

**MONDAY, MAY 16**

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Nathan McGrath  
 8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena  
 12:10 PM Francis J. Burke, Jr.

**TUESDAY, MAY 17**

- 6:30 AM Diane Parsons  
 8:00 AM Kathleen Mackey  
 12:10 PM Robert Allen Smith

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18**

- 6:30 AM Florence Nowland  
 8:00 AM Michael Gleason  
 12:10 PM Special Int: Rachel Savarino, 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday

**THURSDAY, MAY 19**

- 6:30 AM Helen M. Burdulis  
 8:00 AM Special Intention: The Rodriguez Family  
 12:10 PM Olive Thomas

**FRIDAY, MAY 20**

- 6:30 AM Casey Sylvia  
 8:00 AM Special Intention  
 12:10 PM Special Intention: Betty McLaughlin

**SATURDAY, MAY 21**

- 8:00 AM Morley Tubbs  
 5:00 PM Miriam Vidal (*Fr. Kleinmann*)

**SUNDAY, MAY 22**

- 7:00 AM Special Intention: Jane Pullen (*Fr. Melmer*)  
 8:30 AM Special Intention: Edward & Toni  
 Muckerman, Anniversary (*Fr. Poumade*)  
 10:00 AM Special Int: Suzan Cummins (*Fr. Melmer*)  
 11:30 AM Mae Coombs (*Fr. Kleinmann*)  
 1:00 PM Paul K. Gering (*Fr. Poumade*)  
 5:00 PM Nicole Dawn Kielar (*Fr. Kleinmann*)

**CHILDREN'S MASS CANCELLED** on May 22<sup>nd</sup> due to the Spring Fling. Please mark your calendars.

## Baptisms:

**We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:**

Michael Kajeten De Sousa  
 Vincent Charles Di Nicolantonio  
 Patrick James Murphy Sheil

**MASS REMINDER:** The Church has asked in the new General Instruction for the Roman Missal (issued in 2000) that blessings not be given to children in the Communion line, lest the great gift of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament be thought as worth no more than a simple blessing when they finally come to make their First Communion. We will be happy to bless your children after Mass. Thank you for your gracious understanding.

## FROM GREEN TO GOLD

Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the coming of the Holy Spirit in a special way upon the apostles. That event nearly 2000 years ago was the first confirmation. Today officially ends the Easter Season. This day truly is significant on the Church calendar as are the next two Sundays. Next week we celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday and the following one is the feast of Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi commemorates with greater solemnity the gift Jesus Christ has given us—His own Body and Blood, the Eucharist. It was only yesterday (Saturday) that we as a parish celebrated First Holy Communion. This was a very special day for our second graders and a few others. Certainly we celebrate with them, but on May 28<sup>th</sup> the entire Church celebrates with great festivity the most precious treasure God could give us while we are still here on earth.

The feast of Corpus Christi is even more significant this year which had been designated by Pope John Paul II, God rest his soul, as the Year of the Eucharist. He had specifically asked that the feast of Corpus Christi, at least this year, include a Eucharistic procession. Some time back I wrote that we would be doing just that. That is now two weeks away. **Please mark your calendars: On May 28<sup>th</sup> following the 1:00 PM Mass we will indeed have a Eucharistic procession.** Some of the details are not all worked out yet, but this procession would include all who are at Mass and those who wish to join us. We should be led by our Knights of Columbus. It will be a matter of processing down South Royal Street with the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance to the school or cemetery. If the weather is good and the work in the cemetery is completed, we will meet there for Adoration and Benediction. As an aside that following Monday, weather and construction permitting, we will have our Memorial Day Mass on the new altar in the cemetery as well. If the cemetery is not ready we will meet on the school grounds. If the weather is not good we will worship Our Lord in the school gym. I trust God will provide a good day for us, however.

I don't know if a Eucharistic procession has ever been done here at St. Mary's. I know it has not been done in the last 14 years, although I suspect it may have been done years ago. This is an important event for our parish, much like the Forty Hours was in December. The Eucharist is at the core of all we believe. It is the source and summit of our Faith as Vatican II tells us. Our love for the Lord in the Eucharist should be tremendous. Anything that fosters devotion to and reverence for Our Eucharistic Lord should be encouraged. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass of course is the greatest prayer we have as Catholics, but anything that leads us to this should also be encouraged. That is in part what this procession is all about.

Eucharistic processions have been a part of Catholic devotion for centuries. They were meant to be public acts of homage to God and His Son. They were meant to give honor to Christ while also asking His divine favor, thanking Him for blessings received, and seeking pardon for sins committed. This public act of worship is a wonderful way to give witness to the world that God is part of our lives. There is little doubt that our world is in desperate need of this. Perhaps that was part of John Paul's thinking when he requested these processions. More next week!

