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MASS SCHEDULE

 Monday - Friday
 12:00pm

 Saturday Vigil Mass
 5:00pm

 Sundays
 7:30am, 11:00am & 7:00pm

 Holy Days of Obligation
 7:30am, 12:00pm & 7:00pm

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Fridays 12:30 to 1:30pm

First Fridays (not June, July & August)...7:00 to 8:00pm

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MATRIMONY Email the Pastor to arrange.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45pm. Sunday 6-7pm. Wednesdays 7-8pm during Lent (not Ash Wednesday).

HEALING MASS/BLESSING OF THE SICK 1st Friday of the month after the 12:00pm Mass

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YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUG. 31, 2025



Sunday, August 31

7:30am † Mr. & Mrs. Des Gonzales

11:00am † Pro Populo

7:00pm † Concha Catama

Monday, September 1

12:00pm † Barbara De Perez

Tuesday, September 2

12:00pm † Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 3

12:00pm[†] Frances Ann Patton

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

12:00pm † Robert T. Gerken

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

12:00pm † Gertrude Elberth

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5:00pm † Anthony "Tony" Victor Pasquarella



First Friday Holy Hour at St. Ann Friday, September 5 at 12:30pm and 7:00pm

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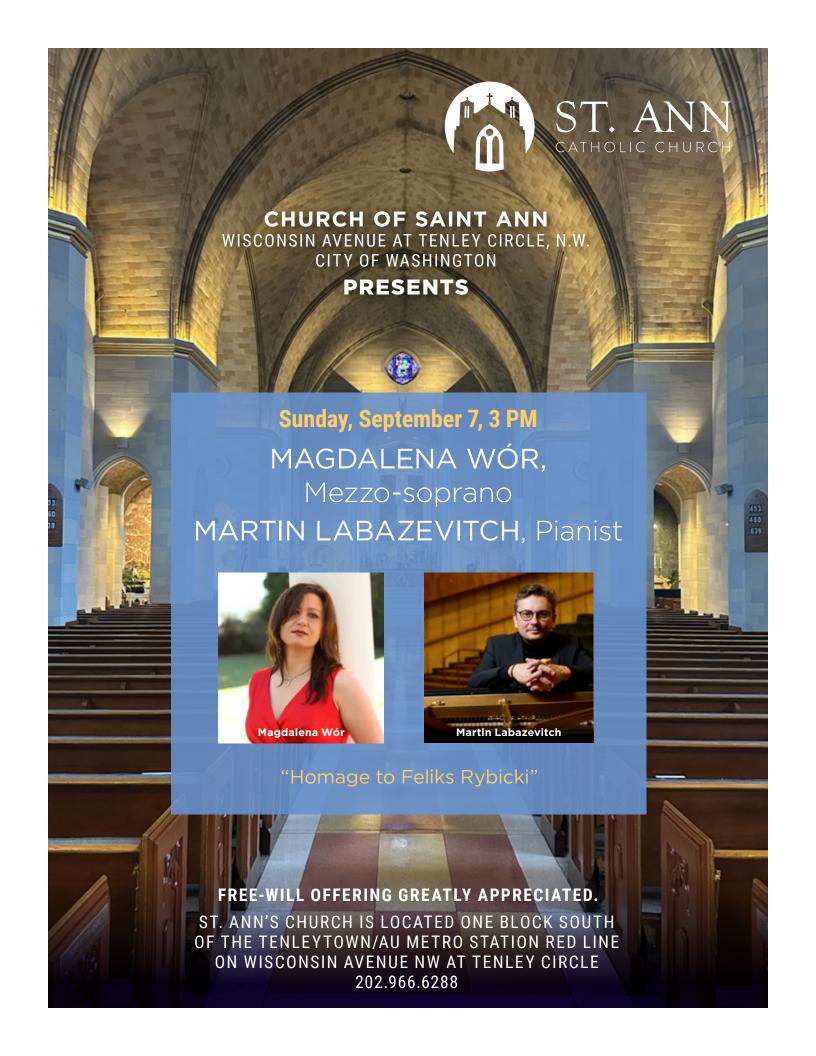
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NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with the parish. Register online at stanndc.org/member or find print registration forms at the entrances of the Church! **Please let us know if you are relocating or moving** by emailing or calling the Office at (202) 966-6288.





