

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 16, 2018

## Sunday, September 16

7:30 am † Lourdes Aguilar

9:00 am † Nora Mary Zimmerman

11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

## Monday, September 17

12:00 pm † Martin Puris

## Tuesday, September 18

12:00 pm † Christine Prevost Finkelstein

## Wednesday, September 19

12:00 pm † Jenard & Daniel Garcia

## Thursday, September 20

12:00 pm † Holy Spirit

## Friday, September 21

12:00 pm † Kalesnik Family

## Saturday, September 22

5:00 pm † James Sullivan

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Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$7,425. **The Online Faith Direct** Total Deposit (includes Offertory, 2nd Collections, and Donations) for the first half of August was \$1,868. (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](http://stanndc.org) and use our St. Ann's Church CODE: DC811

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**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](mailto:stann@stanndc.org).

**Sick Calls:** Please email us at [stann@stanndc.org](mailto:stann@stanndc.org), to notify the Pastor of any sick, homebound or those hospitalized, so that we may arrange to bring them the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick.

**Saint of the week:** St. Robert Bellarmine. 1542 to 1621. (*Feast September 17*). One of five sons in a prominent Tuscan family and the nephew of a pope, Robert was well-educated even before he became a Jesuit. After his ordination at Louvain, he taught there for seven years, specializing in "controversial theology." He returned to Rome in 1576, taught at the Gregorianum, and wrote a three-volume work defending Catholicism against heresies of the day. He also advised several popes, served as Jesuit provincial and cardinal-archbishop of Capua, mediated the Galileo controversy, and in old age turned his author's pen to devotional writing. In 1931, Pope Pius XI proclaimed this patron of catechists a doctor of the church.



**Welcome to the St. John Society:** Now living at the old convent at 4133 Yuma Street, Fr. Ivan Pertine and nine seminarians of the St. John Society will offer their ministerial support to our parish. Fr. Ivan will be joined by Fr. Lukas, who arrives in November to join their community. We welcome Brothers Juan Maria, John, Aaron, Keefe, Andres, Hermogenes, Andrew, Ben, and Connor. These men are studying philosophy and theology at the Dominican House of Studies. The priests have been assigned as Chaplains to the American University. Please welcome them as they worship with us and become more involved in the life of our parish.

**The Catholic Faith Is Exciting...** Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Whether baptized or not, you might want to consider entering a program of faith formation, known as the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)** Sessions are for unbaptized adults and baptized non-Catholics who wish to inquire about certain aspects of the faith, learn more about the Catholic Church, her practices and history and/or seek full membership. Active Catholics who wish to renew, to deepen, or to share their faith are cordially invited as well. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open for your questions, reflection, and searching! **Meetings take place in the library, starting Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00pm.** Please contact the Pastor for an initial interview: Monsignor James Watkins at [watkinsjas@aol.com](mailto:watkinsjas@aol.com).

**St. Ann's Blessing of the Animals:** Bring all your pets on **Saturday, September 29, at 12:00noon** in front of the church for the blessing of animals, honoring October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of animals. Please separate dogs from cats!!!

**St. Ann School Class '68:** The 50 Year Reunion for the Class of '68 and their families will be on Saturday, October 13th in the St. Ann's School Gym. In order to send everyone an invitation we need your email addresses. Please call 562-485-4908 to leave a message stating your name and your email address. You will then receive an e-vite with all the details. We are also inviting the Class of '67 and their families to join us.

**Help for Marriages in Trouble:** Call Retrouvaille (443) 400-7017, or email [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org).

**St. Ann's Boy Scouts:** We will be hosting an open house for any boys interested in scouts and their families on **Wednesday, September 26 at 7:30pm in the Collins Room** (enter through the iron gates to the left of the church entrance and proceed to the door at the end of the walkway). **Our Scouts range in age from 11 to 18** and have come from private, public, charter, and home schools. Please come check us out. If you have any questions or would like to visit on a different night, please contact the Saint Ann's Charter Organization Rep, Elizabeth Snee, at [elizabethsnee@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethsnee@gmail.com).

**Something Greater Ministries Event:** St. Ann is pleased to host a NOT-TO BE-MISSED. English Language Gregorian Chant Workshop & Mass. Elevate your Mind, Heart and Soul to the Sacred Realm! Come learn the When, Why and How of Gregorian CHANT lead by leading CHANT scholar, Professor Adam Bartlett and stay and participate in the exquisite CHANT Mass! **Sunday, October 28 from 3:30pm to 5:45pm Workshop in the Undercroft** (enter through left sidewalk door at Tenley Circle) 6:00pm English Language Gregorian CHANT Mass in Sanctuary.

