

Mass Intentions



MONDAY, APRIL 25

- 6:30 AM Gregory Ekeagwu
8:00 AM Clarence W. Sutton, Anniversary
12:10 PM Laura Kershaw

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

- 6:30 AM Katie Nowland, Anniversary
8:00 AM Special Intention: Pat McCullough
12:10 PM E. Pauline Sweeney, Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Marybeth Guerrieri
8:00 AM Rick DiGiacinto
12:10 PM John T. Davis

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Cajethan Ekeagu
8:00 AM Donald Gerdes
12:10 PM William & Edna Gainey

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Louise Gara
8:00 AM Terence Powers
12:10 PM Virginia Trantum Uda de Belaval

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

- 8:00 AM Dewey Cotton
5:00 PM Edward McAndrew (*Fr. Melmer*)

SUNDAY, MAY 1

- 7:00 AM Parishioners (*Fr. Melmer*)
8:30 AM Merrie Marsteller Gilbert (*Fr. Poumade*)
9:15 AM Thomas Shannon (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
10:00 AM Doris Hall (*Fr. Poumade*)
11:30 AM Robert Frank Erickson (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
1:00 PM Antoinette Zanarille (*Fr. Poumade*)
5:00 PM Mr & Mrs. Patrick McNamee (*Fr. Kleinmann*)

REMINDER: The 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 1st, will be celebrated in Latin by Fr. Poumade. Mass is celebrated in Latin every first Sunday of the month at the 10:00 AM Mass.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER: On May 5th we will be serving dinner at the shelter. See the book at the rear of the church to sign up for food donations. Please contact Barbara Halicki at 703-370-7026 for more information. Thanks for all you do!

VOCATIONS: "Who has faith in ME will do the works I do, and far greater than these." Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, sister or brother? If you are considering this possibility, call Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514, or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.



POPE JOHN PAUL II, 1920—2005



Continued from last week....

On Friday evening with the pope's health now very precarious, we decided to go to St. Peter's Square. There were gathered nearly 50,000 people, many with candles keeping vigil. It was unbelievably inspiring—to see so many who cared so much for such a holy man. Even with all those people, it was almost totally, eerily silent. We were situated just below the windows of the pope's apartment in the Apostolic Palace. They were all dark. We prayed a Rosary together. We didn't want to leave. In fact some of the students suggested spending the night. With a busy day on Saturday ahead of us, however, it was decided we best depart and get some sleep. The next morning we boarded the bus for a day trip to the medieval city of Orvieto. This has become one of the eighth-graders' favorite places. The cathedral there has a very ornate façade. The inside, however, is rather simple. There is a side chapel here where the corporal is preserved which had actual blood drop upon it from a host after a priest, who had doubted the doctrine of transubstantiation, said the words of consecration. Needless to say, his faith was renewed because of this miracle. We had Mass here and then a tour of the church. Later we also toured the city and then returned to Rome.

It was already evening. We rested briefly and then decided to head back to St. Peter's Square where a youth prayer service was planned for the pope. It was to begin at 9:00 P.M. We hadn't had dinner so on our way we grabbed something to eat. Minutes after 9:30, just as the prayer service was ending, we walked into the square. This time all the lights in the papal apartment were lit. There were even more people in the square this night; it was reported to be 70,000. Some minutes later a cardinal and other Church hierarchy returned to the front steps of St. Peter's. An announcement was made in Italian, one we did not understand. Within seconds the bells of St. Peter's began ringing; everyone in the square fell to their knees. The cardinal led the Rosary, saying the glorious mysteries and alternating them in Latin and Spanish. He followed this with the praying of the Litany of Our Lady and this was followed by the singing of the *Salve Regina* and the *Regina Coeli* after which the bishops left the square. We did as well a short time later. Our beloved Holy Father had literally died while we stood outside his residence. The reported time of his death was 9:37 P.M.

We were scheduled to have a "private" Mass in the crypt of St. Peter's over the tomb of St. Peter the next day at 7:00 A.M. A special Divine Mercy Sunday Mass was now also scheduled for 10:30 which was to be offered for the pope. Because of this Mass the Swiss Guard informed us that we could not have our 7:00 Mass but could return later for the 10:30 one. They also suggested I might be able to concelebrate it, something I thought was very doubtful. We decided to return at 9:00. Unbelievably, I asked to concelebrate and with little hesitation I was waved in. The students and parents found their place in the square and said later it was the most amazing Mass they had ever attended. Approximately 30 cardinals, 60 bishops, 100 priests, and 200,000 others were present for this fitting tribute to a great pope. I should have some thoughts on that next week, but as I conclude here just let me say our trip to Italy and especially Rome was truly a blessing from God; an incredible experience we will never forget. May God grant the soul of Pope John Paul II eternal rest.

