



## Masses for the week

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 6:30 AM Sandra Tsukamoto  
8:00 AM Sr. Dorothy Flanagan, CND, Anniversary  
12:10 PM Billy Carne, Anniversary

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 6:30 AM Miriam Breth  
8:00 AM Neal Davis  
12:10 PM Special Intention: Joe & Ann Guiffre

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 6:30 AM Louis Fairbanks  
8:00 AM Rose Elizabeth Eldering, Anniversary  
12:10 PM Edmund & Helen Meyer, Wedding  
Anniversary 9/18

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 6:30 AM Francis Burke, Jr.  
8:00 AM Helen McVeigh  
12:10 PM Virginia Davis

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 6:30 AM William McIntosh  
8:00 AM Mae L. Coombs  
12:10 PM Louise R. Kilcullen

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 8:00 AM Concepcion Gonzalez  
5:00 PM Special Intention: Ray Lupo

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 7:00 AM Willie Earl Liendard  
8:30 AM Sesa Zeldivar  
9:15 AM Joseph Kramer  
10:00 AM Joel D. West, Anniversary  
11:30 AM Special Intention: Joe Davoren  
1:00 PM Parishioners  
5:00 PM Special Intention: Susan McQueen



### We Welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Abigail Mary Koehler

**BIBLE CLASS** will meet on Mondays at 7:30 PM in St. Anne's Room at the St. Mary's Lyceum. We are looking for new members for our group. If interested call Tony or Rosa Maria DiStefano at 703-549-6370.

### FROM GREEN TO GOLD

Last week I said I would discuss a matter here that would involve a change at weekend Masses, nothing "earth shattering," but a change nonetheless. People in general I suspect and certainly here at St. Mary's never seem to be afraid to let us priests know their opinion. I realize some are hesitant to do this while others have no reservations doing so. Actually I welcome and appreciate knowing what people are thinking and how things are perceived in the parish. Some of these opinions and observations are extremely insightful and can truly help us priests and particularly me as your pastor make decisions for the parish. I would ask that when these are provided to us that they be respectful and charitable, which they usually are, but have not always been.

Some issues that have been brought to our attention recently include the late arrival of people for Mass. I would agree that this does seem to be a chronic problem here and at many other parishes. I am not quite sure how to address this situation. I realize at times it can't be helped. The problem is perhaps worse here because of the shortage of parking, but out of respect for others at Mass and above all for God we all should do our best each week to be on time or even early for Mass.

Another issue that has been raised is people who do not slide down the pew when others arrive, hopefully on time. Here too I'm not sure what the solution is as I realize people have their favored places. Also at times there may be a parent with a child who may need to exit quickly or a person with a medical condition who may need to do the same. I think we have to be aware of this, but also be courteous and willing to move in as most of our Masses are generally full and all the space is needed. We also get complaints about the lack of charity in the parking lots. In this regard because there is such a shortage of spaces if we block someone in we need to be respectful of that and get to our cars as soon as possible. I also believe there is absolutely no reason having just left Mass to be less than charitable. This is simply a Christian virtue that needs to be practiced.

Although we receive many other comments, the one I specifically wanted to address here today as it is probably the one we hear most often is the issue of announcements at the end of Mass. What seems, justifiably so, to be the main concern is the number and length at times of these announcements and that they duplicate what is already in the bulletin. I fully agree that this can easily get out of hand. I also know not everyone takes a bulletin and even if they do they don't necessarily read it. I had a pastor who often said "if you want to keep it a secret, put it in the bulletin." I trust overall he was wrong. So in light of the comments we have received, effective next Sunday we will only mention as full announcements those items not in that Sunday's bulletin. In addition we will provide a short list by reference only of items to particularly check out in that week's bulletin. Hopefully this will considerably shorten the announcements at the end of Mass while still providing a forum for last minute items. I pray everyone will find this acceptable.

Next week I will discuss the other item I mentioned a week ago which to be honest I am rather excited about. It involves the more spiritual as well as historic nature of our parish.

