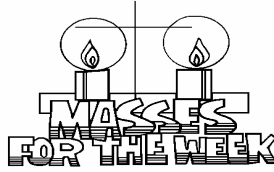


SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**MONDAY, AUGUST 23**

- 6:30 AM Isabell Greenshields
 8:00 AM Leonard McRoskey
 12:10 PM Billy Carne

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

- 6:30 AM Joan & Edward Pastorino
 8:00 AM Sylvia Balevas
 12:10 PM Neal Davis

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

- 6:30 AM Albert Colbert
 8:00 AM Special Intention: Cameron Seward
 12:10 PM Elizabeth Sutton

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Michael & Anna Maria
 Dechert, Anniversary
 8:00 AM Arnold & Marie Anderson
 12:10 PM Harry Elms

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

- 6:30 AM Jim Brothers
 8:00 AM Norma Zammer Brothers
 12:10 PM Robert Bianchin, Anniversary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

- 8:00 AM Madeline Korowicki
 5:00 PM Joseph Ho Yuen (*Fr. Kleinmann*)

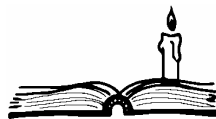
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

- 7:00 AM Ruth Cleaveland (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
 8:30 AM Phil Domingo (*Fr. Poumade*)
 10:00 AM Victoria Carlini (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
 11:30 AM Bernard L. Sweeney, Anniversary (*Oblate*)
 1:00 PM Parishioners (*Oblate*)
 5:00 PM Gertrude Tabu & Francois Mukiga
 Ntahimpera (*Fr. Poumade*)

ADDITIONAL MASS INTENTIONS

In addition to the regular schedule of Masses, Mass has been offered privately for the following intentions:

Naomi Boyce, Richard Dei Tos, Andrew Dolan, Carmel Failing, Richard Hall, Alice Collins Hamm, Helen Hopper, Norma Kuhn, Margaret Pallone, Richard Smithson, Morris Thomas, Jeffrey Virostek, Special Intention: The Family of Sallie Kilcullen, and Special Intention: Paul Peworchik.

**FROM GREEN TO GOLD**

You may have noticed some things happening at the end of South Royal Street. Now I realize construction on the new Wilson Bridge clearly has been ongoing for two years already. More recently, however, you may have noticed the dumpster in the school parking lot. You may also have seen the construction vehicles there during the day. The reason for this, as I have mentioned before, is that the bathrooms in the school were renovated this summer. Little had been done with them over the years. As of this past week they are like new—new fixtures, new tile, new ceilings, and upgraded plumbing and wiring. Some of the sinks and toilets were no longer operable, so this was needed. There will be “back to school nights” soon for parents of students in the school, but we’ll have to try and arrange some time for other parishioners to see how their contributions are being spent. Fr. Avella followed the policy that capital improvements to the school were paid for by the parish and not as part of the school budget. So this means that the parish funded this project at the school. If a bathroom can be both functional and beautiful, these are!

Another change perhaps not so noticeable is the leadership of our school. On August 9th Mrs. Kathleen Dolan resigned as principal after six years in that capacity. She estimated that during those years she had accumulated over 157,000 miles driving to and from the school. She was ready for a much deserved break as she was forced to deal with many other issues, such as the Wilson Bridge project and its impact on the school, during that time. We now wish Mrs. Dolan well as we thank her for her years of service and I ask you to join with me in offering our prayers for her and her family.

Assuming the role of principal for at least the next year is the former assistant principal, Mr. Lou Frisenda. He too will need our prayers. I have complete confidence in Mr. Frisenda, his leadership capabilities, his concern for the school and especially its students, and his love of our Catholic Faith. In fact with the start of another school year only a week away, it bears repeating that this is why our school exists—to hand on the Catholic Faith to those children entrusted to our care. My expectation is that it will be a great year by the grace of God where this objective will be fully met with the help of students, parents, faculty, staff, as well as your support, in particular your prayers.

When I was ordained one of my prayers was to be assigned to a parish that had a school. That prayer has been answered, for all four parishes at which I have served since being ordained a deacon have had a school. While the school can somewhat tax a priest’s time, I truly believe it is a blessing to a parish and adds a wonderful dimension that otherwise would be missing. I am very grateful to all those who make St. Mary’s School possible. That really includes each and every parishioner in addition to all those dedicated individuals who are directly involved with the school.

