

## MASSES for the WEEK

### MONDAY, JULY 25

- 6:30 AM Elizabeth C. Sutton, Anniversary  
8:00 AM Maureen Raab  
12:10 PM Joseph Neal Davis

### TUESDAY, JULY 26

- 6:30 AM Ellen Hines  
8:00 AM Special Intention  
12:10 PM Frederick Bentley

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

- 6:30 AM Richard Lally  
8:00 AM Ignatius DiGeorge  
12:10 PM Special Intention: The Carroll Family

### THURSDAY, JULY 28

- 6:30 AM Maria Teresa Marquez  
8:00 AM Italo H. Ablondi  
12:10 PM Marilyn Niehaus

### FRIDAY, JULY 29

- 6:30 AM Josephine Nowland, Anniversary  
8:00 AM Ignatius DiGeorge  
12:10 PM Stephen & Winifred Davis

### SATURDAY, JULY 30

- 8:00 AM Arnold & Marie Anderson  
5:00 PM Harry Elms (*Fr. Kleinmann*)

### SUNDAY, JULY 31

- 7:00 AM Parishioners (*Fr. Kleinmann*)  
8:30 AM Mary Ceruzzi, Anniversary (7/30)  
(*Fr. Hanley*)  
10:00 AM Palmerino Musilli (*Fr. Kleinmann*)  
11:30 AM Stella & John Kozyra (*Fr. Hanley*)  
1:00 PM Keith G. Burke, Anniversary (*Fr. Ruskamp*)  
5:00 PM Special Intention: Di & Stephen Spruiell  
(*Fr. Ruskamp*)

## Baptisms

### We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

John Carter Buzby  
Eleanora Lamb Lupo  
Andrew Jonathan Poole  
Mary Elizabeth Scolese



**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection **THIS weekend, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**, for our **diocesan mission in the Dominican Republic. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST.**

**MARY'S** noting the Dominican Republic Mission Appeal in the memo line.

## FROM GREEN TO GOLD

Just two weeks ago I said I don't like talking about money. However, I am going to do so here simply to clarify a situation, albeit a good one I hope, that has occurred. It is in part because of poor planning, I suppose, and in part due to circumstances beyond my control. It involves collections beyond the usual offertory one.

This week and last there are/were actual second collections. One is for children with special needs. This has become an annual collection here at St. Mary's and many other parishes in our diocese, sponsored by the Order of Alhambra. This group's purpose is to raise funds for children who are physically or mentally incapacitated. They assist such things as St. Coletta's right here in Old Town, Special Olympics, the Options program at Paul VI High School, and camps for needy children, all worthwhile activities in my opinion. We also have the collection for our parish mission in Banica, Dominican Republic. Last year we voluntarily took up a collection for a school at the mission. This year's collection is required by the diocese as our parish's mission outreach collection, again a very worthy activity.

Next week we will have a speaker from the group FOCUS. Annie Mowbray, who has spoken to us before will be here to speak at the end of each Mass about the wonderful work FOCUS does on college campuses. As an aside Annie married Scott on June 4<sup>th</sup>, so you may want to congratulate her. Then the following week, as they have done the last few years, sisters from the Little Sisters of the Poor will be here and will speak at the end of each Mass about their work. They run nursing homes where the sick who often cannot afford such care are provided what they need with the love of Christ. I apologize if this all seems a bit overwhelming, as I realize it is a lot in so few weeks. There will not be another second collection until the weekend of September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. All I ask is that you be as generous as you can be.

The second part of this column this week is to inform you that as you read this I am either at my brother and his now new wife's reception in Milwaukee or at Old St. Mary's in downtown Milwaukee offering Mass or at the brunch they are hosting which follows the Mass. As many of you already know I am gone this week at home in Wisconsin witnessing the marriage of one of my brothers. This is my usual summer vacation with my family as well. I suspect I am enjoying the time in God's country where my hope is that it is a bit cooler than it has been in Virginia. I'll let you know when I return.

Since I will still be in Wisconsin on Monday, the day the bulletin is compiled, Fr. Ruskamp and Fr. Hanley are putting together a guest column which you can enjoy reading next Sunday. Who knows? Maybe they will become regular columnists. Time will tell, I guess. Be assured of my prayers for you while I am away and if I may ask please pray for me, my family, and especially Kevin and Sarah, the newlyweds. Thank you for all you do.

