

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

6:30 AM Lois Curtis
 8:00 AM Robert Moloney
 12:10 PM Mark Golden

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:30 AM John J. Dwyer, Jr.
 8:00 AM Mary Ryan
 12:10 PM Stephen & Winifred Davis

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:30 AM Phyllis Levis
 8:00 AM Joseph Kavanagh
 12:10 PM Peter Tosini, Anniversary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:30 AM George Lynch, Sr.
 8:00 AM Chester Migdalski
 12:10 PM Louise R. Kilcullen

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:30 AM Special Intention: Gloria Vanacor
 8:00 AM Eileen Kearney
 12:10 PM Virginia Merilic

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 AM Louise Kilcullen
 5:00 PM Father Julius Cilinski (*Fr. Kleinmann*)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00 AM Thomas Boyce (*Fr. Pougade*)
 8:30 AM Doris Thompson (*Visitor*)
 9:15 AM William Hale Roberts (*Fr. Pougade*)
 10:00 AM Benjamin H. Stansbury (*Visitor*)
 11:30 AM Theresa Farmer (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
 1:00 PM Edward Rouhana (*Fr. Pougade*)
 5:00 PM Parishioners (*Fr. Kleinmann*)

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

Paul Ignatius Thompson

FRATERNITY OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER:

Open House for prospective members for St. John the Beloved Apostle Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order on Saturday, October 9th at 11 AM at St. Mary's Lyceum, 313 Duke Street, in Old Town Alexandria. For further information, please call Sadie Martins at 703-548-8063.

**FROM GREEN TO GOLD**

As anyone who read this column two weeks ago knows, I was home in Wisconsin with my family for an end of the summer week of vacation. In my absence the "Question Box" column returned to this space in last week's bulletin. It concerned the subject of stem cell research. The Church's teaching on this matter is very specific. We received a number of compliments regarding the article. Most comments from people, who thought I was the author, were directed towards me. This is incorrect, however. Instead the author of that piece was our resident scholar, and I do not use that term lightly, Fr. Pougade. I would agree that he excellently handled a complex subject in a very understandable manner.

I mentioned two weeks ago that I might comment this week on my trip home. Well I have decided to do so. As anyone who reads this also knows I very much enjoy going to Wisconsin. I do so of course because my family is there, but also because I enjoy the style of life in "God's country," a term I also don't use lightly. Everything does not center on politics, traffic is generally much less hectic, life just moves at a slower pace. I realize political issues may have a more profound effect on life, and certainly people in Wisconsin are concerned citizens, but there seems to be a different perspective on what matters. Family issues typically are at the forefront. Needless to say there are troubled or dysfunctional families everywhere including Wisconsin, but the style of life seems to foster a better quality of life outside the beltway. Having returned just over a week ago, perhaps I'm a bit too nostalgic right now. At any rate I had a very enjoyable and relaxing visit.

At the center of my time in Wisconsin was a road trip my family and I took to the northeastern part of the state. Most of my family live closer to Milwaukee, which is in southeastern Wisconsin, a state known as "America's Dairyland." (My mother grew up on a dairy farm and one of my sisters married a dairy farmer and now lives on his family's farm.) The state might also be known as "Packer land," as I think nearly every Wisconsite is a Green Bay Packer fan. I know many Washington area people are diehard Redskins fans, especially with the return of Coach Gibbs, a good guy, I admit, and their first win yesterday (I write this on Monday, Sept. 13th). There is still something about Wisconsin and the Packers; perhaps it is because they are owned by the community rather than some wealthy individual.

Well we spent two weekends ago in Green Bay to watch a Packers pre-season game which actually was played in Memphis. Packer fans are that way; Lambeau Field and Green Bay are almost shrines. We even toured Lambeau Saturday morning after the horrible game Friday night. Despite the Packer loss, it was only pre-season, we had a great time together and it was a nice break from everything here. That said, however, I was happy to return. Some parishioners even told me before I left to be sure I did. I intended nothing less. I love Wisconsin but as I have noted before the Church here, I believe, is much more vibrant. As an example, Sunday morning about 9 AM I went to a church about three blocks away from our motel to say some of my daily prayers. The building was beautiful, but it was locked! As I just said, I was happy to return.

