

COVER SHEET

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MassSchedule

MONDAY, JULY 4

9:00 AM Matthew Kelleher, Anniversary

TUESDAY, JULY 5

6:30 AM June Muller

8:00 AM Eileen Kearney

12:10 PM Robert Reilly

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

6:30 AM Francis J. Burke, Jr.

8:00 AM Franklin & Leonor Schupp

12:10 PM Daniel Edward Murphy

THURSDAY, JULY 7

6:30 AM Dr. Elmo J. Lilli

8:00 AM Special Intention

12:10 PM Robert Powell

FRIDAY, JULY 8

6:30 AM Patricia Day

8:00 AM John A. Earl, Anniversary

12:10 PM Clyde W. Nichols

SATURDAY, JULY 9

8:00 AM Special Intention: Maria Gara

5:00 PM Katheryn Gill Delaney

SUNDAY, JULY 10

7:00 AM Dee & Fred Burk

8:30 AM Walter Dremluk

10:00 AM Special Int: Robert & Marianne Petrino
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11:30 AM Parishioners

1:00 PM For Life

5:00 PM Norman J. Sutton



Independence
Day

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on **MONDAY, JULY 4TH** in observance of Independence Day. Also, there

will be only **ONE MASS** celebrated on **MONDAY, JULY 4TH AT 9 AM.**

SERMON ON THE MOUNT CORRECTION: Sermon on the Mount will resume on **July 12th**, NOT July 5th as listed in previous bulletin announcements.



Baptisms

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Evan Padraig Leon

Helen Abigail Prince

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

As we celebrate our country's independence this week and give thanks to God for the many freedoms we enjoy in our country, we also thank Him for Fr. Melmer and Fr. Poumade, who have served so faithfully here at St. Mary's these past few years. We also welcome Fr. Hanley and Fr. Ruskamp, who arrived this past Wednesday. We keep all four of these good priests in our prayers, asking God's blessings upon them. There are of course many others who need our prayers, including Susan Torres and her family.

You may have read about Susan, her husband Jason, their two year old son Peter, and their unborn child. Her situation is very sad. A member of St. Rita's here in Alexandria, in May Susan collapsed with a brain tumor. She has stage four melanoma cancer with next to no chance of survival. She currently is being kept alive by a ventilator. In large part this is due to the baby she carries. Her doctors are hoping to reach a point of viability outside of the womb for the baby. All of this takes money as so many things do. The Torres family has some insurance, but it is not picking up the full cost of the care Susan and the baby require. St. Rita's has had fundraisers for them and donations are coming in from literally all over the world. We will try to do our part for the family as well. This was actually announced in last week's bulletin. Our second collection today will be for the Torres family. I realize we are asked to donate to many causes for many reasons. I pray we will be as generous as we can be.

Speaking of being generous, anyone who is a regular reader of this column knows I have occasionally spoken of money matters, whether that be the diocesan capital campaign from three years ago, the annual Bishop's Lenten Appeal, other special collections we have taken up, or just another charity worthy of our consideration. I have more than once commended you for being so generous so often. I don't generally like to spend too much time talking about these "money matters." The past two weeks I was able to talk about something very different—our priest situation here at St. Mary's. Now and then it is probably necessary, if not even good, to speak of money, but only to the point, in my opinion, where it is an opportunity to practice the virtues of charity and generosity. Being generous is important. If God has blessed us and has been generous to us, we have a responsibility to be generous to others. That may involve our time, our skills, and/or our financial resources.

Being kind to our parish along with other charities would seem to be in order. Again, you have been and that is why the finance council and I have decided not to participate in a new program offered by the diocese. They are offering all parishes a plan which would help increase weekly giving. It is structured in a somewhat similar manner to the way the Bishop's Lenten Appeal was done this year. We felt, and hopefully you agree, that this was not necessary here at St. Mary's because of the very reason I mention above. What I would ask, however, is that you continue to be as generous to the parish, along with other charities such as the Susan Torres Fund, as you have been. Have a wonderful and blessed Fourth of July, whereby we celebrate in part the freedom to give as we wish in whatever ways we wish to do so. Thank you, again, for your generosity.

In Christ,
Fr. Kleinmann

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM FATHER POUMADE: I would like to thank all the people of St. Mary's. I have enjoyed being here for these past 4 years. Special thanks to our office staff, who put up with me, to Fr. Melmer, who *really* put up with me, and most especially to Father Kleinmann. One would be hard-pressed to think of a better pastor. I hope that everyone realizes how lucky St. Mary's is to have him before he eventually leaves; I know that many of you do, although perhaps not all of you. This has been a truly wonderful assignment, and I will miss being here very much. May God bless you, and please pray for me.