On a closing note, you may have also noticed that some work has finally begun on the cemetery. These improvements, promised three years ago, are now beginning to take shape and should be completed by Thanksgiving. More on this at a later date!

In Christ,
 Fr. Kleinmann

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th FROM 10:00 - 11:15 AM IN ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

KINDERGARTEN CCD TEACHER NEEDED! St. Mary's CCD is in desperate need of a Kindergarten catechist/teacher or two co-teachers who would alternate for our Sunday morning CCD class from 10-11:15 AM. Please contact the Religious Education Office at 703-836-5450 if you are interested in volunteering.

FR. POUMADE'S TALK ON "PRO-CHOICE POLITICIANS, RECEIVING OF COMMUNION AND VOTING" is now available to borrow on audio and DVD. Contact the Religious Education Office at 703-836-5450 to pickup a lender copy.

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 - 9 PM in the Lyceum. RCIA is for all who wish to inquire about the Catholic faith or join the Catholic Church. **ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO SIT IN, LEARN AND GROW!** For more information or to sign-up, please contact Luis Brown, DRE, at 703-836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com. Application forms are also available on the St. Mary's website.

ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC AND NOT YET CONFIRMED? Adult Confirmation is incorporated into our RCIA process here at St. Mary's. Classes take place in January and February on Mondays at 7:30 - 9 PM and are required as preparation for Adult Confirmation on Saturday, March 26th at the Easter Vigil. Please contact the Religious Education Office at (703) 836-5450 and sign up as soon as possible.

TEEN NEWS

CYO TOPIC NIGHT TONIGHT!! On "Guys, Girls, Dating, and Friendship," Sunday, August 22nd, 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Lyceum. Free pizza and drinks. Join us for a great night with guest speakers, small group discussion, etc.

YOUNG ADULTS: Interested in sharing your faith and time with parish teens? CYO is looking for young adult leaders to get involved with youth group. No experience needed. Give whatever time you can. Contact Luis Brown at 703-836-5450.

PARENT TEEN CONFERENCE: Diocese of Arlington hosts this amazing annual conference at Bishop Ireton on Sunday, September 12th from 8:30 AM - 4 PM. Great speakers, Mass with the Bishop, workshops, comedy, etc. Cost is \$25 total for one or both parents with or without teen. For more information or to sign up, pick up a form at the rectory, contact the Religious Education Office at 703-836-5450 or go to www.ArlingotnCatholicYouth.org.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

When someone tells you they are "for choice," ask them "the choice for what?" If abortion is part of that choice and it's exercised, then they're pro-abortion. "Pro-choice" is a euphemism for abortion; it's as simple as that. No matter how nice we make a word sound it still amounts to killing an innocent baby.



school NEWS

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL AFTERNOON

BUS RIDE: Looking for St. Mary's School riders for an afternoon (only) pick up by a designated City Dash Bus for students living in the areas of Rosemont, Del Ray, North Ridge & Seminary. Please contact Nicole

Womach 703-838-5748 or Camille Massie 703-549-3465. Availability is limited.

OKTOBERFEST: The Third Annual St. Mary's Oktoberfest will be held on Sunday, October 24th following the 1 PM Mass. This is a fun, parish-wide event. The Oktoberfest Committee is now forming. If you are interested in volunteering to help with Oktoberfest, please contact Kim Sackett at 703-519-4268.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Saturday morning, August 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.

CHRIST HOUSE DINNER: St. Mary's will be serving dinner at Christ House on August 31st. The sign-up book is located at the back of the church. All items needed are listed. Please help with food donation as August is our most difficult month. Please deliver items to Christ House on the corner of Prince St. & S. West St before 3:30 PM, Tuesday, August 31st. Call Janet Watkins at 703-836-1265 or Rita Meyer at 703-768-3482 with any questions.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER: On September 2nd at 6:30 PM, we will be serving dinner to the residents of the shelter. Please sign up for food in the book in the back of the church. For more information, please contact Barbara Halicki at 703-370-7026. Thank you for all you do!

