

## Mass Intentions



### MONDAY, JANUARY 17

#### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

9:00 AM Marybeth Plaehn Anderson

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

6:30 AM Special Int: Grace & Jimmy Ronan

8:00 AM Special Int: SLZ Baptismal Anniversary

12:10 PM Virginia Weiners, Anniversary

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

6:30 AM John Burns

8:00 AM Thomas E. Duffey, II, Anniversary

12:10 PM Betty Rymond

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

6:30 AM Special Int: Dennis W. Kleinmann

8:00 AM Special Int: Margaret Passerini

12:10 PM Jim Reed

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

6:30 AM Laura Lynam

8:00 AM Jimmy Reed

12:10 PM Special Int: Kerry Downham

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 AM Special Int: Ryan Herrington

5:00 PM Margaret Almeida (*Fr. Kleinmann*)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00 AM David A. Quinlan (*Fr. Kleinmann*)

8:30 AM Edward Zaniboni (*Oblate*)

9:15 AM George Weigel (*Fr. Melmer*)

10:00 AM Donald Gainty (*Oblate*)

11:30 AM Mary Kathleen Kavanagh (*Fr. Kleinmann*)

1:00 PM Mike Tortora (*Fr. Melmer*)

5:00 PM Dennis Pascal (*Fr. Melmer*)



**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection next weekend, January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Church in Latin America. Thank you for your generosity!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> is a federal holiday. There will be only ONE MASS that day at 9:00 AM and the RECTORY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

**THE ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE SOCIETY (Senior's Group)** will meet at St. Mary's Lyceum on Thursday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM, to bus to the "Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception" and return at 3:30 PM. Concession luncheon at 12:15 PM. Space is limited to 28 persons, so sign up early. Price: \$5. Open to congregation (if space available). Call Barbara Earl at 703-548-9155 with questions.

## FROM GREEN TO GOLD

Last week I spoke of the importance of the family, including the parish family. When we speak of family there are both benefits and responsibilities. The benefits were more or less the focus last week. This week I want to look at the responsibilities. Typically a family should look out for one another. That is again important also for a parish family. It is my belief that this parish family does that rather well. Does it do this perfectly? Of course not! In fact just recently I received a few letters expressing some concerns. One had to do with saving places at the 5:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Mass. This is problematic and in an ideal world this would not happen. The concepts of sharing and charity should always guide our actions. Hopefully and by the grace of God they will in the future.

Another concern was expressed regarding my homily on the feast of the Epiphany. I spoke of a connection between the now deceased football defensive player, Reggie White, and the Three Wise Men. My point was that we must wear our faith on our sleeves, as they say, as Reggie seemed to do. Not Catholic, he did much to lead others to Christ as do the Three Wise Men. I mentioned the unbelievably horrible situation in Asia caused by the tsunami. I did not spend the whole homily on this subject which seemed to be the point of contention. I too am not perfect and perhaps I should have. I thought by including this and other issues the message of the feast would be understandable. Again I could have been wrong. The wider issue here, however, is that we do have some responsibility to those less fortunate than ourselves.

As I just mentioned I am of the opinion that this parish in general does respond well to the needs of others. We need only to look at all the generosity that poured forth from you during Advent as I spoke of a few weeks ago. Another such opportunity exists today. The diocese is taking up a second collection for the tsunami victims this weekend which will go to Catholic Relief Services, the arm of the U.S. bishops which assists in disastrous situations across the globe including now Southeast Asia. They have already seen their contributions climb considerably affording them the possibility of providing some major help in this effort.

It has already amazed me how people have responded to this need. As an example, two Fridays ago was First Friday, the day our entire school marches down to church to attend Mass. They take up a collection for some cause each month. This month the cause was the tsunami relief effort. The collection netted \$9238.00. Truly unbelievable! What will this week's parish wide collection net?

All of this should raise our awareness of the need for our family to help where we can. Again we usually do, but maybe we can do better. I perhaps could have in my homily two Sundays ago. After some reflection I'm not sure that is completely true, but I always have room for improvement. We as a parish should respond to the needs in Asia, but also in the Dominican Republic and the Sudan and right here in Alexandria. There are many others places our efforts can be directed to as well. There will be more about this next week, but in the meantime thank you for all you do, for it truly is unbelievable.