In Christ,  
 Fr. Kleinmann

**SERMON ON THE MOUNT IS BACK!**- Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30-9pm in St. Mary's Lyceum. Fr. James Poupade, Dorothy Timbs (Attorney and media spokeswoman), and Patrick Yeung (Georgetown Medical Physician) will speak on *Living Wills, End-Of-Life-Decisions, and Euthanasia: Reflections on the Terry Schiavo Case*. Will include information and samples on living wills and a Q&A session with legal, medical, and spiritual guidance. Please contact Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450 for more information.

**FINGERPRINTING FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS AVAILABLE AT ST. MARY'S SPRING FLING:** A police officer will be available from 1 to 3 pm on Sunday, May 22 to assist with fingerprinting. Any volunteers with substantial contact with children must complete a background check. Contact Bridget Barber at 703-719-5840 or by email [bbchildprotect@aol.com](mailto:bbchildprotect@aol.com) with any questions.

**ST. MARY'S 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPRING FLING (10:30 AM to 4 PM) & THE COLIN CASEY 3K RUN (9 AM):** Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rain or Shine (400 Green Street). Family Fun for Everyone! Crafts, rides and games for the kids; food and entertainment for the parents. Enjoy a day filled with carnival rides, games, flea market & book sales, music, and good food. Passport and Daimler Chrysler "Drive for Kids" is donating \$10 to the school for each test drive, so take a spin behind the wheel and raise money for the school. At 9 AM, participate in the Colin Casey 3K Scholarship Run sponsored by Apex Systems, Inc, Advantis, and Lindsay Cadillac. For more info on the 3K call 703-960-5528.

**ST. MARY'S SPRING FLING BOOK SALE & FLEA MARKET:** St. Mary's School is still taking donations for the St. Mary's Spring Fling Book Sale & Flea Market. Donations of gently used items are needed and will be accepted Mon./Wed./Fri. in the front hall of St. Mary's School at the Green Street entrance during carpool drop off (7:30-7:50 a.m.) and at the Royal Street entrance at carpool pickup (2:45-3:00 PM). Please separate books from flea market items (no clothing, exercise equipment, textbooks, or encyclopedias please). The Book Sale & Flea Market will take place Sunday, May 22, 2005 during the Spring Fling from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be an Early Bird Special for the Flea Market from 10:00-10:30 AM (\$10 admission).

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE:** St. Mary's students are now selling raffle tickets for the Spring Fling, which will be held Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Mary's School. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Home & School Association and the Colin Casey Memorial Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$2 each, 3 tickets for \$5 or 10 tickets for \$15. Grand Prize: Two round-trip airline tickets on American Airlines. First Prize: 3 days/2 nights Golf or Ski package at Canaan Valley Resort; and Brunch for two at Potowmack Landing Restaurant. Second Prize: \$250 cash. St. Mary's students will be selling tickets TODAY in front of the church after each Mass. Please be generous in your support of St. Mary's students. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Kearney at 703-780-4617.

### **PRO-LIFE CORNER:**

Abortion is nothing more than a 'choice' to kill. Pray for all who have made the wrong 'choice', that they will find God's forgiveness and love. Pray that we will have the courage to rise up in love and protect life from conception to natural death.



**COME PRAY THE ROSARY** every third Saturday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, in front of the Annandale Women's Clinic, 2839 Duke Street (near Bishop Ireton H.S.), with other St. Mary's parishioners. Our next gathering to pray for pregnant mothers and their unborn children will be May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**CHRIST HOUSE DINNER:** St. Mary's will be serving dinner at Christ House on May 31<sup>st</sup>. A sign-up book for needed food items will be in the back of the church. Our thanks to those who contribute and/or serve. Please contact Janet Watkins at 703-836-1265, or Rita Meyer at 703-768-3482 with any questions.

**SOCIETY OF THE PATRICIANS:** All Catholics in the area are invited to St. Mary's "Society of the *Patricians*" meeting on Saturday, **May 28<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 AM**, in the Lyceum auditorium. The topic for discussion: "**What's So Special About the Eucharist (as relic, in monstrance, in communion)?**" The Patricians, sponsored by the Legion of Mary, meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**IN DEFENSE OF LIFE-RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE:** On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> the Semi-Annual Respect Life Conference will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 9 am-12:30 pm. Current hot topics to be covered: "Roe Litmus Test," "Life Issues at the U.N." and "Political Life in the Commonwealth." Leading experts in the field include Susan Wills, USCCB; Austin Ruse, Culture of Life Foundation; and Jeff Caruso, VA Catholic Conference. To register download form from: [arlingtondiocese.org/offices/family/documents/ConfFlyer-Registration.pdf](http://arlingtondiocese.org/offices/family/documents/ConfFlyer-Registration.pdf), or call 703-841-2550.