In Christ,  
Fr. Kleinmann

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**SERMON ON THE MOUNT IS BACK!** Wine and cheese social followed by a talk and discussion. This Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm in the Lyceum Auditorium, don't miss Fr. Kleinmann speaking on *Demons and Ghosts. Do They Exist? Should Catholics celebrate Halloween?* All are invited.

### YOUTH NEWS

**CYO TOPIC/GAME NIGHT-** Join us for free pizza, discussion on "*Why Be Catholic? Defending your faith.*" Small Groups and Game Night after. 6:30-8:30 pm in the Lyceum **St. Joseph's Room**. Check out our new CYO Ping Pong and Foosball tables.

**CYO COFFEEHOUSE** - Next Week! 6:30-9 pm in St. Mary's Lyceum with guest musicians, *Don't Panic*, free food and coffee, etc. Stop by anytime that night.

**CYO LEAF RAKE FOR NEEDY PARISHIONERS** - St. Mary's Youth Group would like to help parishioners with leaf raking on the weekend of November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. If you or someone you know has a legitimate need (not just looking for free raking!) please contact Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450 for more information.

**DAYCARE EMPLOYEES WANTED:** St. Mary's School needs dedicated and reliable instructors for its Extended Daycare program. Love of children and patience is a must. Competitive salary and flexible hours are offered. Call Tom Noone, Director, at 703-628-2337 or 703-549-3488 ext 23.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES ELDERLY SERVICES PROGRAM** is please to announce an expansion of their Geriatric Outreach Service. We now have two Geriatric Social Workers available to assist the elderly and/or their caregivers Monday - Friday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM. Consultations, Assessments, and Care Management are available to clients either within their homes or at the St. Martin de Porres Senior Center located in the City of Alexandria. Services are available to all those in need. For additional information, please call St. Martin De Porres Senior Center at 703-751-2766.

**JEEPERS CREEPERS! COLLECTING OLD PEEPERS!** The Sight Night program collects old eyeglasses (and non-prescription sunglasses) that are then cleaned, repaired and classified by prescription and delivered to people in developing countries who need eyeglasses, but cannot afford them. Please drop off your glasses in the basket in the back of the church anytime during the month of October. If you have questions, please contact Katherine Bush at 703-660-1620.

### PRO LIFE CORNER:

Once we permitted the killing of the unborn child, we set off a chain reaction that will eventually make us the victim. We are seeing that abortion is leading to infanticide, euthanasia, and the death of our conscience due to our indifference.



**COLLECTING FOOD FOR ALIVE:** ALIVE will be collecting food throughout the months of October and November. Please leave canned and dried foods only in the box in the back of the church. Thank you!

**FOLK GROUP:** Share your musical talents to praise God. St. Mary's Contemporary Fold Group is looking for singers and instrumentalists (especially woodwinds, strings, guitars, others) to join us in providing music for the 8:30 AM Mass. Practice is usually Wednesday from 8:00 – 9:00 PM in the church. If you are interested, please contact Stephen Kulenguski at 703-690-0001 or [stephen.kulenguski@gsa.gov](mailto:stephen.kulenguski@gsa.gov). We'd love to have you!

**CARPENTER'S SHELTER:** On November 4<sup>th</sup> we will be serving dinner to the residents of Carpenter's Shelter. See the sign-up book in the rear of the church for bringing food. Please contact Barbara Halicki with any questions at 703-370-7026. Thank you for all you do!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALIVE FAMILY EMERGENCY PROGRAM!** Volunteers are needed to (a) Deliver emergency food one day a week (or serve as a substitute) from noon until 3 PM weekdays, to help hungry Alexandrians. (b) Answer phones and take requests from social workers and congregations for emergency financial assistance to help those in need. One day a week (or serve as a substitute), in a 3-hour shift, Mon – Fri, 9-12 or 12-3 PM. (c) Pack a 3-day supply of food for families in need. One day a week (or serve as a substitute), in a 3-hour shift, Mon-Fri, 9-12 or 12-3 PM. Please contact Linda Coleman at 703-671-0245 or at [llc1017@erols.com](mailto:llc1017@erols.com) for more information.