In Christ,  
Fr. Kleinmann

**SERMON ON THE MOUNT THIS WEEK!** Wine and cheese social followed by a talk and discussion. Fr. Kleinmann will be speaking this Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm in the Lyceum Auditorium, on *Catholic Social Teaching and Its Modern Applications*. Discussion of Church documents on Social Justice and Work. All are invited.

**ALL 1st PENANCE/1st EUCHARIST PARENTS:** There is a Mandatory Parent Meeting and Holy Half Hour for all parents of Spring 2005 1st Eucharist Parents on Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9pm in the Church. One parent must be present. 1st Penance is Saturdays, February 5th and 12th and 1st Eucharist is Saturday, May 14th.

## TEEN NEWS

**CYO: No CYO this week. Look for the Winter-Spring Calendar in the mail!**

**CYO SKI TRIP: Cancelled and Re-Scheduled due to warm weather and resort closing. New Dates: Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>- Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005** at Seven Springs Mt. Resort, Pennsylvania. More spots available. Details in upcoming bulletins. Please contact Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450 or [brownluis@hotmail.com](mailto:brownluis@hotmail.com) to sign up.

**MARCH FOR LIFE: All Parish Teens!** If you are a High School teen and would like to attend the March for Life and give our culture a young witness to the sanctity of life, join us on a parish bus for free! Buses leave from the Church at 11:15am and return about 3:30pm. OR, attend the Pre-Rally at the MCI Center with St. Mary's Junior High and 30,000 others followed by the March for Life. Great music, speakers, and Mass with the cardinal. Leave St. Mary's School at 8am, back at 3:30pm. Contact Luis Brown at 703-836-5450 or [brownluis@hotmail.com](mailto:brownluis@hotmail.com) to sign up.

**SOCIETY OF THE PATRICIANS:** All Catholics in the area are invited to St. Mary's first "Society of the *Patricians*" meeting on Saturday, **January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:45-10:15 AM**, in the Lyceum auditorium. The topic for discussion: "**IS CONTRACEPTION AS BAD AS ABORTION?**" The Patricians, sponsored by the Legion of Mary, will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month. The purpose is to share and improve our religious knowledge and to learn how better to explain ourselves as we engage in the apostleship to which all Catholics are called. Fr. Melmer will serve as the Spiritual Director. Refreshments will be served. No commitment to regular attendance is required. Contact Phil Cooper @ 703-960-6296 with any questions.

**SPRING AUCTION PAINTED FURNITURE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP:** Between now and March 19<sup>th</sup> the painted furniture committee for the Spring Auction is looking for a space to paint and store the large furniture items which have been collected. Please call Susanne Fyffe at 703-966-2702.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Saturday morning, **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, volunteers from St. Mary's Parish and ALIVE! (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically) will pick up donated furniture and deliver it to families in need within the City of Alexandria. If you can help, please call Mike Diffley at 703-683-4656.

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

"I feel the duty to reaffirm strongly that the intrinsic value and personal dignity of every human being do not change, no matter what the concrete circumstances of his or her life." ~ John Paul II, Address to the Participants in the International Congress: 'Life-Sustaining Treatments and Vegetative State: Scientific Advances and Ethical Dilemmas,' March 20, 2004.



*Right to Life*

## **ST. MARY'S SPRING AUCTION – SATURDAY, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>:**

Mark your calendar for this year's Spring Auction, "Fiesta de Santa Maria" to be held on 3/19 at the Army Navy Country Club. Join your friends for an evening of margaritas, Mariachi music, dinner and fun! We also invite you or your business to become a Sponsor or Patron of this fundraising event. Please consider making a donation, your generosity will directly assist St. Mary's school in providing a quality, Catholic education to its students. Sponsor and donation forms can be found at St. Mary's web site at <http://www.stmarys-alexva.org/community/hsa/springauction/auction>. The deadline to have your auction item(s) included in the catalogue is February 18th.

**FR. BENEDICT GROESCHEL, CFR** will lead a Holy Hour and give a talk at Blessed Sacrament Church on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM. The topic is "What the Holy Eucharist Can Mean in Your Life." A free will offering will be taken up to assist Father in his work with the poor. For more information, contact Chris Hitzelberger at 703-998-6100 or [bsygdigs2000@yahoo.com](mailto:bsygdigs2000@yahoo.com).

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE:** The annual **March for Life** will be held on **Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 12:00 noon with a rally on the grounds of the Washington monument, followed by the March to Capitol Hill and the Supreme Court. A chartered bus will pick up parishioners in front of St. Mary's Church at 11:45 a.m. and return at approximately 3:30 p.m. Please sign up in the rear of the Church if you plan to take the bus. If you plan to meet St. Mary's parishioners at the MARCH, the group will gather at the Ellipse at 15<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Avenue.



