



Masses for the week

MONDAY, JUNE 27

- 6:30 AM Father's Day Novena
8:00 AM Andrew Keeler
12:10 PM Joseph Malia

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: David Jessey
8:00 AM Jack Murphy
12:10 PM Dr. Ralph N. Villanova

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

- 6:30 AM Helen Hobeck
8:00 AM Geraldine Strickladen
12:10 PM Stephen & Winifred Davis

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

- 6:30 AM Florence Nowland, Anniversary
8:00 AM Alvis Day
12:10 PM Kathleen Dirrane

FRIDAY, JULY 1

- 6:30 AM Robert Sullivan
8:00 AM Helen Hobeck
12:10 PM Special Intention: Marilyn & Albert Wavering

SATURDAY, JULY 2

- 8:00 AM Ken Breckner
5:00 PM Ann Habina (*Fr. Hanley*)

SUNDAY, JULY 3

- 7:00 AM Dr. Morgan Delaney (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
8:30 AM Parishioners (*Fr. Ruskamp*)
10:00 AM Edmund J. Copps, Anniversary
11:30 AM Harry Coon, Jr. (*Fr. Hanley*)
1:00 PM Henry Kravitz (*Fr. Ruskamp*)
5:00 PM Dr. Ralph N. Villanova (*Fr. Hanley*)

Baptisms:

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Meaghan Claire Adams
Carson James Knott
Emma Corinne Weisel

LATIN MASS: As usual, the Latin Mass is held the first Sunday of every month at 10:00 AM, we hope to maintain this tradition in the following months.

REMINDER: There will be a reception following the **1PM MASS TODAY, June 26th** in the **St. Mary's Lyceum at 313 Duke Street** to thank **Fr. Melmer and Fr. Poumade** for their years of service to St. Mary's.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT UPDATE: Due to priest transfers, Sermon on the Mount will resume on July 5th.

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

Last week here I said I would offer some further comments on the departure of Fr. Melmer and Fr. Poumade. One column on these two fine priests just doesn't seem adequate. On a somewhat selfish note, as I mentioned before, I will miss these two. Things have been very comfortable in the rectory. The three of us always got along well with each other. Sadly, that cannot be said of every rectory. One would hope it would be true, but we are dealing here with imperfect human beings who have unique personalities as each and every person does. For many reasons, I suppose, the past three years worked well for us. Theologically, we were all on the same page. Liturgically, there was little difference between us. Foremost for us was the salvation of the souls of St. Mary's parishioners and ourselves. I can honestly say that I cannot recall even one occasion where we didn't get along with each other. Again, that made for a very comfortable and, I would add, a wonderful situation in the rectory.

Many of us find change somewhat difficult. I'll admit that overall I have a preference for the status quo, but that cannot always be maintained and often for good reasons. Fr. Melmer will become a pastor. This is truly a good thing for him and the people of Warrenton. He, however, is going to a parish of 6000 members where he will be the only priest. There is a permanent deacon there who I hear is very involved. In addition Father will not have a cook, although he may be used to that as we went nearly eight months without one here earlier in the year. Regardless, this will mean an adjustment for him, in addition to the adjustment to a new parish.

Fr. Poumade is moving to a parish that has been used to three priests but now will be reduced to two. That will mean an adjustment for the parish, its pastor, and Fr. Poumade. I have no doubt that both Fr. Melmer and Fr. Poumade are up to these changes simply because they are good, holy men who realize they are dependent upon God and His grace. That grace will help us here at St. Mary's as well. We may have gotten used to the three of us. Now we await the arrival of Fr. Dan Hanley, a newly ordained, who completed his seminary studies in Rome just over a month ago. He is looking forward and is ready to begin his priestly service here. He has the zeal a newly ordained often does. Fr. Bob Ruskamp, who is from Nebraska and another Midwesterner, comes to us from Holy Spirit in Annandale. He has the experience that years as a priest provide. He is noted for his prayerfulness and, I suspect, will bring an almost monastic approach to spirituality to our parish. He will be a great addition and a real asset to us.

