



### MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Peter & Stephanie  
Muckerman, Anniversary  
8:00 AM Noreen Elson  
12:10 PM Julius Stanges

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: The Stein Family  
8:00 AM Sr. Dorothy Flanagan, Anniversary  
12:10 PM Rosemary Weiners, Anniversary

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 6:30 AM Phillip J. Lynch  
8:00 AM Special Intention: Catherine Sullivan  
12:10 PM Mary Compton

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 6:30 AM Frank Fairbanks  
8:00 AM Rose Elizabeth Eldering  
12:10 PM Lisa Monroe

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 6:30 AM Tom McDonnell  
8:00 AM Bijan Nassirdaftari  
12:10 PM Mary I. Marangi

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 8:00 AM Alton T. Young, Anniversary  
5:00 PM Rose Wagner (*Fr. Hanley*)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 7:00 AM Parishioners (*Fr. Jean Claude*)  
8:30 AM Special Int: Alfred C. Koehler (*Fr. Hanley*)  
9:15 AM Rob Jackson (*Fr. Kleinmann*)  
10:00 AM Conception Gonzalez (*Fr. Ruskamp*)  
11:30 AM Special Intention: Holley & Peter Kilcullen,  
40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (*Fr. Jean Claude*)  
1:00 PM Agnes Ross (*Fr. Ruskamp*)  
5:00 PM Richard H. Jeanneret (*Fr. Kleinmann*)

## Baptisms:

### We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Elizabeth Waite Crockett  
Dominic Pio Roman  
Ava Jane Vieira  
Olivia May Vieira

**OKTOBERFEST REMINDER:** Oktoberfest takes place **TODAY, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-5 PM at St. Mary's School Gym** located at 400 Green Street. Please join us for bratwurst, beer or root beer, pig roast, live German music, and children's games.

## FROM GREEN TO GOLD

This past week I was on my annual retreat which canon law, the Church's official code of law, requires each priest to take. It must be at least five days long. I have discussed the value of a retreat here before. Last Sunday I was asked about the Packers after I somewhat snidely laughed when I heard the Redskins were losing. I didn't intend the laugh to be a mean-spirited one; it just came out that way. The Redskins did lose and the Packers did not as I said they would not. Of course the reason they didn't lose (they already have lost four of five games) was because they did not play. It was their bye week.

It is interesting how things like a bye week can come just in time. The Packers have had numerous injuries with some key players out for the season and others ailing. A week off might provide an opportunity for healing and a break from the rather dismal start of the season when they lost four straight until the game against the New Orleans Saints. The hope is that the rest of the season will go better. This Sunday we have our annual Oktoberfest which also may come just in time. It is a day to take time to enjoy each other's company over a beer or a root beer while listening to some good German music and eating some roasted pig or a brat.

A retreat can also come just in time. To be honest with you I was really in need of this retreat. The previous two weeks, as many can be, were hectic. Last Saturday I had three weddings, one of which was held at the Dahlgren Chapel at Georgetown University. The chasing around, having a 2:30 P.M. wedding here and then getting to Georgetown for a 5:00 P.M. one only to return here by 7:00 P.M. for confessions, can wear on you. After all of that a respite was needed. In addition we are all called upon to pray, to be in conversation with God. When we fill our days, or they are filled for us, with all kinds of activities, finding time to pray can be difficult and yet we must, especially a priest, who has a responsibility to say the Divine Office every day. This prayer is offered for the entire Church, which is a very consoling thought. Every priest and many others as well are praying this mostly Psalm-based prayer for each and every one of us. An annual retreat is to the priest what the bye week is to a football team.

Having the opportunity to get away from nearly everything is truly a gift from God which should in turn be given back to Him. A retreat is a stepping back from the usual routine of life. For a priest that means no weddings, meetings, or appointments. For a single person that may mean no work and no night out at the clubs. For the parent that means no meals to cook, no bathrooms to clean, no laundry to wash, and no homework with the kids. What a retreat does is give the retreatant an opportunity to focus more fully upon God so that his or her spiritual life might be that much better. If it is a person's whole life will be better. Thus if one can make a retreat it is well worth it. I assure you all of you were in my prayers while I was gone. Lest I lose sight of reality, however, I returned in time Friday evening for two wedding rehearsals as I had only two weddings this weekend.

