

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

Sunday, September 23

7:30 am Gonzalo Pequena
9:00 am Jean Hanson Carey
10:30 am Hellen Higgins
12:00 N Joseph Mangieri

Monday, September 24

7:15 am
12:00 N Margaret E. Genau

Tuesday, September 25

7:15 am Teofila Tulio
12:00 N Manuel Dalida

Wednesday, September 26, St. Cosmas and St. Damian

7:15 am Nida Santos
12:00 N In Thanksgiving

Thursday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul

7:15 am Lorenzo de Castro
12:00 N Joseph L & Marian C. O'Neil

**Friday, September 28, St. Wenceslaus,
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions**

7:15 am
12:00 N Mary Moran

**Saturday, September 29 St. Michael, St. Gabriel and
St. Raphael**

7:15 am
5:00 pm John Rusnak

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary Ellen Trimble, Richard Cernak, Virginia Batte, James Blake, Josephine Moran, Eve Atkinson, Robin Moriyah Colaine, Barbara Spillinger, Doris Arnold, Bertha Glotzbach, Michael Kiley, Eleanor Levy, Alice Mague, Catherine Poore, Mary Yancey, Elizabeth Schumacher and all who are ill and confined to hospitals and homes.

SICK CALLS: Please notify the rectory of any sick, homebound or those hospitalized so that we may arrange to bring them the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick.

NEW PARISHIONERS: If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with the parish. Registration forms are available at all the entrances 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.

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM: Deacon Robert Whitaker continues the weekly Bible study program on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Library. This is for Catholics and non-Catholics who want to deepen their faith and/or learn more about the teaching and tradition of the Church. All are welcome. Bring your Bible with you.

INSTRUCTION IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH: Instruction classes began on **September** and will continue on a weekly basis until **Easter**. Class will be held on **Sunday morning**. These classes are for **unbaptized adults** and **baptized non-Catholics** who wish to inquire concerning the Catholic Church. **Baptized Catholics** who have **not received first communion**, who have **not been confirmed** or who have **not been to confession** in a long time are also urged to attend. **Fully initiated Catholics** who wish to **renew** and **deepen** their faith are cordially invited as well.

Please contact Deacon Whitaker, at (202) 966-6288 ext. 13, if you have questions or wish to register.

THE MOTHERS' GROUP: at St. Ann's Parish is for all moms and moms-to-be. Make new friends. Discuss experiences. Provide mutual support. Meetings are held **every Tuesday** at 10:30 am in the Collins Room. Children are welcome! If you want more information about the Mothers' Group, please call Deacon Whitaker, (202) 966-6288, ext. 13.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS, on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the parish library. These classes can be taken before the birth of the child.

FAMILIES GROUP OF ST. ANN'S: Interested in building a stronger community of families with children at St. Ann's? Please join us. Activities include the 9:00 am Family Mass and Children's Choir every Sunday; a Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 am Mass on the first Sunday every month, followed by coffee and donuts in the gym; family movie nights; spaghetti dinners; and outreach to those in need in our community. Please contact Ray Boshara or Lora Iannotti at 202-237-8053 or boshara@newamerica.net to join or for more information.

St. Ann's Children Choir: Kids, we need you! Children in kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to sing with the Children's Choir. We practice at 8:15 am on Sundays and sing at the 9 am Family Mass. Please call Jenny DiBiase at (202) 246-2106 for more information or join us on Sundays in the undercroft.

St. Ann's Spiritual Life Institute: Will be offering a four-week program on **Our True Life in Christ with Henri Nouwen and Vincent Van Gogh** on Tuesday, September 25 and October 2 at 10:00 am and at 7:30 pm on Friday, September 28 and October 5 at 10:00 am. Please call Sister Mary Madden at (202) 966-6288, ext. 15, for further information.

It has just become easier to make contributions to St. Ann's Church. Parishioners may now contribute on our website at www.stanndc.org using Paypal or may authorize St. Ann's to debit your bank account simply by requesting our "Monthly Offering Direct Debit Authorization Form". Please call the Parish Office at (202) 966-6288 to request this authorization form or if you have any questions regarding this procedure.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	
Weekend of Sept. 15/16, 2007.....	\$7,411.76
Last year this date.....	\$7,201.70

The Church in Africa is the fastest growing and poorest part of our family of faith. The Church in Africa needs our support to strengthen pastoral outreach, catechetical programs, Catholic schools, evangelization, and education of seminarians and clergy. Please be generous in today's special collection for the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

Urgent Need: St. Ann's needs volunteers to clean and fill the holy water vessels on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. Please call Mary Patterson at (202) 363-8488 if you can give an hour per month to help the Altar Group maintain the Church.

PSR Holiday: There will be no PSR classes on Sunday, October 7th in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday. Classes will resume the following week.

First Communion Parent Meeting: St. Ann's First Communion Parent Meeting and Registration will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Msgr. Awalt Room at the Academy. Please note that this meeting is mandatory. Be sure to contact the Director of Religious Education if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Coffee with C.S. Lewis: St. Ann's will begin reading our first book series entitled, "Coffee with C.S. Lewis" on Sunday, October 14th in the Msgr. Awalt Room at 10:10 am following the 9:00 am Mass. We will read Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters" for 5 consecutive Sunday mornings until November 11th. Please read the first 3 chapters for our first meeting on the 14th. The Screwtape Letters are a collection of letters that an experienced demon writes to his inexperienced nephew about how to successfully capture the human soul. Please contact the DRE for more details on this series.

