

Mass Intentions

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 6:30 AM Dot McElveen
8:00 AM Walter Salicki
12:10 PM Marie Dyson

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Daniel Holden
8:00 AM Terrence P. Galvin
12:10 PM William McCaffrey

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 6:30 AM Grace Hopkins
8:00 AM Nicholas Ceruzzi, Anniversary
12:10 PM Henry Kravitz

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 6:30 AM Joseph McDonald
8:00 AM Lance Corporal Derek W. Jones, USMC
12:10 PM Anthony Caporaletti, Anniversary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 6:30 AM Rupert Jonas
8:00 AM Ambassador Hermann Fr. Eilts
12:10 PM Winifred & Stephen Davis

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 8:00 AM Joseph Blanchette
5:00 PM Jean Fife (*Fr. Ruskamp*)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 7:00 AM Robert & Ellen Metzgar, Anniversary
(*Fr. De Celles*)
8:30 AM Keith & Francis Burke (*Fr. Ruskamp*)
9:15 AM Edward Dougherty, Anniversary
(*Fr. Kleinmann*)
10:00 AM Louann Graham (*Fr. De Celles*)
11:30 AM William Young (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
1:00 PM Jeremiah O'Leary, Anniversary
(*Fr. Jean-Claude*)
5:00 PM Parishioners (*Fr. De Celles*)

**Baptism**

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We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Alexander Nikolas Pearce
Anna Clare Scolese
Jack Riemann Stidham

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.

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

As many of you are now aware the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) has begun in earnest. Last weekend our parish BLA chairman, Dave Sackett, or his co-chairman, Tom Johnson, spoke after all Masses. They were to introduce the program to you as well as briefly explain what your contributions help fund in the diocese.

This weekend is Commitment Weekend. As you may recall from last year this is the weekend I am directed by the bishop to read to you his homily and then walk you through the pledge process. I know this is not the ideal, but evidently the procedure bears fruit as the results are almost amazing. Last year you were very generous. Of course you have been every year, but last year was exceptional. This year our parish goal is \$338,000 which is a little higher than last year's. This is a lofty goal, but one I hope we can meet. In addition as Dave and Tom mentioned last week we hope everyone who can, will participate by pledging to the level that their finances and prayerful consideration allows.

By now this is old news but I don't like asking you for money. Despite that, I seem to do it too often. Much of the time it is because of some good cause that we as a parish are asked to help support, such as our Biloxi house rebuilding project. Other times it is because the diocese requires it. That of course is the case this weekend. Whatever decision you make is one I fully respect. I would just remind you that this annual appeal insures that many worthy programs in our diocese have the necessary funding. Some of these are providing the education for our current seminarians who will be our future priests along with the many programs of the Family Life Office. These include Project Rachel and Gabriel Project, other pro-life efforts, pre-Cana or marriage preparation courses, as well as the popular Theology on Tap program. The Catholic Charities office is a beneficiary of your contributions. This office funds many important outreach programs which help those less fortunate than we. General oversight of our Catholic schools and parish CCD offices is part of all this as is our diocesan youth program, such as WorkCamp, which a number of our teens participate in every year. The Spanish Apostolate and the two parishes in the Dominican Republic are funded by the BLA also.

One of my sisters watched as a non-denominational church literally "popped" up less than half a mile from her house. It started as a tent, although they have now built an actual church. A number of her neighbors joined this church. She was amazed as she listened to them tell how they had to turn over a copy of their W-2 form to the church so it could determine how much each member should be contributing each year. This certainly is **not** the Catholic way. Nonetheless, the Church does ask us to be generous and to always remember that God is never outdone in generosity. I simply ask you to bear with me this weekend and be as generous as you can with your pledge to the BLA. I said earlier here that you have been extremely generous in the past—and you have, to the BLA, to the parish, to so many other requests for donations. For that I sincerely thank you. I am also grateful to Dave Sackett (this is his third year) and Tom Johnson (his second) for their assistance with the BLA along with their crew of volunteers and our ushers as well for all they do. May God bless them and you for your generosity.

