



MassSchedule

MONDAY, MARCH 28

- 6:30 AM St. Mary's Priests & Staff and for an increase in vocations to the religious life.
 8:00 AM Special Intention: Bridget Barber
 12:10 PM The Laughlin Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

- 6:30 AM Celia Cross
 8:00 AM Monica C. Bode
 12:10 PM Vincent Maturi

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

- 6:30 AM Genevieve Bienfait-DeLesalle
 8:00 AM Jack Scheidt
 12:10 PM Lorraine Green

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

- 6:30 AM Chris Boland
 8:00 AM Francis J. Burke, Jr.
 12:10 PM Marguerite & Anthony Deane

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

- 6:30 AM Dewey Cotton
 8:00 AM Dr. Charles S. Carroccio
 12:10 PM Howard M. Cleveland

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

- 8:00 AM Catherine Mason
 5:00 PM Monte Bourjaily (*Fr. Poumade*)

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

- 7:00 AM Frances Mileo (*Fr. Melmer*)
 8:30 AM Lelia Skiles (*Fr. Poumade*)
 9:15 AM Parishioners (*Fr. Melmer*)
 10:00 AM Nancy Fanone (*Fr. Poumade – Latin Mass*)
 11:30 AM Edward Greene (*Fr. Melmer*)
 1:00 PM Dahlia de la Cruz (*Fr. Poumade*)
 5:00 PM Thomas Shannon (*Fr. Melmer*)



Baptisms

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Erin O'Keefe Harvey
 John Patrick Lohrer
 Meghan Ann Stryker

VOCATIONS: "The Lord is risen, it is true!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you, call Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514, or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

A happy and blessed Easter to all! We have completed the season of more intensive fasting and service and now celebrate in a more profound manner the glorious season of Our Lord's Resurrection. The church, as it always is for these festive seasons, is beautifully decorated. On a side note I thank Mary Petrino and her crew for that. I also thank the choirs and all those involved in the Masses or services this past week which made them even more meaningful. That includes the altar servers as well as seminarians who helped, the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, the lectors, the ushers, the cantors and other musicians, the sacristans, the janitorial staff, and finally the office staff (who had to handle numerous calls about the schedule). That also includes Luis Brown, our parish DRE, who has been quite busy of late first with our *Confirmandi* and more recently with our converts. I intend to write more about them next week. I'm sure there are still others whom I should thank, so thank you! I am, we all really are, blessed to have so many people who truly care so much about Our Lord, His Church, and our parish.

It is my hope that all of you can celebrate this season in an appropriate way. That would include our converts who now are fully Catholic and can partake completely in the sacraments. What a gift they have received. Actually we all have received so many gifts. That has been rather obvious in recent weeks. Foremost on the list of gifts is our Faith. This season is a time to celebrate with all its glory the gift of our Faith. All we need to do is think of what Jesus suffered for us, how He died for us on a cross, and how He rose from the dead to redeem us. How thankful we should be. In addition, two weeks ago we were privileged to have Tatiana with us. She is a former "pop music" star from Europe, Croatia to be exact. She gave all of that up to give to God and His people as she did here on March 16th. Her musical presentation of Christ's passion was superb. It was an unbelievably moving account of what Jesus did out of love for us. Somewhat sadly, only about 150 people attended.

Another gift received, although it is something quite personal, is worth all of our celebration. After waiting months for a new heart, a little six year old parishioner underwent a heart transplant on March 18th. We as a parish can all be thankful for this, but our continuing prayers are needed as this little guy has a long road ahead of him. May we all keep Brendan in our prayers especially as we celebrate Easter and the life-giving aspects of this great season.

I have something else for which to be thankful along with 11 of our eighth graders who again this year are going on a pilgrimage to Italy. This is our third year. It truly is a privilege and a gift for me to accompany these young people and their parents on this special journey of faith. I expect I will have more to say about this in a couple of weeks or so. We leave today, Easter Sunday, and will return April 4th. It's a little smaller group this year, but the hope is it will be as inspiring and faith building as the previous two years. I'll let you know. In the meantime we, again, have so much to be thankful for; it is Easter! May it be glorious and grace-filled.

