

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2017

Sunday, May 21

7:30 am † Marguerite McCornally

9:00 am † John Mundy

11:00 am † Pro Populo

Monday, May 22

12:00 pm † Azarias Perez

Tuesday, May 23

12:00 pm † Thomas & Emily Brewer

Wednesday, May 24

12:00 pm † Shane Broderick

Thursday, May 25

12:00 pm † Bridget Quine

Friday, May 26

12:00 pm † Carl Hamilton

Saturday, May 27

5:00 pm † Lina D'Silva

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Do you have plans for Memorial Day? Are booking your summer vacations? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure that your gift can reach St. Ann even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **DC811**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Parish School of Religion News: Just as Jesus had promised, on Pentecost the Holy Spirit came to the apostles to strengthen and guide them. In a similar way, at Confirmation the Holy Spirit comes to strengthen and empower the confirmed so that they, too, can carry on the work of Jesus. Today May 21, these students were "sealed with the Holy Spirit": Benjamin Davis, Ariza DiBella, William Hurst, Robert Lee, Carmen Lopez-Fernandez, John McDonald, Gabriel Mogzecz, Nicholas Smole, Anya Sokolowski, Anna Tiller, Patricia Tiller, Joaquin Vega de las Casas, and Alejandro Wissman. Congratulations to them all! And a special thank you from everyone in the PSR to the wonderful ladies of the Mother Butler Guild. They prepared and hosted beautiful receptions for our First Communion and Confirmation students and their families.

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.

**For more information,
visit our website at stanndc.org**

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 or calling the Rectory Office at (202) 966-6288.

9th Annual Quo Vadis Camp: This event for young men in high school will be held on July 16-19 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The four-day camp includes daily Mass, prayer, talks, sports, and much more. Bus transportation is available. For information and registration, visit www.dcpriest.org. Questions? Contact the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org.

Our Lady of Fatima: 100th Anniversary: To mark the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima, Portugal, the Catholic Standard is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the holy site on the exact date of the famous "miracle of the sun." The Marian shrines pilgrimage from October 11-20 also includes visits to Lourdes, Guadalupe, Zaragoza, and Madrid. Call 1-800-777-7432 for details

Caritas Counseling Center: Caritas Counseling Center, a ministry of Saint Luke Institute, offers confidential, professional, and compassionate therapy for individuals, couples, and groups. They understand the importance of faith and will assist you with recovery from grief, depression, stress, difficult relationships, and more. For more information, please contact Dr. Crystal Taylor-Dietz, director, at 301-431-6865, or visit caritas-sli.org. Calls are confidential. Caritas centers are located in Silver Spring, MD and Towson, MD.

The Knights of Columbus Washington Council 224: will be holding a Free Throw Contest at Blessed Sacrament Gym (5841 Chevy Chase Parkway, NW Washington, DC 20015) on Sunday, May 21st from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Contestants between the ages of 10 and 14 are able to take part. Any questions may be directed to the Grand Knight James Strahota at jpstra83@gmail.com

Welcome Home Re-Entry Mentorship: Become a mentor to someone returning to the community from incarceration. Studies show that a faith-based mentor who provides encouragement and support makes all the difference in preventing recidivism. Catholic Charities will train you and provide ongoing support, but you already know what to do: be kind, be compassionate, be caring, be optimistic, be reliable. Mentors are at least 25 years old and commit for an hour a week for a year. You will make a BIG difference in someone's life. Start now! For more information and to apply, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer.

Respect Life News: The local branch of Birthright has moved to 2915-F Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Maryland. Its phone number is (301) 570-3339; its website is birthrightmc.org. Birthright, for those who may not be familiar with the organization, is a pro-life non-profit group dedicated to promoting alternatives to abortion. It was founded in 1968 by Louise Summerhill, a mother of seven, in East York, Canada, (well before the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision) It has branches in the U.S., Canada and Africa. Its mission statement reads: "[it] provides free pregnancy tests, maternity assistance, baby clothes, advice on medical help, social services, [c]ounselors on the physical and psychological effects of abortion [and] assists relationships." Since 2007, its executive director has been Carole Buchanan. Its board of directors consists of eleven unpaid volunteers among whom recently, was Monsignor Edward Filardi, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Bethesda. The group is staffed mostly by unpaid volunteers, among whom, for a number of years, was the late St. Ann parishioner Ann Rowan, wife of the late Tom Rowan, long time editor of the Catholic Standard and coordinator of the St. Ann Respect Life committee. The Birthright home page, addressing women who may be considering abortion, reads in part: "At Birthright, you won't find anyone judging you or telling you what to decide. There's no hype, no politics.... we're here to provide you with...medically accurate information....we understand that sometimes you need a place to process everything, to think through all your options, to feel safe to share what's on your mind." The home page also lists a national hotline to help pregnant women: 1(800) 550-4900. Parishioners interested in volunteering at Birthright should call Ms. Buchanan at the number mentioned above.

