

MASSSES for the WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 6

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Brian Petrino
8:00 AM Special Intention: Beth Cops
12:10 PM Noelle Hammad

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Michael K. Petrino
8:00 AM Special Intention: Lucille & Robert Bassett
12:10 PM Natividad Granados

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

- 6:30 AM Noelle Hammad
8:00 AM Marilyn Niehaus
12:10 PM Ella Hill, Anniversary

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

- 6:30 AM Eleanor Smith
8:00 AM Noelle Hammad
12:10 PM Bob Wise

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

- 6:30 AM Nan Stapleton
8:00 AM Joseph D. Klunder
12:10 PM Eileen Mortenson

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

- 8:00 AM Benjamin H. Stansbury, Anniversary
5:00 PM Bernard J. Sweeney

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

- 7:00 AM Charles L. Nowland, Anniversary
8:30 AM Florence & Harry Sherrer
9:15 AM Ann Kelly
10:00 AM Dan Sweeney, Sr.
11:30 AM Bob McCullough
1:00 PM Jacqueline Wulff
5:00 PM Parishioners

Baptisms:

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism

Alice Kathleen Byrnes
Ryan Bailey Jenkins
Aiden Cole Lundgregan
Caroline Grace Miller
Aniyah Grace Nick
Lucienne Marie Saadvandi
Charlotte Marie Volz

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, Court Kavanaugh #54 will hold their next regular meeting on Monday, March 13, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the St. Mary's Lyceum located at 313 Duke St.

STs ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY (Senior Group) will have their monthly "brown bag" luncheon on Thursday, March 9th at 1 PM at the Lyceum. Refreshments will be served. Guest speaker to be announced.

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

Last week we had a guest column due to my being away in Wisconsin. One item the guest columnist, Mary Naegele, mentioned was Lent in which we find ourselves. As you may recall Lent is that very penitential time of the Church year when we are asked to focus in a special way on our holiness by increasing our prayers, giving alms, and fasting. As was announced in the bulletin last week and as we have done in the past we try to provide opportunities for these penitential practices. Somewhat briefly then, these opportunities include the following. We started this past Friday and will continue each Friday this Lent with the Soup Suppers sponsored by the Catholic Daughters which are held in the parish Lyceum from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. They are followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM which are in turn followed by confessions. Something new this year – we will also hear confessions each Wednesday evening at 6:30PM until the line runs out. We have Confessions during the Holy Hour on Thursdays and on Saturdays as usual. In addition during Holy Week we will hear confessions everyday except Holy Thursday.

On Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM we will have our usual Lenten Reflection Series. It will take place in church and will include a Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction. This year the topic is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We will try to explain the Mass in a manner which will help us to enter more fully into the mysteries of this great gift from Jesus Christ. Please plan on attending. I will talk more about Holy week in a few weeks. My prayer is that we will as a parish have a very spiritually fruitful Lent and that our Easter will be even more glorious.

I did want to congratulate all of those who were confirmed on Thursday, February 23rd. We had 97 eighth graders and a few adults receiving this sacrament of the Holy Spirit. It was a beautiful evening and a very sacred event. I also want to express my gratitude to Luis Brown, the parish DRE who did a tremendous job arranging everything, along with Ann Haring, Tara Swick, and Cristina Verderese, the eighth grade teachers, who did an outstanding job preparing our students.

You may also have seen the article in the Washington Post concerning Theology on Tap at Pat Troy's. Fr. Hanley was the "star". Actually, it was a very positive article about the Church for a change. My compliments to Fr. Hanley for his media savvy and his ability to carry the message of Christ to where the people are, even an Irish pub.

I want to add a brief update on Fr. Ruskamp. You may have seen him at the 1:00 PM Mass last Sunday when he concelebrated for the first time in weeks. He continues to improve in regards to his blood clots although he becomes quickly short of breath with any physical exertion and thus is still limited in what he can do. He is receiving voice therapy and if his voice does not respond to this he will need surgery on his vocal chords. For these reasons I as your continued prayers for him.

And finally, a big thank you goes out to everyone for enduring my comments last weekend respective to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. I also greatly appreciate the tremendous generosity of so many of you who made pledges. I am extremely grateful to all of those who put many hours in especially on Sunday, handling all of the envelopes that came in. It was a real labor intensive work as they had to be labeled, etc. I especially want to thank Dave Sackett, Tom Johnson, and Molly Sackett for literally spending all day Sunday here. In addition Casey Gulley, Fran Boyd, Ron Wiltsie, Stuart Vickery, Neil Munro, Sam Evans, Fausto Vasquez, John Patterson, Michael Del Colliano, and Christ Bahret all helped out with this effort. I appreciate all of those who do so much for our parish and diocese. Have a blessed Lent.

