

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 6:30 AM Carmella Ghignone
8:00 AM Eileen Kearney
12:10 PM Stella Holbink

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 6:30 AM Intentions of the Raymond Loshire Family
8:00 AM Ronald Littlefair, Anniversary
12:10 PM C. Steven Sutton

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Michael Rymond, Sr.
8:00 AM Carl Daniels
12:10 PM Eleanor T. Rymond



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 10:00 AM Michael & Margaret Rusnak

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 6:30 AM William Wallace
8:00 AM Ursula Haase
12:10 PM Kelly Swanson

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 8:00 AM Ann O'Conner
5:00 PM Eileen Sartorius

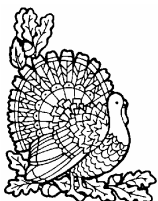
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 7:00 AM Special Int: Paul & Genevieve Peworchik
8:30 AM Susan Mc Andrews Falcone
9:15 AM Special Intention: The Torres Family
10:00 AM Kelley Swanson
11:30 AM Mary Florence Kavanagh
1:00 PM Aurelio R. Narganes, 10th Anniversary
5:00 PM Parishioners

Baptisms:

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Elizabeth Whittier Colby
Jacqueline Reese Fererowicz
David Francis Heiden
Christopher Allen Riley



THANKSGIVING REMINDER: There will be only **ONE MASS** celebrated on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th at 10:00 AM. Also, please note that the parish offices will be **CLOSED** Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. (See additional announcement)

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

Life often can be full of surprises. Recently I have witnessed a few of them. Last Sunday, for example, the Packers actually won another game, their second of the season, against Atlanta where the Packers were 9-point underdogs. The final score was 33 to 25. On Saturday those attending the 8:00 A.M. Mass had the unexpected pleasure of witnessing the baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion of a young woman, Andrea Hamilton. She did not come into the Church last Easter due to various reasons, but did on Saturday. We offer her our congratulations and extend our prayers to her. She was quite impressed with all of those who stopped to talk to her after Mass and took time to welcome her to the Catholic Faith and St. Mary's Parish, which was no surprise to me. May we also pray for all of those currently enrolled in our RCIA classes as they continue to explore the Catholic Faith and presumably prepare to become Catholic.

On Friday, Veterans Day, we had our usual federal holiday schedule. As announced in the bulletin the Sunday before and as listed on the cover of it, we have only one Mass at 9:00 A.M. At 12:15 I went into the church to obtain the Eucharist for those who visit Woodbine Nursing Home. There had to be forty people in church, evidently expecting the 12:10 Mass. I am sure it was a surprise, an unfortunate one, that there was no noon Mass that day. You may want to mark your calendars in advance if this might apply to you in the future.

Another possible surprise to some may have been the state elections nearly two weeks ago. The first ever Catholic was elected as our new governor. The Commonwealth of Virginia has never had a Catholic U.S. senator or governor until now. Our governor-elect was not afraid to say he was a faithful Catholic during the pre-election campaign. Now we must pray for Timothy Kaine that he truly will be faithful, as we should pray for each other that we all may always be devout Catholics, faithful to all that our Church teaches. Our new governor could easily have bills cross his desk dealing with abortion, embryonic stem cell research, and so-called same sex marriages, all issues where the Church's teaching is clear and where there is no room for deviation from that teaching.

As I mentioned last week so that it would not be a surprise, we will again have our Forty Hours Devotion. This will provide a great opportunity to offer those prayers for our new state officials and our RCIA inquirers. Similar to last year this devotion involves round-the-clock adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It begins with a special Mass at 7:30 in the evening on Tuesday, December 6th, just over two weeks from now. There will be sign up sheets in the back of church. This event anticipates our parish patronal feast day, the Immaculate Conception. The devotion concludes with the 7:30 P.M. Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th. This Tuesday we will have another Sermon on the Mount, whose topic will help us prepare for Advent and Christmas. Then next Tuesday, during that Mass on December 6th, we begin our Advent series which is held in church to provide a more prayerful atmosphere. This year's topic is the Christmas Narratives in the Gospels. Please plan on joining us. We promise no unexpected surprises here. And may all of you have a blessed Thanksgiving Day!

