

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 15, 2018

Sunday, April 15

7:30 am † Marian & Joseph O'Neal

9:00 am † Misael Duran

11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, April 16

12:00 pm † Percy Garcia

Tuesday, April 17

12:00 pm † Kalesnik Family

Wednesday, April 18

12:00 pm † Kalesnik Family

Thursday, April 19

12:00 pm † Margot Andre

Friday, April 20

12:00 pm † Kalesnik Family

Saturday, April 21

5:00 pm † Cecilia Garcia

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Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass. **The Offertory Collection for Easter weekend** was \$19,397. **The Second Collection** last weekend for **the Building Fund** was \$3,715. **The Holy Thursday Collection** was \$638. **The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land Shrines** was \$1,691.

In addition, **The Collection last Sunday, April 8** was \$6,580. **The Faith Direct Online Collection** for the first half of March was \$1,383. (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

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.

Saint of the week: Blessed Savina Petrilli (1851 – 1923) (*Feast April 18*) Born in Siena, Italy, this foundress had a lifelong devotion to St. Catherine of Siena. As a young member of a Marian sodality, she taught catechism to street children and gradually felt called to serve abandoned children and the poor. At 22, she began the work of establishing the Congregation of the Sisters of the Poor of St. Catherine of Siena, which received papal approval in 1877. Somewhat impulsive and impatient, Savina made a special vow never to deliberately refuse God anything. She counseled her sisters, "Whoever looks at us must see Jesus in us." She died of cancer and was beatified in 1988. Her congregation serves today in Italy, South America, Asia and the United States.



St. Ann's Ice Cream Social Sunday on April 29: Come celebrate spring and say hello to our pastor, Msgr. Watkins, at the St. Ann's Ice Cream Social on Sunday **April 29 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the St. Ann's Gym**. Please stop in for a tasty treat, meet your fellow parishioners and learn about easy ways to serve your parish, including how to become an altar server, a lector or an usher. See you there.

St. Ann's Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee Kickoff Sunday, May 20: Did you know that St. Ann's celebrates its 150th anniversary next year? Please join us on Sunday, **May 20 at 12:15pm** (just after the 11:00am Mass) in the Undercroft for the **kickoff meeting** of St. Ann's Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee. To reach the Undercroft, enter through the gates on Wisconsin Avenue to the left of the church and walk downstairs. We welcome your ideas and participation.

First Archdiocesan Intercultural Conference: On **Saturday, April 21 from 9:00am to 5:00pm**, the Archdiocese of Washington will host the First Archdiocesan Intercultural Conference at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. The diversity in our local Church provides new and exciting opportunities to strengthen our evangelization efforts, as well as new opportunities for encounter and accompaniment. This conference, sponsored by the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach, will help participants grow in the knowledge of the role of culture in the process of faith transmission. If you have any questions, call 301-853-5335 or email culturaldiversity@adw.org

24th Annual Archdiocesan Vocations Mass for 8th Graders: The 24th Annual Archdiocesan Vocations Mass for 8th Graders will be held on **Tuesday, April 24 at 10:30am in the Upper Church of the Basilica** of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Mass will include a homily by an archdiocesan priest and a talk by a religious sister. After Mass, students will be given the opportunity to visit and speak with seminarians, priests, and consecrated religious women and men. For more information, please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families: Annual Benefit on Wednesday, **May 2 from 6:00 to 8:00pm**, **St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families** will host its annual benefit reception and awards ceremony at Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, MD. St. Ann's Center has a 158-year history committed to lifting at-risk children, mothers, and families out of poverty and homelessness. Mr. Chuck Short will be presented with the Michele Heidenberger Volunteer Award and The Honorable Marielsa Bernard will be presented with the Mary McGrory Advocacy Award. To purchase tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/hope-blossoms-tickets-42530343402. For more information, contact 301-559-5500 or events@stanns.org.