In Christ,
 Fr. Kleinmann

RCIA: CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RCIA ADULT AND CHILD ELECT & CANDIDATES AND ADULT CONFIRMANDI WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR ENTRANCE INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND ARE THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR ST. MARY'S PARISH COMMUNITY:

Neophytes

(Baptism, Communion, Confirmation)

Adan Alvarez-Jefferson, Paul Hayden, Maria Machado, Steven McCutcheon, Jamira Rodriguez, Jill Stark, Amy Wiley

Full Communion/Professions of Faith
(Profession, Communion, Confirmation)

Jana Cary, Derek Donovan, Timothy Friend, Paul Griffith, Richard Griggs, Amy Herring, Mai Lytle, Jennifer Sharp, David Spruth, Dorothy Timbs, Erica Vitins

First Communion

Perry Griffith, Thomas Spruth

Adult Confirmation/First Communion

Christine Brown, Christine Coughlin, Julie Firrell, Kathleen McKeon, Nancy Pinkerton, Harry Rothmann, Sandra Ruiz

CCD NEWS: NO CCD THIS SUNDAY! HAPPY EASTER and see you on Sunday, April 3rd!

CARPENTER'S SHELTER: On April 7th we will be serving dinner to the residents of the shelter. See the book in the back of the church to sign up to bring food. Please call Barbara Halicki at 703-370-7026 with questions. Thanks for all that you do.

STs. ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY (Senior's Group):

Reminder: The video series, "Famous Catholic Converts," sponsored by the Spirituality Committee of the Sts. Anne and Joachim Society will resume viewing the series in St. Joseph's room of the Lyceum on Thursday, April 7 at 11:00 AM. This month's subjects are "Dorothy Day" and "Converts of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen." This activity is offered to the whole community of St. Mary's church. Come and bring friends!

14th ANNUAL CARDINAL BASKETBALL CAMP @ BISHOP IRETON HIGH SCHOOL:

Camp offers a girls week ages 10-14, two co-ed junior weeks ages 6-9, and a co-ed advanced week ages 10-14 (off site). For a brochure please contact Pete Hamer at 703-212-5190.

BLOOD DRIVE: The INOVA Bloodmobile will be at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House next door on April 3rd, and St. Mary's members are invited to donate blood from 11 AM to 2 PM. Lunch will be served. To sign up or for more information, contact Ellen McCleskey at 703-403-8626 or Celeste Day at 703-573-0906.

Pro-Life 

"Medicine always places itself at the service of life. Even when it knows it cannot defeat a serious pathology, it dedicates its own capabilities to alleviating suffering. To work with passion to help the patient in every situation means to be aware of the inalienable dignity of every human being, even those in extreme conditions of a terminal state. ~ Pope John Paul II, "Medicine is Always at the Service of Life," November 12, 2004

PRO-LIFE ROSARY NOVENA: For nine Saturdays starting at 9:15 AM from March 19 – May 14 (Eve of Pentecost) we will pray a pro-life rosary to end abortion with special prayers to the Holy Spirit at 2839 Duke Street. The babies need you. Please come out to pray for those scheduled to die. For more information contact Bruce Borzino at 703-541-2801.

THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY,

invites you to **SPEND ONE HOUR in vocal and silent Eucharistic Adoration on FIRST FRIDAY, April 1st** beginning at 9:00 PM or **EARLY SATURDAY, April 2nd** ending at 6:00 AM here at St. Mary's Church. For more information, call Marian Nowland at (703) 751-9392 or Jeff Petrino at (703) 683-8877.



Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

DINNER FOR CHRIST HOUSE: St. Mary's will be serving dinner at Christ House on Tuesday, March 29th. A sign-up book will be in the back of the church. We usually serve between 60-80 hungry people. Food items are listed. Thanks for helping out. Please call Janet Watkins at 703-836-1265 or Rita Meyer at 703-768-3482 with questions.

FOCUSSS: The young adult group (ages 20 – 40) Fellowship of Catholics United Spiritually, Socially, and in Service will hold their monthly meeting after the **5 PM Mass on Sunday, April 3rd** in the St. Mary's Lyceum Auditorium. Please join us!

YOUNG SCOUT RETREAT: There will be a Young Scout Retreat on Saturday, April 9th from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the Holy Spirit church in Annandale for Boy and Girl Scouts grades 1-5. It is an excellent opportunity for young scouts to grow in the faith and in friendship with other scouts. For information and registration contact Scott Douglass at 703-764-3473 and/or e-mail sdpdtxans@earthlink.net.