On a closing note Martha Nolan from Crossroads, who spoke to us two weekends ago, asked me to thank all of you for your support, both prayers and the \$2500 she raised. I too thank you!

In Christ,  
Fr. Kleinmann

**YOUNG ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES and YOUNG ADULT BACK TO BASICS CLASS 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Wednesdays** of each month, Fr. Hanley will lead a Book Discussion Group in St. Mary's White House at 314 Duke Street next to the rectory from 7:30-9 PM. Beginning with George Weigel's *Cube and Cathedral*, come prepared to discuss and ponder the truths and meanings of Catholic faith, life, and culture. **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays** of each month, Fr. Hanley and guest lecturers will give weekly teachings in St. Mary's White House at 314 Duke Street next to the rectory from 7:30-9 PM 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](mailto:brownluis@hotmail.com).

**WORKCAMP 2006 is just around the corner!!**

Rising 2006-07 sophomores, juniors, and seniors are invited to consider participating in the Diocese of Arlington Workcamp 2006 from Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Workcamp is an amazing week-long outreach to the poor of Virginia as we build and repair houses with 300 other teens and 150 adults from around the diocese. Work during the day, a camp-like retreat in the evening. You must sign up as interested by mail or email to Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450 or [brownluis@hotmail.com](mailto:brownluis@hotmail.com) and writing a paragraph stating "Why you would Like to go to Workcamp." Deadline is January 1st. Two required Sunday evening meetings in the Spring plus one short weekday fundraising meeting. We will only be given only 10-15 spots this year!!

**ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP WORKCAMP 2006 NEEDS A PAID VOLUNTEER ADULT LEADER:**

Workcamp 2006 is an amazing week-long outreach to the poor of Virginia in a camp-like retreat atmosphere with 300 teens and 200 adults and young adults. Each year, St. Mary's sends a group of teens and adults to Workcamp. This year's Workcamp is Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. **WE NEED AN ADULT LEADER!** The Adult must be 25+ and have a driver's license. Significant stipend will be given. This adult will attend Workcamp in its entirety, attend three mandatory meetings, and help the Youth Minister with some minor details. You will not be the only adult leader, but the representative at the meetings. Please contact Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450 or [brownluis@hotmail.com](mailto:brownluis@hotmail.com) ASAP to volunteer. **1st Meeting is November 7th!!!**

**ALL 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION 2006 PARENTS:** A reminder of the Mandatory **Parents Meeting this Tuesday, October 25th from 7:30-9pm in St. Mary's Church.** Holy Hour followed by Informational meeting. One parent must attend.

**ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Tonight's Sports Night at Lee St. Park in Old Town (on Union St. between Wolfe and Gibbon Sts. by the water) is **NOW FROM 5-7 PM** to accommodate the parish Oktoberfest. Meet at the volleyball court. Come for food, football, volleyball, frisbie, and bring \$\$ for ice cream in Old Town.

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

The deliberate killing of innocent persons, whether they be pre-born or born, through all forms of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or any other means is considered to be unethical, immoral, evil, and is a direct interference in God's plan for that soul.



**VOCATIONS:** Men's Discernment Group - Mount St. Mary's Seminary & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine Trip will take place on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Call Fr. Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514, or write: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) if you are interested in attending.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Mark your calendar for the St. Mary's School Annual Christmas Bazaar, which will be on Saturday, November 19, 2005 from 10 AM – 4 PM. Located at 400 Green Street, Alexandria, there will be over 60 craft exhibitors, children's games and crafts, bake sale and Christmas café. There is an early admission available to Flea Market, Yesterday's Books and Kid's Closet at 9 AM for \$10. You can visit with Santa and there will be a raffle with fabulous prizes. It's fun for the whole family!

**"THE MISSION OF THE MESSIAH"** a bible study on the Gospel of Luke, sponsored by the Spirituality Committee of the Sts. Anne and Joachim Society, begins Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM in the St. Joseph's room of the Lyceum. Fr. Kleinmann will mentor the study. If you would like to attend but did not sign in for a book at the September meeting, call 703-549-2865. Sessions are 1hr.

**THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** will take up a collection at all Masses next weekend for the support of their work among the elderly poor. The Little Sisters conduct St. Joseph's Home for the Aged at 1503 Michael Road, Richmond, VA 23229. For over 125 years, these Sisters have cared for the aged who have limited resources. In order to maintain their home, the Sisters go out daily to solicit gifts of money and food for their Residents. Any help that you may be able to give them will be greatly appreciated.



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**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Today, World Mission Sunday, with Catholics of the world, we are called to offer, at this Eucharist celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of our Lord – to help the poor and suffering experience the healing love and peace of Jesus. \$25 helps support a catechist for a month; \$75 provides for the work of Sisters; \$100 is a month's help for a mission parish. As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions.

**NEW MOM'S MASS GROUP:** If you are a new mom (child/children under 3) and interested in deepening your spiritual life while enjoying the good company of others in a similar stage of life, please join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. We start with 12:10 Mass (with the little ones!), followed by potluck lunch and discussion until 2:30 in the St. Joseph's room of the Lyceum. This Fall we'll be doing a Catholic Bible Study called "Women of Grace." If interested, please e-mail Julie Byrne [jdknits@verizon.net](mailto:jdknits@verizon.net) or Carolyn Brown [calbrown@catholic.org](mailto:calbrown@catholic.org).



Christine A. Blazina &amp; Gary C. Dickson (III)

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**First Reading** — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

**Gospel** — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17  
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21  
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30  
 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35  
 Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16  
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11  
 Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131;  
 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
 World Mission Sunday  
 Monday: St. Anthony Mary Claret  
 Friday: Sts. Simon and Jude  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Nancy Alfery	Devon Gounoud	Robin Munari
Harold Allen	Lottie Grant	Mae Poppen
Julie Biegun	Brendan Griffith	Josephine Puluari
Dr. John Bruchalski	Noelle Hammad	Novine Sandherr
Antoinette Ceruzzi	Mary Herr	Elizabeth Santos
Mary Choy	Suzanne Higgins	Tom Sheeran
Beth Capps	Bradford Laperouse	Alex Sestak
Margaret Correale	Mrs. Larzelere	Baby Stewart
Bernie Doherty	Etha Linehardt	Laura Tarter
Francis W. Doherty	Thomas Lovely	Aleah Taylor
Mary Ellen Freeney	Robert Marshall	Peter Turnbull
Garrett Golubin	Helen Meyer	Marylou Willison
Baby Maddie Laperouse Speizman and Baby Brayden Kelleher		

**BISHOP IRETON OPEN HOUSE:** Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA, is hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 3 PM. The presentation begins at 1 PM. Bishop Ireton is a Diocesan, co-ed, college preparatory school, conducted by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. For more information call 703-751-7606.

**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 passes. Please add your name to the petition and support life!

**CHECK OUT [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org),** the informative new resource for Virginia Catholics seeking involvement in the political process. The website, posted by the Virginia Catholic Conference, which represents the mutual public-policy interests of the Commonwealth's Catholic bishops and their dioceses, provides members of the Arlington Diocese with timely updates of current issues. The site offers the bishop's perspective on critical state & federal policy issues, action alerts and valuable materials to foster advocacy within parishes, schools and other church organizations.

**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.

**CARPENTER'S SHELTER:** On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we serve dinner to the residents of Carpenter's Shelter. See the book in the back of the church to sign up to bring food. For more information, contact Barbara Halicki at 703-370-7026. Thanks for all that you do!

**CHRIST HOUSE** is in need of the following food items for the Holiday food baskets: turkeys or hams, stuffing, instant potatoes, gravy, cranberry, mac/cheese & desserts (pie crust mix, fruit bread mix, cake mix & frosting mix.) For more information, you may call Christ House at 703-549-8644 or deliver items to 131 S. West Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314 between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday – Friday. Thank you for your help!

**PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** will be hosting our annual Open House for current 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 PM. For questions, please see contact information below. Also, Paul VI invites all 8<sup>th</sup> graders to a special preview to high school day on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 10:30 AM. Please make a reservation for this event e-mail: [gopvi@paulvi.net](mailto:gopvi@paulvi.net) or call 703-352-0925 ext 331.