

Mass Intentions**MONDAY, AUGUST 29**

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Kara Lewis
 8:00 AM Herbert Rosenberg
 12:10 PM Bernard L. Sweeney, Anniversary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

- 6:30 AM Maggie Carroll
 8:00 AM Phyllis Bogle
 12:10 PM Ralph B. Laporta, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Little Jackie Gordon
 8:00 AM Special Intention
 12:10 PM Joseph Neal Davis

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 6:30 AM Virginia Lewis
 8:00 AM Special Intention: Jeffrey & Mary Petrino,
 Anniversary
 12:10 PM Margaret Lenox

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 6:30 AM Bill Rowan
 8:00 AM Phyllis Bogle
 12:10 PM Arthur Kramer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 8:00 AM Special Intention: Terry Lindsay
 5:00 PM Phyllis Bogle (*Fr. Hanley*)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 7:00 AM Charles L. Nowland (*Fr. Hanley*)
 8:30 AM Special Intention: Margaret, Cordelia &
 Thomas Sheehan (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
 10:00 AM Ralph B. Laporta, Sr. (*Fr. Ruskamp*)
 11:30 AM E. Pauline Sweeney
 1:00 PM Parishioners
 5:00 PM Gerard McGuire (*Fr. Ruskamp*)

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

Jesper Andersson Dalbec
 Andrew Connor Griggs
 Katherine Larkin Lukawski

PLEASE NOTE: The St. Mary's School Mass will resume on September 11th, 2005 at 9:15 AM in the school gym.

FROM  GREEN TO  GOLD

I closed last week's column with a request to pray for our students at St. Mary's who along with all those at diocesan schools start another academic year this Monday. Their teachers and other school staff have already been hard at work this past week preparing the classrooms, attending meetings, and spiritually readying themselves for the year. Some colleges and high schools have already begun classes while most public schools won't begin until after Labor Day.

All of these students and our youth in general are deserving of our prayers. We all need God's grace and prayer is a wonderful way to approach that. This in turn certainly applies to our young. They are faced with so much these days. Nearly every corner they turn presents new challenges and temptations to do the wrong thing before God. The music, the clothes, the magazines, the television and movies that are often all part of their lives typically shout out a way which is not compatible with the way of Christ and the teachings of our Church. That any child is virtuous almost seems to be a miracle. Of course that is not necessarily true. It isn't because these same children can have other influences which keep them on the track to holiness. These influences include their parents and grandparents. Not all are saints themselves, but I believe **most** parents truly care about their children and their spiritual life. Why else would they send their children to a Catholic school or a CCD program?

Another influence on our youth is Pope John Paul II's World Youth Day (WYD). Having just completed another WYD, this year in Cologne, Germany, there was much written about the "John Paul II Generation." Personally, I think it is a very fitting title for those who came of age during the pontificate of our late and beloved pope. He no doubt had a way with youth and an unbelievable impact on them. Recently, a fair amount of words were expended on whether Pope Benedict XVI would have a similar effect on this age group. There seemed to be many commentators who were very doubtful Benedict could or would. If last Sunday was any indication, however, these prognosticators were wrong. The closing Mass outside of Cologne at "Mary's Field," actually an old strip coal mine, was attended by over one million. There the pope told the world's youth that "they must attend Mass and live out their faith by providing service to others." In addition he warned them against picking and choosing at their faith; that to change the world they themselves had to become saints. Thankfully, it was reported, he was well received.

Yet another influence is the parish and school; at least I pray it is. Fr. Hanley has proposed some events and activities which will help to enhance this effort. We are still developing ideas in conjunction with Luis Brown, the parish DRE and youth director, and his newly hired part time assistant, Therese Igot. Therese is a wonderful young woman who should be a great addition to our outreach to our teenagers. More information about all of this will be forthcoming. Again, I ask for your prayers. Please pray for our Holy Father, us priests, parish DRE's and youth directors, our teachers and staff, our parents, and above all our youth. May God's grace lead all of us to greater holiness and a deeper faith.

In Christ,
 Fr. Kleinmann

ST. MARY'S CCD (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION) BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18TH!! Please Register your children ASAP if you have not done so. First classes are Sunday, September 18th from 10-11:15am at St. Mary's School. Please contact Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com to obtain a Registration Form and Information or stop by the rectory to pick one up.

HIGH SCHOOLERS- VOLUNTEER AS A TEEN AIDE FOR ST. MARY'S CCD: Looking for volunteer hours? Want to share your Catholic faith? St. Mary's CCD is every Sunday from 10-11:15am beginning September 18th. A Catechist Aide helps with copying, supplies, and organization, works with children, and can even choose to teach part of a lesson (whatever you are comfortable doing). You can volunteer for a time period and attendance every week is encouraged but not required. Please contact Luis Brown in the Religious Education office at (703) 836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com.

BLUE MASS: The Diocese of Arlington's Blue Mass for police officers, firefighters/rescue workers or members of the Sheriff departments will take place on Friday, September 30, 2005 beginning at 7:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Please join us to remember these special members of our diocese.

LEARN TO ROW PROGRAM: An introduction to Rowing, Boat Handling, and Land Training. The program is \$150 for 10 weekend sessions beginning October 1st and ending October 30th, 2005. Program open to rising 8th through 12th grade students. Registration will be taken on a space-available basis. Parent info meeting – Saturday September 17th at 10 AM in the Bishop O'Connell HS cafeteria. See www.djocrew.org for updates and forms. Questions? Email us at info@djocrew.org.