Sunday, September 7, 3 PM

MAGDALENA WÓR, Mezzo-soprano

Mezzo-soprano Magdalena Wór is a Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions National Finalist, winner of the National Marcella Sembrich Kochańska Competition, Finalist of the international Marcello Giordani and Moniuszko Competitions, and an alumna of the San Francisco Opera's Merola Opera Program and the Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program at the Washington National Opera. She has performed with the National Symphony Orchestra and the National Philharmonic in Washington, DC, the Washington National Opera, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Baltic Opera, Seattle Symphony Orchestra, Washington Concert Opera, The Metropolitan Opera, Atlanta Opera, Virginia Opera, Palm Beach Opera, Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Richmond Symphony Orchestra, Alabama Symphony Orchestra, and Opera Birmingham, among others.

Wór's operatic and oratorio repertoire includes over 20 roles, among them the lead role of Bizet's Carmen, Rosina from Rossini's Il Barbiere di Siviglia, lead role of Rossini's Cenerentola, Suzuki from Puccini's Madama Butterfly, Maddalena from Verdi's Rigoletto, Orfeo from Gluck's Orfeo ed Euridice, Cherubino from Mozart's Le Nozze di Figaro, Tisbe from Rossini's La Cenerentola, Zita from Puccini's Gianni Schicchi, Grimgerde from Wagner's Die Walküre, Madame de la Haltière from Massenet's Cendrillon, Meg Page from Nicolai's The Merry Wives of Windsor, Baba the Turk from Stravinsky's The Rakes Progress, Didymus from Handel's Theodora, Sibel from Gounod's Faust, and others, while her orchestral and chamber performances span Baroque through 20th Century repertoire, including Pergolesi and Vivaldi Stabat Mater, Mozart, Verdi, and Duruflé Requiem, Grieg Peer Gynt, Górecki Symphony of Sorrowful Songs, Bach Johannes-Passion, Mass in B Minor, Magnificat and a selection of sacred Cantatas, Prokofiev Alexander Nevsky, Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle, and Mahler Symphony No. 2 "Resurrection."

Equally at home on large stages as in intimate salon-style recitals, Wór is a proponent of Chamber performances, seeking out and encouraging collaboration of various voices, instruments, composers, and rarely performed works, and is highly dedicated to the dramatic interpretation of vocal repertoire. In addition to performances across the USA, Magdalena has taken part in concerts and recitals in Poland, England, Mexico, Philippines, and Brazil. Wór holds an Assistant Professor of Voice position at the University of Wyoming.

MARTIN LABAZEVITCH, Pianist

Praised by critics in Europe and the United States for his lyricism, virtuosity and an intensity of performance, pianist Martin Labazevitch appeared in many concert halls and festivals in Poland, Ukraine, Finland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, Israel, Japan, South Korea and the United States. Born in Poland, Mr. Labazevitch studied at the Odessa Conservatory in Ukraine and at



PROGRAM

Homage to Feliks Rybicki

Feliks Rybicki (1899-1978)

Bajka Walc

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Romans Stary Romans

3 Preludes Op. 2

Nie Wiem Skąd Ja Pragnę Zakochać Się Dziewicze Brzozy Srebrne Korą... Ciernie Dwa słowa

the Manhattan School of Music in New York. In 2019 he received the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the Rome School of Music, Drama and Art in Washington D.C.

He has been a soloist with leading orchestras in Spain, Poland, Lithuania, Japan, and the United States. Of his debut album release of the Chopin Concerto with the Beethoven Academy Orchestra, ConcertoNet wrote, "... he pleasantly refrains from overtaxing Chopin's conclusive Allegro vivace with shimmering grandeur and eloquent precision that could even rival that of Arthur Rubinstein."

An enthusiastic educator, Mr. Labazevitch has been sharing his passion for teaching with students at the Levine School of Music in Washington D.C. He is also the Co-Founder of the Puerto Rico International Piano Festival, in San Juan as well as the Artistic Director of the Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Piano Competition and Chopin Piano Academy in Washington D.C. In 2022 Mr. Labazevitch co-founded The Paderewski Academy, a pioneer hybrid piano academy based in Zurich, Switzerland.

Mr. Labazevitch is a Steinway Artist.