In Christ,
Fr. Kleinmann

SERMON ON THE MOUNT ADULT EDUCATION is back! This Tuesday, April 26th from 7:30-9pm in St. Mary's Lyceum beginning with a wine and cheese social. **Topic: *The Eucharist in 2,000 years of Art.* Speaker: *Dr. Nora Hammerman, professor of Art History at University of Virginia.*** Do not miss this interactive visual presentation using live art and visual media to reflect on various images, insights, and reflections on the Eucharist over 2,000 years of art history. **Great way to celebrate the life of John Paul II and the Year of the Eucharist.**

ST. MARY'S CYO WORKCAMP NEEDS 7-10 PASSENGER MINIVANS FOR 1 WEEK! Our 20 Parish Workcamp teens need to find 2 minivans to use for the week of Saturday, June 25th – Friday, July 1st. The minivans will be fully "dirt-proofed" and lined with plastic. All borrowed vans will be covered by diocesan insurance during that week and driven only by licensed and insured adult drivers 25 and over. **Could you lend our parish teens a minivan for a week? Contact Luis Brown at 703-836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com if you can help.**

WALK FOR LIFE The Diocese of Arlington Walk for Life is Saturday, May 14th, 2005 from 10am-1pm at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria. Walk is to support Catholic Charities and make a stance for life with Catholic from around the diocese. Registration is \$15 per person and \$40 per family and includes a T-shirt. All walkers are encouraged to raise money through collection of pledges. Pick up a flyer in the back of church for more information or call Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450 to register. You can also register online at www.cdda.net.

MARY BETH BONACCI TO SPEAK TO ST. MARY'S PARENTS: Mary Beth Bonacci has been a well-known international speaker and author for 20 years. She is an expert on topics of dating and sexuality, theology of the body, and teens and families. **All Parents are invited to hear Ms. Bonacci on Wednesday, May 4th from 7:30-9pm in the St. Mary's School Gym. Topic: *Raising Your Teen on Issues of Friendship, Dating, and our Culture and Media.*** Coffee and donuts provided, question and answer at the end. **DO NOT MISS THIS GREAT TALK FROM THIS AMAZING SPEAKER!!**

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA): The diocesan Youth Ministry Office supports the Youth Ministers within our parishes and coordinates the many programs which bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to thousands of young people at events such as the Diocesan Youth Rally or Work Camp. This is all possible due to your generous pledge to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Thank you for your consideration of a gift or pledge this year.

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, May 1st** in the St. Mary's Lyceum Auditorium. Please join us!

PRO-LIFE CORNER:

Instead of trying to legalize the killing of patients in pain and depression, we should be making sure that doctors are taught and use effective pain management and to treat the depression which makes such persons suicidal in the first place.



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.

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.

OFFICE OF RESETTLEMENT: In 1975 the Arlington Diocese established the Office of Resettlement to address the needs of over 2,000 refugees who poured into Northern Virginia. Please join Bishop Loverde and the Resettlement Office staff as they celebrate 30 years of refugee assistance on Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:30 PM at the Hilton Tysons Corner. Take time to learn about these refugees who flee persecution and death to arrive in a new place, seeking only safety and survival. Learn how you can help "welcome the stranger" in your own backyard.

MASS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: We at Good Shepherd Church on Old Mt Vernon Highway were privileged to have a sign interpreter at the 9AM a few weeks back. We want to invited any parishioners of St. Mary's who are hearing impaired to join us. Our sign interpreter has volunteered to come each Sunday at the 9 AM Mass. She is a teacher of American Sign Language in high school in Prince William County and attends Good Shepherd. For more information, contact Kathy Andrus, a parishioner and member of WINGS (a support group for families with a family member with a disability) at Good Shepherd at 703-780-8856.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER ANNUAL COOK-OFF: All are invited to attend the Cook-Off at The Birchmere on Sunday, May 1st from 12 PM–3 PM. All proceeds to benefit the shelter's Child and Family Services Program. \$35 per adult/ \$10 per child; children 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

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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 24th:

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalms — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. Mark
- Thursday: St. Peter Chanel
St. Louis Mary de Montfort
- Friday: St. Catherine of Siena
- Saturday: St. Pius V

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 Gounaud | Nita Mercier | Thomas Tarter |
| | William Morris | |



**Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died, including:
*Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II***

HANDMADE CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND: This Sunday, April 24th, 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. Please 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.

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.

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 26th, Fr. Francis Peffley will speak on the topic, "Practical Ways to Evangelize." 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.

FOOD DRIVE: The National Association of Letter Carriers will be collecting nonperishable food items on Saturday, May 14th for distribution to local area food banks in our community. Please place a food donation by your mailbox on Saturday, May 14th. Your letter carrier will pick it up and deliver it to the food bank. Help us help our community. Thank you!