

## MASSSES for the WEEK

### MONDAY, JANUARY 24

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Rev. Thomas Ferguson  
 8:00 AM Benjamin H. Stansbury, Jr.  
 12:10 PM Michael Davis

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

- 6:30 AM James Ronan  
 8:00 AM The Downey Family  
 12:10 PM Michael & Margaret Rusnak

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

- 6:30 AM Catherine Jones, Anniversary (1/27)  
 8:00 AM Terence Powers  
 12:10 PM Special Intention: John & Helen Machonis

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Kevin Lynch  
 8:00 AM Dorothy Brown  
 12:10 PM Manuel Gutierrez Rodriguez

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

- 6:30 AM Shirley Cowhig  
 8:00 AM Pauline C. McNamara  
 12:10 PM Amparo Cuesta, Birthday (10/30)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

- 8:00 AM The Chester Migdalski, Sr. Family  
 5:00 PM Dr. Richard Atkins

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

- 7:00 AM Steve Denhup  
 8:30 AM Louise Rogers  
 9:15 AM Matthew Giblin  
 10:00 AM Mary Spittle  
 11:30 AM Mae Coombs  
 1:00 PM Sr. Margaret Flinton  
 5:00 PM Elizabeth Stepnick



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

Gabriella Ann Buell  
 Anne Marie Nealon  
 Liam Doyle Smith

**CARPENTER'S SHELTER:** On February 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be serving dinner to the residents of the shelter. Sign up for food in the book at the rear of the church. Please contact Barbara Halicki with any questions at 703-370-7026. Thank you for all that you do!

#### REMINDER for St. Monica's Online Prayer Request:

Please email [saintmonicasprayers@earthlink.net](mailto:saintmonicasprayers@earthlink.net) to place a prayer request or to be added to the list to pray for those in need.

## FROM GREEN TO GOLD

Last week I spoke of our responsibility as a "family" to be generous by helping those less fortunate than ourselves. I focused in particular on the tsunami in Southeast Asia. Last weekend the diocese directed that a second collection be taken up for this effort. That we did and you most certainly donated—over \$45,000. That is more than has ever been given in a second collection here at St. Mary's. It is also much more than is given in the regular weekly collection for the parish. This is unbelievable! I mentioned last week that over \$9,000 was given at the First Friday school Mass. That is a combined donation of nearly \$55,000 from our parish. Amazing!

As worthy as the tsunami relief efforts are, and they are extremely worthy, I also said at the end of last week's column that there are all kinds of other causes that need our attention. The list is long and we don't want to exclude any of them. Our resources, both financial and time, are often limited. We can only give so much and we can't give what we don't have. If we have been blessed, however, we do have some duty to assist where we can. Another very worthy cause comes to mind this weekend. Sadly, this is a cause that is not popular with some, including a few Catholics. Through an act of nature over 150,000 people lost their lives in Asia a few weeks ago. Millions of others, at least five million from reports I heard, have lost what little they had in regards to property such as their homes. About 40 percent of the dead were children. These are horrendously high numbers and are in part, I believe, why there has been such an outpouring of generosity. This other cause has seen nearly 1.4 million people lose their lives, all children, last year in this country alone. Many others were also seriously affected by this—mothers, fathers, grandparents, friends, etc. Of course I am talking about the unnatural act of abortion, the intentional taking of an unborn child's life.

Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion on demand in our nation. Since then millions have died a horrible death in their own mother's womb of all places. Thankfully, we have seen over the years an outpouring of efforts to overturn this scourge on our country. As a nation, as a Church, and as a parish we will again peacefully and prayerfully march for life on Monday in Washington. Beforehand 40,000 youth from across the country, but especially from this area, will gather at the MCI Center for a Pro-Life rally. Last year the kids were very impressed and fired up about this experience.

Recently some have questioned the school's involvement in this pro-life effort. While parents most certainly have a right to determine what their children do and what they participate in, as Catholics we have to be pro-life; not to be is not Catholic. Not everyone is called to march for life. Not everyone is called to donate to the tsunami fund. But as Christians, as Catholics, we do have a responsibility to those less fortunate than ourselves, including the tsunami victims, unborn babies, and their mothers. This weekend and on Monday may we put as much effort as we can into praying for and working for the greater respect and the sanctity of all human life.

