



**Masses  
for the week**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

6:30 AM Livida Urrutia  
8:00 AM Matthew Pensabene  
12:10 PM Charles & Catherine Tobin

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

6:30 AM Frank K. Grady  
8:00 AM Sarah Howard, Anniversary  
12:10 PM Garland Page

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

6:30 AM Edwin Sherwood  
8:00 AM David Austin  
12:10 PM Gerard McGuire

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

6:30 AM John Nabors  
8:00 AM Albert Pace, Sr.  
12:10 PM Douglas & Sybil Carroll

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

6:30 AM Ted Balides  
8:00 AM George Lynch, Sr.  
12:10 PM Victoria Cavaney, Anniversary

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

8:00 AM Arthur Neuses  
5:00 PM Alice Anderson

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

7:00 AM Dee & Fred Burk  
8:30 AM Parishioners  
9:15 AM Doris Boehling  
10:00 AM Julia Frances Schmidtlien  
11:30 AM Ralph B. Laporta, Sr.  
1:00 PM Thomas J. O'Connor  
5:00 PM Gerard McGuire



**Baptisms**

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

Simon Andrew Rosinski  
Mary Frances Sliger



**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection next weekend, September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for the Catholic University of America. Thank you for your generosity.

**FROM GREEN TO GOLD**

Last Sunday both the Packers and the Redskins had their opening game of the football season. The results were quite different; the Redskins won and the Packers lost, in addition the Packers lost their star receiver to a season ending injury. While all of this is important to football fans, it really is insignificant in the scheme of all that has been happening. Last week's column again included comments on Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. We continue to be faced with all the destruction. Devastating news accounts hit the papers daily, such as the reporting of more than 40 patients found dead in Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans. This is not something that will go away soon, nor should it. We also received news early last week of the unexpected death of Susan Anne Catherine Torres, the prematurely born baby who was very much in the news over the past few months. What all this does is remind us of how tentative life is and how dependent we are on God and others. That is why this weekend we have the official diocesan second collection for the Hurricane Katrina victims. All monies will go to Catholic Charities USA.

In the midst of all the bad news there is good news as well. I am amazed at the response of so many who are so willing to do what they can to help the hurricane victims. An example is the "unannounced" second collection we held as a parish two weekends ago. We collected over \$41,000; in addition the school at their first Friday Mass collected just over \$10,000. Last Sunday as I mentioned in this column Katie Cole and her friends conducted a donut and baked goods sale after Mass. Over \$3600 was raised and the Saturday before St. Mary's eighth grade sponsored a car wash which netted \$1600. Also some parish children independently raised funds: Rose and Caleigh Meyers had a lemonade stand raising \$122 as did Paige Atkins, Michelle Butchko, and Christine and Rachel Macey, who collected \$200. That means to date a minimum of \$56,500 has been donated through parish efforts. We are still working on various other projects in conjunction with the diocese and other organizations. Details are still being worked out and as soon as they are we will inform you.

These hurricane efforts are not all that is happening in the parish. Two weeks ago I asked you to keep open the afternoons of Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, for the Life Chain and October 23<sup>rd</sup> for OktoberFest. On Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, the diocese again is hosting a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. As we did last time a bus will leave St. Mary's to take parishioners to and from the Shrine. This is a great opportunity for prayer, so please try to attend. More information on all these events can be found in the bulletin.

Finally, RCIA has begun. This is the Monday evening class for potential converts and Catholics who wish to deepen their knowledge of our Faith. We currently have 40 adults enrolled, which is wonderful. Also this week the Saints Anne and Joachim Society, our parish seniors group, starts a new season with a meeting on Thursday. If you fit this age group this is an opportunity to get together with others socially. It also provides a chance to be spiritually enriched as well as to be of service to others. I would encourage you to attend and check it out this important parish organization.

In Christ,  
Fr. Kleinmann

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:brownluis@hotmail.com).

**HIGH SCHOOL CCD POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** High School CCD will continue on Sundays from 10am-11:15am beginning Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Contact Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450 or [brownluis@hotmail.com](mailto:brownluis@hotmail.com) or simply fill out a CCD Registration Form.

**SERMON ON THE MOUNT IS BACK!** Our Fall Adult Education series at St. Mary's is on "Building a Catholic Culture." This Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Kleinmann will speak on *Relativism or Modernism? Should the Catholic Church Adapt its Teaching to fit the Modern Culture?* 7:30-9pm in St. Mary's Lyceum Auditorium. Wine and cheese served to start followed by speaker and discussion.

**ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT EVENTS TO BEGIN NEXT**

**WEEK:** An exciting new series of events for Catholic young adults, single and married, will begin in October. Fr. Hanley will be speaking at all Masses next weekend followed by sign-up and information tables outside. Updated calendar and announcements soon to follow. Young Adult Holy Hour (with teaching by Fr. Hanley) and Social will begin Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30pm in St. Mary's Church followed by Social in St. Mary's Lyceum. For more information contact Fr. Hanley at (703) 836-4100 or Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450.

**ST. ANNE & JOACHIM SENIOR GROUP MEETING**

**OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS:** Please attend our Potluck Luncheon on September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

will be available on - Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, please call Lisa Bright, Registrar, at 703-549-3488 ext 12, to request one.

**PRO-LIFE CORNER:**

What a pathetic people we are if we are willing to tolerate the killing of an entire group of people (the unborn) but then become outraged if someone displays the suffering of the aborted baby with graphic pictures. If it's that horrible to look at or talk about then we should not allow it to continue.



