



MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

6:30 AM Joseph Nowland
 8:00 AM George Watkins
 12:10 PM Special Intention: The Cardarelli Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

6:30 AM Special Intention: Virginia Taranto
 8:00 AM Manuel Urrutia
 12:10 PM Gerard McGuire

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

6:30 AM Robert Amodeo
 8:00 AM Dempna Sheedy
 12:10 PM David Austin

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

6:30 AM Ann Del Terzo
 8:00 AM Special Intention: Rosemary Lynch
 12:10 PM Katie Nowland

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:30 AM Mike & Irene Clarke
 8:00 AM Clarence W. Sutton
 12:10 PM Gina Cardosi, Anniversary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 AM Thomas P. Mack, Sr., Anniversary
 5:00 PM Catherine Begelman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00 AM Dee & Fred Burk
 8:30 AM Dennis Shea
 9:15 AM Parishioners
 10:00 AM Angela Connolly
 11:30 AM Robert Dougherty
 1:00 PM Joseph Hyde
 5:00 PM Nick Gehring

Baptisms:

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Nicholas Murphy Canning
 Elizabeth Rose Deering
 Nathan Robert Noyes
 Jacob Robert Tucker



Jennifer Ann McDonough & Joseph Alexander Swiatek (II)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: The blessing of the animals takes place every year on the Feast of St. Francis. This year the blessing will take place in the **parking lot located at the corner of South Royal Street and Wolfe Street on Monday, October 4th at 3:30 PM.** Bring any animals that you would like to have blessed.

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

St. Paul tells the Corinthians and us that if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it. He also says that the Church is a mystical body with Christ as its head and all of us as its members. Thus, if one member suffers, or a large number of members, then we all suffer. How fitting this is in light of two recent hurricanes, first Katrina and two weeks ago Rita. Many, many people suffered and continue to as I have discussed here in recent weeks. As part of the Body of Christ we have a responsibility to assist in any way we can and you have! At least you have financially, and I have heard of others who have done much more.

I already have mentioned your tremendous generosity, including some of the things our younger members have been doing. Two weeks ago we received yet again word of eight young ones who conducted another lemonade stand. Sam, Elizabeth, and Annie Dyson, Griffin, Matthew, and Maggie Jackson, and Will and Tommy Dyson together raised \$265.00 which they forwarded to us. In addition then to all the funds which were donated through various other means, the actual amount given in the collection the weekend after Hurricane Katrina was \$42,201.00. The amount given to the "official" second collection for Catholic Charities USA two weekends ago was \$50,586.80 for a total of \$102,406.80. This is unbelievable and again a huge testament to your outstanding generosity. The amount which will be sent to Catholic Charities is \$60,205.80. The \$42,201.00 will be primarily divided between some local efforts and direct relief to the troubled area. The exact details of this have yet to be fully worked out.

There are other ways we can help the suffering members of the Body of Christ. As an example some people have not only donated money to the hurricane efforts, but also their time by actually going to Louisiana to volunteer. Many of the victims were nearly helpless. Some were asked to evacuate, but had no car or real means of doing so. That sounds a bit like another part of the "Body," members who are completely defenseless, having nowhere to go when facing great adversity, even death. I'm referring to the unborn babies whose very lives are threatened with extinction by abortion.

This Sunday is the annual Life Chain, whereby people across the nation are gathering to peacefully pray for an end to this atrocity, this true scourge on society. There are so many evils that inflict our world; a hurricane is one, although not a manmade one. Abortion on the other hand is a choice made by the mother, of all people, and sanctioned by the laws of our beloved nation. Many mothers feel they have no other option; others use abortion as a means of eliminating an inconvenience. This second way is simply not acceptable, the first demands that we work for other alternatives. These other alternatives are very important, as is a change of heart. We have to work and **pray** for a transformation of how people think. There needs to be a genuine respect for human life, even at its very beginnings. Because it is a life, there is a dignity and sacredness that deserves this respect. Please join us in praying for that respect today (Sunday, October 2nd) on Franconia Road between 2:30 and 3:30 P.M. It's the least we can do for the least of our brethren and may we also remember in our prayers all the victims of the hurricanes as well.

In Christ,
 Fr. Kleinmann

SERMON ON THE MOUNT IS BACK! Our Fall Adult Education series at St. Mary's is on "Building a Catholic Culture." This Tuesday, October 4th, Fr. Ruskamp will speak on *Effects of Living in our Modern Global Secular Culture: Positives and Negatives of our American Culture*. Join us from 7:30-9pm in St. Mary's Lyceum Auditorium. Wine and cheese served to start followed by speaker and discussion.

HIGH SCHOOL "COFFEE AND CATECHISM" CCD BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd High School CCD will continue on Sundays from 10am-11:15am beginning this Sunday, October 2nd 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 or simply fill out a CCD Registration Form and come to St. Mary's School on October 2nd.

HIGH SCHOOL ST. MARY'S CYO YOUTH GROUP- Kickoff Fall Event at Lee St. Park in Old Town- Sports Night from 4-6pm on Sunday, October 16th. Volleyball, football, ultimate. Take a study break and come check out the St. Mary's Youth group!!