World Youth Day UNITE: All young adults and families are invited to World Youth Day UNITE taking place on Saturday, July 22. It will feature artists Audrey Assad and Tony Melendez, TED-style talks by dynamic Catholic bishops, and opportunities for Confession and Adoration. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington. The festival theme this year, chosen by Pope Francis, is "The Mighty One Has Done Great Things for Me and Holy is His Name." The event will take place at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC from 11:30am-10:00pm. Register online at www.wyduite.com/register.

Spring Luncheon at the Monastery: Enjoy a light buffet lunch with the friars in their private courtyard on Sunday, May 21, 1 p.m. (after noon Mass), plus music and a raffle. Tickets are \$45 and benefit the ministry of the Holy Land friars. Register at www.myfranciscan.org/spring-luncheon or call 202-526-6800, ext. 895. The monastery is at 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Free on-site parking.

Franciscan Monastery Photo Contest: Capture your experience of the beautiful Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, its church, shrines and gardens, in photography and enter them in our annual photo contest. Details are online at myfranciscan.org/photo-contest. Entries are due by June 30, 2017.

New Miscarriage Sections at Catholic Cemeteries:

According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, nearly one in four women experience an early pregnancy loss in her lifetime. Yet, women who lose their baby in the first trimester often do not know their right to claim and respectfully bury what the medical community calls "the product of conception" after a miscarriage. No matter how early the loss, many Catholic couples long to name, inter, and remember their baby as an eternal member of the family. Catholic Cemeteries now offers burial options to answer that great desire of their hearts. For more information on the new Miscarried Baby Sections at Catholic Cemeteries, contact your parish priest or the manager at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD; 301-871-6500); Resurrection Cemetery (8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD; 301-868-5141); All Souls Cemetery (11401 Brink Rd., Germantown, MD; 301-428-1995), or St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery (38888 Dr. Johnson Rd., Mechanicsville, MD; 301-475-5005).

National Catholic Prayer Breakfast: The 13th Annual National Catholic Prayer Breakfast is on Tuesday, June 6 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington DC. This prayer breakfast was established in 2004 in response to Saint John Paul II's call for a New Evangelization. Each year, over 1,000 people gather in our nation's capital to pray for our country. An impressive list of speakers highlight a program that attracts lay and religious leaders, as well as political figures. The event is non-partisan, and anyone is welcome to attend. See the website for details: catholicprayerbreakfast.com

Attention Financial Professionals: Help motivated people to break the cycle of poverty. Join Catholic Charities "Financial Stability Network" of financial professionals who will offer pro bono financial education, financial coaching, and tax return preparation services for low-income families and individuals in the Archdiocese of Washington. If you have any type of financial experience, consider joining the new network. Please contact Deacon Jim Shanahan jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org.

Human Trafficking: It happens here, but we can stop it! Human trafficking is a gross violation of human rights that hides behind the silence of its victims. Sadly, the state of Maryland is not immune from this grave injustice, but we can help! We may feel that the enormity of this crime against humanity cannot be stopped by our own small efforts, but even one life saved is a powerful change. Maryland's Catholic bishops recently issued a statement to raise awareness about human trafficking and to urge all Maryland's Catholics to attend a free regional informational session called "Proclaiming Liberty to Captives." It will be presented by the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force and local experts who will provide effective tools for combating human trafficking in our local communities. Sessions will be held in both English and Spanish. Do not miss this opportunity to learn about human trafficking and ways you can help end it in Maryland! Visit website at www.mdccathcon.org/humantrafficking to RSVP for the information session in your region and for a list of other sessions that you may attend.