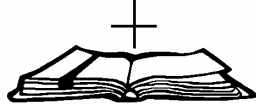


SUNDAY, JULY 25**Mass Intentions****MONDAY, JULY 26**

- 6:30 AM Lanita Thornton
 8:00 AM Patrick Arnold, Anniversary
 12:10 PM Special Intention: Chris & Angela Bouquet,
 Wedding Anniversary

TUESDAY, JULY 27

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Hill Smith
 8:00 AM Joseph T. Carney
 12:10 PM In Honor of St. Joseph

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

- 6:30 AM Catherine Williams
 8:00 AM Shu-Hsiang Wang
 12:10 PM In Honor of St. Anthony

THURSDAY, JULY 29

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Mark O'Brien
 8:00 AM John Kridlo
 12:10 PM Cleo Dunne, William & Helen Silke

FRIDAY, JULY 30

- 6:30 AM Edmund Zbikowski
 8:00 AM Madeline Korowicki
 12:10 PM Mary Ceruzzi, Anniversary

SATURDAY, JULY 31

- 8:00 AM Keith G. Burke, Anniversary
 5:00 PM Gary Marotta

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

- 7:00 AM Carol Ann Hurley
 8:30 AM Francis Burke, Jr.
 10:00 AM Brink Seward
 11:30 AM Parishioners
 1:00 PM Elizabeth Platt Lingard
 5:00 PM Capt. Barry Barone

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

Caitlin Marie Miller
 Matthew Francis Monaghan
 Thomas Xavier Monaghan
 Sidney Rose Sacha

FOCUSSS: The FOCUSSS young adults group will sponsor its monthly social August 1st after the 5 PM Mass in the auditorium of the St. Mary's Lyceum. Stop by and meet other young professionals of like interests in the development of their spiritual and social lives. Refreshments will be served.

**FROM GREEN TO GOLD**

Last week I spoke of three sets of people who one way or another have affected our lives here at St. Mary's. This week I want to mention two others. The first is an 86 year old woman who passed from this life to eternal life the evening of Wednesday, July 14th. She spent her early years at our parish having lived across the street from the church. She married and had a family of four, one son and three daughters. She actually was a founding member of Blessed Sacrament Church also here in Alexandria. She and her husband, who preceded her in death, eventually moved back to our parish, although they spent a fair amount of time in Florida as well.

We have a substantial number of funerals in this parish. It is rare I write about them. Even here I'm not writing about the funeral, but about how this woman died. Her faith was strong, her pains and last agony rather great. Yet her spirit was unbelievable. My visits to Alexandria Hospital, where this woman spent the last weeks of her earthly life, were always remarkable. They were because of her positive and Christ-centered attitude. You just knew her faith was outstanding. The priests from Blessed Sacrament said the same as they saw her more than I did since they cover that hospital.

What was also remarkable were her children. Throughout her stay in the hospital, and every time I visited at least one of them was with her, they remained upbeat and faith-filled as well. Because of how she lived her life and how she was dying, her children were celebrating more than grieving. Certainly there is nothing wrong with grieving, in fact it is part of the process of "losing" a loved one, but if they are with God and are prepared to die, why not celebrate? In light of that then the scene in her hospital room that evening she died will not soon leave my mind. The atmosphere was nothing short of festive. It had to be consoling to this now semi-comatose person to know that your children loved you so much that they could truly celebrate your life and the life that, trusting in God, lay ahead. Would that it could be that way for all of us! Mrs. Louise Kilcullen was laid to rest this past Monday. May she rest in peace.

The second person I want to mention this week is Amy Drake. Since we have started Thursday Eucharistic adoration she has coordinated the schedule. She has attended Mass almost daily with her daughter Helena and just happens to come from the Midwest, although not Wisconsin. She is from that state to the south of Wisconsin. Amy has served us quite well, making sure that all the adoration hours have been covered.

On the day Mrs. Kilcullen was dying Amy was giving birth to her son Leo. Amy and her husband John, the father of Helena and Leo, will be moving to Ann Arbor, Michigan sometime in August. We bid them farewell and thank Amy as we remember all of them in our prayers. May we also pray for Mary Stier, who has agreed to take over Amy's duties.

On a closing note I want to thank all of you for your generous donations last weekend to the second collection for the diocesan mission in the Dominican Republic. The contribution of **\$5452.00** will be forwarded to Fathers Gee and Murphy to be used for the school they intend to build to better serve the children of this mission. Our parish will also include some additional funds.

In Christ,
 Fr. Kleinmann

SERMON ON THE MOUNT THIS TUESDAY, July 27th at 7:30 PM in the St. Mary's Lyceum. All are invited for a great talk, discussion, and a Wine and Cheese social to start. This Tuesday, Fr. Poumade will speak on **"Politicians and Communion: Should Pro-Choice Catholic Politicians Receive Communion? Can We in Good Conscience Vote for Them?"**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: St. Mary's 2004-05 Religious Education for K-8, Special Sacraments, and High School begins in mid-September. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS AUGUST 1st**. You can find registration forms in the church, online, at the rectory, or by contacting Luis Brown, DRE, at 703-836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com. High School "Coffee and Catechism" will be a free-of-charge round-table teaching and discussion on hot topics. Coffee and donuts will be served.

