

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## August 20, 2017

### Sunday, August 20

7:30 am † Hotka Family  
9:00 am † Vivien Delima  
11:00 am † Pro Populo

### Monday, August 21

12:00 pm † Donald Mohr

### Tuesday, August 22

12:00 pm † John A. Mundy, Jr.

### Wednesday, August 23

12:00 pm † Eden Lennon

### Thursday, August 24

12:00 pm † Thomas & Emily Brewer

### Friday, August 25

12:00 pm † Rita Horbett Burns

### Saturday, August 26

5:00 pm † Lina D'Silva

## *Give to Our Parish Online*

### Code DC811

**From your pastor:** Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly collection at Mass: The Offertory Collection last weekend was \$4,216. The second Collection last weekend for the Parish Building Fund was \$3,508 and Faith Direct Online Collection was \$7,456. Thank you for being a part of our St. Ann's family. As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy fall, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct, so that your gift can reach us, even when you are away for a weekend. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: DC811 to enroll. Thank you for your continued support of our parish through your time, talent, and treasure! God bless you.

**Parish Finance Presentation:** Mark your calendar to attend an important meeting to present a full profile of the parish finances on **Thursday, September 21 at 7:00pm** in the **Undercroft** which is accessible by way of the church door at the front left sidewalk level and go downstairs to the lower level of the church. After his first year as pastor, Msgr. Watkins wishes to make everyone aware of the overall parish financial situation and allow questions. Making the presentation will be the parish accountant, Mr. David Brake, and the Parish Finance Council will also attend, so that you can know how we manage, spend, and invest parish finances. This is a unique opportunity for the parish. Please make every effort to attend. The **Parish Finance Council members** are as follows: Dan Young, Ben Cohen, Steve Patterson, Jim Moeller and Mike Morris. The **Parish Council members** are as follows: Jeff Ashford, Mary Agnes Carey, Monica DiBella, Chris Gretschel, Ted Hirt, Mereille Oldak, Steve Patterson and Joni Jaram Veith.

**Did you know?** While Jesuits from Georgetown's Holy Trinity Parish began mission work to Catholics in Tennallytown (now called "Tenleytown") in 1866, St. Ann's Parish was canonically established in 1869. We will celebrate our 150th anniversary in 2019. The present church is the third church building which was constructed, together with the rectory building, in 1947, fifty years ago.

### THE CATHOLIC FAITH IS EXCITING...

Whether baptized or not, you might want to consider entering a program of faith formation, known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). Designed for Converts to the Catholic Church, sessions are for unbaptized adults and baptized non-Catholics who wish to inquire about certain aspects of the faith, learn more about the Catholic Church, her practices and history and/or seek full membership. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open for your questions, reflection, and searching! **Our 2017- 2018 registration starts NOW and runs through September 17th.** An orientation session will be held on **Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30pm at the Rectory.** Please contact the Pastor for an initial interview. Monsignor Watkins is available at his email: [watkinsjas@aol.com](mailto:watkinsjas@aol.com)

**PSR (Sunday School) News:** You may register your child in grades K through 8 on either **Sunday, August 27 or September 3 in the church Library after the 9:00am Mass. Classes this year will begin on Sunday, September 10** and will meet from 10:05am to 11:15am. Every Sunday we will begin in the Awalt Room in the Academy building right after the 9:00am Mass. Need more information? Please contact Mrs. Schaeffer at [dre@stanndc.org](mailto:dre@stanndc.org).

**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 in the Library accessible by way of the side door in Yuma St. We discuss the faith, and enjoy fellowship and light refreshments. Write to [nataliejplumb@gmail.com](mailto:nataliejplumb@gmail.com) to find out the topic and location for a given week.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Help increase your faith in your marriage by embarking on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekend is on October 27-29, 2017, in Gaithersburg, MD. For more information and to apply online visit [welovematrimony.org](http://welovematrimony.org), or call 301-541-7007, [applications@welovematrimony.org](mailto:applications@welovematrimony.org).

**Garden for a Good Cause:** Join the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild for drop-in vegetable and herb gardening on Wednesdays, 10am-1pm and 5-8pm, and Saturdays, 10am-1pm. No experience necessary. The monastery-grown produce goes to the friars, convents, parish food pantries, and food non-profits. The garden is behind the monastery gift shop, 1400 Quincy St., NE, Washington, DC 20017. Visit [fmgg.org](http://fmgg.org) or email [gardenguild@gmail.com](mailto:gardenguild@gmail.com) for information on gardening, workshops, and evening access. Parish and young adult groups are welcome.