**REQUIRED DIOCESAN SEMINAR:** All employees and volunteers in our diocese who have substantial contact with children are required to attend the seminar *Protecting God's Children*. St. Mary's will be hosting a seminar on Saturday May 21, 2005, at 9 am in the Lyceum. Pre-registration is required at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Please contact Bridget Barber at 703-719-5840, or by email at [bbchildprotect@aol.com](mailto:bbchildprotect@aol.com) with any questions.



### **USHERS**

### **ADDITIONAL USHERS NEEDED AT**

**ALL MASSES:** Ladies & gentlemen of all ages are asked to consider volunteering to assist the ushers at Masses either weekly or on a regular schedule. Please contact the lead usher at the end of each Mass or call Jim Forbes at 703-683-8647. Thank you!

**BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA):** Thank you to all of our parishioners who have so generously pledged to the BLA so far. 31% of our parishioners have responded to date. We express our heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to this year's appeal. If you have not already done so, please consider making a contribution to the BLA. You may return your BLA pledge at Mass or you may mail it.

**SUMMER THEOLOGY AT NDGS:** A dozen great courses are being offered at both the Alexandria and Front Royal campuses of Christendom College's Notre Dame Graduate School from Jun 20<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>. God the Father, Old Testament, New Testament, Scripture and the Role of the Family, Holy Spirit and Ecclesiology, Patristics, Islam and Christianity, Philosophy of God and Man, Sexual Ethics, Catechetical Norms and Methods, Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin, and Introduction to Theology. We welcome both degree-seeking and casual students on either a part-time or full-time basis. We have low tuition rates and discounts for seniors, catechists, and Catholic school teachers. For more information, please call 703-658-4304 or email us at NDGS@Christendom.edu, or visit [www.christendom.edu](http://www.christendom.edu).



**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY 15<sup>th</sup>:**

**First Reading** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).  
**Psalm** — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).  
**Second Reading** — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).  
**Gospel** — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

**VOCATIONS:** "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love." Send forth laborers into Your vineyard and build up the Church in Your holy love. If you think God is inviting you to a deeper consecration, call Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514 or write: [b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

**VOCATION RETREAT WEEKEND WITH THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL:**

Join the Daughters of St. Paul at their Alexandria convent for a weekend of prayer, reflection, and experience of Pauline religious life together with other young women in discernment. Overnight accommodations provided. **When:** May 27-30 (Memorial Day Weekend), **Who:** Single women ages 17-30, **Where:** Daughters of St. Paul Convent, 1025 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314. Contact Sr. Rebecca Marie, FSP at 703-549-1323 or email [Alexandria@pauline.org](mailto:Alexandria@pauline.org).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29  
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37  
 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40  
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50  
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12  
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16  
 Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday  
 Monday: Seventh Week in Ordinary Time  
 Wednesday: St. John I  
 Friday: St. Bernardine of Siena  
 Saturday: St. Christopher Magallanes and His Companions; Blessed Virgin Mary

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Nancy Alfery	Tom Flack	Loana Kane
Leo Balducci	Garrett Golubin	Bob Murphy
Julie Biegun	Brendan Griffith	Eugene Peters
Phyllis Bogle	Noelle Hammad	Fred Pierce
Belinda Byrd	Nick Hayes	Laura Tarter
Margaret Correale		Peter Turnbull



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

Teresa Farnum

**ALIVE (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically)** is a nonprofit organization of volunteers from 39 religious congregations and the community working to help those in need in the city. It is the largest private safety net for the needy in the city. We are in need of a volunteer representative from St. Mary's. A monthly meeting from September through June is the time commitment. If you are interested, please call Bernadette Burgess at 703-461-6840

**STs. ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY (Senior Group)**

will visit the Woodlawn and/or Pope Leighey house on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the house at 10:45 AM for a tour at 11 AM. This site is close to Alexandria and has free parking so members will be using their own cars. The address for Woodlawn is 9000 Richmond Hwy. There is a \$7.50 fee for Woodlawn and a fee of \$13.50 for both. If you need a ride, or have room for another, call Bill Lynch at 703-548-2891.

**STs ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY (Senior Group)**

will visit the Little Theatre of Alexandria on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 PM. The program is "Run For Your Wife." Group rate reservations are \$11 and are due in advance by May 26<sup>th</sup> to Barbara Lynch at 815 South Lee Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314.