

COVER SHEET

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### Masses for the week

#### MONDAY, MARCH 27

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Francis Jessey  
8:00 AM Rose Marchese  
12:10 PM Special Intention: John & Helen Machonis

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 28

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Denise Daniels  
8:00 AM The John F. Mannix Family  
12:10 PM Carla Maria Marshall

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

- 6:30 AM Paul Deacon  
8:00 AM Stephen J. Kulenguski  
12:10 PM Nicholas Stanfar

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 30

- 6:30 AM Robert Sullivan  
8:00 AM Stephanie Felony  
12:10 PM Nicholas Stanfar

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 31

- 6:30 AM Michael Murphy  
8:00 AM Zosia Tomczyk  
12:10 PM John Martin

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 1

- 8:00 AM Howard M. Cleveland  
5:00 PM Mary I. Marangi (*Fr. Hanley*)

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 2

- 7:00 AM Special Intention: Rev. Daniel F. Hanley  
(*Fr. Jean Claude*)  
8:30 AM Alberto & Leonor Caycedo (*Fr. Kleinmann*)  
9:15 AM Parishioners (*Fr. Hanley*)  
10:00 AM Celebrant's Private Intention (*Fr. Ruskamp*)  
11:30 AM Marianne Minella (*Fr. Jean Claude*)  
1:00 PM Special Intention: Kathryn Braithwaite  
(*Fr. Kleinmann*)  
5:00 PM Special Int: Hilary & Bernadette Murphy  
(*Fr. Ruskamp*)

## Baptisms:

### We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism

Luke Grant Buckley  
Carly Jeanne Cieslowski

**ADDITIONAL MASS INTENTIONS:** In addition to the regular schedule of Masses, Mass has been offered privately for the following intentions: Jeff Peck; Mrs. Berg-Johnson; Kim McGillion; Paul K. Gering; Walter Buzby; Dr. Clarence E. McWilliams, Jr.; Suzanne Palian; Jimmy Glisson; Marley Tubbs; Eleanor O'Connell; Mary L. Ahearn; Walter Marracino. Special Intentions: Walter Katacinski; Paul & Genevieve Peworchik; John & Helen Machonis; and Joan Brajczewski.

## FROM GREEN TO GOLD

In the last few columns, I would say appropriately so, I spoke of Lent, the holy, penitential Church season in which we currently find ourselves. I hope these thoughts may have helped to raise our hearts and souls to God that this season might be more spiritually fruitful and our coming Easter more glorious. Today I am going to discuss a more mundane item which is a bit difficult.

Recently we have received a few calls raising concern about children at Mass who may get a little out of control. To be honest this rarely affects me. Perhaps being the oldest of eight or having twelve nieces and nephews, I can almost always block out noise at Mass. In October of 2004 I addressed this subject and maybe it bears repeating. So here it is. My hope is this will be of some help to all. I was discussing reverence at Mass:

"At times that reverence *seems* to be lost on children. Of course little ones are typically oblivious to this virtue. You can't tell a teething child he shouldn't cry; it is impossible. I realize my position when it comes to children in church may be different than some of you, but it is one to which I have given a lot of thought. First I think we have to remember we were all children. At one time or another we were all there. Secondly, as a Church we place great significance on children and on married couples being open to children. We are all **children** of God. Gratefully as a parish we have lots of children, quite a few baptisms each week, about 730 kids in our school and 200 in our CCD program.

"I also do believe parents need to keep their children in line at Mass, helping them to learn that necessary reverence of God and respect of others. But kids at times will be kids. We have a beautiful historic church, but an almost non-existent vestibule. Today's newer churches are usually built with larger ones. That means there really is no place here to take a crying or unruly child, except outside, causing the parent to miss part of Mass. There are two alternatives here at St. Mary's—the nursery in the Lyceum during the 10:00 AM Mass and the children's 9:15 AM Mass in the school during the school year. Neither of these is ideal. We do not want to teach our children that they come to Mass to play, rather we should be teaching them to pray, and the gym doesn't always foster an atmosphere of reverence, again, so necessary when in Our Lord's presence. Regardless, they are provided as an option for parents. I do not believe in crying rooms that some churches have as they generally become rooms of chaos, completely non-conducive to prayer.

