people have no access to palliative care and the government should focus on this rather than assisting death. The head of the "Stop Eutanásia" movement, Sofia Guedes, called the results a victory for "humanity, justice and solidarity." Before the vote, "hundreds of people of all ages protested in front of the parliament building, chanting 'Yes to life, no to euthanasia' and carrying placards" reading 'We demand palliative care for ALL' and, 'Euthanasia is a recipe for elder abuse.' The Portuguese Doctors' Association opposed the bill, saying it violated key principles of the medical profession." Euthanasia "has been legal in... four European countries (Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Switzerland), Canada, Colombia and Physician Assisted Suicide has been "in a few states in the United States. The issue is being considered in other countries as well. Moreover, there are proponents who are starting to refer to this practice as yet another "human right." Portuguese proponents will try again to legalize euthanasia and PAS but must wait until after parliamentary elections in 2019 (Washington Post, 5.30.18, P. A8; "National Right to Life News Today," 5.3.18; "News at SPUC" [U.K], 5.30.18).

Marriage Preparation Program: Two consecutive **Saturdays, 8:30am to 5:00pm, July 7 & 14** at St. Elizabeth Parish (917 Montrose Rd. Rockville, MD, 20852). The Sacramental Preparation for Marriage program is designed to complement the preparation you are receiving from the priest or deacon that will witness your marriage. It is only one piece, albeit a very important one, of the six-month preparation required by the Archdiocese of Washington. Because marriage is a vocation, a call to holiness, our purpose and goal is to offer you some important information you will need regarding your upcoming marriage in the Catholic Church. To Register: Please send an email to flm@adw.org or call Events Office at 301-853-5337.

Renting in Maryland? You Might Be Eligible for a State Tax Credit: The state of Maryland has a program that aims to assist low income renters struggling with rising rent payments, particularly for those who are over 60 years old, permanently disabled, or have a dependent under age 18. If you are a renter in Maryland and want to learn if you qualify for up to \$1,000 in financial assistance, contact the Housing Partnership Initiative (hiphomes.org) at 301-916-5946 or ccastro@hiphomes.org. More information at MarylandTaxCredit.com.

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, please send a check, 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.

Fiat Camp for Young Women: Fiat is Latin for "Let it be done." This was Mary's response to the angel Gabriel when she was asked to become the mother of Jesus. Mary was called to live courageously and to give her whole life, and because of her response, she changed the world. At Fiat Camp, young women will be challenged to become fully who they are – to embrace the unique gifts given to them by God and to discover the great dignity of their vocation as a woman. For this year's camp for young women who are rising 9th to 12th Graders, the Archdiocese of Washington is partnering with the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The camp will be held from July 27 to 29 at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD, and it includes prayer, talks, discussions with religious sisters, games, and sports. Details and registration at www.quovadisfiat.org.

Monthly Telephone Rosary: On the 4th and 13th of each month at 8:00pm, join the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women for a Rosary by telephone. On the 4th, call 605-468-8016 and insert code 357090#. On the 13th, call 515-739-1261 and insert code 703993#. Participants pray for an increase in faith, hope, and love, and any personal intentions that callers would like to add. For more information, call Sharon O'Brien at 301-651-8190 or archdioceseCCW@gmail.com.

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.