**St. John's/HoopEd Fall Skills classes are starting soon!** There is still room in each class to join in the work! The 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade girl's classes are on Wednesday evenings and the 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls are on Tuesday nights. These classes are taught by famous HoopEd Director and St. John's Varsity Assistant Coach Brian Brennan. Boy's classes are held at St. Ann's Academy in Tenleytown and will be coached Julian King, former TC Williams Head Coach and professional coach in the Canadian Basketball League! The 3 to 4 grade boys will be on Mondays and 5 to 6 and 7 to 8 grade boy's classes will be on Wednesdays. All classes run 8 weeks throughout the fall. Skills Classes will include focused drill work on all the fundamentals of the game. Classes will also include controlled scrimmaging to work the skills into a real playing environment. All skill levels and abilities are welcome to join. For more information or to register online, go to [www.hoopeducation.com](http://www.hoopeducation.com). See you all on the courts.

**9th Annual White Mass:** All are welcome to the 9th Annual White Mass, celebrating the gifts of persons with disabilities and the Deaf community. This Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, October 28 at 11:30am at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle (1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, DC). It is customary to wear white to this Mass to symbolize the dignity shared by all who have been baptized into Christ's body. Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, will be the principal celebrant, and Monsignor Charles Pope, pastor of Holy Comforter St. Cyprian Church in Washington, DC, will be the homilist. For more information, contact the Department of Special Needs Ministries at 301-853-4560 or 301-200-5430 (VP). Email: [specialneedsministry@adw.org](mailto:specialneedsministry@adw.org).

**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 Mr. Drew Gorman of the Knights of Columbus who organize this weekly fellowship for our benefit.

**Respect Life News:** In recent years it has become very evident that euthanasia and assisted suicide constitute a worldwide problem. The following paragraphs address the problem in Great Britain but are pertinent, essentially, to the United States and other countries as well. Peter Saunders is a medical doctor and the CEO of Christian Medical Fellowship, a British organization with 4,500 doctors and 1,000 medical students as members. He is also associated with the Care Not Killing Alliance in the UK. In a recent blog, which we quote extensively, he wrote a very clear analysis of assisted suicide and its relation to euthanasia. It reads in part: "'assisted dying' is a euphemism. It has no meaning in law but it means supplying lethal drugs to people who are terminally ill with the purpose of helping them to commit suicide. This is opposed in Britain by the British Medical Association, the Association for Palliative Medicine, the British Geriatrics Society and virtually every Royal Medical College. It is also contrary to every historic code of medical ethics including the Hippocratic oath, the Declaration of Geneva, the International Code of Medical Ethics and the World Medical Association's Statement of Marbella. The line between assisted suicide and euthanasia is very thin. If a doctor places lethal drugs in a person's hands it is assisted suicide, but on his tongue it is euthanasia. If the doctor sets up a lethal syringe-driver and pushes it himself it is euthanasia, but if the patient applies pressure or flicks the switch it is assisted suicide. In one in seven cases of assisted suicide there are problems with "completion" leaving the doctor to step in to finish the job with a lethal injection, which is why legalizing one inevitably [often, we would say] legalizes the other. There will also inevitably be those who claim that they are being discriminated against because they lack the capacity, even with assistance, to kill themselves, and so need someone to do it for them. Therefore, any law allowing assisted suicide only (and not euthanasia) would immediately be open to challenge under equality laws. The reality is that assisted dying is [or we add, can be] just another form of euthanasia. In Britain" there have been "myriad assisted-dying bills in various parliaments over the last 15 years. Each one has failed to become law due to legislators' skepticism about so-called safeguards, and concerns about how these laws might be abused by those who have something to gain financially or emotionally from another person's death. The three proposed entry criteria of 'terminally ill', 'adult' and 'mentally competent' have also proved malleable and open to interpretation. Doctors are notoriously unreliable in estimating life spans. As a result the definition of 'adult' is easily open to extension to 12-to 14-year old or younger, as seen in Belgium and the Netherlands, whose experience also shows how people who lack mental competence, for example with dementia, quickly get drawn in. Assessing mental competence is a specialized skill that not all doctors have, and depression, which increases suicidal thoughts, can be clouding a patient's judgment..... Part of living in a free democratic society is" the recognition "that personal autonomy is not absolute. And one of the primary roles of government and the courts is to protect the most vulnerable, even sometimes at the expense of not granting liberties to the desperate" (LifeNews.com 29 Aug 18).