

THE MOST HOLY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 18, 2017

Sunday, June 18

7:30 am ✠ Leoncio Ancheta, Jr. 9:00 am ✠ John Mundy
11:00 am Pro Populo

Monday, June 19

12:00 pm ✠ Bridget Quine

Tuesday, June 20

12:00 pm ✠ Azarias Perez

Wednesday, June 21

12:00 pm ✠ Wayne Kelloway

Thursday, June 22

12:00 pm ✠ Doug Tsitouris

Friday, June 23

12:00 pm ✠ Berta Junco

Saturday, June 24

5:00 pm ✠ Marguerite McCornally

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

Parish Scholl of Religion News: Wonderful things are ahead for the children at St. Ann's. Classes in the Parish School of Religion (PSR) are over for this year, but we are already planning for 2017-2018. If you would like to do more to live out your faith, you can become a teacher or an aide in the PSR, email dre@stanndc.org. And watch the Bulletin for information about early registration for next year's classes. Watch the Bulletin as well for information about a new training program for children who would like to become altar servers.

Peter's Pence Collection: On the weekend of June 24-25, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the Peter's Pence second collection. Gifts to this annual collection help the Holy Father support victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance. In responding to those who are suffering, Our Lord teaches us, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). In his 2016 Urbi et Orbi address, Pope Francis declared, "The Lord . . . enables us to see with his eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence." Our participation in this collection gives us an opportunity to be a witness of Our Lord's love and mercy for the vulnerable and suffering around the world. Please give generously as you are able.

Thank You Very Much: Our collection last week was:

- Total Collection: \$ 7,183.00
- Online Contributions: \$ 7,840.00

Give to Our Parish Online



Code DC811

Please be generous to St. Ann's Church, Go to stanndc.org and scroll down and click "Give" or go to www.faithdirect.net, then click "Give Now" and use our church code: **DC811**

- Make One-Time Gifts
 - Enroll in Recurring Giving
- Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!
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St. Ann Young Adult Group: All young adults (21-39), please consider joining us for Reflections with Monsignor Watkins on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm. We discuss the faith, and enjoy fellowship and light refreshments. Write to nataliejplumb@gmail.com to find out the topic and location for a given week.

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. If anyone would like to advertise on the back page on the bulletin, contact Bon Venture services at (800) 883-4343

Mass & Prayer for Persons Living with Mental Illness & Their Families: The Friday Night Prayer Group of St Anselm's Abbey wishes to welcome persons living with mental illness and their families to Mass and prayer on the Fridays in June, from 7:15 – 9:00pm. The Abbey is located at 4501 South Dakota Ave., NE in Washington, D.C. For more information, please contact Judy Barr at 301-779-3150 or new3heart@gmail.com.

32nd Annual Marian Day of Prayer: June 25, 2017, we are celebrating the anniversary of the first apparition at Medjugorje at the National Shrine Grotto in Emmitsburg, MD. The National Celebration will include the International Rosary, Holy Mass, Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Blessing, and testimony from pilgrims recently returned from Medjugorje and a Deacon's recounting of his experience after pilgrimage to Medjugorje. The Day of Prayer begins at 11:00am and concludes at 4:30pm. Call 240-988-7318 or Email: Maria_chiara@msn.com. Come enjoy the prayer and fellowship of the day.

St. Ann Class of 1957: Is there anyone in the Parish from the Saint Ann Class of 1957 interested in getting together? If so, please contact Vernon Winn at (202) 215-1442.