**VOCATIONS:** "Seek the Lord while He may be found..." While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be your are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, call Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514, or write [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

**VOCATIONS DAY AT CHRISTENDOM – Monday,**

**September 26<sup>th</sup>.** Vocations Day will be held at Christendom College, Front Royal, VA. Representatives from more than 30 religious communities and diocesan vocation offices will be present to answer questions about their orders and programs. Visitors of all ages are welcome for the afternoon session from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for parish vocation promoters, DREs, religious educators, or anyone else interested in increasing vocation awareness among our young people. Please call Christendom College at 800-877-5456 for more information.

**FINGERPRINTING FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS AT**

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:** A police officer will be available from 11:30 am to 2 pm on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in St. Mary's School Gym to assist with fingerprinting. Any volunteers with substantial contact with children **must** complete a background check. Contact Bridget Barber at 703-719-5840 or by email [bbchildprotect@aol.com](mailto:bbchildprotect@aol.com) with any questions.

**REQUIRED DIOCESAN SEMINAR:**

All employees and volunteers in our diocese who have substantial contact with children are required to attend the seminar *Protecting God's Children*. St. Mary's will be hosting a seminar on Saturday October 15, 2005, at 9 AM in the Lyceum. Pre-registration is required at the [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Please contact Bridget Barber at 703-719-5840, or by email [bbchildprotect@aol.com](mailto:bbchildprotect@aol.com) with any questions.



**ST. MARY'S GOLF CLASSIC:**

Gather your friends and foursomes to play in the third annual St Mary's Golf Classic to be held on Mon Oct 3 at the Mt Vernon Country Club. Aside from contributing to the existing student financial aid fund, a portion of the proceeds this year will go towards covering the costs of books and tuition expenses of several students displaced by Hurricane Katrina who will be continuing their Catholic education at St Mary's School this Fall. Please be generous by playing or making a sponsor donation to this event. Call Tournament Co-Chairs, Denise Jackson at 703 329-7213 or [denise.jackson10@verizon.net](mailto:denise.jackson10@verizon.net) or Jeff Becker at 202 737-2337 or visit our website at [www.stmarys-alexva.org](http://www.stmarys-alexva.org) for Golf Classic registration forms. "Do it Fore Our Kids!"



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

**Gospel** — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13  
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45  
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
 Catechetical Sunday  
 Monday: St. Januarius  
 Tuesday: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong  
 Hasang and Their Companions  
 Wednesday: St. Matthew  
 Thursday: Fall begins  
 Friday: St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

### Sick Relatives & Friends

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

Nancy Alfery	Garrett Golubin	Mae Poppen
Julie Biegun	Devon Gounoud	Novine Sandherr
Dr. John Bruchalski	Brendan Griffith	Elizabeth Santos
Antoinette Ceruzzi	Noelle Hammad	Tom Sheeran
Margaret Correale	Mary Herr	Tim Solic
Bernie Doherty	Bradford Laperouse	Laura Tarter
Francis W. Doherty	Thomas Lovely	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  
 Graham Briggs  
 Catherine & Elizabeth Delaune  
 Ryan Hanover  
 Cecilia Patalita  
 Peter Turnbull

**IRS RULES FOR CAR DONATIONS:** To get the most return from your car donation, give your vehicle to The Car Ministry at Catholic Charities or at 2C8 Corporation (2 Corinthians 8). They do not sell the cars for money; they give them to those in need of transportation. You will be able to deduct all of the fair market value of the car as a tax deduction. It will not be the middleman who takes the car away and sells it who makes most of the profit. When that situation happens, the donor only receives a tax write-off on the small profit that goes to the charity. Call Harry Burke (Catholic Charities) at 703-841-2531 or Roger Penn (2C8 Corporation) at 703-278-9299 to donate your car.

**FROM PRIVATE FAITH TO PUBLIC VOICE: Hope in the Future** ~ Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Charles Borromeo Church; 9:00 AM Mass with Bishop Paul Loverde followed by diocesan Peace and Justice Commission annual conference (\$10, inc. lunch). Conference speakers include: Jeff Caruso, Executive Director, Virginia Catholic Conference; Steve Colecchi, Kevin Appleby and Maureen Baily of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Sessions include: life issues (Abortion to death penalty); immigration; poverty and peace. A panel discussion on tools for grassroots advocacy concludes the program. For more information and registration, see [www.arlingtondiocese.org/offices/peacejustice/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/offices/peacejustice/) or contact Frances Harris, Peace and Justice Commission, [vharrisfam@comcast.net](mailto:vharrisfam@comcast.net) or 703-730-1008. All are welcome!

**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.

**SOCIETY OF THE PATRICIANS:** All Catholics are cordially invited to participate in the Society of the Patricians meeting on Saturday, September 24th in the Lyceum Auditorium immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. Meetings are held from 9:00 until 11:00 AM, and refreshments are served. Our topic for discussion will be: "The Luminous Mysteries: Reflections on the Life of Jesus Christ" Sponsored by the Legion of Mary. The format of the meeting consists of a short presentation to spark discussion by a lay person, followed by conversation among participants. The whole meeting is conducted under the guidance of the spiritual director, Fr. Hanley, who will also deliver a brief talk on the topic. For more information please contact Jeff and Mary Petrino by phone at 703-683-8877, or by e-mail at [petrinof@aol.com](mailto:petrinof@aol.com) or [petrinomad@aol.com](mailto:petrinomad@aol.com).

## **CHOIR NEWS**

**ST. MARY'S CHOIR** rehearses weekly in the Lyceum at 7:30 PM on Wednesdays. We have an exciting season planned, and welcome singers in all voice ranges. Please call Dr. Saik at 703-684-5308 to arrange an appointment.