

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 1, 2018

Sunday, July 1

7:30 am † Robert Nolan
9:00 am † Marion K. Pandolfe
11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, July 2

12:00 pm † Annette Rogers

Tuesday, July 3

12:00 pm † Hotka Family

Wednesday, July 4

12:00 pm † Tracy Pucci

Thursday, July 5

12:00 pm † Marie Bartley

Friday, July 6

12:00 pm † Lourdes Aguilar

Saturday, July 7

5:00 pm † Georjean Gonzaga

Saint Ann's Parish Faith Direct Online Giving Electronic Giving has become easier. Code DC811

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. **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$5,456 **The Second Collection** for Peter Pence last weekend was \$3,839. Go to our **website stanndc.org** and use our St. Ann's Church CODE: DC811. You may be aware we have had a way of supporting our parish through "eGiving" called Faith Direct. Nearly 50 registered parishioner families at St. Ann Church used Faith Direct. We hope you will join us today. To those of you who are using the Faith Direct service to make your generous donations to our parish, thank you very much.

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 stanndc.org.

First Friday of the month: Join us this Friday, **July 6** and 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.

God bless America!

Happy 4th of July: On Wednesday, we celebrate the birthday of our nation, the day when our founding fathers courageously declared independence from a monarchy that had become tyrannical. It is the day when we rightly celebrate our freedom. On July 4th, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia. We celebrate that day every year with picnics, gatherings of family and friends, parades and fireworks. It is also a day to thank God for our freedom and to pray for our nation, something recommended by John Adams, who, on the day after signing the Declaration of Independence, wrote that July 4th "ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty."

Saint of the week: Thomas the Apostle. First Century. (*Feast July 3*). Named among the Twelve Apostles in all four Gospels, Thomas figured prominently in several



stories in John. He said he was ready to die with Jesus, that he didn't know where Jesus was going and so couldn't follow, and famously doubted a post-Resurrection appearance until he himself saw the risen Lord. For this, history has called him "doubting Thomas," but his name remains

among the most popular Christian names. Four apocryphal writings were attributed to Thomas, and in church tradition he evangelized in Syria, Persia (now Iran) and India. Indian Catholics believe he was martyred and buried there. Thomas is the patron saint of India, builders and the blind.

Faith & Life Series: A Survivor's Story. Hosted by Archdiocese of Washington Life Issues, this **Sunday, July 1 at 6:30pm - 8:30pm** at St. Dominic Church, Washington DC 630 E St SW, Washington, DC. An exciting 13-week series discussing Faith and Life! Throughout the summer, we will hear first-hand testimonies on the value and dignity of all human life, at every stage and in every condition. During this series, we will explore the issues of abortion, adoption, racism, the sexual revolution, poverty, sex trafficking, immigration, war, capital punishment, physician assisted suicide, and much more.

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.

Marian Art Tour: On Wednesday, July 11, join the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women in taking a tour of Marian art at the National Gallery of Art (601 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC). Following the opening of the gallery at 10am, the tour will begin at 10:15am in the Rotunda of the West Building. Look for women wearing blue scarves. The tour is free, RSVP early by calling Cindy Perry at 301-220-3291.

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, 4th of July. There is no First Wednesday Adoration on July 4th due to the holiday.

Respect Life News: On 16 June, Pope Francis met with delegates of the Italian Forum of Family Associations who were celebrating its 25th anniversary. In a prepared address and in extemporaneous remarks, the Pope "stressed that God's vision of the family is between a man and a woman,... 'Do not get tired,'" he added, 'of supporting a higher birth rate in Italy, making government institutions and public opinion more aware of the importance of drafting policies and creating structures more open to the gift of children....' "It is a genuine paradox that the birth of children, which constitutes the greatest investment for a country and the first condition for its future prosperity, often represents a cause of poverty for families, due to the lack of support or the inefficiency of many services." He also "compared the abortion of children who are sick or disabled to a Nazi mentality. 'I've heard that it's fashionable, or at least usual, that when in the first few months of pregnancy they do studies to see if the child is healthy or has something, the first offer is: let's send it away,' the pope said... referring to the trend of aborting sick or disabled children.... 'This,' he said, is 'the murder of children...to get a peaceful life an innocent [person] is sent away.'" He added: "Last century, the whole world was scandalized by what the Nazis did to purify the race. Today, we do the same thing but with white gloves." Though the Pope did not address the problem of euthanasia in these remarks, since it is also such a pressing current issue, we note that one of the egregious methods the Nazis used "to purify the race" was the "euthanizing" of disabled children and adults. Called "Aktion T," the practice was courageously and vigorously condemned from the pulpit in 1941 by Blessed Clemens von Galen, the Bishop of Munster, Germany. The bishop was aptly known as the "Lion of Munster" (Asian news.it, 6.16.18; catholicnewsagency.com, 6.16.18; lifenews.com, 6.18.18; ufl.org, Francis Zapatka in Life and Learning, XX).

Called to Love: Theology of the Body Summer Intensive Course, July 16, 2018 to July 20, 2018. A unique opportunity to immerse yourself in John Paul II's Theology of the Body! This short, one-week intensive course studies his "Wednesday catechesis", through an in-depth examination of the text and a discussion of his scriptural, theological, and philosophical methodology. It shows how the dual unity of man and woman and their interpersonal communion, even in the body, image divine trinitarian life. Please purchase a copy of the book before the course begins: *Man and Woman He Created Them: A Theology of the Body* by John Paul II (Boston: Pauline Press, 2006. ISBN: 0819874213). Reading assignments will be distributed at the time of registration to allow students to prepare in advance. For more information, email: information@johnpaulii.edu or call 202.526.3799.

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.

Army 10 Miler: The Archdiocese is looking for volunteers to be part of TEAM AMS at the 34th Army Ten-Miler (ATM). The ATM will take place on 7 October 2018 and features a two-day ATM expo event and a scenic race course in our Nation's Capital. The Army Ten-Miler is a fun and unique opportunity to get involved, meet AMS chaplains and Co-Sponsored Seminarians, AMS staff, and to help raise critical funds for the AMS! If you or someone you know who is 15 years or older and would like to be part of Team AMS, please ask them to register visiting the following link, or contacting Salvador (Sal) Perez via e-mail at annualgiving@milarch.org, or by phone at 202-719-3646.

Employment Opportunities at Catholic Cemeteries: As part of the Archdiocese of Washington, Catholic cemetery managers and family counselors consider it a privileged ministry to assist families in a respectful, professional, and ethical way. In his new Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exultate*, Pope Francis writes of the beatitude of those who "are unafraid to share in the suffering" and "know how to mourn with others." If you know of someone in your parish who might be interested in the work of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington, kindly point him or her to the job opportunities section of the CCAW website (ccaw.org/about_employment.html).

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.

Saint John Paul II National Shrine: The Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Road, NE) has launched two new ongoing weekly programs: Thursday Adoration from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, hosted in collaboration with parishes and groups of the Archdiocese of Washington, and "The Art of Prayer" series on Sundays from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, on interior prayer with time for silent meditation followed by a Sunday Vespers service. For more information, please contact Anne-Elisabeth Giuliani at Anne.Giuliani@jp2shrine.org or 202-635-5428.

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. For more information or to register, call the Events Office at 301-853-4561.