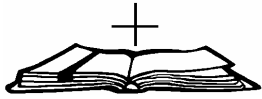


Mass Intentions



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Robert Bassett
8:00 AM John Mahoney
12:10 PM Pope John Paul II

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 6:30 AM James Brown
8:00 AM Martha S. Ciccarelli
12:10 PM John Gavin

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Brown Family
8:00 AM Maude Ruth Andrus
12:10 PM Kenneth Allison

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Jim Burling
8:00 AM Shirley Jones
12:10 PM William Henry Rowan

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 6:30 AM William Fitzpatrick
8:00 AM Douglas M. Kent
12:10 PM Special Intention: The Walsh Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 8:00 AM Special Intention: Allison Boak
5:00 PM Parishioners (*Fr. Ruskamp*)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 7:00 AM Elizabeth Robinson (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
8:30 AM Nicholas Ceruzzi (*Fr. Ruskamp*)
9:15 AM Thanksgiving to St. Rita (*Fr. Hanley*)
10:00 AM Ralph B. Laporta, Sr. (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
11:30 AM Gerard McGuire (*Fr. Ruskamp*)
1:00 PM Morgan Delaney (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
5:00 PM Maria Barrera (*Fr. Hanley*)

Baptisms:

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Madeleine Rose Garelick Bell
James Connor Bruce
Christopher Thomas Pascoe

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE

KATRINA: The Diocese of Arlington is taking a second collection next weekend, September 17th and 18th, for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Please make your checks out to "St. Mary's Catholic Church" and we will then forward the collection as one check to Catholic Charities - USA. Thank you for your incredible generosity in assisting those in need during this tragedy. Also, because of the devastation of the hurricane and the collection in response to this immediate need, the Little Sisters of the Poor who were scheduled to visit next weekend have postponed their visit until October 29th & 30th.

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

In last week's column I mentioned Hurricane Katrina almost in passing. As this column is written at least a week in advance, I had no idea how devastating this natural disaster would be. Perhaps no one did, including the people of New Orleans. The destruction and its aftermath have been overwhelming.

It was four years ago today that our country faced another unbelievable crisis, coinciding acts of terrorism against the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon along with another intended target which was never reached as the plane went down in Pennsylvania. Our country came together in amazing ways then. The grief of the loss of lives and the knowledge that our nation was that vulnerable was almost unbearable. People responded with a heightened sense of patriotism and more importantly they flocked to churches and turned to God and prayer. That was then. We still realize terrorism is in our midst. In response, whether one agrees or not, we are embroiled in a war against all of this in Iraq. But I think it is fair to say we have gotten a bit more complacent. The pews are full, but not packed as they were right after those attacks on our own shores. Many people simply have returned to their old ways and we have to wonder what we really learned from that occurrence four years ago today.

Then there was last week. This was not a man made disaster. This was not a horrendous act of evil on the part of some fellow members of humanity. This was a natural disaster. This is not the first time we have encountered such a thing. There have been hurricanes, earthquakes, and tornadoes which have wreaked havoc and tremendous amounts of destruction before. There was the tsunami just months ago in Southeast Asia, but there is something different here this time. As one news source reported, "A once vibrant city of 480,000 people overtaken just days ago by floods, looting, rape, and arson, is now an empty, sodden tomb." This statement seems to be eerily and sadly true. Again, the devastation and dislocation of people have been unfathomable. The response of some is almost unexplainable. To take advantage of this, although it certainly has happened before, is horrible. Evil no doubt is part of our existence here on earth.

Thankfully there has also been an outstanding response on the part of many in a much more positive way to this horror. People again are pulling together. I had a call last week from an eighth grader who wanted to conduct a bake sale to raise funds for one family who lost everything in the hurricane. This family includes a former first grade teacher in our school who moved to New Orleans a year ago with her husband and infant. That bake sale will take place today coordinated by Katie Cole and her friends. There will be a diocesan-wide second collection next weekend for the relief efforts being coordinated by Catholic Charities-USA. The diocese is planning a number of other activities which will involve organizing transportation for and housing of victims, the "refugees," in our area along with drives for food, clothing and other supplies needed by those left with virtually nothing but their lives and faith. At this writing the details were still being worked out by the diocese. Please look for more information on all of this and be as generous as you can be, especially with your prayers. May Our Lady of Prompt Succor, patroness of the city of New Orleans, intercede for them and us.

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.

FALL 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Mandatory Confirmation Retreat for all 8th grade candidates for Spring 2006 Confirmation is Saturday, September 17th, from 8am-6pm at Mt. St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD. **WE NEED ADULT CHAPERONES!!** Contact Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450.

THINKING OF JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? ADULT CATHOLIC BUT NOT CONFIRMED?

(R)ite of (C)hristian (I)nitiation for (A)dults sessions begin Monday, September 12th from 7:30-9pm in St. Mary's Lyceum on 313 Duke St. RCIA is for all who want to inquire into the Catholic Church, there is no obligation to join. Adult Confirmation classes are December 2005-February 2006. You may register 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.

HIGH SCHOOL CCD WILL REMAIN ON SUNDAYS: High School CCD will continue on Sundays from 10am-11:15am beginning Sunday, September 18th in the St. Mary's School Library (Rm. 16). Lecture and Discussion format. This year's emphasis is on Scripture and on Q&A about our Catholic faith. Coffee, juice and donuts served. Registration is free, but you must fill out a form. Class will be co-taught by Luis Brown, DRE, St. Mary's priests, and TBA teachers. Contact Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com or simply fill out a CCD Registration Form.

