

SUNDAY, JUNE 27**MONDAY, JUNE 28**

6:30 AM Margaret McKinnon
 8:00 AM Father's Day Novena
 12:10 PM Corazon Abrasaldo

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

6:30 AM Father's Day Novena
 8:00 AM John T. Burke
 12:10 PM Stephen & Winifred Davis

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

6:30 AM Florence Nowland, Anniversary
 8:00 AM John T. Burke
 12:10 PM Alice Wood

THURSDAY, JULY 1

6:30 AM James Toth
 8:00 AM Madeline Korowicki
 12:10 PM Fanny Gargani

FRIDAY, JULY 2

6:30 AM Peter Joseph Rooney
 8:00 AM Edmund J. Copps, Anniversary 7/3
 12:10 PM Albert & Marilyn Wavering

SATURDAY, JULY 3

8:00 AM Rita Thomas
 5:00 PM Eileen Zinnini

SUNDAY, JULY 4

7:00 AM Parishioners
 8:30 AM Special Intention: Albert & Marilyn Wavering,
 45th Wedding Anniversary
 10:00 AM Matthew Kelleher, Anniversary
 11:30 AM Special Intention: Robert & Marianne Petrino
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 1:00 PM Henry Kravitz
 5:00 PM Francis J. Collins

**We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:**

Christopher Edward Bright
 Allen Burton Greenwood, III
 Carter Patrick Looney
 Charles Edward Symington, III
 Elizabeth Carolyn Young
 James William Young

**FROM GREEN TO GOLD**

Last week I mentioned here that Bishop Loverde has now officially appointed me pastor of St. Mary's. This change in titles really doesn't much affect my duties to the parish as I also mentioned last week. As administrator or pastor I have the responsibility of meeting all the financial needs of St. Mary's. As I have noted before I am not fond of having to raise money or asking you for contributions either to the parish or the diocese, yet that is occasionally necessary. A couple of months ago I did ask you to be generous to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal, the diocese's annual effort to raise additional funds for its many programs. We had a rather daunting goal of \$205,000. As of June 17th we have met that target and have actually surpassed it slightly. To that date we have donated \$207,740.74. This currently is \$25,000 more than any other parish in the diocese. I absolutely do **not** see this as a competition; I only raise this matter to thank you for your tremendous generosity to the diocese as well as to the parish. You most certainly make this part of my duties much easier. Again, thank you!

Another topic that I do not particularly like having to discuss, although it too is necessary now and then, is proper dress at Mass. Recently some fellow parishioners have asked to me to raise the issue and have volunteered to help with this matter in any way I thought appropriate. They do have a legitimate concern and this time of year often seems to bring out the "worst" in some. I know it can get very warm outside and with the humidity the weather can be stifling. In the midst of that we want to be comfortable and can't be criticized for this. However in general and at Mass in particular, proper and modest dress is important.

You may have seen the recent news out of Redmond, Washington where an 11-year old Catholic school student wrote to and questioned why Nordstrom did not provide more modest clothing for girls her age. The local store manager and a vice president of merchandising both wrote to Ella Gunderson and agreed with her promising to do something about the matter. Ella belongs to the Challenge Club of Greater Seattle which challenges young ladies to be fashionable but modest. What a great message to today's society! One person can make a difference. How then we dress in church makes a difference as well.

To borrow from another parish (Holy Trinity in Gainesville, VA): Usually, everyone makes an attempt to dress appropriately for any given occasion. If we are relaxing, we wear shorts or sweats. If we are attending a formal dinner dance or a prom, we dress up. So what is the appropriate dress for Mass? Just think of the importance of the occasion—what would you choose if you are about to meet Our Lord and God, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament? Perhaps we would not choose to dress in formal attire, but we shouldn't dress down, either. Dress appropriate for a barbecue, a golf game, or relaxing at the pool isn't appropriate for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. At times we hear it said, "God doesn't care what we wear at Mass." This may be true, but we should. What we wear is an expression of how much importance we give to any occasion. What occasion could be more important than worshipping God and receiving His Son in Holy Communion? A thought to ponder this summer!

