

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2004

MONDAY, MAY 31 (Memorial Day)

9:00 AM Vicki Carlini

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

6:30 AM Rita DiCostanzo

8:00 AM Special Intention: The Maher Family

12:10 PM Marjorie Pope

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

6:30 AM Special Intention: Vince Carnevale

8:00 AM Jean Nafzinger

12:10 PM Neal Davis

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

6:30 AM Stefan Kaczmarek

8:00 AM Paulette Crone-Morange

12:10 PM Francis J. Burke

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

6:30 AM Tom Nanny

8:00 AM Victoria Carlini

12:10 PM Richard E. Winter

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

8:00 AM Special Intention: The Andy Dinan Family

5:00 PM Odile Charpentier

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

7:00 AM Ana Isabel Rojas

8:30 AM Special Intention: Michael Kenney Petrino

9:15 AM Special Intention: Tim Lindsay

10:00 AM Eleanor Stone

11:30 AM Theresa Farmer

1:00 PM Parishioners

5:00 PM Eleanor T. Rymond


We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Michael Peter O'Brien

Margaret Irene Taylor

Stefan Hans Alexander Vanderzon

PARISH OFFICE CLOSING: The parish office will be closed Monday, May 31 due to Memorial Day. There will be only one Mass offered in the church that day, at 9:00 AM. At 8:00 AM, in St. Mary's Cemetery, there will be a Mass in honor of our deceased parishioners who gave their lives in defense of our nation's freedom. In case of rain, we will join the 9 AM Mass in the church.

Today is Pentecost, the celebration of the first coming of the Holy Spirit and really the "birthday" of the Church. You may or may not have noticed that I was gone two weekends ago which is why there was no From Green to Gold column last weekend. I was in the land of the green and gold, Wisconsin, for a wedding. This wedding had special significance for me as it was for one of my sisters. It is interesting at least to me that the very first wedding I "did" was for my second of three sisters. Two Saturdays ago on the eleventh anniversary of my ordination as a priest I had the privilege of witnessing my 250th wedding, this time for my youngest sister. I still have three unmarried brothers, so there is potential for more family weddings.

I am sure some of you are aware of what a typical Wisconsin wedding is like. It is somewhat different from the weddings typical of this area. For starters Wisconsin weddings usually seem larger, even much larger. They are not necessarily more expensive affairs than what often seems to be the case here in Northern Virginia. That is not to say a Wisconsin wedding is inexpensive, just not as elaborate.

The rehearsal the night before was similar to what is done here. You meet at church and go through the ceremony in preparation for the next day. The dinner was a rather simple one. We met at a place known for their fish fries. The food was served buffet style. The actual wedding was scheduled for 1:00 P.M. at the church. All the necessary people were on time—the bride and groom, the parents, the 14 adult members of the bridal party, the children, the reader, the ushers (who are separate from the bridal party), etc. Every sibling and niece and nephew of the bride and groom were involved in some way except for one sister of the groom who was sick and unable to travel. The Mass if I may say so was beautiful and as it should be was the focal point of the day. There were many comments of how beautiful it was which may in part be due to just trying to offer Mass as it should be. Sadly that is not always the case at home.

Pictures were taken afterwards; a cocktail reception followed.

Dinner was served next. In Wisconsin generally there are two types of invitations. Everyone is invited to the Mass; some are invited to the dinner and the dance while others are only invited to the dance. Family and close friends, about 150 people for my sister, received the first invitation. Nearly everyone is invited to the dance, probably between 400 and 500 people. It truly is a "community" affair, meaning friends of other family members, etc. The dance went until 1:00 A.M. The bride and groom were there until the end. My sister had a disc jockey who played some more contemporary dance music as well as polkas, waltzes, and such things as the chicken dance. The DJ has become more popular in Wisconsin, although the polka band is still typical. One of my sisters had a DJ for her wedding, but my other sister and a brother had a multi-piece polka band. Regardless, I believe everyone has a great time. I most certainly did seeing all my relatives and some friends, many of whom I haven't seen in a long time. I enjoy any time I can spend with my family; my new brother-in-law and sister's wedding provided a wonderful opportunity to do so. Sunday we had Mass and then a huge brunch of all kinds of homemade food at another sister's house. On Monday I returned to Virginia.

In Christ,
Fr. Kleinmann

CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL –“To be a Saint” (this year’s topic) will be held on July 19-23. Applications are available at the rectory. Please come by between the hours of 9 AM – 9 PM to pick up an application.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY A COPY OF FR. POUMADE’S DaVINCI CODE TALK? Sets of either 3 tapes or 3 CDs are available. Please call the St. Joseph Center at (626) 289-0223 for more information.