*Solemn Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament*



## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Adoration of Our Lord in the Eucharist is your chance to know Jesus better. He said, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened. Come to Me and I will refresh you." Who could refuse such an invitation from your very best friend? What a privilege! Think of spending just one hour per week with Our Lord. Sign up sheets for a new session running from February through April are in the back of the church. Adoration is on Thursdays from 12:30 – 7:30 PM, concluding with Holy Hour. Thanks in advance for your commitment. Please call Mary Stier at 703-768-7167 with any questions.

**ST. MARY'S CEMETERY:** Please remove Christmas wreaths and decorations from the cemetery by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your cooperation.

**PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS** for the Class of 2009 are due on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005. For more information, call Mrs. Hanley at 703-352-0925 ext 331, or email [gopvi@paulvi.net](mailto:gopvi@paulvi.net) or visit [www.paulvi.net](http://www.paulvi.net).



**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup>:**

**First Reading** — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

**Gospel** — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time;
- Monday: St. Anthony; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Thursday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
- Friday: St. Agnes
- Saturday: St. Vincent; Blessed Virgin Mary

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

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

Debbie Adams	Garret Goodrum	Victoria Kent
Nancy Alfery	Veronica Gresham	Tim Moran
Shirley Amerson	Brendan Griffith	William Morris
Geri Basurto	Noelle Hammad	Fred Pierce
The Bourne Twins	Maggie Hartigan	Julius Stanges
Terri Clark	Nick Hayes	John Tkacik, Jr
Margaret Dahlin	Seth Howard	Lidia Toledo.
Alexandra Dedinsky	Larry Katz	Marshall Wharam
Evelyn Deleambre		Margaret Zeilinski



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

*In Memoriam*

**SNOW CLOSINGS:** Please keep in mind that St. Mary's follows Fairfax County for snow closings of parish activities. The parish office will be closed and other organizations and meetings will be cancelled.

**VOCATIONS:** "To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people." Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or religious life? Call Father Bashista (703) 841-2514, or write: [b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

**HELP A CHILD IN CRISIS:** Can you set an extra place at your dinner table? Do you have a warm heart and a safe place for a child to sleep? Volunteer Emergency Families For Children (VEFC) needs volunteers willing to open their homes and provide short term (1-21 days) emergency shelter to local children who are victims of abuse, neglect, etc. Volunteers can choose the age, gender, and length of stay for each placement. Most requests in this area are for 3-5 day stays. Please call 703-969-3795 or email [MMiller@VEFC.org](mailto:MMiller@VEFC.org) for details.

**Sts. ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY:** The Spirituality Committee of the Sts. Anne and Joachim Society will resume viewing the video series, "Famous Catholic Converts" in St. Joseph's Room of the Lyceum on Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 11 AM. All are welcome.



**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.

**THANK YOU!!** To all who donated so generously to the MARIH center, the Gabriel Project and Project Rachel. The enormous number of baby items, as well as countless monetary donations received during November and December will be used to assist mothers in need. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are humbling. **THANK YOU FOR OPENING UP YOUR HEARTS FOR THESE VERY WORTHY CAUSES!**

**MASS FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE:** Please join Bishop Loverde and our diocesan community in a Mass to Pray for Healing for Victim/Survivors of Sexual Abuse at St. Philip's Catholic Church, 7506 St. Philip's Court, Falls Church, VA, 22042 on January 19, 2005 at 7:30 PM. A reception will follow. If you have questions, please call Pat Mudd, Victim Assistance Coordinator at 703-841-2530.

**MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD) NEEDS YOUR HELP:** MADD needs your help in providing assistance and therapy to the victims of alcohol-related car crashes. In Virginia in the year 2003 there were over 11,000 alcohol-related crashes which caused 361 deaths and 7,819 injuries. You can make a difference by participating in MADD's vehicle donation program. All vehicles – we accept both in running and some in non-drivable conditions – are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Free towing throughout the entire Metropolitan area is available. Proceeds from the donated vehicles will benefit local MADD programs. The whole process is hassle free and can be accomplished in minutes over the phone. For more information or to donate a vehicle, call the MADD Vehicle Donation Hot Line at 703-779-7534 or (888) 500-MADD.