In Christ,
Fr. Kleinmann

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATIONS:**

Thursday, November 24th is Thanksgiving Day. Although not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us throughout the year. There will be only one Mass that day,

during which we will have our traditional offertory procession of non-perishable food for Christ House and financial donations for Christ House, Carpenter's Shelter, and ALIVE. Immediately after Mass, volunteers will be needed to take the food to Christ House at the corner of Prince and West Streets. As always, thank you for your help.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT IS BACK beginning this Tuesday, November 22nd, from 7:30 – 9 PM in St. Mary's Lyceum located at 313 Duke Street. Fr. Kleinmann will be speaking on *Catholic Advent and Christmas Traditions: Their Origin and Meaning*. Wine and cheese will be served followed by the talk and discussion.

ST. MARY'S LYCEUM CLEANUP DAY: Please join us for a day of cleaning and organizing the Lyceum on Saturday, December 3rd, from 8:30 AM – 12 PM. Coffee and donuts upstairs at 8:30AM. All parishioners, parish groups and 8th grade Confirmation candidates are invited to help. For more information please contact Luis Brown at 703-836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com.

NEW MOM'S MASS GROUP: If you are a mother of little ones (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. Because of Thanksgiving, we'll meet on November 30th instead of the 23rd. We start with 12:10 Mass (with the children!), followed by potluck lunch and discussion until 2:30 in the St. Joseph's room of the Lyceum. This year we'll be doing a Catholic Bible Study called "Full of Grace." If interested, please email Carolyn Brown calbrown@catholic.org or Julie Byrne jdknits@earthlink.net or visit [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Mom Mass Group St Mary/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Mom%20Mass%20Group%20St%20Mary/) for more information.



PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE: Many graces have been experienced by those who have invited the Pilgrim Virgin Statue into their home. Contact Jane Jessey, 703-313-4970, to schedule a one week visit.

ST. THOMAS MORE TO TAKE PART IN NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE: December 8th (Thursday night) – 9th (Friday morning), St. Thomas More will join with Catholics across 4 US time zones to take part in a National Night of Prayer for Life. Slated for 9 PM, Dec. 8th until 1 AM December 9th, the date spans the Feast of the Immaculate Conception as well as Our Lady of Guadalupe's first apparition to St. Juan Diego. This is an important pro-life event & your help is needed now to insure a high level of participation. Please contact Simon de Groot 703-379-0485 or email degroofs@erols.com for details.

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Even with public opposition, tax-funded subsidies for abortion continues. From 1987 through 2002 just ONE pro-abortion group received almost

\$2,500,000,000 tax dollars under Title X. How many poor families could have been fed, clothed and given medical care with that tax money? Tens of thousands of homes could have been built to sustain and nurture life, and yet this money was used to destroy life through abortion.



VOCATIONS: "When did I see you, Lord..." Have you heard the Lord as well? Is God calling you to serve as a sister or brother, deacon, or priest? Call Fr. Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514 or write vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE: Students of St. Mary's parish will be selling Christmas cards after Masses during the weekend of December 3-4. A variety of styles are available in 10-card packages, available for \$5 each. All proceeds will benefit the Gabriel Project and Project Rachel of the Arlington Diocese, pro-life programs which provide support, assistance and encouragement to individuals who are struggling with a crisis pregnancy. Both programs focus on the dignity of the individuals by treating them with the love and respect they deserve. Donations will be gratefully accepted as well.