In Christ,
 Fr. Kleinmann



CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(VBS): Building on last year's success, this year's *To Be A Saint* VBS is from Monday, July 19th – Friday, July 23rd from 9 AM – 12:45 PM each day beginning in the Lyceum and ending with 12:10 PM Mass. This is a great way for your children to deepen their Catholic faith this summer while having fun with other children their age. To register please pick up a VBS Registration form in the church, the rectory, or online at www.saintmaryparish.net. **Deadline for registration is Monday, July 12th.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

St. Mary's VBS is looking for teenage and adult volunteers to help us each day from 9 AM – 12:45 PM from July 19th-23rd. Please contact Luis Brown at 703-836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com if you can help.

CCD NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: Please register your children for the 2004-05 year by **August 1st**. Registration forms can be obtained in the back of the church, from the rectory or from the Religious Education Office in the Lyceum. The Registration form will soon be available online at the St. Mary's website or please contact Luis Brown at 703-836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com with questions or to have a registration form sent to you.

ST. MARY'S CYO YOUTH GROUP
COMING SOON!! HEY, ST. MARY'S TEENS, CHECK OUT YOUTH GROUP STARTING



TONIGHT!! 6:30 - 8 PM in the Lyceum. Information and Planning Night with activities followed by Ice Cream Social. Youth Group Kickoff night is Sunday, July 18th from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Lyceum., but we may have an event or two before then. Meet other area teens, have a blast on trips, activities, and retreats, and be challenged in your Catholic faith and life. If interested, questions, or to get on a mailing list please call or email Luis Brown at 703-836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com.

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

CARPENTER'S SHELTER: On July 1st we will be serving dinner to the residents of the Carpenter's Shelter. Sign up for food donations in the book in the back of the church. Please call Barbara Halicki at 703-370-7026 with any questions. Thanks for all you do!

St. Monica



SICK? FEELING DOWN? HAVING TROUBLES OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?

Experience the power of prayer! Send your prayer intentions and requests to SaintMonicasPrayers@earthlink.net or leave a message at 703-820-2081.



PRO-LIFE CORNER

What abortion clinics fear the most are women getting the truth. Abortion advocates are worried that women will realize a human being is in their womb, that abortion actually kills a baby, and that most women, when they realize this, will not have the abortion.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Saturday mornings, July 3rd, 17th, and 31st and August 21st and 28th, volunteers from St. Mary's Parish and ALIVE! will pick up donated furniture and deliver it to the needy in Alexandria. If you can donate five hours of your time and energy on any of those dates, please call Mike Diffley at 703-683-4656.

FOCUSSS: The FOCUSSS young adults group will sponsor its monthly social on July 11th after the 5 PM Mass in the Lyceum. Stop by and meet other young professionals of like interests in the development of their spiritual and social lives. Refreshments will be served.

MASS FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE: Bishop Loverde invites members of the diocese to join with him in a Mass to pray for the healing of victims of sexual abuse Wednesday, June 30th at 7:30 PM in St. Thomas More Cathedral. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Pat Mudd at 703-841-2530.

MULTICULTURAL DINNER: The Arlington Diocese Office of Resettlement is holding a Multicultural Dinner today, June 27th, at 5 PM. Please join us for an exciting evening of multicultural food, music, and dance! For more information call Rebecca Ruiz at 703-863-0537 or e-mail r Ruiz@arlingtonrefugeeservices.com.

CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE SUMMER INSTITUTE: The 15th Annual Summer Institute of Christendom College will be held on Saturday, July 17th in Front Royal, VA entitled "Confronting the Culture of Death: John Paul II's Prophetic Vision for the Renewal of Christian Culture." The Institute will feature speakers Francis Cardinal Arinze, Marcus Grodi, Dr. Timothy O'Donnell, and other Christendom College faculty. For more information contact Christendom College at 800-877-5456 or visit www.christendom.edu

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CAMPUS

MINISTRY: All college folks are welcome to attend Thursday Night Gatherings at George Mason University from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at the Bellarmine Chapel located at 4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax, 703-425-0022 or email to horanm@yahoo.com. This Thursday (7/1) we'll be having GAME NIGHT!!

A WOMAN'S CHOICE: A Woman's Choice, a **pro-life** crisis pregnancy center, located in Falls Church, VA is in need of volunteers and Spanish speaking translators. Training will be provided. Please call Edel at 703-538-4305.