CARPENTER’S SHELTER: We will be serving dinner to the residents of the shelter on **June 3rd**. The sign up book for food is in the rear of the church. Thank you for all you do. Please call Barbara Halicki at 703-370-7026 with any questions.

EXTENDED DAYCARE PROGRAM: St. Mary’s School needs dedicated and reliable instructors for its Extended Daycare program. Love of children and patience is a must. Includes competitive salary and flexible hours. Call Tom Noone, Director at 703-628-2337 or 703-549-3488 Ext 23.

LOST & FOUND: We have many unclaimed articles that have been left in the church and Lyceum. From time to time we will place a “lost and found” table in the rear of the church. We ask you to check there and re-claim any items that belong to you.

SUMMER THEOLOGY: Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College is offering ten theology courses from June 21st to July 31st. “Fundamental Moral Theology” and “St. Paul’s Writings” are being taught at the Alexandria campus. Other courses will be offered at the Front Royal campus and include a Saturday-only course on “Mary, the Mother of God” and the popular “Theological get-aways” which are held one weekday evening and the following morning (once a week for six weeks, including room and board). For more information, please call 703-658-4304.

THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY, invites you to **SPEND ONE HOUR** in vocal and silent Eucharistic Adoration on **FIRST FRIDAY, June 4th** beginning at 9:00 PM or **EARLY SATURDAY, June 5th** ending at 6:00 AM here at St. Mary’s Church. For more information, call Marian Nowland at (703) 751-9392 or Jeff Petrino at (703) 683-8877.

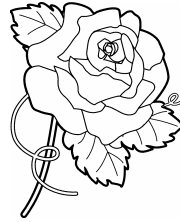


*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*

SECOND ANNUAL SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMP FOR CREATIVE WRITING AND VISUAL ARTS, sponsored by Bishop O’Connell HS for rising 6th – 9th graders. Beginner Session is June 28 – July 2. Advanced Session is July 5-9. Camp time will be 9 AM – 3 PM, \$130 per child, \$100 per sibling. Please email gmccarthy@bishopoconnell.org or mprosis@bishopoconnell.org for further information.

FOCUSSS: St. Mary’s young adult group will be having their monthly social after the 5 PM Mass on Sunday, June 6th in the St. Mary’s Lyceum. Newcomers are welcome!

PRO-LIFE CORNER



Most of us can remember as a child having a sore finger or a skinned knee that was made all better with a mother’s or a father’s kiss. So, too, the Father of all life can give His healing kiss to all who have had an abortion, and they can receive His forgiveness and His peace.

HELP WANTED: Part-time parish secretary position available at **St. Louis Church**, 2907 Popkins Ln, Alexandria. Knowledge of Spanish is desirable. Please send resume to the above address [Attn: Kay O’Farrell], or please call her at 703-765-4421.

CARDINAL BASKETBALL CAMPS AT BISHOP IRETON HIGH SCHOOL: Girls Week will be June 14-18; Boys Week will be June 21-25; Coed Advanced Week is July 12-16. Camps are for ages 10-14 and run from 8 AM–3 PM Monday through Thursday and 8 AM–11:30 AM on Friday. For information or a brochure please contact Pete Hamer at (703) 212-5190.

PRINCIPAL ALWARD BURCH RETIREMENT PARTY: Please join us in bidding Mr. Burch a fond farewell on **June 5th at Bishop O’Connell High School**. There are alumni baseball games from 10 AM – 3 PM. Mass will be celebrated in the auditorium at 5 PM and there will be a catered picnic in the courtyard at 6 PM. If you are interested in sending a contribution towards a farewell gift, please send it to Bishop O’Connell PTO, 6600 Little Falls Rd, Arlington, VA 22213. R.S.V.P. to the Development Office at 703-237-1445 or 1446.

THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES ELDERLY SERVICES PROGRAM offers Geriatric Consultation Service. A Geriatric Outreach Specialist is available to assist the elderly and/or their care-givers by conducting an initial assessment of their needs, then locating, informing, and referring them to available resources and services in the community. Consultations and assessments are provided to clients either at home or at the St. Martin de Porres Senior Center in Alexandria. Service is provided to all in need. There is no fee for service. For additional information, please call St. Martin de Porres Senior Center at 703-751-2766.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: The thrift shop at Christ House, 131 S. West St., Alexandria is seeking men and women and older youth to assist the new manager in the daily operation of the shop. It is open **Tuesday – Saturday from 11 AM – 3 PM**. Sorters, sales associates, floor assistants and handypersons for small repairs and facelift help are needed. Please contact: Ana Gutierrez at 703-549-8644 or consult Catholic Charities web site at www.cdda.net for more information.