DEALING WITH SEPARATION & DIVORCE: The Family Services Department of Catholic Charities is offering a 15-week therapeutic support group for men and women experiencing the pain of separation and divorce. The group will meet in the Arlington Office on Thursdays, 7-8:30 PM, beginning September 8th. Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$25 per session. Participants will be asked to schedule an initial, no-cost interview prior to the first session. For more information, please call Amy Hallagan, MSW, at 703-841-2531, ext 24 or Olga Luedtke, M.Ed, ext 28.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: The first meeting of the 2005-2006 year of Court Kavanaugh #54, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be held on Monday, September 12, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the St. Mary's Lyceum, 313 Duke Street.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP: Nationals Baseball Game & Dinner – September 10th the Men's Discernment Group will be heading for RFK Stadium to watch the Nations take on the Atlanta Braves. If you would like to attend, call Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514 for more details or write: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Our pro-life work is not only a matter of telling the truth about abortion; it's also a matter of working to change public policy so the laws of our country will never allow the killing of innocent human life again.



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, September 2nd**, beginning at 9:00 PM or **EARLY SATURDAY, September 3rd**, 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.

MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS: Are you celebrating your Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee this year? Were you married in 1955 or 1980? Then contact the parish office to make sure that you are registered for the "2005 Marriage Jubilee Mass". This Mass will be celebrated at 2:30 PM on October 23rd at the Cathedral, but the parish office must submit all registrations to the *Office for Family Life* soon. Call the parish office with questions. Do not delay!

"MOTHERHOOD IS A VOCATION" ~ Pope John Paul II: St. Mary's Mother's Group will begin meeting every Wednesday in the Lyceum at 10:00 AM Starting on September 15th. For more information please contact Courtney Logan at 703-519-1979 or courtneylogan@msn.com.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER: On September 1st we will be serving dinner to the residents of the shelter. See the sign-up book for food in the rear of the church. Please call Barbara Halicki at 703-370-7026 for more information. Thank you for all that you do.

CHRIST HOUSE: St. Mary's will be serving dinner at Christ House, Tuesday, August 30th. There will be a sign-up book in back of the church for food items. Please help if you can. Contact Janet Watkins at 703-836-1265 or Rita Meyer at 703-768-3482 with any questions. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: On Saturday morning, September 3rd, 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 this date, please call Mike Diffley at 703-683-4656.

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the October program beginning with a weekend on October 14-16, call 703-351-7211 or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

ATTENTION FOOTBALL FANS: Save the date – September 10, 2005. Gonzaga and Georgetown Prep will square off at 1PM 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 sponsoring opportunities. And we'll see you on September 10th!



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST 28th:

First Reading — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mk 6:17-29
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
 Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: St. Gregory the Great; First Saturday

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Nancy Alfery	Garrett Golubin	Thomas Lovely
Julie Biegun	Devon Gounoud	Novine Sandherr
Dr. John Bruchalski	Brendan Griffith	Elizabeth Santos
Margaret Correale	Noelle Hammad	Tim Solic
Bernie Doherty	Josephine Hartchick	Laura Tarter
Francis W. Doherty	Mary Herr	Marylou Wilson
	Bradford Laperouse	
	Baby Maddie Laperouse Speizman	
	Baby Brayden Kelleher	

Rest in Peace ✠

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

Marilyn Cox
 Roberta Gunn
 Joseph Kramer

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RUN & FUN WALK The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their 4th Annual 5K Run and Fun Walk at Burke Lake Park (Shelter A) on Saturday, September 3, 2005 at 9 AM. There will be a picnic following the event with refreshments, entertainment and fantastic door prizes from our generous sponsors. All are welcome to join. Proceeds from this event will go to support KOVAR (A Knights of Columbus charity helping people with mental retardation) and a scholarship fund to assist needy families. Entry forms can be downloaded from their website at www.Knights6153.org.

HELP THOSE WHO NEED YOU: HOPE in Northern Virginia, a pro-life pregnancy center is preparing for the Fall training class. No experience needed – just a concern for others. You can make a difference. Training begins in September. For more information please call HOPE at 703-536-2020. Thank you for your support and we ask for your prayers for the women we serve.

CALLING ALL ST. JAMES ALUMNI & FRIENDS! St. James Catholic School in Falls Church is celebrating its Centennial throughout the 2005-2006 school year. The Centennial will kick off the weekend of September 17-18 with 5 PM Mass celebrated by Bishop Loverde on Saturday, followed by a reception and open house. On Sunday, the PTO will host a special school and alumni picnic. Check our website (www.saintjameschool.org) for updates and please join us in this special celebration.

CAFETERIA HELP NEEDED: St. Mary's School is in need of part-time kitchen help for the school year. Hours are Monday – Friday, 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM daily. Please contact Mr. Louis Frisenda, Principal at 703-549-1646 or e-mail: lfrisenda@stmarys-alexva.org.

THEOLOGY OF THE EUCHARIST: In honor of the Year of the Eucharist, The Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College is offering a special course this fall on the Theology of the Eucharist. The course will be taught by Sr. Mary Timothy Prokes, a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist, on Thursday mornings from 9:40 AM until 11:30-AM, at our convenient Alexandria campus. The course starts September 8th and ends December 15th. Students may earn three graduate credits, or audit the course as a casual student. We offer discounts for seniors and catechists. To register, or for more information about our ten other fall courses, please call 703-658-4304 or visit www.christendom.edu.

DOCENTS ARE NEEDED AT JP II CULTURAL CENTER: Docents are needed on a volunteer basis for an exciting temporary exhibit opening at Pope John Paul II Cultural Center entitled: "Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People," showing September 14th through December 31, 2005. Duties include directing and leading tour groups through the exhibit, answering patron questions, and ensuring visitors/exhibit's safety. Typical shifts are Tuesday – Saturday (10-2 or 2-5) and Sunday, 12-5. Any help is greatly appreciated. For more information please contact Patty Work at pwork@jp2cc.org or 202-635-5432. You can also visit www.blessingexhibit.org.