

MASSSES for the WEEK

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MONDAY, JANUARY 29

- 6:30 AM Lucille McMahon
8:00 AM Walter W. Davis
12:10 PM Margie Voorhees

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

- 6:30 AM Doctor David Moshoeshoe
8:00 AM Robert Hunter
12:10 PM Virginia Weiners, Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

- 6:30 AM Grandmother of Monque Jourdain
8:00 AM Lisa K. Monroe
12:10 PM Josephine (Josie) Logos

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 6:30 AM Jean Fife
8:00 AM Denise Gibbs
12:10 PM Will Walsh

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 6:30 AM Thomas Lavin
8:00 AM Florence Bartkowiak
12:10 PM Thomas G. Stouffer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 8:00 AM Special Intention: George & Mary Davis,
45th Wedding Anniversary
5:00 PM Special Intention: John & Helen Machonis
(Fr. Kleinmann)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 7:00 AM John J. Lewis, Birthday (Fr. Kleinmann)
8:30 AM Parishioners (Fr. Kleinmann)
9:15 AM Francis Ambrose (Fr. Ruskamp)
10:00 AM Louann Graham (Fr. De Celles)
11:30 AM John T. Davis (Fr. Ruskamp)
1:00 PM Raymond Blouin (Fr. De Celles)
5:00 PM Richard Conwell (Fr. Jean-Claude)

BAPTISMS

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We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Jackson Matthew Borgia
Jack Reimann Stidham
Emma Lorraine Flanagan

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection **THIS WEEKEND**, January 27th & 28th, will benefit the Church in Latin America. The second collection **NEXT WEEKEND**, February 3rd & 4th, will benefit the Arlington Catholic Herald. Thank you for your generosity.

LATIN MASS REMINDER: St. Mary's offers a Novus Ordo Latin Mass the first Sunday of every month at 10:00 AM. The next mass will take place on February 4th.

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

I want to thank Mary Naegele for her beautiful guest column last week. I heard a number of positive (and no negative) remarks in regards to it. Mary has become the regular guest columnist whenever I am gone as I was recently. I mentioned two weeks ago here that I was going home to Wisconsin for a delayed Christmas vacation with my family. As it always is it was a great time. I cherish any time I get with my family.

Adding to the "greatness" of my time home was the reasonably cold weather and the snowfall we had on Sunday evening, the 14th. We got about six inches of snow and the schools did not close nor have a delayed start time. Of course I realize it was Wisconsin and not Virginia. It seems as if I brought the cold weather and snow back with me as we had two inches or so of the white stuff last Sunday evening. It was enough to cause a two hour delay in area school openings Monday morning which also unfortunately interfered with some plans our school seventh and eighth graders had. I make reference to the March for Life which was last Monday. To their credit 84 junior high students from our parish school signed up for the rally and march. It is so inspiring to see that kind of reaction among the younger members of our parish. Of course it should come as no surprise since the young seem to be overwhelmingly pro-life. In fact I think it is safe to say that the pro-life movement has become predominately a youth movement. This should give us great hope. *The Washington Post* observed and reported, "Teenagers made up the majority of demonstrators yesterday." Unfortunately the article was relegated to page 10 and got no front page coverage.

I am of the opinion that the march was very well attended this year, perhaps more than the most recent years. We had a good showing from St. Mary's. Because of the snow and school delay our junior high students had their field trip cancelled; so the 84 did not go. Something similar happened two years ago. Even with that about 14 students still attended along with a good number of adults of all ages, some young children, and a few babies. It was a great witness to the sanctity and dignity of all human life.

One adult who was new to the march this year commented that it seemed to be a bit disorganized. While I could understand how she had that perception, I actually think it was the fault of the Washington police. For some reason, it may have been for security reasons; they reconfigured the route this year which caused a huge bottleneck. I think this detracted from the experience of the march, for while it is primarily an opportunity to stand up for life, it is also an opportunity to realize we are not in this alone. As was reported in the local newspapers and was obvious from signs they were holding, people attended from all over the country. We had a group from Ohio who attended Mass here on Sunday before the march and you may have met Fr. Silva from Evansville, Indiana, who concelebrated the 11:30 Mass with me. He was here with his parish. Another group from Boston asked to have Mass here on Monday morning; needless to say, they brought their pastor with them. There truly is much reason for hope, but we are far from overcoming this great scourge on our nation. Many more prayers are needed and much more needs to be done. May it never be said we did nothing or too little to bring an end to this atrocity.

