



MONDAY, APRIL 18

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Thomas Donahue
 8:00 AM Eleanor Eason
 12:10 PM Virginia Merilic

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Tony Snow
 8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Margaret M. Colevas
 12:10 PM Kenneth S. Kelleher, Anniversary 3/19

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

- 6:30 AM Daniel Murphy
 8:00 AM Leroy McGee
 12:10 PM Doris Boehling

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

- 6:30 AM Shirley Brenton
 8:00 AM John Steward
 12:10 PM Lida Pellegrini, Anniversary

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

- 6:30 AM Adela Pavia Soto
 8:00 AM James Biebower
 12:10 PM Stephen & Winifred Davis

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

- 8:00 AM Marvin J. Brandt
 5:00 PM Joseph McLaughlin, Jr. (*Fr. Poumade*)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

- 7:00 AM Joseph Grillo, Sr. (*Fr. Melmer*)
 8:30 AM Francis J. Burke, Jr. (*Fr. Poumade*)
 9:15 AM Parishioners (*Fr. Melmer*)
 10:00 AM Phyllis Russell (*Fr. Poumade*)
 11:30 AM George Thomas & Susan M. Hughes
 (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
 1:00 PM Special Intention (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
 5:00 PM Signe Ann Laskey Jaffre McGuinness
 (*Fr. Melmer*)

SPECIAL 12:10 MASS – APRIL 18th: The 12:10 Mass on Monday, April 18th will be celebrated in memory of Pope John Paul II and for the conclave meeting to elect our new Holy Father. This Mass will include musical accompaniment and will last approximately one hour.



SPECIAL COLLECTION: There will be a special collection next weekend, April 24th for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

“ANOTHER NUN RUN”: A Women’s Vocation Day Trip to visit several more women’s religious orders will take place Sunday, April 24, 2005 from 8 AM – 8 PM. Single women, 17 or older, who are interested in attending this trip, should contact the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514 or e-mail vocations@arlingtondiocese.org to reserve a space.



POPE JOHN PAUL II, 1920-2005



Three columns ago I said I would comment on the post-Confirmation pilgrimage to Italy that some of our eighth-graders were privileged to attend. I expected to make those comments last week. Instead this column presented a small tribute to a great man. As all of you are aware we lost in an earthly way our Holy Father on Saturday, April 2, 2005 as he departed this world for the next.

If you were able to follow the media coverage, whether on Fox News, CNN, MSNBC, or any of the other outlets, you may have been as amazed as I was. It was nearly wall-to-wall coverage. I was impressed, although I am of the opinion that Pope John Paul II deserved all of that coverage. The funeral televised at 4:00 A.M. our time on Friday, April 8th was unbelievable. It truly was an event of great inspiration, one that was said to be the largest religious gathering in the history of mankind, one that was watched by billions of people. All of this was a wonderful follow-up to what our eighth-graders witnessed the week before.

This was the third year this eighth-grade pilgrimage was made. Previously we went to Rome first followed by Assisi, Florence, and Siena. Providentially, and I do not use that term inadvertently for I believe it was by God’s grace, this year’s trip was set up differently. We left on Easter Sunday as we did last year, but arrived in Naples, a new spot on the pilgrimage. The Bay of Naples provided a beautiful backdrop to our time there. We were blessed to have Mass at the cathedral church in the Chapel of St. Gennaro. He is a martyr for the faith and the patron saint of Naples. Evidently he has his work cut out for him. He’s better known to us as St. Januarius. It is his blood, reserved in a vile in the chapel, which miraculously liquefies each year on his feast day, September 19th. The next day we had Mass at St. Francis of Paolo Church right after the regularly scheduled daily Mass which to our amazement had only two people in attendance. Again St. Januarius is quite busy, I presume. This was followed by a trip to the Isle of Capri. We returned to Naples that evening and departed the next day to Pompeii. We found the tour of the ruins and excavations of ancient Pompeii to be very informative. More importantly we fell in love with the cathedral church here, Our Lady of the Rosary, visited by the pope just last October where he prayed for Mary’s intercession for peace in the world. It was a beautiful church where unlike Naples one could tell the faith was alive and well.

From Pompeii we traveled north to Rome. During the drive we encountered our only rain of the entire week. Again God seemed to provide. We arrived in the Eternal City early that evening. Later that night we heard that Pope John Paul’s health had taken a turn for the worse and that he had been anointed. The next day we had Mass at the Church of St. Maria del Popolo (St. Mary’s of the People), after which we had a walking tour of Rome. The afternoon was on our own. On Friday we heard that the pope’s health continued to deteriorate. During the morning we toured the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter’s Basilica. That afternoon we visited ancient Rome—the Forum and Coliseum. Later we had Mass at St. Peter’s in Chains Church which is near the Coliseum. There is housed the chains used to bind St. Peter in Palestine and the famous statue of Moses by Michelangelo. It seemed to be a very fitting place to offer a Mass for the ailing successor of Peter, which we did. To be continued....

In Christ,
 Fr. Kleinmann

SERMON ON THE MOUNT ADULT EDUCATION is back!

This Tuesday, April 19th from 7:30-9 PM in St. Mary's Lyceum beginning with a wine and cheese social. **Topic: *Electing a Pope: JP II and the Papacy.* Speaker: Fr. James Poumade.** Presentation and discussion on how a Pope is elected, what issues our new Pope will face, what he might change, and the lives of various popes throughout history.



SCOUT RETREAT: There will be an Older Scout retreat for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts at Quantico Marine base from the evening of Friday, April 22 to the late morning on Sunday, April 24. (Saturday and Sunday Mass will be included with the retreat.) It is an excellent opportunity for Scouts to grow in their faith and meet Scouts of other troops. For information and registration, contact Scott Douglass at 703-764-3473 and/or email spdtexans@earthlink.net.

