

**MONDAY, MARCH 5**

6:30 AM Dr. Maurice Sedeuilh
 8:00 AM Maj. Gen. John C. Scheidt
 12:10 PM The Gainty Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

6:30 AM Frances Ebner
 8:00 AM Sisters of Georgetown Visitation
 12:10 PM Ann Theresa Briggs

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

6:30 AM Patricia O'Donnell
 8:00 AM Darrell W. Bearson
 12:10 PM Natividad Granados

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

6:30 AM Jere Sullivan
 8:00 AM Bernie Gilhuly
 12:10 PM Ella Hill

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

6:30 AM Matthew C. Noone
 8:00 AM Michael A. Waters
 12:10 PM Rose Lorenzo

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 AM Special Intention: Maxine Ginsburg
 5:00 PM Mary Chow Woon Leung, Anniversary 11/17

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

7:00 AM Parishioners
 8:30 AM Jean Fife
 9:15 AM John Mack
 10:00 AM Benjamin Stansbury, Anniversary
 11:30 AM Patricia Daly
 1:00 PM Bernard J. Sweeney
 5:00 PM John W. Cobert

Baptism

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Caterina Isabella Gomez

CONGRATULATIONS to our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates who entered their final preparation to receive the sacraments this Easter 2007 or soon after in the Rite of Sending and Election this past Sunday:

Susan Baxter	Clint Fisher	Bradley Lutz
Monica Barlow	Sarah Gray	Kelly O'Neal
Katie Brouwer	Daniel Harrison	Channy Sak
Brad Carter	Mary Higham	Brad Saull
Thomas Cooper	Scott Horan	Ken Severin
Lisa Cupp	Emily Helser	Connie Whitaker
Paul Lock Dethero	Helen Kim	Mark Whitaker
Walter Diercks	Elizabeth Lundgren	Jhaymee Wilson
Brian Fikes		Jeffrey Wolven

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

Newspapers often have a section where they list their corrections to stories they printed. The *Post* typically prints these on page two of the front section. Well consider this column a "page two" correction to last week's column. Basically I spoke too soon in regards to the complete schedule of the parish mission which begins in two weeks. I based the schedule on what Fr. Valenta, the mission director usually does. There are some revisions to the actual schedule. Two of these corrections are based in part on conflicts with other parish activities. What follows is the schedule for the mission, a mission I hope and pray many will attend as it will be a blessing to us personally as well as a parish in this Lenten season.

- Fr. Valenta preaches at all Masses the weekend of March 17th and 18th.
- At 7:00 P.M. on Sunday evening, March 18th, Father will present an opening conference in church. This is the official opening of the mission.
- On Monday through Thursday that week Father will preach at the 8:00 A.M. Mass with a mini-conference to follow. Father will hear confessions after this on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
- On Monday evening the Mass and conference will be at **5:00 P.M.** with confessions to follow. This is a change from last week.
- On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the Mass and conference followed by confessions are scheduled to begin at 7:30 P.M.
- On Thursday evening Mass and a short conference will also begin at 7:30 P.M., followed by a short period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and closing with Benediction. There will be no confessions this evening. Our regular afternoon adoration will end at 7:00 P.M. that evening. A social in the parish Lyceum will close the mission.
- There will be no collection for Father on the weekend as the diocese already has a second collection scheduled (our second change). A collection will be taken up instead on Wednesday and Thursday both in the morning and the evening to help Father continue his important work of conducting missions and to show our appreciation for spending a week with us.

Again my hope is that all the above events will be well attended as this will be a tremendous opportunity to grow in holiness and to make our Lent this year even more spiritually fruitful. We also have the Lenten reflection series which began last week. It continues next Tuesday, March 13th, when Fr. Ruskamp will speak. I will conduct the holy hour and will speak on March 27th. As noted elsewhere the theme is the theology of Pope Benedict. All of this along with the soup suppers, Stations of the Cross, and confessions on Friday evenings are to help us have a truly holy Lent and a more glorious Easter season. Next week I hope to talk about the last Biloxi trip. What a wonderful way to give alms, so it is quite fitting during Lent to speak of this and our future plans.

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.**

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: Each week beginning on **Friday, February 23rd** and ending on **Friday, March 30th**, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Kavanaugh, No. 54 and other parish organizations will co-sponsor our annual **Lenten Soup Supper.** To promote respect for life, proceeds benefit **MARIH Crisis Pregnancy Center** of Alexandria. These soup suppers incorporate the three characteristics of the Lenten Season: **almsgiving, fasting and prayer.** We share fellowship with a simple meal consisting of meatless soups, bread, salad and soft drinks [with PB&J for the children] from **5:30 PM to 7:00 PM in Holy Family Auditorium, St. Mary's Lyceum.** [On Friday, March 30th St. Mary's HSA sponsors the last soup supper in the school cafeteria.] After cleaning up, we pray the **Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM in the Church.** Suggested contributions are **\$10.00 for individuals** and **\$25.00 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.**

ROSARY REPAIRS: Bring any damaged or old rosaries to the **Rosary Repair Clinic**, sponsored by the **Mary Martha Guild** at the **Friday Lenten Soup Suppers.** For the cost of new materials along with your donation to **MARIH Crisis Pregnancy Center**, we can repair a Rosary while you wait. For more complex repairs, we can obtain the necessary parts, repair the Rosary and return it at a later date. Additionally, the Mary Martha Guild offers hand-crafted rosaries in crystal, jasper and other unique materials. For more information about hand-crafted rosaries, please contact the Mary Martha Guild at **MMGRosaries@aol.com** or call **Mary Petrino at 703-683-8877** in the evenings.

LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES CONTINUES!

