

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 12, 2019

Sunday, May 12

7:30 am † Elaine Vande Hei

9:00 am † Mary Cox

11:00 am † Eloida Mendoza

7:00 pm † Leonardo Malabanan

Monday, May 13

12:00 pm † Barbara de Perez

Tuesday, May 14

12:00 pm † Danny Jenkins

Wednesday, May 15

12:00 pm † Kalesnik Family

Thursday, May 16

12:00 pm † Evangeline Matreo

Friday, May 17

12:00 pm † Edwin H. James

Saturday, May 18

5:00 pm † Arabella H. James

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Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$4,954. **The Second Collection** last weekend for Building Fund was \$1,956. **The Online Faith Direct Total Deposit** (includes Offertory, 2nd Collections, and Donations) for the first half of April was \$2,478. (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

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 by emailing stann@stanndc.org.

Sick Calls: Please email us at 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.

Happy Mother's Day

Upcoming 150th Parish Anniversary Organ Concerts:

Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00pm with Christopher Houlihan and Sunday, November 17 at 3:00pm with Oliver Latry, Organist.

Saint of the Week: Our Lady of Fatima, 20th Century, (*Feast May 13*). Mary appeared to three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a "bishop in white" shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican last October 13, Pope Francis stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary.

Congratulations to our Parish Children who will make their **First Holy Communion** this weekend on Mother's Day at the 9:00am Mass: They learned their prayers. They know about the wonderful gift of eternal life that Jesus gave us. And they studied how their Catholic faith can help them in the daily lives. Congratulations to these Parish School of Religion students who celebrated their First Communion on Mother's Day, May 12. They are, **Nora Amy DeNinno, Sybil Jayachandran Grygiel, Adair Danger Hersey, Bridget Isabel Kenney, Amalia Pascual Moreton, Eugenia Pascual Moreton, Gabriela Pascual Moreton, Margaret Ann Stoll, Julian Stanislaw Tipton, Sofia Ines Wissman.** Congratulations as well to Maria Mata Esteban who has also prepared for First Communion and will celebrate her big day in Spain at a later date. A huge thank you to their teacher Kathy Curran, who guided their learning with love. And in a very special way, we thank our high school aide, Lizzie Brennan, who helped prepare this, her last First Communion class, before she heads off to college.

Inviting Youth to Serve Meals to the Homeless: On Sunday, May 19, parish teens and their friends in grades 7 to 12 are encouraged to help us assemble 350 meal kits as part of Catholic Charities' "Cup of Joe" program that provides breakfast to the homeless. Special guest speaker Kevin Nolan will present. We'll meet in the Collins Room at 5:00pm. Enter through the handicapped entrance on the Yuma Street side of the church. See you there!

The Archdiocese of Washington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima invites you to participate in Mass and Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima at the Basilica of the National Shrine on Monday, May 13, at 1:00pm in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel. Blessings of articles after Mass. Msgr. Mariano Balbago celebrating.

Parish May Events:

- May 1 – Eucharistic Adoration, 6:00 to 7:00pm
- May 1-8 – Msgr. Watkins away in Lourdes, France
- May 9 – Friendship Place Breakfast, 8:30 to 9:30am
- May 12 – First Holy Communion/Mother's Day Mass, 9:00am
- May 19 – Historical Tour of Church and Tenleytown Walking Tour, following 11:00am Mass
- May 19 – Youth Cup of Joe service project, 5:00pm
- May 25 – Mother Butler Guild Dinner Dance 6:00pm to midnight
- May 22 – Parish Council meeting, 7:00pm
- May 23 – Parish Finance Council meeting, 7:00pm
- May 26 – Memorial Day Procession, Blessing and Social, following 11:00am Mass

In Celebration of #StAnn150: Historical Tour of Church and Tenleytown Neighborhood: On May 19 following the 11:00am Mass, you're invited to join us for a tour of St. Ann's followed by a walking tour of Tenleytown, led by the Tenleytown Historical Society. Take a walk from the past to the present in this 1-hour presentation: Did you know that our current Saint Ann Church is the third one situated on this site? Did you know that a 19th century woman was instrumental in the founding of Saint Ann's and the naming of it? You'll learn all this and more as part of this event in celebration of our 150th parish anniversary! See you there.