St. Mary's YOUNG ADULT Events to BEGIN THIS WEEK An exciting new series of events for Catholic young adults, single and married, 22-35 year olds, will begin in October. Young Adult Holy Hour (with teaching by Fr. Hanley) and Social will begin Friday, October 7th 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.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES and YOUNG ADULT BACK TO BASICS CLASS 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, Fr. Hanley will lead a Book Discussion Group in St. Mary's White House on 314 Duke St. next to the rectory from 7:30-9pm. Beginning with George Weigel's *Cube and Cathedral*, come prepared to discuss and ponder the truths and meanings of Catholic faith, life, and culture. **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** of each month, Fr. Hanley and guest lecturers will give weekly teachings in St. Mary's White House on 314 Duke St. next to the rectory from 7:30-9pm on the Basics of the Catholic Faith from general doctrines to hot topics. Lecture and discussion format. Both open to all young adults. For more information on either contact Fr. Hanley at (703) 836-4100 or Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE: St. Mary's will join Bishop Paul S. Loverde on a diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on **Saturday, October 15, 2005 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Buses will leave from St. Mary's at 8:30 AM and return at 3:30 PM. Sign-up sheets are located in the back of the church.** Please come and participate in this day of spiritual reflection. This year's theme is *Mary, "Woman of the Eucharist," Lead Us to Jesus!* For further information, visit the diocesan website www.arlingtondiocese.org or call Fr. Peffley at Holy Trinity, 703-753-6700.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

In every child who is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.

~ Pope John Paul II, "The Gospel of Life", no. 84.



SUPPORT THE CULTURE OF LIFE – SIGN PRO-LIFE PETITION: Throughout October, Respect Life month, petitions will be available for our signatures in the back of the church, to support important legislation to protect the lives of the unborn children. The Unborn-Child Pain Awareness Act, in spite of already being passed in the Virginia House of Delegates, is being blocked in the Senate. Our signatures are needed to ensure the bill of passes. Please add your name to the petition and support life!



THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY, invites you to **SPEND ONE HOUR in vocal and silent Eucharistic Adoration on FIRST FRIDAY, October 7th**, beginning at 9:00 PM or **EARLY SATURDAY, October 8th**, 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Sometimes in our increasingly hectic lives it seems difficult to make time for the One who is our dearest friend and who loves us best. Jesus is literally present on earth in the Eucharist and is inviting us to visit and share with Him all that is in our hearts and souls. By visiting Him in the Blessed Sacrament we are also able to express our love for Him and show our gratitude for all He has blessed us with. What a truly special way Jesus has chosen to stay with us. Think of spending just one hour per week with Our Lord. Sign-up sheets for a new session running from November through January will be in the back of the church. Adoration is on Thursday from 12:30 – 7:30 PM, concluding with Holy Hour. For more information call Mary Stier at 703-768-7167.

VOCATIONS: Listen for the voice of God. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and answer His call. If Christ may be inviting you to follow Him as a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, call Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514, or write: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER: On October 6th we will be serving dinner to the residents of the shelter. See the sign-up book for food in the back of the church. Please contact Barbara Halicki at 703-370-7026. Thank you!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: The next regular meeting of Court Kavanaugh #54, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be held on Monday, October 10th at St. Mary's Lyceum, 313 Duke Street, at 7:30 PM.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER 2nd:

First Reading — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28
 Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
 Tuesday: St. Francis of Assisi
 Thursday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
 Friday: Our Lady of the Rosary; First Friday
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Nancy Alfery	Mary Ellen Freaney	Mae Poppen
Harold Allen	Garrett Golubin	Josephine Puluari
Julie Biegun	Devon Gounoud	Novine Sandherr
Dr. John Bruchalski	Lottie Grant	Elizabeth Santos
Antoinette Ceruzzi	Brendan Griffith	Tom Sheeran
Mary Chow	Noelle Hammad	Alex Sestak
Beth Cops	Mary Herr	Tim Solic
Margaret Correale	Bradford Laperouse	Laura Tarter
Bernie Doherty	Mrs. Larzelere	Aleah Taylor
Francis W. Doherty	Thomas Lovely	Marylou Willison
	Helen Meyer	
Baby Maddie Laperouse Speizman and Baby Brayden Kelleher		

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

The Victims of Hurricane Katrina
 Dr. William Hanff

ITALIAN NIGHT CONCERT sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Mount Vernon, Saturday, October 15th, featuring Anthony Torchia, Tenor, and Melissa O'Connor, Soprano. A night of Great Singing of Many Operatic Favorites. Please join us at Knights of Columbus Hall located at 8592 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309. \$25 per person. The evening will include a cash bar, buffet dinner at 6:30, the concert from 8 – 10 PM, and babysitting will be available. Call 703-360-1964 Ext 4 for reservations.

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. Please contact Bridget Barber at 703-719-5840, or by email bbchildprotect@aol.com with any questions.

STs ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY REMINDER: The Spirituality Committee will meet at **10:30 on Thursday, October 6th in the St. Joseph room** of the Lyceum on Duke St. This presentation will be a 45 minute adult education video on "The Splendor of the Church" by Scott Hahn. Following the video participants will discuss the subject of future meetings. Coffee will be served. Also, The Sts. Anne & Joachim Society will hold its next **Senior Group meeting on Tuesday, October 13th at 1 PM** (our regular senior group meeting time). This is a brown bag lunch. Refreshments are welcome.

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.



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 3rd 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 or Jeff Becker at 202 737-2337 or visit our website at www.stmarys-alexva.org for Golf Classic registration forms. "Do it Fore Our Kids!"

CHECK OUT ST. MARY'S CYO HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP TABLES Great events coming this Fall!! We will have an information/sign up table after all Masses this weekend, Sat.-Sun., October 1st-2nd. Open to all High School teens. Once a month activity open to 8th graders.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER **October 2005**

Missionary – For Bishops in missionary territories: may they fulfill their duty to provide permanent formation for their priests.

General – For married people: may they grow in holiness in everyday life following the example of so many Christian spouses.