In Christ,  
 Fr. Kleinmann

**SERMON ON THE MOUNT** takes place this Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm in the St. Mary's Lyceum Auditorium. Fr. John Melmer will be speaking on *Building a Culture of Life: What Defines our Culture and What Needs to Change?* Wine and cheese social begins at 7:30pm followed by a talk and discussion. All are invited.

**ALL 1st PENANCE/1st EUCHARIST PARENTS:** There is a Mandatory Parent Meeting and Holy Half Hour for all 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 Winter-Spring Calendar in the mail!

**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 **Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** 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.



**CYO SKI TRIP: NEW Re-Scheduled Dates: Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>- Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005** at Seven Springs Mt. Resort, Pennsylvania. St. Mary's CYO is joining St. Agnes (Baltimore, MD) and St. Louis Youth Groups. We are staying in a private

Ski Lodge Chalet with lounge and fireplace at the top of the mountain. An awesome weekend of skiing in a ski resort atmosphere. Cost is \$185.00, which includes the usual + ski rentals, 4 meals, snowboard option, and free bowling, mini-golf, and snow tubing. **Must hand in \$185.00 and Release Forms to Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450 or [brownluis@hotmail.com](mailto:brownluis@hotmail.com)**. First come, first serve, as space is limited. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's. We will attend Sunday Mass at Seven Springs.

**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.

### PRO-LIFE CORNER:

Being personally against abortion but favoring another's right to abortion is contradictory and baffling. It's like saying that we're personally against child abuse but we defend our neighbor's right to abuse his child if that is his choice. As a society we do not condone child abuse; then why do we condone the ultimate child abuse – abortion?



**STs. ANNE & JOACHIM 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.

**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.

**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 [gotpvi@paulvi.net](mailto:gotpvi@paulvi.net) or visit [www.paulvi.net](http://www.paulvi.net).

**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.

**COURT APPROVED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA)** Program needs volunteers. Recently there have been stories in the newspapers about children being abused, neglected, and abandoned. Don't just stand by, get involved and make a meaningful difference in the life of a child. Advocate for abused and neglected children by becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate and give a child a voice in the court system. To learn more, visit our website at [www.scanva.org](http://www.scanva.org) or call 703-836-1820.

**PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS** will dine at the Malibu Grill in Bailey's Crossroads at 7 PM on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please call Jack with questions at 703-971-8665.



**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

**First Reading** — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

**Gospel** — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people of their illnesses (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Francis de Sales
- Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
- Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus
- Thursday: St. Angela Merici
- Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

***Sick Relatives & Friends***

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

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH TODAY!**

**VOCATIONS:** "Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest or a consecrated religious? If God may be calling you to this holy work, call Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514 or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

**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.



**MAKE AN ENDURING GIFT TO OUR PARISH:** You can express your commitment to the principles of Christian Charity and Stewardship by remembering the Church in your Will with the following statement: "I leave to St. Mary's the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_% of the residue of my estate) for (a specific purpose or its religious, educational and charitable works)." Bequests and other financial contributions to the Church can also be advantageous to your estate as well as your current needs. For additional information, please contact Sam Mabry, Director of Planned Giving at the Diocese: 703-841-7851.

**BISHOP IRETON PRESENTS CAPITOL STEPS** on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. The Capitol Steps is a troupe of current and former Congressional staffers who monitor events and personalities on Capitol Hill, in the Oval Office, and in other centers of power and prestige around the world and then take a humorous look at serious issues while providing a laugh for all. Get your tickets for this sell-out performance and join the pre-show reception at 6:30 PM. Ticket prices are : \$30 General Admission, \$50 Reserved Seating., \$100 Cardinal Seating. Call 703-212-5140, ext 1113. Buy on-line at [www.biboosters.org](http://www.biboosters.org). Or mail your checks made payable to BI Athletic Booster Club, to Bishop Ireton High School, Attn: Capitol Steps, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA 22314.

**BISHOP O'CONNEL HIGH SCHOOL 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GALA:**

The parents of Bishop O'Connell High School are preparing for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at the McLean Hilton. The evening features cocktails, dinner, dancing, as well as silent and live auctions. Please contact us concerning donations, ads and reservations. Karen Fornaro at 703-734-4145, Peggy Heron at 703-620-5129, Co-chairs, and Marianne Monek, Events Coordinator at 703-237-1446.

**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.