In Christ,
Fr. Kleinmann

SERMON ON THE MOUNT continues **THIS TUESDAY, February 13, 2007** from 7:30 – 9 PM in the St. Mary's Lyceum Auditorium located at 313 Duke Street. This Tuesday, February 13, **Father De Celles will speak on the topic of "Pope Benedict XVI and his Theology of the Church."** Understand the meaning and purpose of the Church, both as human institution and divine reality from the perspective of one of the great Faith-filled theologians of this century.

Teens

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YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS February 11 & 18: Feb. 11th with have a special St. Valentine's theme! You won't want to miss this... 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.**

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS: Girls' Club returns to St. Mary's School! Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th. Please be sure to hand in your signed permission slips to the Junior High office by Monday, February 12th. All 7th and 8th Grade girls are welcome, and we will hope to see them there.

WORKCAMP APPLICATION FORMS: Teens, have you filled them out and dropped them off at the Rectory? If so, thank you. If not, please submit it very soon

TEEN LOUNGE ~ Next Open on Feb. 9th and 23rd: Open to all High School Teens. Please join us on **Fridays from 3:15 to 5:15pm** in the Loft of the Lyceum. Please note that we will **not** meet on Feb. 16th. Teens, this area is just for you!

***TEENS*:** If you have questions about any of these events, please contact Theresa at tjmowbray@gmail.com or 703-836-4100.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, Court Kavanaugh #54 invite all Catholic women, 18 or older, to join us at our next regular meeting on Monday, February 12 at 7:30 PM in St. Mary's Lyceum located at 313 Duke Street. Please come help us plan our spring events. For more information please contact Elizabeth Scheuren at 703-549-1120.

STs. ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY (St. Mary's Senior Group) will tour Mt. Vernon Education Center & Museum on Wednesday, February 14. Meet in front of the Lyceum by 10:15 am. We'll lunch at the Estate. Admission is \$13, bus \$5/person. Bring check payable to St. Mary's. RSVP Barbara Earl, 703-548-9155, for space available.

WOMEN'S NIGHT February 22nd (Please note the change of date!): beginning at 7:30pm. 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.

PRO-LIFE CORNER



"Created in the image of God, human beings are by nature bodily and spiritual, men and women made for one another, persons oriented toward communion with God and with one another, wounded by sin and in need of salvation, and destined to be conformed to Christ, the perfect image of the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit." ~ *International Theological Commission, "Communion and Stewardship: Human Persons Created in the Image of God,"* September 2004

COME PRAY THE ROSARY every third Saturday following the 8:00 AM Mass, in front of the Annandale Women's Clinic, 2839 Duke Street (near Bishop Ireton High School), with other St. Mary's parishioners. Our next gathering to pray for pregnant mothers and their unborn children will be February 17th.

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. The collection will continue until Valentine's Day, February 14th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CAR RAFFLE: Win a 2007 BMW X3 Sport Utility Vehicle from Passport Auto Group! Only 600 tickets to be sold. Tickets are \$100 each. For applications and information contact Diane Hynes at 703-768-0631 or dianehynes@cox.net. Winner will be announced at the Spring Auction on March 31.

LYCEUM SCHEDULING REQUEST: Many St. Mary's organizations use the rooms at the Lyceum located at 313 Duke Street for their meetings and functions. In order to avoid having 2 groups show up for the same space at the same time, there is a master calendar at the rectory office for the purpose of scheduling. Each organization must check in at the beginning of each year to give Naomi their schedule for that year (or as much as they can project into the future). The rectory phone number is 703-836-4100. For special events, a call must be made to reserve the room. If you cancel an event or a meeting, please let us know so that someone else may use that room. Please do not assume that we know about your group because you "always" meet there. Thanks so much for your help.

