

SUNDAY, JULY 4**Mass Intentions****MONDAY, JULY 5**

9:00 AM Eileen Kearney

TUESDAY, JULY 6

6:30 AM Special Intention: Marianne Mannschreck

8:00 AM Francis Burke, Jr.

12:10 PM Dr. Ralph N. Villanova

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

6:30 AM Anne Marie Peter

8:00 AM Donald Cimiluca, Anniversary

12:10 PM Catherine S. Williams, Anniversary

THURSDAY, JULY 8

6:30 AM Peter Joseph Rooney

8:00 AM Edmund A. Meyer, Anniversary

12:10 PM Pegge Gabriele

FRIDAY, JULY 9

6:30 AM Alice Wood

8:00 AM Madeline Korowicki

12:10 PM Stephen & Winifred Davis

SATURDAY, JULY 10

8:00 AM Maria Amador

5:00 PM Norman J. Sutton

SUNDAY, JULY 11

7:00 AM Parishioners

8:30 AM Special Intention: The Zaluski Family

10:00 AM Benjamin H. Stansbury

11:30 AM Theresa Farmer

1:00 PM Victoria Carlini

5:00 PM Eleanor T. Rymond

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 5TH IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY. ALSO, THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS CELEBRATED ON MONDAY, JULY 5TH AT 9 AM.



Baptisms

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Sophia Grace Mullaney

Jaden Michael Mullins

**FROM GREEN TO GOLD**

It is not too often that July 4th falls on Sunday, so let me take this opportunity on behalf of the other priests and myself to wish all of you and your families a very wonderful and relaxing Independence Day. May it be a blessed day for you and may God always bless our country, particularly that as a nation we never forget the rights and freedoms we have the privilege of enjoying. It is my hope and prayer that someday those rights will extend to all persons, especially all of the unborn.

With rights and freedoms we also have responsibilities. Last week I mentioned here that I don't like asking for money. I assure you that still holds true. I thanked you for your contributions to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. If God has blessed us with abundant financial gifts, then we have a duty to be generous with others less fortunate than ourselves. It is a duty of a Catholic to support his or her parish. You do that quite well and truly are very generous in many other ways as well. We often get requests from individuals and organizations for financial assistance. The whole idea of having the St. Vincent de Paul Society again here at St. Mary's is to assist the poor who come to our door. Also some groups are most certainly worthy of our support. That is why in part the diocese has a number of designated second collections throughout the year. These are for Church affiliated organizations and we are required to take up these collections. It may seem at times that we are inundated with these second collections. I hope it doesn't, but it may seem that way. It is for this reason that I hesitate to introduce any additional second collections, although a pastor may do so.

In the past some of the additional collections we have taken up here at St. Mary's have included the Little Sisters of the Poor. They again will be here sometime in the Fall. In addition we are required to host a mission collection designated by the diocese every year. This is part of the Propagation of the Faith program in which the diocese has each parish participate. Due to circumstances not related to St. Mary's we did not have such a missionary and collection here last year. We have been assigned the Dominicans for the next fiscal year and they will be here the weekend of September 18th and 19th.

In light of the above fact and with the recent request from three worthy groups, I would like to propose the following. I'm suggesting a second collection for the Alhambras. This has been done before here at St. Mary's. This Arlington group exists with the purpose of supporting children with special needs. Their collections go to St. Coletta School right in our own "backyard," the special education program at Paul VI High School, and a program entitled "Keyboards for Kids."

Our diocesan mission, in one of the poorest regions in the Dominican Republic, is hoping to open a school. One of our parishioners has become quite involved in this effort and recently the priest I replaced when I came to St. Mary's, Fr. Murphy, has been assigned to this mission. I believe a second collection would be in order here too with some additional support from the parish. There are no second collections scheduled for July and August, so I would like to use that time for these efforts. This discussion I will continue next week.

In Christ,
Fr. Kleinmann

SERMON ON THE MOUNT resumes **Tuesday, July 6th at 7:30 PM in the St. Mary's Lyceum.** Come hear our seminarian, Bjorn Lundberg, speak on "Mary's Role in our Catholic Faith." This night will focus on St. Louis de Monfort's Total Consecration to Mary, a life-changing prayer and reflection over approximately a six week time period. Free books about the consecration and booklets containing the 40-day consecration will be available. Next week's bulletin, flyers in the back of the church and our website will have the full Summer schedule.



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 THE YOUTH GROUP!! 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.

CYO KING'S DOMINION TRIP:

Join thousands of teens from the Diocese of Arlington on Friday, July 23rd for a trip at King's Dominion. We will leave from St. Mary's Lyceum at 7:45 AM and return at 11 PM. The cost is \$45 (which includes the bus ride). RSVP, forms and \$\$ are due to Luis Brown (703-836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com) by July 18th.

PRO LIFE CORNER

The constitution guarantees the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Nowhere does it exclude the unborn. The unborn are children of God and citizens of this country and should be equally protected under the constitution. Pray to end abortion and euthanasia.



"STUDY SKILLS FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS": Due to demand, St. Mary's School will offer a second "Study Skills for Successful Students," for rising sixth, seventh, and eighth graders the week of August 2nd through August 6th, from 9 AM – 12 PM, at Stephen's Hall. Please call 703-549-3488 to register. The cost is \$100 per student.

St. Monica



DO YOU PRAY DAILY?

The St. Monica's Online Prayer Group is a group of St. Mary's parishioners who pray daily for special intentions and prayer requests. This is a meeting-free group! To participate, the only thing that we ask is that you include the prayer intentions and requests in your daily prayers. The prayer intentions and requests are distributed via e-mail once a week. To join us and help make a difference through the power of prayer, send an e-mail to SaintMonicasPrayers@earthlink.net.

FOCUSS: 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Saturday mornings, July 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.

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 horanmc@yahoo.com. This Thursday (7/8) Mr. Marques Silva will be speaking on the sacraments.

LOST AND 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.

BLOOD DRIVE: The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive on Saturday, August 21st at the St. Mary's Lyceum. Details will follow.