**CHRIST HOUSE** is in need of non-perishable food items and food certificates for the Holiday Assistance Program. The food certificates could be Giant or Safeway in \$5.00 & \$10 denominations. For more information call Christ House at 703-549-8644 or deliver items to 131 S. West St.



**THE PARISH CHOIR** rehearses weekly in the Lyceum from 7:30–9 PM on Wednesdays. Please call Dr. Saik at 703-684-5308 for an interview.

**FALL CONCERT:** The Bishop Ireton Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the Concert Band will perform their FALL CONCERT on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Garwood Whaley Auditorium, Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. For more information, call 703-212-5162.



### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>:

**First Reading** — The Lord is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

**Gospel** — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:9-14).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Lk 13:10-17  
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 [25-32]; Lk 13:18-21  
 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30  
 Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19  
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11  
 Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

## FEAST DAYS

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
 World Mission Sunday;  
 World Youth Day  
 Thursday: Ss. Simon and Jude  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

## Sick Relatives & Friends

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

James Ballard	Noelle Hammad	Betty Murphy
Geri Basurto	Nick Hayes	Mary Otto
Terri Clark	Elizabeth Hobbs	George Stelutto
Alexandra Dedinsky	Larry Katz	Marshall Wharam
David Gonzalez	Patricia Mathieu	Cathy Winer
Brendan Griffith	Tim Moran	Margaret Zeilinski
	William Morris	

*Rest in Peace* 

Marie Peterson

### LEARNING TO LIVE AGAIN AFTER THE DEATH OF

**SOMEONE YOU LOVE**, for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, is being offered by Catholic Charities and conducted by Mila Ruiz Tecala, DCSW, LCSW, and internationally recognized grief and loss specialist. When: Saturday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 3 PM; Where: Creedon Hall, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mt. Vernon Hwy, Alexandria, 22309. There is no charge and lunch will be provided. **Registration is required**; for information and registration, please contact Catholic Charities at 703-841-3830.



### 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 a seminar on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in the Lyceum as well as January 12, 2005 at 6 PM in the School Gym. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Bridget Barber at 703-719-5840, or by e-mail at [bbchildprotect@aol.com](mailto:bbchildprotect@aol.com), for details on registration.

**HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER:** The Catholic Diocese of Arlington seeks a part time Human Resource Manager to be responsible for (a) managing employee relations and performance management, (b) providing coaching and training, (c) administering the compensation system, and (d) ensuring compliance with HR policies as well as federal, state and local laws. Interested candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to Stella Hatgiannis, Diocese of Arlington, 200 N. Glebe Rd, Suite 914, Arlington, VA 22203. E-mail: [s.hatgiannis@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:s.hatgiannis@arlingtondiocese.org).

**ST. MARY'S ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY (SVDP):** has launched its **emergency assistance hotline**. If you need assistance, please leave a message at 703-836-1724. An SVDP volunteer will return your call as soon as possible. If you are interested in volunteering with SVDP, join us at our meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 PM in the Lyceum or contact the rectory for more information.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY of NORTHERN VIRGINIA:

Grand Opening of ReStore, a resale business selling at deep discounts to the general public a wide range of home improvement materials including: paint, appliances, lumber, tools, etc. The Habitat ReStore is located at 7770-G Richmond Hwy (Route 1 South), Alexandria. Call 703-360-6700 or visit [www.restorenova.org](http://www.restorenova.org) for further information. Volunteers are urgently needed – stockers, sorters, sales assistants, cashiers, etc. Training is provided. Call Steve at 703-521-9890 x 101.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

"Accustom yourself to speak with Him alone, familiarly, with confidence and love, as to the dearest friend you have, the one who loves you best." ~ *St. Alphonsus Liguori*. Leave the outside world behind for a while and spend just one hour per week with our Lord. Sign up sheets for a new session from November through January 2005 are in the back of the church. Adoration is on Thursdays from 12:30 – 7:30 PM. For more information call Mary Stier at 703-768-7167.

**CONCERT:** St. Mary's musicians Tom Parker and Alicia Nagy invite you to join them for an evening of contemporary religious music at St. Mary's Lyceum on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM featuring various St. Mary's cantors as well as instrumentalists and the Bishop Ireton High School Choir. Admission is free.