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**For more information,  
visit our website at [stanndc.org](http://stanndc.org)**

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**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](mailto:FatimaHolyHour@gmail.com)

**Father Vincent Capodanno Memorial Mass:** The Memorial Mass for Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM, will take place on Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30pm in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave., NE). Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services will be the main celebrant. This annual Mass is celebrated in memory of Father Capodanno, killed in Vietnam on September 4, 1967, as he aided embattled Marines. Father Capodanno posthumously received the Medal of Honor, and in May 2006, the Catholic Church officially proclaimed him a Servant of God, formally initiating his cause for canonization. The Father Vincent Capodanno Guild is the only official organization set up to promote his cause. For more information, visit [www.CapodannoGuild.org](http://www.CapodannoGuild.org). All are invited to attend the Memorial Mass on the 50th anniversary of his death. There will be open seating, so please plan to arrive early. If reserved parking is necessary for our disabled attendees, please email [mpreece@milarch.org](mailto:mpreece@milarch.org). Military members are encouraged to wear uniform of the day, and business attire is appropriate for civilians.

**Faith Day:** Join the Washington Nationals on Saturday, August 26, for Nationals baseball! Listen for Bishop Dorsonville to make the "Play Ball" announcement at the 4:05pm game between the Nationals and Mets and watch a postgame performance by local gospel choirs. Following the game, selected players will be on hand to share stories on how their Christian faith impacts their lives. Purchase tickets to this game using coupon code: FAITHDAY and \$5.00 of every ticket sold will benefit the House DC, an Anacostia-based non-profit focused on supporting inner city youth.

**Respect Life News:** The Pro Life Secretariat of the U. S. Bishops' Conference has published an "Updated Fact Sheet: Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia from Voluntary to Involuntary" (6.26.17). The document opens with a clarification of terms and a statement of its focus: "While promoted in the name of personal autonomy Physician Assisted Suicide (providing lethal drugs so patients can take their own lives) and euthanasia (direct killing of patients by doctors [or by others]). do not remain limited to cases in which the victim gives his or her voluntary consent. This agenda ultimately embraces coercion and the death of unwilling victims." After reviewing the recent history of this sliding from voluntary to involuntary killing in the Netherlands and in Belgium, the fact sheet addresses the pressures exerted to achieve a similar result in the United States. Before doing so, it provides an ominous quotation from the major assisted suicide and euthanasia advocate, Derek Humphry, the founder of the "Hemlock Society," later renamed the more benign sounding "Compassion & Choices": "...one must look at the realities of the increasing cost of health care in an aging society, because in the final analysis, economics, not the quest for broadened individual liberties or increased autonomy will drive assisted suicide to the plateau of acceptable practice....Is there, in fact, a duty to die—a responsibility within the family unit—that should remain voluntary but expected nevertheless?" The fact sheet then recalls some of Oregon's assisted suicide history: "Oregon has taken steps toward an "expected" earlier death for patients whose care costs the government money. In 1995" its Health Services Commission voted 10 to 1 to include physician-assisted suicide as a form of 'comfort care' for all low-income terminally ill patients covered by Oregon's Medicaid rationing program.... since then, some patients on the Oregon Health plan have received letters from the state saying it will not pay for drugs that will stave off their death but will fully cover assisted suicide," the cost of which is much less than the needed medicine. Since California's legalized assisted suicide took effect in June 2016, it has also begun exerting similar economic pressure. The National Council on Disability, the fact sheet indicates, is especially concerned given "long standing social prejudice against the value of a life with disabilities." As early as 1997, a Council position paper notes: "...there is... little doubt that legalizing assisted suicide generates strong pressure upon individuals and families to utilize that option, and leads very quickly to coercion and involuntary euthanasia"

(<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/assisted-suicide/to-live-each-day/uploa>

**20th Anniversary of the Our Mother of Africa Chapel:**

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave., NE) invites you to its Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Our Mother of Africa Chapel on Sunday, September 17. The 2:00pm Mass will be celebrated in the Upper Church with Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ, Rector of St. Joseph Seminary in Washington, DC. For more information, call the National Shrine at 202-526-8300.