We can be thankful that we are receiving two new associates. There was some talk a few months ago that we would only have two priests here after these transfers. Gratefully, God and the bishop thought otherwise. Because of that, little will change in regards to sacraments and programs offered. We can maintain much of what we have become used to here at the oldest parish in Virginia. With these two new priests we add new personalities and skills to the mix. Yes, it is a change, but by the grace of God it will be for the good. May we pray for Fr. Melmer, Fr. Poumade, Fr. Hanley, and Fr. Ruskamp as well as for ourselves that these changes will only help all of us to grow in holiness and ever closer to Our Lord.

In Christ,
Fr. Kleinmann

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION for Susan Torres and

Family: As many of you have heard from the news, 26 year old St. Rita's Parishioner Susan Torres collapsed of a brain hemorrhage in early May. She has been diagnosed with stage four melanoma, with no hope of recovery. Susan was pregnant with her second child at the time, and doctors are fighting to keep her alive until the middle of July when her unborn baby will have a viable chance at life. Second collection donations on July 2 will go to the Susan M. Torres Fund, established by friends of the family to help defray the enormous medical costs, many of which are not covered by insurance. This is a wonderful way to be pro-life. Please keep Susan, her husband Jason, and their son Peter in your prayers. Direct, tax-deductible donations can be sent to: The Susan M. Torres Fund, P.O. Box 34105, Washington D.C. 20043-0105.

HIGH SCHOOL CYO KING'S DOMINION TRIP: All rising 8th-12th graders and graduated seniors are invited to a day at **King's Dominion** on Friday, July 22nd from 7:45am-10pm. Join hundreds of teens from around the diocese for the Diocese of Arlington Day at King's D. Leave from St. Mary's Church front steps at 7:45am. Mass with the Bishop at 9am in Fredericksburg. King's Dominion from 10am-8pm, back at 10pm. Bring \$\$ for food. Permission Slip required and cost is \$35 which includes transportation by coach bus. Flyers and permission slips available at www.saintmaryparish.net, at the rectory, in Church, or by contacting Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com. Bring a friend. This year's graduating 8th graders are especially invited. **We need adult male and female chaperones! Please volunteer. Chaperones are paid for and get free meals.**

THINKING OF JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? ADULT CATHOLIC BUT NOT CONFIRMED? (R)ite of (C)hristian (I)nitiation for (A)dults sessions begin September 18th. Adult Confirmation classes are December 2005-February 2006. You may register over the summer by picking up a packet at the rectory, online at www.saintmaryparish.net, in back of Church, or by contacting Luis Brown for a packet and/or more information at (703) 836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com. We will then contact you during the summer and set up an initial interview for August or September.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS: Natural Family Planning is safe, inexpensive, 99% effective, and the only form of birth regulation approved by the Catholic Church. Certified teachers, Andrew & Elanor Sodergren will begin a four-part N.F.P. class series on July 1 at 7:00 PM at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Alexandria, VA. If you are married, engaged, or just want more info about N.F.P., please call them at 703-780-6844.

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

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"The care of human life and not their destruction is the first and only object of good government." Thomas Jefferson. If we want to call ourselves a good and moral nation, then we must stop the legal killing of the pre-born and once again have government that protects all life.