Tuesdays **March 13th** and **March 27th** from 7:30-8:45pm in St. Mary's Church. **The series will not take place on March 6th.** Holy Hour with talk by St. Mary's Priest. March 13th, Fr. Ruskamp will speak on "The Trinity."

Pro-Life

"We are not some casual or meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary."

~ Pope Benedict XVI, homily, April 24, 2005

CONFIRMATION MASS is Wednesday, March 7th at 7:30pm in St. Mary's Church. Bishop Loverde is the celebrant. Reception to follow for families and friends in St. Mary's school gym. Confirmation rehearsal is Tuesday, March 6th at 7pm beginning in St. Mary's Lyceum and continuing in the Church.

ST. MARY'S HSA is hosting a Spring Auction on March 31, 2007 at Belle Haven Country Club to raise funds to purchase new technology for the classrooms. The theme this year is "Under the Tuscan Moon." Please consider supporting the auction this year so the St. Mary's HSA can continue to support the provision of a quality Catholic education for our parish children by: Becoming a Sponsor or Patron, Donating a Service or an Item, or Advertising in the Auction Catalog. For more information or tickets to the event, please contact Mary Ellen Rotondo at 703-765-9236 or Claire Gilbert at 703-765-0163. Thank you!

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.

THE STs. ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY (Seniors Group) will meet Thursday, March 8, at 1 pm in the Lyceum for our regular meeting and brown-bag luncheon. Father Ruskamp will be our guest speaker. Beverage and dessert will be provided. All are welcome. Additionally, we are planning a tour to Baltimore's Basilica on Wed., March 21. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Barbara Earl at 703-548-9155.

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 is a must. Flexible hours and competitive pay. If interested, contact Tom Noone at 703-549-3488 Ext. 23 or 703-628-2337.

THERESE: THE STORY OF A SOUL, a one-woman drama produced by award-winning actor and director Leonardo Defilippis, will be presented at St. Louis Catholic School, McClunn Hall in Alexandria, on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at 7:00 PM. Saint Luke Productions presents the "Little Flower," one of the most beloved saints of all time. This program is suitable for ages 10 and up and admission is \$5.00 per person. You may purchase tickets at St. Louis School or Church offices. For more information, please contact Megan Baillargeon at 703-619-1719.

WOMEN'S NIGHTS on March 8th & 22nd: 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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalms — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion
 Wednesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
 Thursday: St. John of God
 Friday: St. Frances of Rome; Abstinence

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Will Andahazy	Lovanne Graham	James McAloon
Charmaine Atkinson	Joseph R. Green, Sr.	Mary McDermott
Chris Ballard	Todd Hansen	John Monahan
Joe Barbano	Lewis Harper	Betty Murphy
Terri Clark	Daniel Scott Holden	Gregory Naile
Frank Colosi	Lisa Kittner	Betty Nesky
Jane Condon	Mary T. Kocourek	Betty Nieman
Stephanie Dimond	Tommy Lathwell	Aniyah Nick
Barbara Dwyer	Jane Lewis	Karen Papouleas
Bitsy Foster	Thomas Lovely	John Pierpoint
Helen Fraser	Kathy Lynch	Elizabeth Santos
Loretta Fusco	Constance McAloon	George Stelluto
Garrett Golubin		Marjorie Talyor

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died, including:
 Jennifer Beachner, Etta Cook, Clyde Cooley, Elizabeth Coyne, Lydia Darnal, Richard Leibach and Rey Zarzosa

YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS March 4, 11, and 18: March 4th, *this Sunday*, is a PIZZA PARTY, and we will have a special guest, a Seminarian, facilitating a discussion on Lent. He'll be joining us from Mount St. Mary's Seminary. 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 Pizza Party Youth Group Night on Sunday, March 4.

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS: Girls' Club returns to St. Mary's School! Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th. Please be sure to hand in your signed permission slips to the Junior High office since all girls need to have one to participate. All 7th and 8th Grade girls are welcome, and we will hope to see them there.

TEEN LOUNGE ~ Next Open on March 9th! 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!

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

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE JUNE 22 – 25 PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF QUEBEC and MONTREAL, CANADA, sponsored by the Sts. Anne & Joachim Society of St. Mary's (Senior Group). Highlights include guided tours of shrines and points of interest, daily Mass with Chaplain Fr. Kleinmann, two meals per day, free time for shopping, etc. Departure from Reagan Nat'l Airport. Passports essential! Price - \$1,200. need more information? Call Patricia Weber at 703-549-2865 or e-mail patricia.weber@comcast.net.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE: Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a trip to Guadalupe, Mexico City, Mexico, October 10-14, 2007. The tour includes visits to the Guadalupe Basilica, Tepeyac Hill--site of the apparitions, the home of Saint Juan Diego, the Metropolitan Cathedral, the Teotihuacan pyramids built 2000 years ago, and key sites of "old Mexico." Fr. Kleinmann will accompany the group. Reservations are due March 15. For more information, please contact Marjorie Niehaus at 703-836-8038; niehausma@comcast.net. Brochures and applications are on tables in the back of St. Mary's Church.

WINCHESTER PRIEST LEADS GROUP TO ITALY: Fr. Stanley Krempa, Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Winchester, will be the Spiritual Director for a group visiting the Shrines of Italy. The 12 day visit is from September 22 – October 3, 2007. The itinerary includes 2 nights in Venice and Assisi, 3 nights in Florence and Rome. Side trips to Siena, Ravenna, and Padua are planned. The cost is \$2,990 each with final payment being due by June 22, 2007. An Early Booking Discount is available. The package includes air from Dulles, Atlanta, Richmond, Norfolk and Roanoke, daily breakfast and dinners, Superior Tourist Class hotels, air conditioned motor coach, and English speaking guide. For additional information and brochures, call John Tagnesi, toll free at 1-888-544-4461.