HELP BABIES & THEIR FAMILIES: Throughout Advent, from November 27th – December 21st, St. Mary's will be collecting unwrapped baby items to help support the efforts of the Marih Center, our local resource for needy babies and their families. Donations of new baby clothing up to age 2, disposable diapers, diaper wipes, baby toiletries, blankets, etc. may be placed in the playpen in the back of the church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

SOCIETY OF THE PATRICIANS: The Society of the Patricians cordially invites all Catholic adults to meet on **Saturday, November 19th from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM** in the **St. Joseph's Room of the Lyceum** for a discussion of "**The Blessed Virgin Mary: God's Masterpiece.**" Sponsored by the legion of Mary, the Society of the Patricians is a group of lay members who meet monthly to explore Catholic apologetics in a formal setting guided by Marian spirituality. Father Daniel Hanley, our spiritual director, provides leadership and summarizes the discussions. For more information, please contact **Phil Cooper** at **703-960-6296** [E-mail: Phil.PatCooper@verizon.net] or **Antoinette Crandell** at **703-768-5559** [E-mail: crandella@verizon.net].

RESPECT LIFE MASS: Bishop Loverde will celebrate the monthly Respect Life Mass at St. James in Falls Church on Saturday, November 26th at 8:30 AM and will lead the recitation of the Rosary outside the Falls Church Abortion Facility.

MEALS ON WHEELS in Alexandria needs ore volunteers! Please call 703-836-4414#4.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep
(Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall
want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ
all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to
me (Matthew 25:31-46).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80;
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
Monday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
Thirty-fourth/Last Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Cecilia
Wednesday: St. Clement I; St. Columban;
Blessed Miguel Augustín Pro
Thursday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac and His
Companions; Thanksgiving Day
Friday: St. Catherine of Alexandria
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Nancy Alfery	Devon Gounoud	Helen Meyer
Harold Allen	Brendan Griffith	Robin Munari
Julie Biegun	Noelle Hammad	Mae Poppen
Dr. John Bruchalski	Nick Hayes	Josephine Puluari
Antoinette Ceruzzi	Mary Herr	Novine Sandherr
Mary Choy	Suzanne Higgins	Elizabeth Santos
Beth Capps	Bradford Laperouse	Michelle Shaw
Bernie Doherty	Mrs. Larzelere	Tom Sheeran
Francis W. Doherty	Jason Leone	Alex Sestak
Kim Flowers	Etha Linehardt	Baby Stewart
Mary Ellen Feeney	Thomas Lovely	Peter Turnbull
Garrett Golubin	Robert Marshall	Marylou Willison
Baby Maddie Laperouse Speizman and Baby Brayden Kelleher		

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

Mary Teresa McGregor
Dorothy Smith



ST. MARY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE

SALE: Dec. 3-11. Come to the annual Christmas
Tree sale located at Green & Royal Streets
(School parking lot) for the freshly cut trees that
make us famous. Fraser Firs & White Pine Trees
(6 8 ft), Fir Wreaths (25 inch), and White Pine Roping (10
& 25 yds.). Help support St. Mary's School. Come early,
these trees sell fast!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED: St. Mary's School,
in Alexandria Va., is looking for substitute teachers for all
grades, Pre-Kindergarten – eighth. Experience in teaching
is required, and a degree in education is preferred. Also, if
you have an interest in substituting for Spanish, art, music,
computers, or physical education, please submit your
resume to the school either via email at:
lfrisenda@stmarys-alexva.org or send to: 400 Green
Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, Attn: Mr. Louis J. Frisenda.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER: On December 1st we will be
serving dinner to the residents of the shelter. To sign up
for food, see the book in the rear of the church. Please
contact Barbara Halicki at 703-370-7026 for more
information. Thanks for all 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!

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!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Do you want to help those
in need but find your volunteer time is limited because you
work full-time? How about donating your time once a
month or once every other month on a Saturday or Sunday
afternoon? Christ House needs you. Catholic Charities
Christ House has been feeding the poor and homeless for
more than thirty years at its soup kitchen at 131 S. West St
in Old Town, Alexandria. Would you be willing to come
with a few friends to cook a meal for those who have
nothing? Remember what Jesus said in Matthew 25: For I
was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you
gave me drink. If you are interested, please call Catholic
Charities Christ House at 703-548-4227.

ST. MARY'S CHOIR rehearses weekly in the Lyceum at
7:30 PM on Wednesdays and welcomes singers in all
voice ranges. Please call Dr. Saik at 703-684-5308 to
arrange an appointment.