Friends & Neighbors Breakfast: May 3, 2018. Friendship Place will hold its 14th annual breakfast on **Thursday, May 3, 2018, from 8:30am to 9:30am**, at **Washington Hebrew Congregation**, 3935 Macomb St., N.W. Our Parish has been a long-time supporter of Friendship Place - each year, the Youth Group prepares shoe boxes for its consumers and supports its work through the "Souper Bowl" collection. Please join the St. Ann's table so you can learn more about how Friendship Place helps the homeless in our local area – and so we can have a big turnout from St. Ann's! Contact Ted Hirt at tedhirt@comcast.net, or Kathy Curran at kcurran@chausa.org, if you are interested in attending this event. Space will be limited. This is a fund-raising event, but whether you contribute or not is voluntary.

Men's Discernment Dinner: On Sunday, **May 13 from 5-8:30pm**, a Men's Discernment Dinner will be held at **Saint John Paul II Seminary** in Washington, DC (145 Taylor St., NE). The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington area. Participants should be single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. Register online at www.DCpriest.org.

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.

Help for Marriages in Trouble: Call Retrouvaille at 443-400-7017, or email 3015@retrouvaille.org.

Respect Life News: Among several encouraging state, pro-life legislative initiatives, we note a victory in the struggle with physician assisted suicide (PAS) advocates in Connecticut. As of 3.29.18, a coalition of organizations, including the Pro-Life Council of Connecticut, helped defeat an attempt to legalize PAS. The 2018 bill, euphemistically titled, "An Act Concerning End-Of-Life Care" (HB 5417), failed to be voted out of the state's House of Representatives Public Health Committee and therefore could not be voted on in the full House. Its leading proponent, predictably, was Compassion & Choices (C&C) formerly known as the Hemlock Society. One opponent of (HB 5417), born with spinal muscular atrophy and confined to a wheelchair, Cathy Ludlum of Second Thoughts Connecticut, observed: "It's bad enough to have to go through this ordeal all over again. We were shocked to see that HB 5417 (A) is identical to HB 7015, which was heard in 2015. The only things that have been changed are the title and the effective date. All of the testimony opposing the 2015 bill is still relevant." Second Thoughts Connecticut and Second Thoughts Massachusetts are disability organizations opposed to PAS. The former, in a letter to the House of Representatives Public Health Committee wrote, in part: "On behalf of our members at Second Thoughts Connecticut, we are writing to express our outrage that yet another bill to legalize assisted suicide is being raised this year. Similar bills were raised in 2013, 2014, and 2015. Each one resulted in a grueling 12-15 hour hearing, putting great stress on legislators, the public, and especially on disabled people like ourselves, many of whom find it hard to travel and stay out for hours at a time." Susan Smith, President of the Pro-Life Council of Connecticut, commented: "This 2018 Legislative Session was a great victory for our Pro-Life movement in Connecticut. We cannot let physician-assisted suicide legislation pass in our state. We should never provide a suicide pill or lethal injection to someone. They [sic] need the best of palliative care which includes genuine healthcare and comfort," but: "we must never take this win for granted. The pro-euthanasia movement is well organized in this battle, not only in our state, but in most states around the country." (lifenews.com,3.29.18; www.second-thoughts.org; <https://sites.google.com/site/secondthoughtsconnecticut>)

Domestic Church Day: Parenting in the Modern World. Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Domestic Church Day on May 5th, from 1:00 to 6:00pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day family retreat will feature a talk by licensed clinical psychologist Dr. Lisa Klewicki, on "Balancing Bonding and Boundaries: Parenting in the Modern World." The family event will include food, fun catechesis for children and teens, and the opportunity to pray together as a family. To register call (202) 635-5400 or email: events@jp2shrine.org.

Memorial Mass for the Military Services: On Sunday, May 20, the 24th Annual Memorial Mass will be held to honor those who have served and are serving in our nation's armed forces, at 4:30pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Call 202-719-3600.