October is Respect Life Month throughout the country. The first speaker for the month at St Ann's will be Father David Mott, O.P., Catholic Chaplain to American University. He will speak on October 9th at 6:30p.m. in the undercroft of the church. His topic will be "Pregnancy and Crisis: Lessons learned from women at the Northwest Crisis Pregnancy Center." Father Mott will reflect on his experience as a seminarian volunteering at the center as a counselor as well as on parallel experiences in his pastoral ministry.

Respect Life Note: "The Church's position, supported by the reason and science, is clear: the human embryo is a subject identical to the human being, which will be born at the term of its development. Consequently whatever violates the integrity and the dignity of the embryo is ethically inadmissible. Similarly, any form of scientific research, which treats the embryo as a laboratory specimen is unworthy of man" (Pope John Paul II, Address to the Diplomatic Corps, Jan. 10, 2005).

All Irish Need Apply Ladies AOH: The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians will start its meeting season! If you are interested in your Irish heritage, culture and Catholic faith contact Peggy Dee at (301) 927-0690 for more information. The Ladies of DC Division 5 meet at Holy Family Church in Mitchellville and Ladies DC Division 9 meets at St. Raphael's in Rockville, MD. For more information on the AOH (men) contact George Rogers at (301) 805-1775.

Enthusiastic Pro-Life Volunteers needed to work in the Gabriel Office! Join the Gabriel Network on Thursday, October 4, 2007 for a GN Orientation Night. We are seeking individuals who have heart for helping women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. In this session you will learn about the Gabriel Network and how you can be instrumental in the accomplishment of our mission. A light dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by an orientation session from 7:15 to 8:30 pm. Please call to RSVP at (301) 262-9011 no later than Friday, September 28th to reserve your seat.

Citizenship Preparation Program: Citizenship Preparation Program at Guy Mason Recreation Center, 3600 Calvert Street NW, behind Whole Foods, October 6th. Please call Caryl King at (202) 282-2180. Classes run for 10 Saturdays from 10-11:30 am covering completion and filling of application, individuals and group practice, reading, writing, listening and speaking English. The fee is \$75 for DC residence/\$80 for non-residence.

Oktoberfest is here again! The Young Adults of St. Matthew's Cathedral and St. Thomas Apostle Church invite you to attend their 6th Annual Oktoberfest German Buffet Dinner and Celebration on Saturday, September 29th, from 6:30-10:30

pm at the St. Thomas Apostle Parish Hall (2665 Woodley Road, NW, just one block west of Connecticut Avenue and the Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan Metro). This amazing event will feature authentic German cuisine, drinks, delicious desserts, live music, dancing with lessons, and door prizes-all included with the price of your ticket. Tickets are \$30, and they are available by contacting Dennis at oktoberfest07@gmail.com or (301) 802-4098. Visit <http://www.stayoungadult.org/oktoberfest.htm> to purchase tickets on line. With advanced ticket purchase, attendees will receive a commemorative pilsner glass. Tickets are LIMITED so make sure to get yours early!

El Pregonero, the Archdiocese of Washington's Spanish-language newspaper: On Saturday, October 13th, *El Pregonero* newspaper will sponsor its annual Hispanic Job Fair at St. Camillus parish, Silver Spring. The Job fair will take place from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm in the parish's Camilla Room. Come ready to meet with up to 50 potential employers. Applications will be accepted at the event! The job fair is a great opportunity to meet and exhibitor opportunities are also available. If your company would like to participate, please contact Steve Stedman at steve@cathstan.org or at (202) 281-2424 for all the details. St. Camillus is located at 1600 St. Camillus Drive, Silver Spring, MD. We look forward to seeing you on October 13th!

The Youth Leadership Foundation: Looking for a tutoring program for your son or daughter this fall that is both affordable and effective? Then the Youth Leadership Foundation is for you! We provide not only academic enrichment, but also mentoring and the character-building your child needs to become a goal oriented, hard-working student. Our fall semester programs take place Saturday mornings from 10 am to 1 pm, and are open to students in grades 3 through 10. For more information and to enroll your child call our offices at (202) 363-4118 for the boys' program and (202) 387-1141 for the girls' program, or you can go to www.ylf.helpingkids.org.

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School will be holding a parent Information Night for parents of 7th and 8th grade students. The evening will take place on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7 pm in the Kane Center at 17301 Old Vic Boulevard, Olney, MD. A formal presentation on the Admissions process, International Baccalaureate Program, college advisory services and extra-curricular activities will be given. For information call Good Counsel's Admissions Office at (240) 283-3235 or visit website at www.olgchs.org.

St. Ann's Academy

Introducing Mrs. Jennifer Ketchum, Mrs. Jennifer Ketchum has been a teacher at St. Ann's Academy for eight years. She has a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey. She earned a Masters degree in teaching from the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland. Presently, she is completing her Masters in Educational Administration from the University of Notre Dame. Before becoming our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Ketchum taught students in grades two, four, and five. In addition to her administrative responsibilities, she is the Extended Care Director. Mrs. Ketchum represents St. Ann's in the leadership cadre of the Archdiocese of Washington. Her enthusiasm for professional development and master teacher status make her an exceptional assistant principal.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

For more information, please visit www.stannsacademy.org or call the office at (202) 363-4460, ext. 1.