MARIH CENTER IN NEED OF HELP: MaRiH is an emergency pregnancy service offering alternatives to abortion as well as other assistance to pregnant women. MaRiH is in **desperate need of volunteers who speak both English and Spanish** to assist Spanish speaking women speaking no English when they call or come into the pregnancy center. A meeting will be held on Tuesday April 5 at 7 PM to explain in detail the various ways to volunteer. Please call MaRiH at 703-370-4774 if you are interested in volunteering and advise if you will be able to attend the meeting.

CHOIR REMINDER: There will be **NO** choir practice on **Wednesday, March 30th** due to Easter vacation.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 27th:

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalms — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35.*)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

FEAST DAYS

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord
- Monday: Monday in the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday: Tuesday in the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday: Wednesday in the Octave of Easter
- Thursday: Thursday in the Octave of Easter
- Friday: Friday in the Octave of Easter; First Friday
- Saturday: Saturday in the Octave of Easter; First Saturday

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

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| Nancy Alfery | Garrett Golubin | Bob Murphy |
| Julie Biegun | Baby Devan Gounaud | Garland Page |
| Carolyn Blazina | Brendan Griffith | Fred Pierce |
| Aideen Cooney Biggs | Noelle Hammad | Carol Rogers |
| Marge Carney | Nick Hayes | Sally Schwarz |
| Jerry Del Colliano | Frank Kaczmarek | Tony Snow |
| Carter Cooney | Nancy McPherson | Imogene Stammeyer |
| Kim Flowers | | Thomas Tarter |

*Especially for Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II that God's healing grace may be upon him and that he may continue to be a living witness of strength and hope.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION: A very special Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration will be held at St. Mary's Church, 310 South Royal Street, Alexandria on April 3rd, 2005 beginning at 3 PM. Join us in the **Reflections on the "Infinite Mercy of God,"** presented by Rev. James Poumade, along with the chanting of the Chaplet of Mercy, Exposition, Benediction, plus Hymns and Prayers of Thanksgiving for this great feast venerating God's Mercy. Confession will be available throughout the celebration. A Blessing with a first-class Relic of St. Maria Faustina will be given. Please come and share in the profound graces of this once a year occasion, and experience the healing power of God's Divine Mercy. (The scheduled Sunday Mass begins at 5 PM with vespers at 4:30 PM.)

ST. FAUSTINA – MESSENGER OF MERCY, a one-woman drama about the Divine Mercy Saint canonized in 2000, will be performed live at 3 PM on Sunday, April 10th at St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel, 4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax. The performance includes live music with the script from the saint's diary, and runs about one hour. Catholic performing artist Nancy Scimone, who has been heard on EWTN, portrays St. Faustina in this inspiring program for all ages. All are welcome. A reception of light refreshments will follow. No admission – a free-will offering will be collected. For further details, please call the Arlington Diocese Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514.

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL:

Everyone in the diocese (clergy and lay faithful) is welcome and encouraged to join Catholics from neighboring dioceses at the eighth annual Catholic Advocacy Day in Our Nation's Capital on Thursday, April 14th, 2005. The day begins with prayer at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Capitol Hill, 313 Second St, SE Washington D.C. at 9:30 AM. The agenda includes briefings on domestic and international issues of concern to Catholics followed by legislative visits to Congress (Senators and Representatives), lunch (\$10 if pre-registered) and dialogue with other advocates. Closing prayer at 2:15 PM. Contact Anne Murphy at Catholic Charities (703-841-3831; a.murphy@ccda.net) for registration information.

THE FATHER KREMPA SCHOLARSHIP FUND,

established in 1999, has awarded scholarships to many students enabling them to attend the Learning Center. This Center serves students who have special learning needs. The fund is supported by donations from parishioners wishing to share in one of Father Krempa's special projects. However, these scholarships will only continue until the funds are exhausted. All parishioners willing to share in enlarging the fund are welcome to do so at any time. Contributions in the form of checks made out to "The Father Krempa Scholarship Fund," can be mailed to, or dropped off at the Rectory, 310 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

REMINDER: The 10:00 AM Mass next Sunday is our monthly Latin Mass.