In Christ,
 Fr. Kleinmann

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education (CCD) classes have begun!! Sundays from 10-11:15am in St. Mary's School. Registration available in the main school lobby.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT IS BACK! Tuesdays in September and October at 7:30pm in the Lyceum. Talk, discussion, wine and cheese will be available. **This Tuesday, September 21st, Fr. Poumade will be speaking on "Just War Theory: The Catholic Teaching on Justification for Declaring War and Self-Defense."**

RCIA: ARE YOU OVER 18 AND INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC AND NOT CONFIRMED?- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) sessions have begun!! They are held Mondays from 7:30-9 PM in the St. Mary's Lyceum Auditorium on 313 Duke Street. Adult Confirmation is incorporated into our RCIA process here at St. Mary's. Classes are held from November-January on Mondays at 7:30-9 PM and are required as preparation for Adult Confirmation on Saturday, March 26th, Easter Vigil or on Pentecost. **All parishioners are also invited to attend the RCIA classes as a refresher.** Please contact the Religious Education Office at (703) 836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com to register for either as soon as possible.

TEEN NEWS

CYO TONIGHT- BBQ Picnic/Volleyball/Sports- Sunday, September 19th, from 6:00-8:00pm at Lee St. Park at the intersection of Union St. and Gibbon St. between Union and Lee Sts. Meet at the Volleyball Court. Hamburgers, etc, and drinks provided. Bring chips or side dishes.

CYO Pizza/Topic/Game Night- Next week 6:30-8:30pm in the Lyceum.

OUR LADY'S MISSIONARIES OF THE EUCHARIST: Do you have a burning desire to get back to the basics? Do you yearn to find spiritual fulfillment and encourage the growth of your faith for yourself and family? Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist might be what you are looking for. We invite you to attend one of our Information Sessions this September and learn more about this fast growing Association. Call 703-780-6844 for dates and times.

REBUILDING TOGETHER ALEXANDRIA (formerly *Christmas in April*) is holding its first-ever *Together on the Green* charity golf tournament. It will be held on Tuesday, September 28th at Tantallon Country Club, 1:30 PM. All proceeds benefit "Rebuilding Together Alexandria", which partners with volunteers and communities to repair the homes of low-income, elderly, and disabled area residents at no charge to them. Please call 703-836-1021 or visit www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org for more information.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

We have lost respect for the sanctity, dignity, and humanity of life. Are there any frontiers left for the "culture of death?" Babies are killed in the womb, used for experimentation and body parts, cloning is in progress, and our elderly are discarded like yesterday's newspapers. We must act now to turn this evil around and once again show respect for life at all stages.



THIRD ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CHILDREN lost through miscarriage, pre-maturity, stillbirth, infant death, or abortion will be held Friday, September 24th, 7:00-9:00 PM at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA. It is being sponsored by *Divine Mercy Care* and the *Tepeyac Family Center*. For details, reservations, and directions, please call us at 703-273-4188 or visit us on the web at www.tepeyacfamilycenter.com.

School News

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL STUDENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2004-2005 will be available on Sunday, October 3rd, 2004, at St. Mary's School in the lobby of Stephen's Hall from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM. St. Mary's School offers an educational experience for children in Pre-K through 8th grade founded in the Catholic philosophy of education, which fosters rich religious training as well as solid academics. If you are interested in an application and unable to come by on October 3rd, please call Maria Ball at 703-549-3488 ext 12 and request one.

2nd ANNUAL ST. MARY'S GOLF CLASSIC: Register today to participate in this fun event to be held Monday, October 4th at Mount Vernon Country Club. All proceeds benefit the St. Mary's Student Financial Aid Fund, helping families continue their children's Catholic education in a time of financial need. Fliers will be handed out after Mass and are available online at www.stmarys-alexva.org. Even if you're not a golfer, serve as a Tournament Sponsor and receive great advertising for your company while supporting a worthy cause. Call Jan Furlow at 703-704-5391 for more information. "Do It Fore Our Kids!"