"Practically speaking then, my position is that families should come to Mass as a family whenever possible, bringing their young children. We just have to expect that God's little ones will not be perfectly behaved, while doing our best to promote good behavior. A child may be a bit rambunctious now and then; that is life. If he or she gets out of hand, the parent should take the child out temporarily so that he can settle down. Parents need to be aware of others around them, but others have to be aware that these are children and not little adults. What a great way then to promote life! There is no greater witness to the Church's teaching on the sanctity of human life than little children."

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 year 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** Every Tuesday in Lent beginning Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30pm in St. Mary's Church. Holy Hour with talk by a St. Mary's Priest. This year's theme is *Understanding The Mass*. Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Kleinmann will speak on the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS:** Beginning on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 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**.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Join our St. Mary's Catholic Vacation Bible School this Summer- Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>-Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006. 9am-12:00pm each day in St. Mary's Lyceum followed by 12:10pm Mass. Ages 5-12. **THEME: Deus Caritas Est - God is Love.** Registration forms will be given out to School and CCD families or can be obtained at the rectory or in the Church. We need Adult Volunteers as well as 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade aides. Contact Luis Brown at (703) 836-5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

### **PRO-LIFE CORNER**

First abortion, now euthanasia. For years, people who have never asked to die have been quietly starved without much public attention, based on state laws and court opinions that permit third parties to make deadly decisions with little or no accountability. The outcry over the Schiavo case has awakened millions of Americans to the inhumanity of this practice. We must act to reverse this trend. We can't let the death of Terri be in vain.



**VOCATIONS: "Another Nun Run":** A Women's Vocation Day Trip to visit four women's religious orders will take place Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 AM – 8 PM. Single women, 17-40, who are interested in attending this trip should call the Vocations Office at 703-841-2514 by March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**WIN A 2006 CONVERTIBLE BMW!** Win a convertible 325Ci Convertible BMW. Tickets are \$100 and there are only 100 tickets left. Make your checks out to St. Mary's HSA and mail them to St. Mary's School 400 Green Street, Alex., VA 22314 or call Diane Hynes at 703 768-0631 for more information. We are purchasing new computers for the teachers. Your odds of winning are great and your support is much appreciated.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN REMINDER:** All employees and any volunteer with substantial contact with children are **required** to attend a VIRTUS session, complete a diocesan questionnaire, submit material for background checks, and sign a code of conduct. If you were unable to attend one of the VIRTUS sessions at St. Mary's, you can still attend a session at a neighboring parish. There are several nearby parishes holding sessions in the near future. Please register on-line at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). If you know you need material or information to complete the tasks, please contact Mrs. Moniz at [klmcp liaison@aol.com](mailto:klmcp liaison@aol.com) without delay.

### **VATICAN CREST STICKERS AVAILABLE 1-2 APRIL:**

High Quality UV resistant 4" x 4" vinyl stickers display the seal of the Holy See and the four marks of the Catholic Church. Perfect for car windows and bumpers. \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Proceeds support St. Mary's Parish Workcamp students. Plan now to have the perfect insert to your Easter cards or a gift to Confirmandi and First Holy Communicants!

**CARPENTER'S SHELTER:** On April 6 we will be serving dinner to the residents of Carpenter's Shelter. See the book in back of the church to sign up for food. Please call Barbara Halicki at 703-370-7026 for more information. Thanks for all that you do!

**STs ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY (Senior Group):** "The Mission of the Messiah," a bible study on the Gospel of Luke sponsored by the Spirituality Committee of the Sts. Anne & Joachim Society, will meet Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the St. Anne's room of the Lyceum. Fr. Kleinmann will mentor the study. Please bring your bible along with the Mission of the Messiah study book. Chapter 5 will be discussed. Visitors welcome!