RCIA **RCIA: INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** Know anyone who is? St. Mary's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will be on Mondays beginning September 13th at 7:30 PM in the Lyceum. RCIA is for all who wish to inquire about the Catholic faith, but this does not automatically mean a full commitment. For more information or to sign-up, please contact the rectory at 703-836-4100 or Luis Brown, DRE, at 703-836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com.



TEEN NEWS

HEY ST. MARY'S TEENS: CYO Power Hour/Game Night – Unique teen Holy Hour with music, silence, and a talk. This was the most popular teen event at another parish. Football, Game Night, and a social afterwards. 6:30 PM in the Church, 7:30-8:45 PM in the Lyceum. Next Week: Pizza and Topic Night in the Lyceum from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

School **"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.



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.

Pro-Life

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Did you know that fifty years ago abortion was rare and universally condemned? Now we call it a right. Fifty years ago, abortionists were considered criminals; now we say they are providing a service. Fifty years ago euthanasia was a crime; now we call it a right to die. What has happened to the respect for life in our nation?

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Sign-up sheets for a new Adoration session from August through September are at the back of the church. Adoration is on Thursdays from 12:30 – 7:30 PM. Call Amy Drake at 703-519-1871 for more information

CARPENTER'S SHELTER: On August 5th we will be serving dinner to the residents of the shelter. See the food sign-up book in the rear of the church. For more information, please contact Barbara Halicki at 703 – 370-7026. Thanks for all you do!

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.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA JUVENILE DETENTION HOME (Near Landmark Shopping Center) has volunteer opportunities for mentoring, youth basketball, GED or SOL tutoring in English, ESL tutoring one-on-one for Spanish speakers, teaching a program, sharing examples of success with the youth, or just come and play cards or other games with the youth. Please contact Mike Dante at wdante2@gmu.edu or Sister Connie Parcasio, S.N.D.S. at cparcasio@ccda.net or 703-841-3832 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Saturday mornings, July 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.

ALEXANDRIA SOCIAL DETOX CENTER located at 2355-C Mill Rd, Alexandria, offers a three –week residential treatment program including individual and group counseling, education groups and innovative therapy, provides referrals for ongoing services and helps adult residents of the City of Alexandria. A representative from this program will be available for more information after all Masses this weekend, July 25th



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY 25th

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10; 16:21; Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
 Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES:

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
 Thursday: St. Martha
 Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus
 Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Sick Relatives & Friends

Let us pray for all those who are ill, especially:

Zachariah Began
 Florence Chamberlain
 Alexandra Dedinsky
 Baby Jordan Elias
 Brendan Griffith
 Noelle Hammad
 Nick Hayes
 Patricia Mathieu
 Patty Meyers
 Betty Nieman

Rest in Peace

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died, especially:

Kristin Anderson
 Shirley Cowhig
 Robert Eakle
 Louise Kilcullen



DIOCESAN NEWS:



DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

announces a full-time job opening for an Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools. Duties include coordination of projects, preparation of files, statistical reports and letters. Proficiency in MS Word and Excel are a plus. Benefits are included. Please fax a resume to 703-524-8670 by August 6, 2004.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Hogar Hispano of Catholic Charities needs volunteer coordinators, teachers and aides for its English as a Second Language program for adult immigrants, beginning in September. There are classes during the day and evening classes during the week, as well as weekend classes. No second language required. Training provided. Please call Sally O'Dwyer at 703-534-9805 extension 222 or go to www.cdda.net/hogar_hispano.html for more information and to download an application form.

THEOLOGY ON TAP "6-PACK" to take place on Tuesdays at Whitlow's on Wilson in Arlington from July 13th to August 17th, beginning at 7:30 PM. ToT focuses on topics of faith and contemporary issues that directly affect the lives of young adults, ages 21-39 in the relaxed setting of a favorite pub. For more information please e-mail tot@arlingtondiocese.org.

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.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP):

The Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) Dept of Food and Nutrition Services, administers the SFSP, which is federally-funded and serves an average of just under 800 children each day at locations around the city. The SFSP ends on August 13th so that food distribution locations can close for maintenance. Between August 13th, and the beginning of school in September, there is no 'safety net' for these children. With support from ALIVE!, we are proposing a Trial Program to bridge this gap: *When:* Lunchtime on weekday, Monday, Aug 16th – Friday Aug 27th. *Where:* One location in Arlandria, one in Old Town. *How many children:* ACPS has applied for a USDA grant for lunches to serve a maximum of 175 children in each location (350 total) for each of the 10 days. We will need 7 volunteers/location/day, approx 1-1 ½ hour commitment. Please contact Louise Anderson at 703-295-4267 (office).