Announcing Our New Podcast — Calling for Title Submissions: By popular demand, we will begin to publish the audio of Sunday homilies and other lectures as they happen at our parish. But we need your ideas for a podcast title! This podcast will feature weekly the Sunday morning 11:00am Mass homilies, Sunday evening 7:00pm Mass homilies, and important talks at our parish such as distinguished theologian George Weigel's "Theology of a Catholic Parish" lecture in November in honor of our parish's 150th anniversary this year. Send your title ideas to Natalie at director@stanndc.org. If we pick your title, you will be featured in our bulletin and on our social media and invited to a special spring dinner with a guest speaker!

Special Memorial Day Procession, Blessing and Social to Honor Those Who Died in Service: Following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, May 26, Memorial Day weekend, Msgr. Watkins invites all parishioners — and especially those of us remembering loved ones who have died in service to our country — to join him for a prayer and special blessing. After Mass, we will process to our church flagpole, which was installed when the original school building was built (where the parking lot is now). The flagpole is now lit at night and stands 65 feet tall! We believe it is the tallest flagpole along Wisconsin Avenue from the Potomac River to the District line. Msgr. Watkins will say a special blessing and prayer. We will gather in the Gym for our weekly coffee and donut social. Join us to remember and thank parish community members who gave so much, especially those who gave their lives.

Bulletin: We welcome any information you may wish to share with others in our bulletin each week for the good of all. Please contact Natalie at (202) 363-4460.

Quo Vadis Camp: The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary July 28 to 31. For four days, high school young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with questions.

Pro-life activist Abby Johnson, former director and counselor at the Planned Parenthood facility in Bryan, Texas, whose story and 2011 book *Unplanned* inspired the film *Unplanned*, was asked in the fall of 2009 to assist in an ultrasound-guided abortion of a thirteen week-unborn child. Though this was not one of her duties, she agreed to help. That decision became a turning point in her life. When she saw on the ultrasound screen what was happening to the unborn child, she knew she had to leave Planned Parenthood. In a recent interview with the *Arlington Catholic Herald*, she recounted: "I left Planned Parenthood in 2009 after seeing a live ultrasound-guided abortion procedure and seeing that baby fight and struggle for his life against the abortion instrument, I knew then that there was life in the womb, there was humanity there and I was on the wrong side of the debate." Her conversion to the right "side of the debate" was astonishing. She had had two abortions herself, was involved indirectly in nearly 22,000 abortions and was once named "employee of the year" at her Planned Parenthood affiliate. Before her conversion, however, she had sincerely believed she was helping women, and had helped at times by detecting uterine cancer and counseling women with postpartum depression.

After her conversion she became actively involved in the pro-life movement and became the chief research strategist of the national pro-life organization, Live Action. Additionally, she founded And Then There Were None (ATTWN) in 2011, a nonprofit that helps other abortion workers leave their jobs. Its mission statement on her website abbyjohnson.org reads, in part, like a credo: "We're in the fight for life because we're pro-love. We see that every life, from the child in the womb, to the elderly - and in between, including the abortion clinic worker's life, have incredible value and worth. We believe that abortion strips women of their dignity. We believe that motherhood is empowering. We believe that not conforming and giving into societal pressures when it comes to femininity is empowering. We believe that justice applies to every single human being on this earth. We believe in redefining the pro-life movement to include everyone, every age, race, gender, religion and every job.

In 2012, Abby, like pro-life advocates Bernard Nathanson (M.D.), the former "abortion King of New York City and Norma McCorvey, the Jane Roe of Roe v. Wade before her, became a Catholic (*Arlington Catholic Herald*, March 28 to April 3, 2019, P.7; abortionworker.com; Richard Doerflinger, "A clear eye on the whitewashing of Planned Parenthood", *CNS*, April 26 2019).