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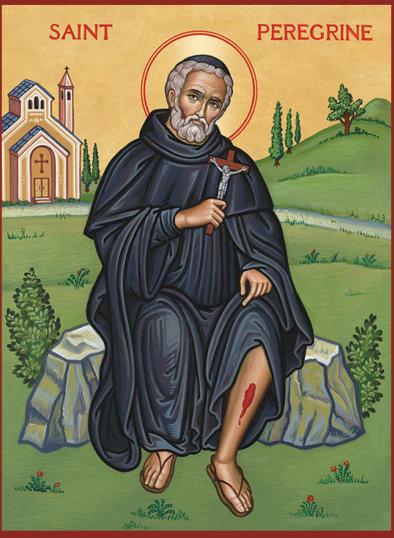
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OCIA CLASS OF 2025 TESTIMONY

by Eric Lupo, parishioner

FIRST OF A SERIES

If you would have told me 10 years ago that I would end up becoming Catholic, I would have probably laughed at you. Growing up in a devout non-denominational

Christian home, I have multiple memories of myself when I was younger trying to argue with Catholics to make them see the error of their ways. However, life doesn't always go the way you think it will. While working on my master's degree in my previous home state of Florida, I had a crisis of faith and began to doubt very seriously if I had good reasons to stay a Christian at all. While on this journey, I was struck by one of the best arguments I'd heard for God's existence which was made by a Catholic. This did not lead me right into the Church, but I look back now and can see that this was a pivotal moment for me.

However, as I was trying to figure out whether God existed, the resurrection of Jesus really happened, etcetera, I remember reading some information from a Protestant website about evidence related to Jesus' resurrection and the author mentioned the writings of the early Christians that came after the apostles. I was amazed that we had writings from people who lived close to the time of the apostles, as I had no idea these writings existed! While growing up I'd learned of Martin Luther, Saint Augustine's name may have been mentioned here and there, but Church history was largely unknown to me.

I ordered a compilation of the Apostolic fathers which included writings from Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch, the Didache and others. As I read them, I realized that the way they spoke about Christianity sounded different from my local non-denominational church as well as the way I thought about faith related topics growing up. They talked about bishops, the Eucharist was spoken of in a more realistic way, rather than purely symbolic. I continued to read and learn more about early Christianity, ecumenical councils, the debate over the papacy among other things. This also did not lead me to convert right away, but began to open up my perspective more. Although I'd eventually come to believe I had good reasons to stay a Christian, I'd also become unconvinced of the doctrine that most Protestant's accept known as *Sola Scriptura*, where scripture alone is the only infallible source of authority for the Church.

Once one is no longer a believer in *Sola Scriptura*, the question of authority then opens up to which apostolic church has the best reasons and historical claims behind them. At this point, I'd learned a lot more about the Eastern Orthodox Church and was very intrigued by it and began attending a beautiful, Greek Orthodox parish. I came to love the Divine Liturgy and met some wonderful people while attending. Although I was leaning heavily towards joining the Orthodox Church, I still kept the door slightly open to Catholicism, as well; I'd not fully ruled it out.

I stayed in limbo between whether I should join the Orthodox or Catholic Church for multiple years and during that time, moved to Arlington, Va., to work in Washington, D.C. While attending a weekend event hosted by the Thomistic Institute, I met a Catholic there who would eventually become my friend who invited me to check out St. Ann Catholic Church. I attended the young adult evening Mass and it was absolutely a beautiful experience. I also became connected with others through the ARK ministry. As I continued researching, contemplating and wrestling with which church to join, the issue that largely helped lead me toward choosing the Catholic Church was the office of the papacy.

While the history between the churches of the East and West is messy and nuanced, I came to realize that the Catholic model was closer to the historic church based on biblical texts, ecumenical councils and the testimony of saints venerated by both communities. While there is certainly much more I could write about this topic, I'll keep things succinct. I ended up joining Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) through St. Ann, and I'm thankful to Msgr. Watkins for giving us his time and guiding our group. I was received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in April 2025. Praise be to God!



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<u>stanndc.org/events</u>

St. Ann DC again hosts Art All Night! Join us in the Church or Gym!

Saturday, September 13, our **renowned organist** will perform on our **Létourneau organ** at 7:30pm.

Our **Church** also hosts an in-person

guided tour at 8:30pm.

We are open for self-guided tours from 7:00 to 11:00pm.

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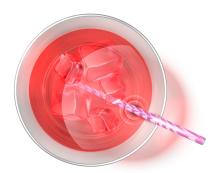


Gospel Today

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus wants us to "give" with unselfish kindness, putting others needs before our own. Being compassionate, and not expecting anything in return, puts us first in God's eyes.

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Jesus says...

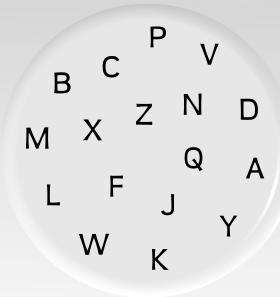
"When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relations or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment."

-LUKE 14:12





Write the alphabet letters **NOT** found on the plate.





Unscramble the letters above and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

answer: righteous

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