

MASSSES for the WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 6:30 AM Kevin C. Tombs, Anniversary
 8:00 AM C. Michael Davis, Anniversary 10/20
 12:10 PM Joseph F. Lynch, Anniversary
 7:30 PM Bijan Nassirdaftari (Vigil for All Saints Day)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, ALL SAINTS DAY

Holy Day of Obligation

- 6:30 AM Parishioners
 8:00 AM Ignatius DiGeorge
 12:10 PM Eileen Sartorigus
 7:30 PM Anna Cantarella

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 6:30 AM Rob Jackson
 8:00 AM Jeanne F. Gay
 12:10 PM Catherine & Albert Wavering, Sr.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 6:30 AM Philip Lynch
 8:00 AM Mary Marangi
 12:10 PM Robert Kelley

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 6:30 AM Ann Daniels
 8:00 AM Evelyn Schramm
 12:10 PM Domenico Caporaletti, Anniversary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 8:00 AM Louise & Charles Montavon
 5:00 PM John Marangi (*Fr. Jean Claude*)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 7:00 AM Dee & Fred Burk (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
 8:30 AM For Life (*Fr. Jean Claude*)
 9:15 AM Parishioners (*Fr. Hanley*)
 10:00 AM Michael Collins (*Fr. Ruskamp*)
 11:30 AM Harry Scholz (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
 1:00 PM Thomas J. O'Connor (*Fr. Hanley*)
 5:00 PM George Bold (*Fr. Ruskamp*)



Baptisms

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Robert Sheldon Clark, III
 Colin James Leary
 Ryan Jennings McConnon
 Adam Walter Till

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, November 5th and 6th, there will be a second collection for Retired Religious. Thank you for your generosity.

LATIN MASS REMINDER: The Novus Ordo Latin Mass is held the first Sunday of every month at 10:00 AM.

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

Last week here I mentioned that I was on retreat. I briefly spoke of how valuable such an opportunity can be. I also said that I was really in need of that break. Well I can report as a follow up that I indeed had a very restful as well as prayerful retreat. It was an excellent week away. The setting on the Potomac River was idyllic. The weather was nearly perfect in that each day was reasonably cool, yet not too cool. Every day was sunny except for the last. The retreat master, the priest who directed the week giving two or three conferences each day, was quite good. The week was mostly silent for me. The exception was meals. It was great to have a chance to catch up with about 30 other diocesan priests who were also on this retreat. Again, as I pointed out last week this retreat was well needed. It fulfilled all my expectations and more. Perhaps a key message to draw from it is the absolute necessity of prayer in our lives. Time with God is oh so needed. It is His grace then that keeps us going and gets us through both the routine and the difficulties that life can present to us. I assure you that all of you were in my prayers while I was away. By the grace of God may we all be a little better, especially spiritually, because of this.

As important as the spiritual life is and nothing else really is more important, nonetheless, it is necessary to take care of our physical needs and to socialize as well. Both of those needs were met to some degree last Sunday at Oktoberfest. First, after rain Friday and Saturday, Sunday was almost unbelievably beautiful. Our prayers were answered! That provided a wonderful backdrop for this now four year old parish festival. As in previous years it was good to see people of all ages involved. There were the little ones and their parents, the school aged children, young adults, and older ones as well. Everyone I spoke to seemed to have a great time which is the main reason for the event.

This day is **not** meant to be a fundraiser. Its purpose is to get us together for a good German meal, some good German music, and a good dose of *gemutlichkeit* (German friendliness). I think we accomplished that. As we have done other years we do ask for a donation to help offset the costs of the day. Just to let you know, last Sunday's festivities to date (not all the bills are in yet) cost the parish \$6013.35. We received \$3768.00 in donations. In addition two families were very generous and gave over \$800. That means the parish put out over \$1300 for this day of fun, not a bad price for what this effort represents. I actually raise all this because I did hear that some people did not attend because it cost too much. I hope everyone realizes that while donations are greatly appreciated this day is not to be a financial burden on anyone.

Lastly I want to thank all those who had a significant role in making this year's Oktoberfest possible. I especially appreciate all that Kim Sackett and Emma Lopo-Sullivan did as the chief coordinators for the day. They were helped by many, particularly Chris Bahret and Steve Scalsky with food, Tom Johnson and numerous St. Mary's dads along with John McDonald, the Catholic Daughters, and the Knights of Columbus. Molly Sackett and a good number of eighth graders were also involved. Because of them and many others, as well as all of you who attended, we had another very successful Oktoberfest. I'm already looking forward to next year.

In Christ,
 Fr. Kleinmann

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR/SOCIAL

THIS FRIDAY: Exciting new events for Catholic young adults, single and married, 22-35 year old, continues this Friday, November 4th. Young Adult Holy Hour (with teaching by Fr. Hanley) and praise and worship music from 7:30 – 8:30 PM in St. Mary's Church followed by *All Saints Soiree Social* in St. Mary's Lyceum on 313 Duke Street from 8:30 – 11 PM. Exotic wines, breads and cheeses, games, events and saint displays. For more information contact Fr. Hanley at 703- 836-4100 or Luis Brown at 703- 836-5450.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP

continues this Wednesday, November 2nd from 7:30 – 9 PM in the St. Mary's White House at 314 Duke Street. New members are welcome to join as we continue to discuss George Weigel's *Cube and Cathedral*.

