

MASSES for the WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 4

6:30 AM Albert W. Levis, Jr.
8:00 AM Mrs. Strock
12:10 PM Special Intention: Mary Jo Johnson

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

6:30 AM Jack Burns
8:00 AM Franklin & Leonor Schupp
12:10 PM John Murphy, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

6:30 AM Special Intention: Martha & Harold Rivkin, Anniversary
8:00 AM Special Intention: Laird Horrell
12:10 PM Gretchen Schlight Maloney, Anniversary

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

6:30 AM Special Intention: Elaine C. Ligelio
8:00 AM Donald Weiler
12:10 PM Peter Spero

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

6:30 AM Priests & Parishioners of St. Mary's
8:00 AM Michelle Petrino
12:10 PM Dottie Bowles

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 AM Richard J. Gainey
5:00 PM Joseph Ho Yuen, Anniversary 3/25

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

7:00 AM Raymond Gallagher, Anniversary 4/13
8:30 AM George Gula
9:15 AM Anthony Grillo
10:00 AM Marguerite Scafati
11:30 AM Terence Powers
1:00 PM Paul Donnelly, Anniversary
5:00 PM Paul Hossofsky

VOCATIONS: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, sister or brother who proclaims the truth of Jesus Christ? If God is inviting you to live this gift and mystery, call Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514 or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

SEMINARY TRIP: A men's vocation trip to visit St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnwood, PA, will start on Saturday, April 16th at 11:00 AM and end at 5:00 PM on Sunday, April 17th. Single men, 17 yrs and older, who are interested in participating in this trip, should call the Vocations Office at 703-841-2514 or e-mail the office at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org to sign up.

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

As you read this column on Divine Mercy Sunday I am in Rome with some of our eighth graders who are on a post-Confirmation pilgrimage to the Eternal City and the place which is so central to our Catholic Faith. Last week I wished you a blessed Easter and I hope this feast which really continues through today has been that for you. I also thanked all those who made everything so glorious and meaningful during the Sacred Triduum and on Easter Day. The ones I didn't mention, and purposely so, were Fr. Melmer and Fr. Poumade. I wanted to save them for this weekend. I did so because of all they are doing while I am gone. Anytime one of us is gone it is added work for the other two, needless to say. That is particularly true this weekend since it was First Friday is Divine Mercy Sunday.

I have been extremely blessed to have these two priests with me for nearly the past four years. I'm not always sure they are as appreciated by all the parishioners, although in my humble opinion they should be. They have been such a God-send. They have never hesitated to do what is necessary or volunteer to do what is not. I always know that when I am gone the parish is in excellent hands. They truly have been outstanding associates. Sadly, at least one of them will most likely be transferred this June, a day I am not looking forward to. Again I am very grateful to them, especially for this weekend.

Speaking of this weekend, as I have mentioned above, it is Divine Mercy Sunday. This is an unbelievable gift to us Catholics as it focuses us on the tremendous love and mercy (forgiveness) that God extends to us. That He has provided us with the very special sacrament of Penance, where we meet Him and His mercy face to face, is truly a treasure. Hopefully it is one we use often. Today as in years past, we have a Holy Hour dedicated to this devotion. It is this afternoon from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M., the hour of mercy as it was 3:00 P.M. on the first Good Friday that Jesus died for us demonstrating His extreme and unending love for us. I hope many of you attend this devotion today.

It is this gift of mercy that has called many converts to our Faith. In last week's bulletin a list of our most recent converts was provided. That was done to allow you to know who they are so that you can pray for them and welcome them to our Faith and parish. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with these converts. Their stories often amaze me. We usually have a range of ages involved, although here at St. Mary's we typically have a large number of young people. They convert for various reasons. Sometimes it is because of a spouse or fiancé. Many times it is because of something, the grace of God ultimately, that has drawn them to our Catholic Faith. In discussing their reasons with them I am impressed with those who say it is the Eucharist or Confession that has moved them. Others have told me that it is the firm and non-changing moral beliefs that have brought them to this major decision. How wonderful that is to hear when many of our life-long Catholics are all too willing to reject some or all of those teachings and in the face of all we have been reading about of late with Terri Schiavo and the Holy Father. So, we welcome our converts and pray for them on this Mercy Sunday.

In Christ,
Fr. Kleinmann

FORMATION IN CHRISTIAN CHASTITY: All CCD Families must have their **Formation in Christian Chastity Opt-In/Out Forms** in to the Religious Ed office by next Sunday, April 10th. Sessions begin Sunday, April 17th.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: If you are a Catholic who has not been confirmed, this is your last chance of the year to register and prepare for Adult Confirmation on May 14th and 15th. Please contact Luis Brown in the Religious Education Office this week at 703-836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com.

ST. MARY'S WORKCAMP NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS! WANT TO HELP OUR PARISH TEENS? Each year, St. Mary's sends high school age teens to Diocesan Workcamp for a week of service to the poor in Virginia in a camp and retreat-like Catholic atmosphere. This year we are sending our largest group, 20 teens and 10 adults, to build and repair the homes of the poor!! We need to raise \$10,000 to send our group. Please support our parish teens through your prayers and tax-deductible donations. All donations and checks can be sent via the St. Mary's Rectory, Attn: St. Mary's CYO Workcamp. We will send you a letter of acknowledgement and tax statement as well as a flyer on our experiences following the Workcamp. This year's Workcamp is Saturday, June 25th- Friday, July 1st.