DO YOU PRAY THE ROSARY? *You may want to consider joining a daytime*



Praesidium of the Legion of Mary. It is a group dedicated to Our Lady and putting one's faith into action by works of charity. Our 1st meeting will

take place on Wednesday, September 1st at 10:00 AM in the Lyceum. Please contact Fr. Melmer at the rectory with any questions.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST 22nd:

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the good news (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Be strong and endure your trials as the “discipline” of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: Rev 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
 Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68;
 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Rose of Lima
 Tuesday: St. Bartholomew
 Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
 Friday: St. Monica
 Saturday: St. Augustine



We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Lawrence Rudy Cadena III
 Linda Xochitl Cadena
 Abigail Marie Greene
 Silas Michael Gross
 Jacqueline Victoria Young

Sick Relatives & Friends

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

Alexandra Dedinsky, Jonah Derlink, David Gonzalez,
 Brendan Griffith, Noelle Hammad, Nick Hayes, Mary Herr,
 John Lienhardt, Ray Lupo, Patricia Mathieu, Helen
 McVeigh, Patty Meyers, Betty Nieman, Betty Splaine, and
 Ann Sweeney.



Our Lady of
 CZESTOCHOWA

VISIT OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA SHRINE, DOYLESTOWN, PA:

A one-day charter bus tour to Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA will take place on Sunday, September, 12 during the annual Polish-American Festival. The bus will leave from the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center at 8 AM. Reservations are \$30 per person and are on a first come basis. For further information, please call 301-530-8547 or 703-237-7935.



DIOCESAN NEWS:



REQUIRED DIOCESAN SEMINAR: All employees and volunteers in our diocese who have any contact with children are required to attend the seminar *Protecting God's Children* within the next year. St. Mary's will be hosting seminars on Monday, August 30th at 12:30 PM in the gym at St. Mary's School and Saturday, October 30th at 9 AM in the Lyceum. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Bridget Barber at 703-719-5840, or by e-mail bbchildprotect@aol.com, for details on registration.

FINDING YOUR WAY: A day of reflection for single women focusing on the 'feminine genius' and discerning a vocation to marriage, consecration in the world, or religious life will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall on August 28th, 2004, \$20 registration includes lunch. For more information call Adrian at 703-841-3820 or visit our site: home.catholicweb.com/ADCCW.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF ITALY: Fr. Melmer will be leading a blessed pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy on April 11-21st, 2005. For more information please contact Ketta at ketta@206tours.com or dial 1-800-206-8687 ext 104, or you may also contact Cheri Reynolds at chericheta@aol.com or 703-548-2827. The itinerary for the trip may be viewed at www.pilgrimages.com/frmelmer. Space is limited so please sign-up as soon as possible.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL (SVDP): Have you wondered what ever happened to that SVDP group announced this Spring? Well, we've been busy building a person-to-person assistance program for the less fortunate in our community. Watch this space for implementation details coming soon! Interested in volunteering? Plan on attending our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, August 31st at 7:30 PM in the Lyceum. For more information on SVDP, please contact Anne McAloon at 703-765-7323 or Helen Stansbury at 703-719-3119. Or if you are on the Internet, surf our website at www.stmaryconferencesvdp.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5K RUN & FUN WALK: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their 3rd Annual 5K Run and Fun Walk at Burke Lake Park (Shelter A) on Saturday, September 4th at 9 AM. There will be a picnic following the event with refreshments, entertainment and fantastic door prizes from our generous sponsors. All are welcome to join. Proceeds from this event will go to support KOVAR (a Knights of Columbus charity helping people with mental retardation) and a scholarship fund to assist needy families. Entry forms can be downloaded from our website at www.knights6153.org. Contact Troy at 703-922-4350 or send e-mail to Troy@GenComUSA.com for more information.

ATTENTION PRAYERFUL MEN AND WOMEN: "Live-in Experience" vocational retreats are being held at multiple friaries and convents around the area. Pray and work with the monks and nuns and enjoy vocational talks. There is no cost, but space is limited. Some available dates are Sept 3-5, 10-12; Oct 1-3, 8-10. For more dates and info call toll free at 1-800-221-1807.