In Christ,  
Fr. Kleinmann

**SERMON ON THE MOUNT ADULT EDUCATION THIS**

**WEEK:** Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30-9pm in St. Mary's Lyceum. **Our new St. Mary's priest, Fr. Robert Ruskamp, will speak on *Proving God's existence and Knowing God through Astronomy and Science.*** He will highlight modern breakthroughs and long standing facts from the fields of astronomy and other science disciplines that point to the existence of a higher power and that more specifically prove the existence of God. Wine and cheese social followed by talk and discussion.

**CCD CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR 2005-06 YEAR:** The Religious Education Office is now taking applications for all interested in being a Catechist (teacher) or Assistant in teaching the Catholic faith to our St. Mary's children on Sundays from 10am-11:15am from September-May. You can also request to be a co-teacher. K and 1st grades needed, possibly 4th grade and others. Please contact Luis Brown, DRE, at 703-836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com.



**YOUTH NEWS**

**HIGH SCHOOL CYO- WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP:**

**NEW DATE-** Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005. **White Water Rafting- Ohiopyle, PA.-** Leave at 7am. Back at 11pm. Considered best rafting in the Eastern United States. 3 hour drive by bus or van. Cost is \$45. Day includes training. 4-man rafts with guides in kayaks. Bring \$\$ for dinner stop. Permission Slip required. Must RSVP by July 29<sup>th</sup> to Luis Brown at 703-836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com. Money and Permission Slip due by Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Bring a friend, it's an amazing time!

**THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST RETREAT, Saturday,**

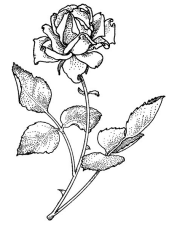
**August 6, 2005:** *Have you ever attended a retreat?* A retreat is a time set aside for souls to get closer to the Lord. You definitely do not want to miss this one! Hear Rev. Jack Fullen and Rev. Francis Peffley speak at the retreat which will be held at The Village of Mount Zion, Ft. Valley, VA. Our 264<sup>th</sup> beloved Pope John Paul II the Great left us with an Apostolic Letter, **Mane Nobiscum Domine** to The Bishops, Clergy and Faithful for The Year Of The Eucharist (Oct 13, 2004 – Oct 13, 2005). Increase your knowledge and devotion for the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. You will not go to Mass the same way after experiencing this awesome retreat. Music Artist Tony DeBlois will provide his talent of music during the retreat and Holy Mass. There is a fee of \$20 per person and \$35 per family if paid in advance. Registration forms are available by e-mailing [yearoftheeucharist@yahoo.com](mailto:yearoftheeucharist@yahoo.com) or calling Nancy at 703-408-3941.

**FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLICS:** For nationwide Mass times and locations, call Mass Times at 1-410-676-600 or on the Internet: [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org).

**PRO-LIFE CORNER:**

"The intrinsic value and personal dignity of every human being does not change depending on their circumstances," Pope John Paul II taught. "Providing food and water to such patients should be a natural thing to do and 'morally obligatory,' but not considered extraordinary measures,"

he said. "In particular, I want to emphasize that the administration of water and food...always represents a natural means of preservation of life, not a medical treatment. Removing the feeding tube of a disabled person is a serious violation of the Law of God."



**VOCATIONS:** "Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be opened to you." Ask to know your vocation! Seek and find ways to serve! Knock on the doors of those who can help guide you! Perhaps priesthood or consecrated life awaits you. If you think God may be offering you this grace, call Father Brian Bashista (703) 841-2514, or write: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we should, but You pray within us and lead us to the truth of the our Heavenly Father's love for us. May all of His children come to know their unique vocation in Christ and be faithful to the Lord's call "Come follow Me."

**EUCHARISTIC 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 Holy Hour. Thanks in advance for your commitment. For more information call Mary Steir at 703-768-7167.



*Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

**HELP TEACH ESL CLASSES:** Hogar Hispano of Catholic Charities seeks volunteers to teach adult ESL classes at neighboring parishes in Alexandria, starting in the fall. Training is provided and a second language is not required. If you are interested, please contact Belle at [bpenaranda@ccda.net](mailto:bpenaranda@ccda.net) or 703-534-9805x239. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to serve the immigrant community!

