

Mass Intentions**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

- 6:30 AM Marcel Laurens
 8:00 AM Special Intention: Sandra Davis Graham
 12:10 PM Mary I. Marangi

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 6:30 AM Rob Jackson
 8:00 AM Rich Phillips
 12:10 PM Robert Kelley

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 6:30 AM Mark Jewett
 8:00 AM Florence Leahy
 12:10 PM Charles Williams

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 6:30 AM Carl Lair, Anniversary
 8:00 AM Ruth E. Copps, Anniversary
 12:10 PM Charles J. O'Connor, Anniversary

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, Veteran's Day

- 9:00 AM Benjamin H. Stansbury, Jr.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 8:00 AM Sophia M. Zammar
 5:00 PM William Wallace

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 7:00 AM Marie Quinn Heffernan, Anniversary 11/12
 8:30 AM Margaret Brosnan, Anniversary
 9:15 AM Patricia Sullivan
 10:00 AM Frank Grady
 11:30 AM Special Intention: Maryann & Michael A. Petrino
 1:00 PM Parishioners
 5:00 PM Bettie Nickey Lingan

REMINDER: The rectory office will be **CLOSED** for **VETERAN'S DAY** on **Friday, November 11th**. Also, **there will be only one Mass that day at 9:00 AM.**

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

Finnegan Wofford Bocchieri, Hannah Jane Brophy,
 Charles Joseph Florenza, Grace Margaret Keller, and
 Andrew Egan Matthew

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER
November 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.

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

Last week I ended this column writing about our physical and social needs in relation to Oktoberfest. I also had mentioned my retreat, which had a more spiritual nature to it. The purpose of this column is somewhat diversified but is always meant to lead us from the green to the gold, from the ordinary to the glorious, from earthly life to eternal life in heaven. This refers primarily then to matters spiritual. Last week was a week full of profoundly spiritual events.

Tuesday was All Saints Day, a day we devote to the souls in heaven, the Church Triumphant. We remembered in particular those souls who do not have a feast day on the Church calendar, who have not been canonized, including our deceased loved ones such as relatives, neighbors, and friends. As it was a Holy Day of Obligation we had the school Mass and the added evening Masses. I offered the 6:30 A.M. Mass and have to comment about something that occurred there. It involves an altar boy who is in sixth grade. Although he came a minute or so late and lives near the church, I noticed that he had come to Mass by himself. What faith, what obedience, this young man showed! I have to admit I was very impressed. I pray all our altar boys and all our young people have such devotion. Later that day was the school's annual Saints Parade. It is always a sight to behold, seeing the younger members of our school dressed as their favorite or patron saint and processing through Old Town. This too is quite inspiring.

Wednesday was All Souls Day, a day we devote to those souls in purgatory, the Church Suffering. On that day it is the custom for a priest to offer three Masses. In addition we had a funeral Mass celebrated. This is something I do not believe I have ever done before, but how appropriate. Earlier that morning the fourth through eighth graders gathered in our parish cemetery for an opportunity to offer prayers for the dead and gain a plenary indulgence. On Saturday, November 5th, a special Mass was offered at noon for all the deceased of our parish who died within the past year. A reception followed in the parish Lyceum which was hosted by our Bereavement Committee. They were very kind to do this; of course they are willing to do this throughout the year as a service to grieving families.

Friday was First Friday when we have an all school Mass and a Mass at Woodbine Nursing Home. We also visit Sunrise Assisted Living Center and all of our homebound parishioners. That evening was the second holy hour and social for our young adults. It is also Nocturnal Adoration, another opportunity we have to worship our Eucharistic Lord. Then this Sunday evening Fr. Hanley begins the first of five sessions, all on Sunday nights at 7:00 P.M., on the Total Consecration to the Blessed Mother. This is a devotional practice of the Church in which I would encourage you to participate. At least come this weekend to learn more about it. It is yet another way to grow spiritually. Just a reminder, our parish Forty Hours devotion is a month away. As we did last year this a true blessing to our parish and begins with a special Mass on Tuesday evening, December 6th. It continues through the evening Mass on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Please plan on being part of this as well.