In Christ,
Fr. Kleinmann



OBLIGATIONS FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE DURING

LENT: Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe abstinence (**NO MEAT**). **ABSTINENCE IS TO BE OBSERVED ON ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT.** On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, everyone between the ages of 18 and 60 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast. On these two days **ONLY ONE FULL MEATLESS MEAL IS ALLOWED.** Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs; but together they should not equal another full meal. **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY ARE THE ONLY DAYS OF BOTH FAST and ABSTINENCE.**

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place at **7:30 PM**, followed by **CONFESSION**.

ALSO, CONFESSIONS will be offered **THIS Wednesday** from **6:30 PM** until the line runs out.

ST. MARY'S LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES BEGINS

THIS WEEK. This year's theme is *Understanding and Overview of the Mass*. **This Tuesday, March 7th from 7:30-8:30pm** in **St. Mary's Church, Fr. Hanley** will speak on *History, Background and Introductory Rites of the Mass*. Holy Hour is included.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: Beginning on **Friday, March 3rd through Friday, April 7th, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Kavanaugh, No. 54** will sponsor our annual **Lenten Soup Suppers**. All proceeds benefit **St. Coletta's School** for children and young adults with special learning needs. Our suppers incorporate **almsgiving, fasting and prayer**, the three characteristics of the Lenten Season. We share fellowship with a meal consisting of meatless soups, bread, salad and soft drinks [with PB&J for the children] from **5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Lyceum**. After cleaning up, we join for **Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM in the Church**. Recommended contributions are **\$5.00 for individuals** and **\$20.00 for families of four or more**. For more information or to volunteer your support in contributing to these dinners, please contact **Helen Lynch at 703-549-3742**.

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS:

The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Arlington seek school administrators to serve its 44 schools and 18,000 students – an increase of 25% over the past decade. Seven new schools have recently been opened to educate our students. Current openings are at Holy Spirit School in Annandale and St. Louis School in Alexandria. Interested candidates who are practicing Catholics with a master's degree and/or equivalent experience should send a resume to: PrincipalSearch@arlingtondiocese.org.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

The lives lost in the plagues and in all the wars since recorded history, do not match those killed by abortion worldwide. There has never been anything in human history to rival the destruction of innocent lives taken since legalized abortion was introduced.



VOCATIONS: "Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God." Is He prompting you to suffer with Him, bringing others to God as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514, or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

YOUNG ADULT CATECHISM GROUP continues this Wednesday, March 8th, from 7:30-9pm in the St. Mary's White House on 314 Duke St. Drinks and social followed by talk and discussion. This week, Mr. Luis Brown will speak on *Marriage, Catholicism, and Modern Controversies and Questions*. All young adults invited.

FIRST PENANCE: The second of two **First Penance** Saturdays for our parish 2nd graders is this coming **Saturday, March 11th, at 10am in St. Mary's Church**. This week is School class 2-10 (Mrs. Golinowski) and all CCD classes. Congratulations to our 2nd graders and their families as they embrace God's mercy, forgiveness, and sacramental grace for the first time.

SPONSOR AN RCIA CANDIDATE OR CATECHUMEN:

We have 33 unbaptized and baptized Christian candidates this year in RCIA, along with almost 20 Adult Confirmation candidates. Please consider sponsoring one of them with prayers, signs of support, etc. You and your family can even make them cards, etc. at Easter and come to the Easter Vigil! Take a name from the box found in the back of Church!!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD DRIVE: Looking for a way to give alms during this Lenten season? Consider contributing to the second annual St. Vincent de Paul Society Lenten Food Drive benefiting the Food Pantry at Christ House that will be held on March 18th and 19th here at St. Mary's. Please bring one of the following much needed canned/non-perishable food items with you when you come to Mass that weekend: canned meats (e.g., Dinty Moore stews, SPAM, small canned hams), instant mashed potato mixes, boxed macaroni and cheese mixes, and boxed breakfast cereals. Volunteers will collect your contributions outside each Mass at the church. For more information, please call our helpline at 703-836-1724, and a volunteer will return your call.

