

MASSSES for the WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

- 6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Special Intention: Keith Umlauf Family
12:10 PM Pablo Cingolani

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

- 6:30 AM James Folks, Sr.
8:00 AM William Kennedy Hughes
12:10 PM Special Intention: The O'Neil Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

- 6:30 AM Virginia Funk
8:00 AM The Migdalski Family
12:10 PM Michael & Margaret Rusnak

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

- 6:30 AM All Souls
8:00 AM Mary Bern Moran
12:10 PM Anne & Edward Gainty

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Kevin Lynch
8:00 AM Catherine Jones, Anniversary
12:10 PM The Torres Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

- 8:00 AM Paul Massey
5:00 PM Captain Frank Richard Donovan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

- 7:00 AM Jacob & Bernice Popek
8:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Francis X. McKnight
9:15 AM All Souls
10:00 AM Ellen Flanagan
11:30 AM Parishioners
1:00 PM Maria Giuseppe, Anniversary 1/3
5:00 PM Ann Wood



We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Isabella Sonia Cardarelli

VOCATIONS: "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Are you considering a vocation as a priest or a consecrated religious? Call Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514 or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

THE ST. MARY'S MOTHER'S GROUP meets every Wednesday at 10 AM in the St. Joseph's Room of the Lyceum. This is a great opportunity to meet and connect with other moms while your children play. For more information please contact Courtney Logan at 703-519-1979 or courtneylogan@msn.com.

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

Well the Redskins couldn't quite pull it off, but as we Packer fans say, "There's always next year." And to be honest the future may be better for the Redskins than for the Packers. Time will tell. Needless to say, I was not worrying about the Redskins last week while I was gone helping with a retreat for fourth year seminarians, deacons mostly, from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary. It was a great week as I mentioned at the Masses I offered last weekend. These 24 men truly were an inspiration. I was impressed with their manliness, their holiness, their love of God and His Church, their enthusiasm, and their excitement about soon being ordained priests. What also greatly impressed me was their reverence for Our Lord in the Eucharist. This was demonstrated by their presence each night at Adoration and even the way they received Holy Communion. With the exception of two these men all received Communion on the tongue. While it is absolutely acceptable to receive in the hand or on the tongue, I am not alone in thinking that at times when we receive in the hand it can be a little easier to become more casual in our approach to Christ in the Eucharist. I'm not always sure in these times of ours that everyone has the proper respect for this great gift from God. This is something we must work for as we have to have a great respect for Holy Communion, which is really, truly and substantially Jesus Christ Himself. We show this respect and reverence in many ways, including our bodily and spiritual preparation for Holy Communion, how we receive, and what we do after we receive.


There is another aspect in "these times of ours" where I believe we have also lost the sense of respect and reverence and that is in regard to human life. The value of life seems to be downgraded. All the violence that fills our streets, the wars occurring across the world, the neglect of some of the poor and elderly, the willingness to so easily end life because someone is very ill are all examples of the degradation of the value of human life. At the root of all of this is the basic devaluing of the life of the unborn. Abortion is still the law of our land. Certainly inroads have been made and more restrictions are in place, but a mother still has the right to take the life of her own unborn child at any stage of development. This is a horrendous mark on our country and sadly way too many politicians, including many Catholics, are unwilling to defend this most basic right to life. We only need to look at all that Supreme Court justice nominee, Samuel A. Alito, Jr., has been put through recently during his confirmation hearing.

Today we mark the 33rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in our country. For 33 years this battle has been fought. Tomorrow, Monday, January 23rd, people from across the country will gather in Washington to march yet again for life. In addition before the march, teenagers including a good number from our parish will attend a Pro-Life rally at the MCI Center after which they too will join the March for Life. It is wonderful to see these young people stand up and march for life. It should give us much hope, like those seminarians on retreat last week did for me. Please join us in marching if you can, buses are again being provided by our parish. At the very least please join us in prayer, praying that this atrocity may soon come to an end, that all may recognize the sanctity and dignity of each human life, especially that of the unborn, and that hearts will be moved and more will defend life that a March for Life will not be necessary next year.