WANTED: MALE VOLUNTEERS: Would any Men of College Age or Older be interested in volunteering with Junior High Boys or High School Teens? There is the potential of starting up a Boys' Club for the junior high boys, and there are times that the youth group could use help with events. However, the Boy's Club will only be launched if there is the help of a few good men, and the youth group would be interested to see who would like to assist. For more information and to express interest in volunteering, please contact Theresa at tjmowbray@gmail.com or 703-836-4100. Thanks!

VOCATIONS: "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord." Are you being called to deepen your trust in the love of the Lord for you by serving Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514, or write: b.bashista@alringotndiocese.org.

HELP WANTED: St. Mary's School Extended Day Care Program is in need of caring, reliable instructors for its after-school program. Patience and a love of children a must. Flexible hours and competitive pay. If interested, contact Tom Noone at 703-549-3488 Ext. 23 or 703-628-2337.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
- Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day of the Sick; World Marriage Day
- Monday: Lincoln's Birthday
- Wednesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
- Saturday: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites; Blessed Virgin Mary

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Will Andahazy	Garrett Golubin	Constance McAloon
Charmaine Atkenson	Lovanne Graham	James McAloon
Chris Ballard	Joseph R. Green, Sr.	John Monahan
Pilar Baptista	Vince Guida	Betty Murphy
Joe Barbano	Todd Hansen	Gregory Naile
Karen Briggs	Theresa M. Hayes	Betty Nesky
Teagan Bryne	Daniel Scott Holden	Aniyah Nick
Jeremy Carney	Lisa Kittner	Karen Papouleas
Terri Clark	Mary T. Kocourek	John Pierpoint
Jane Condon	Tommy Lathwell	Elizabeth Santos
Elizabeth Corrigan	Jane Lewis	Carmen A. Smith
Barbara Dwyer	Thomas Lovely	George Stelluto
Bitsy Foster	Kathy Lynch	Marjorie Talyor

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

- Catherine Connolly
- Mary Toth

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.

ST. MARY'S ADOPTION GROUP: St. Mary's has formed an adoption group to serve all parishioners, especially those who are in the process of adopting, are considering adoption, or have children through adoption. The next meeting of the group will be in the Lyceum on Saturday, February 24th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. A pot-luck is planned so r.s.v.p. to Karen and Chip Gardiner at karenandchip@msn.com or 703-765-2093

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Join other young adults on Monday, February 12th for "Just Do It!: The Virtues of Christ's Disciples," with Fr. Brian Bashista, Director of the Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Arlington. The talk starts at 7:30 PM with Q&A at 8:00 PM at Pat Troy's *Ireland's Own* at the corner of Pitt and King Streets in Old Town Alexandria. Theology on Tap is a series of talks that focus on topics of faith and contemporary issues that directly affect the lives of young adults (ages 21-39) and an opportunity for fun and fellowship! For more information or to be added to our newsletter list please contact Mary Rose at yam@arlingtondiocese.org.

DEFEND LIFE: BELLA, the winner of the Toronto Film Festival's People's Choice Award, may well be the most powerful movie ever made in terms of impacting our American culture for the good! Plan to attend one of these free focus group screenings in your area which will be hosted by Ken Ferguson, producer of MARCH OF THE PENGUINS and co-founder of Mpower, the company that is promoting distribution of BELLA. Wednesday, February 14, 7:30 PM, Towson Catholic Auditorium, 114 Ware Avenue, Towson, MD 21204. Contact Marci Towle at 410-337-2692 or marci@mediadimensions.com; Thursday, February 15, 7:30 PM, St. Ignatius Hickory (Madonna Room), 533 E. Jarrettsville Road, Forest Hill, MD 21050. Contact Sue Melefsky at 410-879-7535 or rNs1978@aol.com; Friday, February 16, 7:30 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes School (Gingras Room), 7600 Pearl Street, Bethesda, MD 20814. Contact Gerry Mitchell at 301-656-8409 or GEMitchell@stein-mitchell.com; Sunday, February 18, 8:30 PM at St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall, 2665 Woodley Road, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008. contact Michael Dugas at 202-686-9389 or michaeldugas@hotmail.com.