In Christ,
 Fr. Kleinmann

YOUNG ADULT CATECHISM CLASS continues this Wednesday, November 9th 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 various Catholic topics of interest. Perfect for those who grew up Catholic but never really learned their faith.

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 I 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!

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: All high school CYO youth group events are postponed for planning and regrouping of staff. Our next event will be ice skating in the DC Sculpture Garden on Friday, December 9th. Details to be announced.

VOCATIONS: Women's Discernment Group Fall "Nun Run" will visit four area convents of consecrated women religious on Sunday, November 13th from 9 AM until 8 PM. Call Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514, or write: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org if you are interested in attending.

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Please join us Thursday evenings for the Holy Hour from 7:30 – 8:30 PM. Near the beginning of the hour, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet that our Lord will grant us the grace to realize the importance of modesty in dress for our children and for ourselves.

SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP: Beginning on Monday, November 7th, Haven of Northern Virginia will offer, free of charge, a six-week support group for anyone whose loved one has died by suicide. The group will meet from 7:30 PM – 9 PM at 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale, VA. Space is limited. Registration is required. For information and registration, call Haven at 703-941-7000 or e-mail havenofnova@verizon.net



ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: Please consider joining St. Mary's Society of St. Vincent de Paul as either an active, associate, or contributing member. Alexandria's poor need you! We meet twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month – join us at an upcoming meeting. Or for more information about membership, please leave a message for us at 703-836-1724 and one of our dedicated volunteers will contact you.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

All across the world there has been a campaign to strip pre-born babies of their humanity. They have been called "blobs of tissue" and "products of conception". These terms are meant to dehumanize the pre-born in order to make killing them more acceptable. We are called to be the light of the world, let us tell the world that abortion and euthanasia are no longer acceptable.



STs ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY (St. Mary's Senior Group) will have their regular brown bag luncheon meeting at the Lyceum at 1 PM on Thursday, November 10th. Rev. Daniel Hanley, Parochial Vicar will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served. All senior parishioners are invited. Please call Bill Lynch at 703-548-2891 with any questions.

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED APOSTLE SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY welcomes new prospects to an Open House on Saturday, November 12th from 11-1 PM at St. Mary's Lyceum located on 313 Duke Street, Alexandria. For further information call Sadie Martins at 703-548-8063.

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.

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.

CUB SCOUT FOOD DRIVE: St. Mary's Cub Scout Pack 301 will be participating in the *Scouting For Food* drive the weekends of November 6th and 13th. After each mass on November 5th and 6th, the cub scouts will be handing out bags for this food drive. Please consider taking one and returning it the following weekend with one or more canned goods or other non-perishable items. Scouts will be present for all masses on November 12 and 13 to receive your donations. All food donations are delivered to a local food bank. Last year the scouts collected over two tons of food. Thank you for your continued support of the Cub Scouts.

ST. MONICA PRAYER GROUP: If you are sick, feeling down, having troubles or know someone who is, please send your prayer intentions and requests to SaintMonicasPrayers@earthlink.net.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8
 Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
 Thursday: St. Leo the Great
 Friday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
 Saturday: St. Josaphat

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Nancy Alfery	Garrett Golubin	Robin Munari
Harold Allen	Devon Gounoud	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
Kim Flowers	Robert Marshall	Peter Turnbull
Mary Ellen Feeney	Helen Meyer	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:

Barbara Dobson, Lottie Grant, Andy McGowan, and Thomas J. Rosser

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR! All parishioners are welcome to attend the second annual Preview Cocktail Party on Friday night, November 18 from 7:00 until 9:00 pm at the school. Call Maureen McCarty 703-960-2221 for reservations. The tickets are \$30 per person. The bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 10 am until 4 pm. Please help us make this year's bazaar a success for our school.

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.

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!

CHRIST HOUSE DINNER DONATION: St. Mary's will be serving dinner at Christ House on Tuesday, November 29th. A sign-up book for food items and helpers will be in the back of the church. Please note the requirements listed in the book regarding food delivery. Please direct any questions to Janet Watkins at 703-836-1265 or Rita Meyer at 703-768-3482. Thank you!

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 2nd and 4th 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 or Carolyn Brown calbrown@catholic.org.