In Christ,
Fr. Kleinmann

SERMON ON THE MOUNT BEGINS THIS WEEK:
Tuesday, January 24th from 7:30-9pm. Wine and cheese followed by a talk and discussion. This week Father Hanley will speak on *The Human Mind: Economic Engine or Window to Eternity? A Look at the Purpose of Education.* Please join us!

DAYCARE EMPLOYEES WANTED: St. Mary's School needs dedicated and reliable instructors for its Extended Daycare program. Love of children and patience a must. Competitive salary and flexible hours. Call: Tom Noone, Director at: 703-628-2337 or 703-549-3488 Ext 23.

School  **ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WILL HOLD AN OPEN HOUSE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2006 AT 8:30 AM IN CHRIST CHILD HALL, LOCATED IN STEPHENS HALL.** Parents of new students applying for the 2006-2007 school year are invited. The school is not shown on an individual basis. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Lisa Bright, registrar, at 703-549-3488, ext. 12.

SOCIETY OF THE PATRICIANS: The Society of the Patricians cordially invites all Catholic adults to meet on Saturday, January 28th from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM in Holy Family Auditorium at the Lyceum for a discussion of "Called by Name: Our Lady's Many Titles." 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).

BINGO! **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT:** "Ireland's Own" Pat Troy returns to Saint Mary's School on Friday, February 10th for "Heart of my Heart Family Bingo Night." Join us for a cheese pizza dinner at 6:30 PM in the School Gym and stay for Bingo games and fabulous prizes, including the Grand Prize of \$200 cash. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Kavanaugh, No. 54, all proceeds from this event directly benefit the Julia Petrino Scholarship Fund, which awards two scholarships each year to St. Mary's School graduates. For more information or to volunteer for this event, please contact Kerry Carter at (703) 768-4499.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH WELCOMES FR. BENEDICT GROESCHEL, CFR on Monday, January 23rd, 2006 (the day of the *March for Life*) at 7:30 PM in the church. There will be a talk and adoration followed by book signing. A free-will offering will be collected to support the ministries of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

THE STs ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY (Senior's Group) trip to the American Museum of the American Indian will leave from the St. Mary's Lyceum on Wednesday, January 25th at 11:15 AM and will return at about 2:30 PM. Bus fare is \$5.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Roe v Wade is the Dred Scott of the 20th century and now the 21st. We must pray that the time will come when Roe v Wade is remembered only as a horrible reminder of what we as a nation once allowed. This is the time for a new abolitionism, the time to abolish the horrible practice of abortion. WE must fight the right to life, for the born and the unborn.



THANK YOU!! To all who donated so generously to the MARIH center, the Gabriel Project and Project Rachel. The enormous number of baby items, as well as countless monetary donations received during November and December will be used to assist mothers in need. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are humbling. THANK YOU FOR OPENING UP YOUR HEARTS FOR THESE VERY WORTHY CAUSES!

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE: The annual **March for Life** will be held on **Monday, January 23rd** beginning at 12:00 noon with a rally on the grounds of the Washington monument, followed by the March to Capitol Hill and the Supreme Court. A chartered bus will pick up parishioners in front of St. Mary's Church, leaving at 11:45 AM and will return at approximately 3:30 PM. Please sign up in the rear of the church if you plan to take the bus. If you plan to meet St. Mary's parishioners at the MARCH, the group will gather at the Ellipse at 15th and Constitution Avenue.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER: On February 2, 2006 we will be serving dinner to the residents of the shelter. See the book in the rear of the church to sign up for food. Please contact Barbara Halicki with any questions at 703-370-7026. Thanks for all that you do!

THEOLOGY ON TAP: A new series has begun! Theology on Tap is a series of talks concerning the Catholic Faith in a relaxed setting at a local pub. The series takes place every Tuesday night from January 10 – February 14. All young adults over 21 are welcome. The talk will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by Q & A at 8p.m at **Pat Troy's Ireland's Own** located at **111 North Pitt Street Alexandria, VA.** Come for food and drink before. Bring your friends and your coworkers! This week, January 24th, **Fr. Richard Hogan; internationally known author and speaker, formerly with Priests for Life, currently with NFP Outreach organization** will speak on Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body".

BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL is accepting applications for ninth grade (Class of 2010) for the 2006-2007 academic year. The application deadline is Friday, January 27. For information contact Mary McAlevy, Director of Admissions, via email at mmcalevy@bishopoconnell.org or by phone at 703-237-1433. Materials may also be downloaded from the school website at www.bishopoconnell.org.

REMINDER: Evening Prayer (Vespers) takes place every Sunday at 4:30 PM. Please join us!



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30,
or any readings from the Mass "For Peace
and Justice," nos. 887-891

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mk 1:21-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Day of Penance for Violations to the
Dignity of the Human Person Committed
through Acts of Abortion

Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales

Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

Thursday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Friday: St. Angela Merici

Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Father Robert Ruskamp

Nancy Alfery	Devan Gounaud	Walter Mullikin
Harold Allen	Brendan Griffith	James Naughton, Sr
Julie Biegun	Lewis Harper	Mae Poppen
Warren Bishop	Mary Herr	Josephine Pulari
Dr. John Bruchalski	Suzanne Higgins	Susan Richardson
Rosemary Burgess	Francis Jessey	Novine Sandherr
Patty Carroll	Barbara Kramer	Elizabeth Santos
Ann Ceruzzi	Bradford Laperouse	Tom Sheeran
Terri Clark	Mrs. Larzelere	Alex Sestak
Beth Copps	Jason Leone	Elijah Spoon
Bernie Doherty	Thomas Lovely	Carrie Spruiell
Francis W. Doherty	Robert Marshall	George Stelluto
Ann Ephardt	Nathaniel Maylor	Baby Stewart
Kim Flowers	Helen Meyer	Peter Turnbull
Joe Franze	Jean (Sallie) Midkiff	Pat Uram
Garrett Golubin	Robin Munari	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:

Ben & Lillian Wagshall



*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: When we think of Jesus on the cross we know how very much He loved us. Through the Blessed Sacrament Jesus shows us how much He still loves us, for He is literally present on earth in the Eucharist. He is waiting for us to visit and tell Him all that is in our hearts and souls. He is our very best friend, the one who loves us most, and who can show us how to love and give us the spiritual strength we need to get to heaven. Think of spending just one hour per week with Our Lord. Sign-up sheets for a new session running from February through April will be in the back of the church. *(See following announcement.) Adoration is on Thursdays from 12:30 – 7:30 PM, concluding with a Holy Hour. For more information call Mary Stier at 703-768-7167.

***IMPORTANT ADORATION NOTICE:** Unfortunately, the sign-up sheets for the new Adoration session running from February through April have disappeared. If those of you who signed up previously could re-sign, it would be appreciated. Please include your phone number. Sheets will be located in the rear of the church. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

CHRIST HOUSE DINNER: St. Mary's will be serving dinner, Tuesday, January 31st. There will be a sign-up book for food items listed and also for workers located in the back of the church. Please note: As of January 1, 2006, the Public Health Department requires that chili be cooked only in a commercial kitchen. Therefore, we ask that you buy the frozen chili from Costco, Sam's Club, BJ's or your grocery store and deliver it to Christ House earlier in the day of dinner to allow time for thawing. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but we must comply with the new regulations. All other food items remain the same (eg. cookies, applesauce, breads, etc.) Many thanks for your help. Please call Janet Watkins at 703-836-1265, or Rita Meyer at 703-765-3482 with any questions.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AT THE CEMETERY: If you have placed Christmas decorations on the tombstones at St. Mary's Cemetery, please remove them as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL GALA/AUCTION, "WIRED to the HEART" will be held on February 4, 2006 at the McLean Hilton starting at 6 PM. Please support this worthy fundraiser. The proceeds will continue to upgrade the technology infrastructure at the school. Come for an evening of silent and live auctions, accompanied by dinner and dancing and join in the fun! For more information on ticket reservations, donations, and program advertising, please contact Peggy Herron at 703-620-5129, or, duece2077@aol.com. You may also contact Bishop O'Connell High School directly by calling the Advancement Office at 703-237-1437, or, advancement@bishopoconnell.org. Thank you for your support!