CDU FUNDRAISER: Join Bishop Paul S. Loverde and The Catholic Distance University for the 2005 Annual Gala Fundraiser on November 19th. The evening will begin with the Vigil Mass of Christ the King followed by a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing at Lansdowne Resort. Have a wonderful evening knowing you are supporting the unique and inspiring online faith formation available only at CDU. Benefactors receive a table for ten and a free overnight stay at Lansdowne. Reservations are \$175 per person. Credit cards accepted. A portion of your gift will be tax-deductible. Don't delay, call today. Seating is limited. Please call Carolyn Forman at CDU to make sure you receive an invitation or to make a reservation: 1-888-254-4CDU ext. 703; 540-338-2700 ext 703; cforman@cdu.edu.

"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 courtneydlogan@msn.com.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

In the time it takes to read this message, one baby will die by surgical abortion. One baby every twenty seconds, three per minute, 180 per hour, over 4000 per day die from abortion. That's more deaths in one day than occurred at the WTC on 9/11/05. It is equivalent to a WTC loss every day of the year! This is the hidden war of terror being waged on the unborn in our country.



VOCATIONS: "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as servants." Prayer, service, generosity and hard work are the qualities of those called to serve Him as a priest or deacon, brother or sister. If you think God may be calling you to serve Him more closely, call Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514 or write vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

ALL ARE INVITED TO COME PRAY THE ROSARY next Saturday, September 17th following the 8:00 AM Mass. Meet in front of the Annandale Women's Clinic, 2839 Duke Street (near Bishop Ireton H.S.) to pray for an end to abortion.

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL STUDENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR**

will be available on -Sunday, October 2nd at St. Mary's School in the lobby of Stephen's Hall from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. St. Mary's School offers an educational and spiritual experience for children in Pre-kindergarten through 8th grade founded in the Catholic philosophy of education, which fosters rich religious training as well as solid academics. If you are interested in an application but are unable to come on October 2nd, please call Lisa Bright, Registrar, at 703-549-3488 ext 12, to request one.

CHOIR NEWS

DO YOU LIKE TO SING? If so, then come and join the **St. Mary's Choir** for fun, fellowship and lots of great singing. We are a volunteer choir that welcomes all voices...and that includes you! So join us at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, September 14th in the Lyceum for our New Members Welcome-and-Sing-A-Long Night and we guarantee you'll go home singing. For more information, contact Charlie Saik at 703-684-5308.

DIOCESAN WORKSHOP ON CURRENT MEDICAL MORAL ISSUES

presented by Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D who serves as Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center. Topics to include in-vitro fertilization, stem cell research and cloning. The workshop will take place, September 23rd or 24th from 10 AM - 2:30 PM at St. Agnes Catholic Church. Cost is \$15 per person/ \$25 per couple by September 15th; \$20 per person/ \$30 per couple after September 15th, lunch included. For more information and registration, please call 703-841-2550.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED: Meals on Wheels in Alexandria needs more volunteers! Please call 703-836-4414 #4 for more information.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 11th:

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Day of Mourning and Remembrance (9/11)
 Monday: Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Tuesday: St. John Chrysostom
 Wednesday: Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows
 Friday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian;
 Saturday: St. Robert Bellarmine; Blessed Virgin Mary

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Nancy Alfery	Garrett Golubin	Thomas Lovely
Julie Biegun	Devon Gounoud	Mae Poppen
Dr. John Bruchalski	Brendan Griffith	Novine Sandherr
Antoinette Ceruzzi	Noelle Hammad	Elizabeth Santos
Margaret Correale	Josephine Harchick	Tim Solic
Bernie Doherty	Mary Herr	Laura Tarter
Francis W. Doherty	Bradford Laperouse	Marylou Willison
	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:

The Victims of Hurricane Katrina
 Jeffrey McAllister

I'M PREGNANT...AND MY BABY IS "NOT OKAY" seminar on the medical, psychological & spiritual/pastoral impact of an adverse prenatal diagnosis. Sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office for Family Life. October 4th, 10 AM – 1:30 PM, Tepeyac Family Center in Fairfax, \$25 registration fee, includes lunch. For more information and registration please call 703841-2550.

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!

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.

BRENT SOCIETY ANNUAL MASS AND BREAKFAST will be held September 18, 2005 at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church with a Solemn High Mass at 10:30 AM and breakfast at 12:15 PM. Mr. Roy Schoeman, internationally known convert from Judaism, author and defender of the Faith will speak on *Salvation is from the Jews*. Cost is \$25/person or \$225/table of 10. Send checks to The Brent Society, P.O. Box 2901, Merrifield, VA 22116. For more information call 703-641-0203 or 703-808-4277 or e-mail: brentsociety@petersvoice.com. Reservations required by Wednesday, September 14th and all are welcome!

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES at 5294 Lyngate Court, Burke, VA, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 8. The presentations will cover Catholic Charities Domestic, International, Interstate, and Parental Placement Adoption Programs with emphasis on the home study, placement, and supervision of children as well as resources from which to adopt and local adoptive parent support groups. We are especially seeking African/American and interracial couples interested in adopting. Registration Fee: \$20. Please call 703-425-0100 to register.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE RED CROSS: A Certified Red Cross CPR instructor is needed by the Children's Services Department of Catholic Charities to teach infant-and-child cardiopulmonary resuscitation. If you are certified and available to teach on a volunteer or low-cost basis, please call 703-425-0100.

ST. ANN & JOACHIM SENIOR GROUP MEETING OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS: Please attend our Potluck Luncheon on September 22nd at 1 pm. Pick up a newsletter at the back of the church for a form asking what you would like to bring or call Barbara Earl at 703-548-9155.