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.



Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



He will speak to us. He has been waiting for us to visit Him! Think of spending just one hour per week with Our Lord. Sign-up sheets for a new session running from May through July will be in the back of the church. Adoration is on Thursday from 12:30 – 7:30 PM, concluding with a Holy Hour. Thank you in advance for your commitment. Please call Mary Stier at 703-768-7167 with any questions.

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.

PRO-LIFE CORNER:

America will never be whole as long as the right to life granted by our Creator is denied to the unborn through abortion and the elderly through euthanasia. We are being desensitized. Who will be next: the handicapped? the person with the "wrong" political view? or "wrong" skin tone? or "wrong" religious belief? We are sliding down the "slippery slope" toward a moral collapse.



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.

ARE YOU A BUSY WOMAN IN SEARCH OF RENEWAL AND FOCUS? Plan to attend the second annual Phases of Womanhood Conference. The conference, presented in collaboration with the Office of Family Life, will be held April 23rd at the Fair Lakes Hyatt in Fairfax. Cost is \$55. Please register early as space is limited. For more information or to register please visit www.phasesofwomanhood.org or call 703-266-2422 or 703-378-2660.

PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW NIGHT: Paul VI invites all 7th graders and their families to our annual Preview to High School on Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00 in Heet Auditorium. For more information, call Mrs. Hanley at 703-352-0925 ext. 331 or gopvi@paulvi.net.

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!

STs. ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY (Senior Group): The next business meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14th. Our guest speaker will be Sheila Melville, a former WREN, whose topic will be "Women in World War II." We expect some of our members, including Betty Splaine, will contribute with a discussion of their own experiences. Bring a brown bag lunch. Refreshments will be served.

THE PARISH CHOIR will resume rehearsing this Wednesday, April 6th in the Lyceum from 7:30 – 9 PM.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 3rd:

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

FEAST DAYS

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter; Divine Mercy Sunday;
- Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord
- Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer
- Thursday: St. John Baptist de la Salle

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

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| Nancy Alfery | Garrett Golubin | Garland Page |
| Julie Biegun | Brendan Griffith | Fred Pierce |
| Aideen Cooney | Noelle Hammad | Carol Rogers |
| Biggs | Nick Hayes | Sally Schwarz |
| Marge Carney | Frank Kaczmarek | Tony Snow |
| Jerry Del Colliano | Nancy McPherson | Imogene Stammeyer |
| Carter Cooney | Bob Murphy | 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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP, the popular program that serves up evangelization to young adults in a local pub is back with a series of talks held on Tuesdays, April 5 to May 17, at 7:30 PM at Whitlow's on Wilson. The free talks are sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington's Young Adult Ministry. For more information, call 703-841-2550 or e-mail tot@arlingtondiocese.org. For an upcoming schedule see www.arlingtondiocese.org and click-on Family Life/Theology on Tap.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA): Thank you to all of our parishioners who have already so generously pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Please reflect on ways the Lord has blessed you and consider making a sacrificial pledge or gift to the BLA.

BISHOP IRETON BULL AND OYSTER ROAST: Rock and Roll is alive and well! Please join us for a 40th Anniversary Party at Bishop Ireton's Bull and Oyster Roast featuring the music of the Fabulous Hubcaps and catering from Jerry D's of Baltimore. Saturday, April 9th from 6-11 PM. Tickets are \$40. Call 703-212-5182 or visit the BI website for an order form at www.bishopireton.org.

MASS TO PRAY FOR VICTIMS/SURVIVORS OF ABUSE: On April 13th at 7:00 PM a Mass will be offered for the victims/survivors of sexual abuse at Blessed Sacrament Parish located at 1427 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Father John Cregan will preside.

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 fro 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.

WALK FOR LIFE: The Children's Services Department of Catholic Charities is sponsoring their twenty-second annual *Walk for Life* to raise awareness about the Pro-Life services offered in our diocese. The Walk also supports the services provided by the diocese to young women and men who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy, as well as the foster care services offered for their children. The *Walk for Life* will be held on Saturday, May 14th at Fort Hunt Park, Paul VI, and Ashburn. Please contact Linda Cullen at 703-425-0100 for more information.

JULIA KENNEY TERESA PETRINO SCHOLARSHIP FUND: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Kavanaugh No. 54, will award two scholarships this June to a graduating boy and girl from St. Mary's School. The scholarship was named in memory of Julia Kenney Teresa Petrino, a fourteen-year old parishioner who had graduated from the 8th grade and had planned to attend Bishop Ireton High School. Julia, who died after a battle with Hodgkins' Lymphoma in 1999, was unable to realize her dream of a Catholic high school education. The scholarship is awarded each June to the students who exemplify Catholic Christian attitude and conduct, particularly during the 8th grade year. The award will go toward tuition at a Catholic high school. The Catholic Daughters ask for your generous assistance in funding this worthy cause. All contributions are fully tax-deductible. For further information, please call Kerry Carter at 703-768-4499.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY (SVDP): St. Mary's SVDP would like to thank all the parishioners participating in our Palm Sunday Food Drive. Your help allowed us to contribute over 600 much needed food items to the Food Pantry at Christ House. Thanks again for helping us help others!