In Christ,
Fr. Kleinmann

YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS – February 11 & 18: All Teens are welcome to join us from 7-9 PM in the parish Lyceum Auditorium for our Youth Group Nights on Sunday, February 11th & February 18th. Also, there will be no youth group on February 4th, as we will be returning that afternoon from our retreat. If you have questions, please contact Theresa at 703-836-4100 or email at tjmowbray@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS: Girls' Club returns to St. Mary's School! The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30th. Please be sure to hand in your signed permission slip to the Junior High office by Monday, January 29th. All 7th and 8th Grade girls are welcome, and I will hope to see them there. Any questions? Contact Theresa at tjmowbray@gmail.com or call 703-836-4100.

WorkCamp Informational Meeting (Mandatory) ~ THIS SUNDAY, January 28th at 4pm: For parents and teens (who are in freshmen through junior years in high school). This diocesan teen program offers an amazing week of service in rural Virginia. The teens help work on homes in groups, and they participate in a whole line-up of evening events. If you are interested or think you may be, please come to the Informational Meeting. This meeting is **mandatory** for those who attend WorkCamp and will be held in the Auditorium of the parish Lyceum. Any questions? Contact Theresa! (tjmowbray@gmail.com or 703-836-4100)

TEEN LOUNGE: Open to all High School Teens. Please join us on **Fridays from 3:15 to 5:15pm** in the Loft of the Lyceum. Teens, this area is just for you!

MARY MARTHA GUILD: The next meeting of the Mary Martha Guild will take place at **9:30 AM on Saturday, February 3, 2007** in the parlor of the Sam Adams House, 314 Duke Street. Guild members may donate one hour of prayerful service each week, either in church centered or home-based activities that support various projects. Guild responsibilities include the planning of church decorations, prayer publications, care of flowers and plants that adorn church areas during the liturgical year, and other Catholic crafts such as making rosaries. Guild activities are ideal for mothers and their daughters who wish to work with others on parish projects. Father John De Celles serves as the spiritual advisor to the Guild. For more information about the Guild, please contact Mary Petrino at 703-683-8877 (evenings) or at petrinomad@aol.com.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WILL HOLD AN OPEN HOUSE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007 AT 8:30 am IN CHRIST CHILD HALL, LOCATED IN STEPHEN'S HALL.

Parents of new students applying for the 2007-2008 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.

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.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

The elderly and the sick, the weak and the forgotten, they deserve better than physician assisted suicide. They deserve the truth that God who created them in God's own image and likeness has endowed them with infinite value and lasting dignity. We need to develop an environment in nursing homes that allows our seniors to experience this truth daily.

~ Msgr. Michael Shugrue, vicar general, Diocese of Raleigh, Homily for Respect Life Sunday



HELP BABIES & THEIR FAMILIES: 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 at the back of the church. As a special reminder of the sanctity of innocent, unborn human life and in support of the National March for Life in January, the collection will begin on January 14th, the week before the March and continue until Valentine's Day, February 14th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY invites you to spend one hour in silent and vocal Eucharistic Adoration on First Friday, February 2, 2007 beginning at 9:00 P.M and ending early Saturday morning, February 3, 2007 at 6:00 A.M at St. Mary's Church. For more information on this international Archconfraternity committed to monthly Eucharistic adoration, contact Jeff Petrino, President for the Deanery II Parishes at 703-683-8877 or by e-mail at NASDeanery2@aol.com.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER: On February 1st we will be serving dinner to the residents of the shelter. Sign up for food donations in the book at the back of the church. For more information please contact Barbara Halicki at 703-370-7026. Thank you!

CHRIST HOUSE DINNER: St. Mary's will be serving dinner at Christ House on Tuesday, January 30th. There will be a sign up book at the back of the church. Thank you to all who have participated this past year. Please call Janet Watkins at 703-836-1265 or Rita Meyer at 703-768-3482 with any questions.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER For January 2007

General: That the goods of the earth, given by God for all men, may be used wisely and according to criteria of justice and solidarity.