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 24th – Friday, June 30th. 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 and submit 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 be given only 10-15 spots this year!!

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, 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.

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

PIZZA/TOPIC NIGHT, November 6th from 6-8 PM in the St. Mary's Lyceum. We will be discussing "Dating and Relationships: How far is too far?" Join us for small group discussions and social time following.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

We cannot and must not remain silent about abortion. God's babies are being killed by abortion right before our eyes. Please get involved and do your part to save innocent human life. God counts on us to be His instruments on earth!



VOCATIONS: "The greatest one among you will be the one who serves the rest." How is Christ calling you to share the greatness of His love? If He is inviting you to serve the rest as a priest or consecrated religious, call Father Brian Bashista at 716-841-2514, or write: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

invites you to **SPEND ONE HOUR in vocal and silent Eucharistic Adoration on FIRST FRIDAY, November 4th**, beginning at 9:00 PM or **EARLY SATURDAY, November 5th**, 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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:

The St. Mary's School Annual Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 19, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. While cleaning out your garage, basement and children's closets this fall, please remember our Flea market, Kids Closet and Yesterdays Books for any item you might want to donate. We would appreciate items in good condition. Please note we are only accepting children's clothing. Drop off will begin Saturday, November 5th at St. Mary's School. Please contact Jere Maune (703) 765-0899 or Marianne Mikalic (703) 567-7311 for further Flea Market information.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL BAZAAR BAKERY

hopes all parish bakers will help us with baked goods for our popular booth. The bazaar will be held on November 19th. We would appreciate any of the following: Pies (pecan is favorite), Cakes (bundt, pound or rum), Quick Breads (standard size loaf of cranberry, zucchini, pumpkin or banana). **All items should be labeled and packaged in clear wrap. Please tie a green ribbon on items containing nuts.** Baked goods will be accepted at the school Friday, November 18th or at the booth Saturday November 19th after 10 a.m.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us? (Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

Psalms — In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).

Second Reading — You have received not a human word but the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).

Gospel — Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven (Matthew 23:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
 Wednesday: Suggested: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 or any readings from no. 668 or the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time ends
 Monday: Halloween
 Tuesday: All Saints
 Wednesday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
 Thursday: St. Martin de Porres
 Friday: St. Charles Borromeo; First Friday
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Sick Relatives & Friends

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	Thomas Rosser
Antoinette Ceruzzi	Mary Herr	Novine Sandherr
Mary Choy	Suzanne Higgins	Elizabeth Santos
Beth Capps	Bradford Laperouse	Tom Sheeran
Margaret Correale	Mrs. Larzelere	Alex Sestak
Bernie Doherty	Etha Linehardt	Baby Stewart
Francis W. Doherty	Thomas Lovely	Laura Tarter
Kim Flowers	Robert Marshall	Aleah Taylor
Mary Ellen Freaney	Helen Meyer	Peter Turnbull
Garrett Golubin		Marylou Willison
Baby Maddie Laperouse Speizman and Baby Brayden Kelleher		

Rest in Peace

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

Nancy Jackson, Baby Murphy, and Patrick Shale

NEW ALTAR BOYS: Any boy in the fifth grade or above is invited to join the fraternity of altar servers at St. Mary's Parish. It is a great privilege to serve at the Altar of the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and we need dedicated young men who love their Catholic Faith to carry out this task. **We will have practices on three consecutive Mondays in November: 14, 21 & 28 in the Church from 3:00-4:30. Servers are expected to attend two of these meetings.** Fr. Hanley will meet St. Mary's School students after class and walk them to the Church. **For Boys who are unable to make 2 of these sessions there will be a session on Friday, November 18 from 6:00-7:30 PM.** If all of these dates are impossible parents can speak to Fr. Hanley individually.

BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

Attention eighth graders! You and your parents are encouraged to attend our annual Open House Program on Thursday, November 10th. Learn more about our outstanding college preparatory curriculum (including 26 AP plus 35 Honors courses), opportunities for spiritual growth (religion courses, class retreats, service projects), and exciting extracurricular activities (over 100 athletic teams and clubs). The program will begin at 7 PM in the school auditorium. Application materials for the Class of 2010 will be available that night and subsequently on our website at www.bishopoconnell.org. Reservation in advance is not required. For more information contact Mary McAlevy, Director of Admission at 703-237-1433.

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!

CARPENTER'S SHELTER: On November 3rd, 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!

JOB POSTING FOR ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL,

McLean Virginia: Immediate opening for full time or part time middle school math teacher (6th, 7th, 8th grades) at St. John Catholic School in McLean, VA. Salary negotiable based on experience. Contact: Headmaster Peter Schultz at 703-356-7554.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS,

Court Kavanaugh #54, will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, November 14th at 7:30 PM in the St. Mary's Lyceum. It will be preceded by the Memorial Mass for Deceased Members at 7 PM in St. Mary's Church.

"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 3rd 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.