In Christ,
Father Poumade

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM FATHER MELMER: Just as the Lord sent me here to St. Mary's, he now sends me to St. John's in Warrenton. I will miss all of you as we have grown together in faith, but will continue to pray for all of you at my new assignment. I want to thank you for your kindness and generosity throughout the years. I especially want to thank Fr. Poumade and Fr. Kleinmann for their support and for being such faithful servants of the Lord. They are truly wonderful priests, and I thank God that we have shared this experience. May God bless you always.

In Christ,
Fr. Melmer

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.



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!

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY: All college folks are welcome to attend Thursday Night Gatherings at George Mason University from 7-8:30 PM at the Bellarmine Chapel located at 4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax, 703-425-0022 or choran1@gmu.edu. This Thursday (July 7) is Game Night.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

As we celebrate God's gift of freedom in our land, it is good to recall the words of President Ronald Reagan: "Abraham Lincoln recognized that we could not survive as a free land when some men could decide that others were not fit to be free and should therefore be slaves. Likewise, we cannot survive as a free nation when some men decide that others are not fit to live and should be abandoned to abortion or infanticide."
~Abortion and the Conscience of a Nation.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: At the heart of our Catholic faith and one of our treasures is our belief in the actual living presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. All sacraments give us grace but the Holy Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament, gives us Jesus himself. We are so blessed here at St. Mary's to have another opportunity each week to meet and converse with Jesus. He is longing for us to slow down and spend time with Him. In this year of the Eucharist think of spending just one hour per week with our Lord. Sign-up sheets for a new session running from August through October are in the back of the church. Adoration is on Thursdays from 12:30 – 7:30 PM, concluding with Hoy Hour. Thanks in advance for your commitment. For more information call Mary Steir at 703-768-7167.

ATTENTION FOOTBALL FANS: Save the date – September 10, 2005, Gonzaga and Georgetown Prep will square off at 1 PM on Gonzaga's Buchanan Field in the 3rd annual Jesuit Gridiron Classic to benefit the Washington Jesuit Academy, a tuition-free middle school for underprivileged boys. Tickets are \$10 and this year promises to be another sellout. Get your tickets in advance by mail. Please visit www.jesuitgridironclassic.org for more information about buying tickets and sponsorship opportunities. And we'll see you on September 10th!

St. Monica



DO YOU PRAY DAILY?

The St. Monica's Online Prayer Group is a group of St. Mary's parishioners who pray daily for special intentions and prayer requests. This is a meeting-free group! To participate, the only thing that we ask is that you include the prayer intentions and requests in your daily prayers. The prayer intentions and requests are distributed via e-mail once a week. To join us and help make a difference through the power of prayer, send an e-mail to SaintMonicasPrayers@earthlink.net.

MEN'S HIKING TRIP: Has been rescheduled to Saturday, July 23, 2005, 7:45am - 8:00pm, Father Bashista will be leading a day trip for the Men's Discernment Group. The day will include Mass at Mount St. Mary's Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and a Tour of the Seminary followed by a hike up the Catoclin Mountains. Bring a brown bag lunch. Dinner will be provided. Call the Office of Vocations for details or e-mail the office at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE: Many graces have been experienced by those who have invited the Pilgrim Virgin Statue into their home. Contact Jane Jessey, 703-313-4970, to schedule a one week visit.

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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY 3rd:

First Reading — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

Psalms — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).

Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
 Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65; Rom 8:18-23;
 Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Elizabeth of Portugal;
 Independence Day
 Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria
 Wednesday: St. Maria Goretti
 Saturday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and
 His Companions; Blessed Virgin Mary

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Nancy Alfery	Devon Gounoud	Bill Leonard
Julie Biegun	Brendan Griffith	Thomas Lovely
Albert Germain	Noelle Hammad	Joey Pagnella
Garrett Golubin	Alan Leonard	Fred Pierce
Garrett Godrum		Laura Tarter



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

Stephane Cini
 Phillip Franze
 Carl Godfrey
 Mary Marangi

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.

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.

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.**

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, July 10th** in the St. Mary's Lyceum Auditorium. Please join us!

2005 SUMMER BASEBALL CAMP AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY: Catholic University will conduct its 18th Annual Instructional Baseball Camp this summer for boys and girls ages 8-18 from July 11-15, 2005. For more information and brochure, contact Catholic University Head Baseball Coach Ross Natoli at 202-319-6092 or natoli@cua.edu any time. Brochure and application also available on Catholic U. website at <http://athletics.cua.edu>.