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.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — God establishes a covenant with Noah and with every living creature (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
- Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
- Wednesday: St. John of God
- Thursday: St. Frances of Rome
- Friday: Abstinence

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Father Robert Ruskamp

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| Nancy Alfery | Jack Garris | Walter Mullikin |
| Harold Allen | Myma Garris | Robin Munari |
| Marilyn Bahret | Garrett Golubin | Mae Poppen |
| Joe Barbano | Devan Gounaud | Josephine Pulvari |
| Julie Biegun | Brendan Griffith | Susan Richardson |
| Warren Bishop | Sean Harvey | Novine Sandherr |
| Rosa Carrillo | Lewis Harper | Elizabeth Santos |
| Patty Carroll | Mary Herr | Junior Lee Scales |
| Ann Ceruzzi | Suzanne Higgins | Alex Sestak |
| Terri Clark | Alva Jacobs | Tom Sheeran |
| Wallace P.Cooney | Meegan Johnston | Elijah Spoon |
| Skip Davidson | Bradford Laperouse | Carrie Spruiell |
| Patricia DiGeorge | Jason Leone | George Stelluto |
| Bernie Doherty | Thomas Lovely | Baby Stewart |
| Francis W. Doherty | Betty McLaughlin | Peter Turnbull |
| Jane Dollins | Robert Marshall | Pat Uram |
| Kim Flowers | Nathaniel Maylor | Marylou Willison |
| Joe Franze | Jean (Sallie) Midkiff | Julia Yablonsky |
- Baby Brayden Kelleher, Paula Koeck-Gomez and Baby, Baby Tyler Marten, and Baby Maddie Laperouse Speizman

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

Dorothy Brown and Brian Fiffick

THANK YOU: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Kavanaugh, No. 54 wishes to thank everyone who attended “Heart of My Heart Family Bingo Night.” We especially thank all the families who attended as well as our sponsors including **Members of Court Kavanaugh, No. 54; Domino’s Pizza; Alam and Adam Hammad** [in loving memory of Noelle Hammad]; **Paul Haring Photography; The Fountains Day Spa; Glynn Jones Salon and Spa; Ireland’s Own Restaurant; The Irish Walk; Metropolitan Architects & Planners; Safeway and Trader Joe’s of Old Town** and most especially **Bernadette and Pat Troy** [our celebrity emcee] without whose generosity the evening would not have been possible. Through your attendance and participation in the Bingo games, raffle and silent auction, we raised more than **\$2,500** for the **Julia Petrino Scholarship Fund**. Each year, Court Kavanaugh, No. 54 awards \$1,000 each to a young man and a woman from Saint Mary’s School who will attend a Catholic High school. Selection for this award is based on Catholic conduct, especially as demonstrated in the eighth grade school year. For more information or to make a contribution to the scholarship, please contact **Kerry Carter** at **703-768-4499**.

ST. MARY’S HELPING HANDS: If you know of a parishioner who has just had a baby or of a parishioner in need of a helping hand, please call Meghan McAdams at 703-548-2685 or Jennifer Jones at 703-960-2661 to arrange a meal for them. Please call also if you would like to provide a meal. Thanks!

END OF LIFE DECISIONS: A presentation on “End of Life Decisions” will be given by Reverend Jerry A. Wooton At St. Michael’s Church, Annandale, VA on March 30 (Thursday) at 7:30 PM. Father Wooton will address many important moral questions facing people who are seriously ill or approaching death. Please see the bulletin board for details. All are invited to attend this most informative presentation. The session will be held in the Senior School cafeteria.

ST. MARY’S FOLK GROUP is looking for all ranges of singers and instrumentalists to provide music for the 8:30 AM Mass. Practice is usually Wednesdays from 8-9 PM in the church. Contact Ed Rovetto at 703-922-4473 or erovetto@universalservice.org if you are interested.

LIVE JESUS 2006: The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales will preset Live Jesus 2006 “Voices of Devotion & Me”, a day of Lenten reflection and renewal through the lens of Salesian Spirituality on Saturday, March 25th, 2006 at Bishop Ireton High School from 9 AM – 2 PM. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 AM. There will be presentations by Oblates, Reverend Michael Murray, OSFS and Salesian Artist, Brother Michael O’Neill McGrath, the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist which will close the program. Suggest contribution to the Oblate Ministries: equal to one hour’s wages. Registration is required – lunch is included. Register online at www.oblates.org or call Bishop Ireton High School at 703-212-5163. Registrations may also be mailed to Live Jesus 2006 c/o St. John Neumann, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston, VA 20191. Please indicate if you plan to stay for lunch.