THE LIFE CHAIN will be held on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd from 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM. Please join thousands of supporters from across the country in an Ecumenical Prayer for Life. Carpools will meet in front of St. Mary's Church at 1:45 PM. If you plan to attend this event, please sign up in the rear of the church. St. Mary's is assigned to gather on Franconia Rd between Kitson Lane and Key Middle School, 6402 Franconia Rd.

THE WALK TO FIGHT BREAST CANCER St. Mary's has contributed to the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer and in return has received 5 available spots on the Walking Team. If you are interested in walking for this noble cause, please contact the rectory at 703-836-4100.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 19th:

First Reading -- The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).
 Psalm -- Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).
 Second Reading -- Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).
 Gospel -- Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (Luke 16:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146; 1 Tm 6:11-16;
 Lk 16:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES:

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Catechetical Sunday
 Monday: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegŏn and Paul Chung
 Hasang and Their Companions
 Tuesday: St. Matthew
 Wednesday: Fall begins
 Thursday: St. Pio of Pietralcina (Padre Pio)
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Yom Kippur

Sick Relatives & Friends

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

Alexandra Dedinsky, David Gonzalez,
 Brendan Griffith, Noelle Hammad, Nick Hayes, Mary Herr,
 Elizabeth Hobbs, Paul Horton, Larry Katz, Patricia
 Mathieu, Betty McLaughlin, Patty Meyers, Mary Spittle,
 George Stelutto, and Margaret Zeilinski.

Rest in Peace

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

Gerald DeConto
 Thomas Roland Rosser

ST. PHILIP'S FALL FESTIVAL: St. Philip's Church, 7500 St. Philip's Court, Falls Church, VA 22042, will hold its annual Fall Festival, Saturday, September 25th, from 10:00 AM – 6:30 PM. The festival will feature a Country Store, Carnival Games, Moon Bounce, Bake Sale and more! Please call St. Philip's Church at 703-573-3808 for more information.



DIOCESAN NEWS:



THEOLOGY ON TAP (ToT) "6-PACK" to run on

Mondays at *Pat Troy's* in Old Town, Alexandria from September 13 to October 18, beginning at 7:30 PM. On September 20th Fr. Gould will speak on "New Springtime of Life." For more information please e-mail: tot@arlingtondiocese.org.

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 a seminar on 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENDOWMENT: Last year at our parish our students were taught to live the teachings of Jesus Christ by our generous and caring catechists. In the Diocese of Arlington, over 35,000 children each year participate in religious education programs. It is vital that our religious educators receive proper training and support. To ensure that training opportunities for religious educators are accessible, the diocese has established a \$2,000,000 endowment to be funded by the ***Rooted in Faith ~ Forward in Hope*** campaign. These funds will assist in establishing a distance learning program for catechists, enhance the master catechists program to provide regional training, and create a tuition assistance program to assist DREs in their graduate education. To pledge call the diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development at 703-841-3813.

BIENNIAL MASS FOR THE SICK AND DISABLED:

Bishop Paul Loverde will celebrate the Biennial Mass for the Sick and Disabled, sponsored by the Order of Malta, at St. Agnes Church, 1900 N. Randolph St., in Arlington on Saturday, October 9th at 10 AM. Bishop Loverde will bless the sick and disabled of the Diocese at this special Mass and a reception will follow. All sick and disabled of the Diocese are invited to attend. Those planning to attend the light luncheon reception afterwards are asked to inform the Order of Malta office at 202-331-2492 by October 6th.

SPIRITUAL ENROLLMENT FOR LIFE:

All parishioners of St. Mary's are invited to undertake a *Spiritual Enrollment for Life* during the month of October. There will be a booklet located to the right of the altar in which parishioners are encouraged to make a personal or family commitment to prayer, fasting, and apostolic works for the sanctity and dignity of all human life. Please sign up with your commitment as we work in unity for this noble goal.

PLEASE JOIN IN THE 12TH INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING

to convert all nations and end abortion - **October 3-11, 2004**. On Monday, **October 11th** there will be an All-Day Eucharistic Prayer Vigil from 9 – 5 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. There are sheets located in the back of the Church for more details.