BRENT SOCIETY AWARDS DINNER: The Brent Society is pleased to announce its annual Brent Awards Dinner, at Fairview Park Marriott Hotel (reception 6:30 PM, dinner 7:00 PM), on Thursday, May 12th. Distinguished Service Awards will be presented to Mrs. Patricia Lohman and Miss Edel Finnegan, Executive Directors of the Catholic crisis pregnancy centers, AAA Women for Choice and A Woman's Choice, respectively. The Catholic Student Award will be presented to Miss Christina Summers of Holy Family Academy. All are invited to join us in honoring these courageous pro-life leaders. Tickets (\$60 per person, \$475 for a table of ten) can be obtained from the Brent Society, P.O. Box 2901, Merrifield, VA 22116. For additional information call 703-532-7132 or 703-808-4277.



MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT: St. Mary's cantors will present a concert on Sunday, May 8th at 3 PM in the church featuring music sung by mothers for mothers. All are welcome to attend this special event.

SOCIETY OF THE PATRICIANS: All Catholics in the area are invited to St. Mary's "Society of the *Patricians*" meeting on Saturday, **April 23rd, 9-11 AM**, in the Lyceum auditorium. The topic for discussion: **"What difference does Divine Mercy make?"** The Patricians, sponsored by the Legion of Mary, meet on the 4th Saturday of every month with Fr. Melmer serving as the Spiritual Director. Refreshments will be served. No commitment to regular attendance is required. Contact Phil Cooper @ 703-960-6296 with any questions.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA): Currently 24 men are preparing for the priesthood in our diocese, six of whom are in their final years of theological study, and six to be ordained to the priesthood this June. Our diocesan Office of Vocations is constantly searching for qualified candidates for the priesthood and religious life and is able to offer full financial support for our seminarians thanks, in part, to your generous pledge to the BLA.

Pro-Life

PRO-LIFE CORNER: Personal rights should end when the exercise of them leads to endangering one's own life or the lives of others; for example, drunk driving, drug addiction, murder, rape and abortion.

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.

STs. ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY (Senior Group) will be taking a bus trip Wednesday, April 27th to D.C. to see the World War II Memorial. The bus leaves at 10:30 AM at the Lyceum. Following a visit to the Memorial we will return to Alexandria in the early afternoon with a stop at Daingerfield Island Sailing Marina for lunch.



Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

One of the treasures of our faith as Catholics is the belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. He has invited us to meet Him in Adoration and tell Him everything that is in our hearts and souls, and if we listen,

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: The next regular meeting of Court Kavanaugh #54, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be held on Monday, May 9th at 7:00 PM in the St. Mary's Lyceum located at 313 Duke Street. The meeting will begin with the May Procession and Education Contest followed by the business meeting.

HANDMADE CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND: On the weekend of April 24th, 2005, there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in the vestibule of our church. These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 30% of the population. There are less than 2 % now because of the situation. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. You can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass. For more information, please contact Feras at 703-405-8858 or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.com.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 17th:

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Thursday: St. Anselm
- Saturday: St. George; St. Adalbert;

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

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| Nancy Alfery | Brendan Griffith | Bob Murphy |
| Baby Benjy | Noelle Hammad | Garland Page |
| Julie Biegun | Nick Hayes | Fred Pierce |
| Marge Carney | Carter Looney | Carol Rogers |
| Jean Chafee | Ingrid Mayorga | Sally Schwarz |
| Garrett Golubin | Nancy McPherson | Imogene Stammeyer |
| Baby Devan | Nita Mercier | Thomas Tarter |
| Gounaud | | |
| | William Morris | |



Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died, including:

Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II

- Helen Hobeck
- Rev. James J. Langan
- Msgr. Thomas Scannell
- Terri Schiavo

SPANISH SPEAKING TRANSLATORS NEEDED: A Woman's Choice, a pro-life crisis pregnancy center, located in Falls Church, VA is in need of volunteers and Spanish speaking translators. Training will be provided. Please call Edel at 703-538-4305!

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 **April 30th at 9 AM in the St. Mary's Lyceum.** **Pre-registration is required at www.virtus.org.** Please contact Bridget Barber at 703-719-5840, or by e-mail at bbchildprotect@aol.com with any questions.

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. On April 19th, Dr. Lisa Klewicki will speak on the topic, "Overcoming Psychological Obstacles to Evangelization." 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.

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.

EXPECTANT PARENT'S MASS: The Annual Expectant Parent's Mass will be held on Sunday, April 24th at 12:30 PM at St. Andrew the Apostle Church. The address is 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA. The Mass is a celebration of life for families who are pregnant with child. No reservations are necessary. Reception follows. Call 703-841-2550 for additional information.

FISHER'S OF MEN CONFERENCE: Saturday, April 23rd, 8:30 AM – 3 PM, All Saints Church, Manassas, VA, \$15. Speakers include Bishop Loverde, Fathers Bob Cilinski and Jack Fullen, former Redskin Tom Carter and former Bear Danny Abramowicz. Call 703-754-3755 or visit <http://www.thefishersofmen.org> to register.

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

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.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER ANNUAL COOK-OFF: All are invited to attend the Cook-Off at The Birchmere on Sunday, May 1st from Noon until 3 PM. All proceeds to benefit the shelter's Child and Family Services Program. Great family fun, great food from Alexandria's finest restaurants, music by The Melonheads, children's entertainment, limited live auction, and souvenir cookbook. \$35 per adult/ \$10 per child; 5 and under FREE. Call Danielle Smith at 703-548-7500 x 204 for reservations or Laila Ali at 703-548-7500 x 205 for volunteer opportunities.