VOCATIONS: "They who welcome you, welcome Me, and the One who sent Me!" Accepting the invitation to your vocation, is welcoming Christ Himself, one with the Father in their Holy Spirit who is guiding you. If you think you are being invited to serve the Church in the consecrated life or priesthood, call Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514 or write: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

SS ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY SENIOR GROUP

NEWS: The Spirituality and Parish Outreach Committee of the Senior Group has CANCELLED their meeting at the Lyceum on June 27th at 1 PM to reorganize and to refocus the two groups. The meeting will be rescheduled at a later date. Please see the bulletin for changes.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness, others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the July program beginning with a weekend on July 8th call 703-351-7211 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Capital Hospice Weekend Summer Camp. Capital Hospice's Point of Hope Wellness Center in Falls Church holds an annual weekend summer camp for children, adolescents, and adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We need adult volunteers (21 years or older) to help during the camp. There are opportunities to serve one-on-one as "big buddies" to children or teens and provide them with companionship and support during the weekend, assist with recreational activities, monitor the cabins, or provide general overall support. The camp will be held Friday, July 29th to Sunday, July 31st 2005 at Camp Ramblewood, Darlington, MD, 30 minutes north of Baltimore. If you would like to attend the camp or to volunteer, please contact Suzanne Richardson at the Point of Hope Wellness Center at 703-538-2030 or srichardson@capitalhospice.org.

PVI GIRLS SOCCER CAMP – July 11-15, ages 7-13yrs, (9 AM – 3 PM). Camp fee is \$185 per player (\$135/player for teams with 10 or more members who sign up together). Contact Meg Ashley – Girls Varsity Coach at 703-352-0927 x503. Also used soccer equipment will be collected during the week of camp to be donated to local soccer clubs in need.

CELL PHONES: A wonderful invention, but a distraction during Mass! Please remember to set on vibrate or turn off when entering the church.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE 26th:

First Reading — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).
Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).
Second Reading — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).
Gospel — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20;
 Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;
 Mt 16:13-19
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17
 Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145; Rom 8:9, 11-13;
 Mt 11:25-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Cyril of Alexandria
 Tuesday: St. Irenaeus
 Wednesday: Ss. Peter and Paul
 Thursday: First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
 Friday: Blessed Junípero Serra; First Friday
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Nancy Alfery	Devon Gounoud	Catherine Perry
Julie Biegun	Brendan Griffith	Fred Pierce
Steve Castle	Noelle Hammad	Tim Solic
Anna Dunn	Margaret Kilduff	Laura Tarter
Albert Germain	Thomas Lovely	Peter Turnbull
Garrett Golubin	Joey Pagnella	Valerie Wallick

Rest in Peace

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

Phillip Franze
 Florence King
 Virginia Lewis
 Julius Stanges

JOB OPENING AT LOCAL CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE:

Pauline Books & Media, located in Old Town Alexandria is looking to hire a full-time sales associate. The Daughters of St. Paul are looking for an outgoing individual with customer service experience and knowledge of the Catholic Faith. English/Spanish fluency is helpful. Send resume to: Pauline Books & Media, Attn: Sr. Sean Mayer 1025 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314 or fax 703-683-6975.



Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY, invites you to **SPEND ONE HOUR** in vocal and silent Eucharistic Adoration on **FIRST FRIDAY, July 1st**

beginning at 9:00 PM or **EARLY SATURDAY, July 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.

MASS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: Good Shepherd

Catholic Church at 8710 Mt. Vernon Highway, Alexandria, now has a sign interpreter at the 9 AM Mass on Sundays. We welcome all who can benefit from this program. Also, we are trying to establish a pool of volunteers who are skilled in American Sign Language who would be willing to volunteer to sign on an occasional basis at this 9 AM Mass. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Andrus at 703-780-8856 or Mary Jane Masciola, Social Justice Ministry, Good Shepherd Church, 703-780-4055.

PRESCHOOL AT ST. THOMAS MORE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL: Are you looking for a preschool experience where children are challenged and encouraged to learn in a nurturing Christ-centered atmosphere? Consider our unique program for four-year-olds, which operates from 8:15 AM to 1:15 PM Monday through Friday. Extended care is available until 2:55 PM. For more information on enrollment this fall, please call 703-528-6782 Ext 24, or send an e-mail to stmoffice@stmschool.org. Families from throughout the Diocese find our location at Glebe Road and Route 50 very convenient.

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.

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