**EUCHARISTIC CATECHESIS AT ST. THOMAS MORE:**

During the Year of the Eucharist, the Cathedral of St. Thomas More is pleased to announce a weekly Thursday evening Eucharistic Catechesis and Holy Hour with Benediction from 7:30-8:30 PM We will remember St. Mary Catholic Church in our Sunday Eucharist with Thursday Holy Hour intercessions the week of August 14<sup>th</sup> in anticipation of the Solemnity of the Assumption!

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY:** All college folks are welcome to attend our last summer 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](mailto:choran1@gmu.edu). This Thursday (July 28<sup>th</sup>) we're having a Coffee House! Come perform your talents or just sit and enjoy!



**THEOLOGY ON TAP:** A series of theological discussions for young adults (ages 21-39) will take place Mondays, July 11 – August 22 at **Pat Troy's, Ireland's Own** located at 111 North Pitt Street in Old Town Alexandria. The current series is entitled, "The Pope, The Church, and Me". This Monday, **July 18<sup>th</sup>, Fr. J.D. Jaffe will speak on "St. Peter to Benedict XVI: Who is the Pope & How Does Having One Affect My Life?"** Happy hour will take place from 7-7:30 PM. The talk begins at 7:30 PM followed by a question and answer period.



**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY 24<sup>th</sup>:**

**First Reading** — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

**Psalm** — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — All things work for the good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

**Gospel** — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
- Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

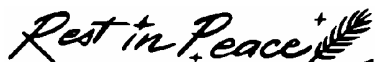
**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. James
- Tuesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
- Friday: St. Martha
- Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus; Blessed Virgin Mary

***Sick Relatives & Friends***

**Please pray for all those who are ill, including:**

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| Nancy Alfery                   | Brendan Griffith   | Thomas Lovely    |
| Julie Biegun                   | Noelle Hammad      | Fred Pierce      |
| Dr. John Bruchalski            | Katherine Hook     | Joe Poldiak, Jr. |
| Stephen H. Davis               | Loanna Kane        | Laura Tarter     |
| Devon Gounoud                  | Bradford Laperouse | Peter Turnbull   |
| Baby Maddie Laperouse Speizman |                    |                  |



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

- The Victims of Terrorism in London and Worldwide
- Phillip Franze

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

**CARPENTER'S SHELTER:** On August 4<sup>th</sup> we will be serving dinner to the residents of Carpenter's Shelter. Sign up for food in the book in the rear of the church. Please contact Barbara Halicki at 703-370-7026 with any questions. Thanks for all that you do!

**ALIVE:** On Saturday mornings, July 30, August 20 and 27, and September 3, volunteers from St. Mary's Parish and ALIVE! (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically) will pick up donated furniture and deliver it to families in need within the City of Alexandria. If you can help on any of these dates, please call Mike Diffley at 703-683-4656.

**CHRIST HOUSE:** St. Mary's will be serving dinner at Christ House Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up book in back of the Church for food items. Please help if you can. For more information contact Janet Watkins at (703) 836-1265 or Rita Meyer (703) 768-3482. Thank you.

**HAVEN of Northern Virginia,** a nonsectarian, nonprofit, all-volunteer organization, needs volunteers to provide emotional support to the bereaved, the seriously ill, the dying, and their families and friends. Volunteers must be available during weekdays and commit to a minimum of 2-1/2 hours a week for telephone duty for at least one year. To become more acquainted with HAVEN's purposes, attend an orientation August 10, 17, 22, 26, or September 1, 2005. A 30-hour training course will be held in September 2005. For more information, contact HAVEN of Northern Virginia, 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale, VA 22003, 703-941-7000 or visit Haven's website at [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org).

**CASA PROGRAM:** Everyday in the United States over 2,400 children are abused and neglected. Thirty percent of abused and neglected children will be arrested for a violent crime. It is time to change these statistics. The Alexandria/Arlington Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for children in juvenile court. Be a powerful voice in a child's life- become a CASA volunteer. You can help a child be placed in a permanent, safe and loving home. It is time to get involved now! To learn more, call 703-836-1820 or visit [www.scanva.org](http://www.scanva.org).