Mission: That the fight against diseases and great epidemics in the Third World may find, in the spirit of solidarity, ever more generous collaboration on the part of the government.

STs. ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY (Senior Group):

Participants in the study of the Gospel of John, sponsored by the Spirituality Committee of the Sts. Anne & Joachim Society will meet at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 1, 2007 in the St. Joseph's room of the Lyceum on Duke St. Chapter 6 will be discussed. Fr. Kleinmann will mentor.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Reading — I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13).

Gospel — No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown (Luke 4:21-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8], 11; Lk 5:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
 Wednesday: St. John Bosco
 Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; First Friday
 Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Will Andahazy	Bitsy Foster	Jane Lewis
Charmaine Atkinson	Maxine Ginsburg	Thomas Lovely
Chris Ballard	Garrett Golubin	Kathy Lynch
Pilar Baptista	Lovanne Graham	Constance McAloon
Joe Barbano	Joseph R. Green, Sr.	James McAloon
Karen Briggs	Vince Guida	John Monahan
Tristram Carlisle	Todd Hansen	Betty Murphy
Terri Clark	Theresa M. Hayes	Betty Nesky
Tom Clark	Daniel Scott Holden	Aniyah Nick
Toni Clark	Diane Keating	John Pierpoint
George Clayton	Lisa Kittner	Elizabeth Santos
Jane Condon	Mary T. Kocourek	Carmen A. Smith
Elizabeth Corrigan	Tommy Lathwell	George Stelluto

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

Karen Briggs, Helen Koehler, Catherine Moore, and Edgar Peterson

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: At the heart of our Catholic faith, and a priceless treasure, is our belief in the actual living presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. By spending time with Jesus during Adoration our love for Him will become more intimate, and our love for the poor more compassionate. 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. Adoration is Thursdays from 12:30 – 7:30 PM, concluding with a Holy Hour. For more information call Mary Stier at 703-768-7167.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT: The Catholic Daughters, Court Kavanaugh #54 and St. Mary's School, 7th Grade, are hosting the annual Family Bingo Night at St. Mary's School on Friday, February 2, 2007 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the school gymnasium. In addition to bingo cards, food items such as pizza, snacks and drinks may be purchased. The Valentines Day-themed charity event will offer many wonderful prizes, raffles and provide an enjoyable and fun evening for all. All proceeds will benefit the Julia Kenney Theresa Petrino Scholarship, which will award an 8th grade boy and girl at St. Mary's a partial scholarship to a Catholic high school. For further information about the event or the scholarship, call Kerry Carter at 703.768.4499.

2007 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL – Bringing Hope to Those in Need:

The 2007 Bishop's Lenten Appeal begins in earnest with Announcement Weekend, next week. A tabloid with information about Diocesan programs and services will be inserted in our bulletins. On the weekend of February 10-11, an in-pew commitment process will take place. All of us, who have not received the mailing, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a pledge to support the ministries, services and programs, provided by the Diocese of Arlington. If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. Please pray for the success of this important campaign.

WOMEN'S NIGHT – February 1st beginning at 7:30pm, ending at 9pm. Please arrive at the church by 7:30pm for the first ten to fifteen minutes of the parish Holy Hour. By 7:45pm, meet around the corner at the "white house" at 314 Duke St., next door to the rectory. Please contact Theresa at 703-836-4100 or tjmowbray@gmail.com if you have any questions.

FREE THROW CONTEST: The Knights of Columbus will hold its annual free throw contest in St. Mary's gym TONIGHT, January 28, 2007 at 7:30 PM. The contest is open to parish boys and girls ages through 14. Council members are encouraged to assist. For further information call Chris Stech at 571-642-0125 or Will Marmura at 703-768-4458.

THE 2007 CATHOLIC CHARITIES BALL will be held Friday, February 9, 2007 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, McLean, Virginia. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this special evening celebrating 25 years of service to those in need in the Diocese of Arlington. For ticket information please call Nancy Rowles at 703-255-0188.

NEW SEASONS OF YOUNG ADULT, CO-ED SOFTBALL AND BOWLING STARTING SOON: Sign-ups are beginning for year 3 of the bowling league and year 10 of our St. Mary's softball teams in the Alexandria City League. For information, or to sign up for either league, please contact Mike Quickel at mquic@aol.com.