**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**First Reading** — God's mercy is revealed in the liberation of the people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
  - Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
  - Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
  - Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
  - Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
  - Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
  - Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
- Alternate readings (Year A):  
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;  
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny
- Friday: Abstinence
- Saturday: First Saturday

**Please pray for all those who are ill, including:**

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| Harold Allen       | Myma Garris      | Walter Mulikin    |
| Marilyn Bahret     | Lewis Harper     | Robin Munari      |
| Joe Barbano        | Sean Harvey      | Mae Poppen        |
| Warren Bishop      | Suzanne Higgins  | Susan Richardson  |
| Rosa Carrillo      | Pat Howington    | Junior Lee Scales |
| Patty Carroll      | Alva Jacobs      | Alex Sestak       |
| Ann Ceruzzi        | Meegan Johnston  | Tom Sheeran       |
| Terri Clark        | Barbara Juszczuk | Elijah Spoon      |
| Wallace P. Cooney  | Bridget Kaufman  | Carrie Spruiell   |
| Skip Davidson      | Randy Kinskey    | Baby Stewart      |
| Adele Del Colliano | Joan Larsen      | Peter Turnbull    |
| Patricia DiGeorge  | Jason Leone      | Pat Uram          |
| Kim Flowers        | Betty McLaughlin | Hank Verine       |
| Joe Franze         | Robert Marshall  | Tillie Wolfe      |
| Jack Garris        | Nathaniel Maylor | Julia Yablonsky   |
- Paula Koeck-Gomez, Baby Mary Patrice "Hope" Kaufmann, and Baby Tyler Marten

\*Please note that names appearing on the Sick List will be removed after a reasonable amount of time unless we have been advised otherwise regarding their status.

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

- Joseph Davoron, Meegan Johnston, Jean (Sally) Midkiff, and Bartlett Whiteman

**FR. KREMPA SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** Father Stanley J. Krempa, pastor from 1990-1999, believed strongly in the merits of Catholic education, and wished to make it available to families struggling economically and for children with possible academic issues. In 1999, the Father Krempa Scholarship Fund was established to further his dream. Monies from the Fund directly support the St. Mary's School Learning Center that currently serves the needs of approximately seventy students who are experiencing learning difficulties. The funds support a tuition scholarship for selected students with learning problems. Please consider contributing to this worthwhile fund. Contributions may be made to the Father Krempa Scholarship Fund and directed to St. Mary's Rectory.

**RELIGIOUS ORNAMENTS: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas** offers a unique collection of beautiful handmade glass ornaments with religious themes, including Christmas and Easter. At our **Lenten Soup Suppers**, members of **Court Kavanaugh, No. 54** will have sample ornaments and a catalogue for those interested in purchasing these beautiful collectibles. Proceeds from the sale directly benefit the charitable works of **Court Kavanaugh, No. 54, celebrating 100 years of service our community in 2006**. For more information, please contact our Regent, **Marian Nowland at 703-820-1038**.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED:** St. Mary's School in Alexandria, VA, is looking for substitute teachers for all grades, Pre Kindergarten – eight. 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](mailto:lfrisenda@stmarys-alexva.org) or send to: 400 Green Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, Attn: Mr. Louis Frisenda.

**CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY in Our Nation's Capital:** Everyone in the diocese (clergy and lay faithful) is welcome and encouraged to join Catholic advocates from five mid-Atlantic dioceses [Arlington, Richmond, Washington DC, Baltimore, Wilmington] at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Catholic Advocacy Day in Washington D.C. on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. The day begins with prayer at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 313 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, SE at 9:30 AM. The agenda includes briefings on federal issues of concern to Catholics followed by group legislative visits to the Congress. Lunch (if pre-registered) and dialogue with other advocates and prayer concludes the day by 2:30 PM. Contact Anne Murphy at Catholic Charities at 703-841-3831 or [a.murphy@ccda.net](mailto:a.murphy@ccda.net) for registration information. (\$10 covers lunch and printed materials.)



**MUSICAL MEDITATION:** Please join us for a musical service of meditation on the Seven Last Words of Christ. It will be held on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in the church. Confessions are available during this time.