Respect Life News: Among several developments in the ongoing effort to defund Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, we note that the group's most recent annual report (2015-2016), shows that last year it was responsible for 328,348 abortions, up from 2014's 323,999. Despite the fact that the national abortion rate is declining, Planned Parenthood's abortion rate is increasing; it now provides more than 35% of the nation's abortions, i.e. more than the usually quoted one third. The group also receives about 43 percent of its budget, in tax payer money. Federal funding for Planned Parenthood has increased 64.7% since 2007, including a \$900,000 increase since last year for a total of \$554,600,000. They try to justify this funding saying essentially, that they provide indispensable health care in their centers to millions of people. A close look at the figures they flaunt shows otherwise however. Total health care services increased less than half a percent (0.41%) over 2014-2015 figures, but have fallen 6% overall since 2006. Cancer screening and prevention services, for example, have fallen 66% since 2006; since the 2014-2015 annual report, those services fell 2.5 %. Moreover, they saw 100,000 fewer clients for health care in 2015 than in the previous year and the total number of their centers also decreased. The 2014-2015 report showed 661 centers; the 2015-2016 report showed "nearly 650 clinics." Even though they are seeing fewer patients, they are doing more abortions and are receiving more tax payer funding than ever before. The number of abortions at Planned Parenthood is up and the numbers of patients and health care services they provide are down. It should also be noted that the health care they offer is not as comprehensive as what is provided at the more than 13,000 federally qualified medical centers nationwide which serve more than 21 million people. These centers are strategically placed to provide access to all Americans and outnumber Planned Parenthood locations 20 to 1 but do not provide abortions. In the case of Planned Parenthood, however, its president, Cecile Richards, recently declared that abortion is "as vital [sic!] to our mission as birth control or cancer screenings" (Washington Post, 4.5.17; Americans United for Life report, 5.30.17; 6.5.17; lifenews.com, 6.5.17. See also: Wash Post, 1.20.17, p. A4, 3.12.17, p. A22, 5.5.17, p. A6, 6.5.17, p. A15; Wash Times, 5.8.17, p. A1).

Marriage Preparation Program: Rockville, MD. July 22, 9:00 - 4:30pm. The Sacramental Preparation for Marriage program is designed to complement the preparation you are receiving from the priest or deacon that will witness your marriage. It is only one piece, albeit a very important one, of the six-month preparation required by the Archdiocese of Washington. We encourage you to consider taking a pre-marital assessment tool (such as the FOCCUS or Prepare/Enrich tools) and/or to request a mentor couple in your parish to meet with and discuss your up-coming marriage. Because marriage is a vocation, a call to holiness, our purpose and goal is to offer you some important information you will need regarding your upcoming marriage in the Catholic Church. Two consecutive Saturdays, 9:00 - 4:30 pm (July 22 and 29) To Register: Please email to flm@adw.org or call Course Office at 301-853-5334

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 in Silver Spring, MD and Towson, MD.

Fatima Worldwide Children's Holy Hour at the Basilica:

The International World Apostolate of Fatima's children's program, Children of the Eucharist, Young Missionaries of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, cordially invites everyone to gather your children and make a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, on Friday, October 13, 10:00am. This will mark the 15th annual Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. EWTN will broadcast to over 140 nations. As you know on this recent May 13th. at Fatima, Portugal, the Holy Father Pope Francis canonized the Little Shepherds of Fatima, now Saint Francisco Marto and Saint Jacinta Marto. At Fatima, our Blessed Mother taught these children that 'prayer and sacrifice' will bring peace to our families and world. Begin planning for this 'Eucharistic and Marian Pilgrimage' giving students the opportunity to pray for peace in their own families and all the families of the world. This Holy Hour gives a unique opportunity to spiritually unite with children throughout the world. To RSVP email Kathleen Fitzpatrick at FatimaHolyHour@gmail.com.

Franciscan Monastery Volunteer Tour Guides:

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land is seeking volunteer tour guides to assist pilgrims and visitors to our historic church and catacombs near Catholic University. We are looking for reliable, friendly and well-spoken individuals interested in sharing our mission. Training will be provided. Bilingual English-Spanish welcome. Please contact carolyn@myfranciscan.com. The monastery is located at 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC, and online at myfranciscan.org.

Franciscan Monastery Photo Contest:

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

Volunteer at the Franciscan Monastery Gardens:

The volunteer Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild donates over 5,000 pounds of vegetables and herbs grown at the monastery to the friars, convents and neighbors in need each year. Join the drop-in gardening hours on Wednesdays, 10:00am -1:00pm and 5:00pm - 8:00pm, and Saturdays, 10:00am - 1:00pm. 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Visit fmgg.org or email gardenguild@gmail.com for information on this, workshops and other opportunities, plus evening access. Parish and young adult groups are welcome.