



MassSchedule

MONDAY, MAY 21

- 6:30 AM Mother's Day Novena
8:00 AM Jeffrey McAllister, Birthday
12:10 PM William Niech Niedowicz

TUESDAY, MAY 22

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Jane Pullen
8:00 AM Zenovia Helen Koehler
12:10 PM The Downey Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

- 6:30 AM EllaRae Kelly
8:00 AM Col. Brian Allgood & Family
12:10 PM Thaddeus A. Olszewski

THURSDAY, MAY 24

- 6:30 AM Romeo Diaz
8:00 AM Sophia Caporaletti, Anniversary
12:10 PM Lee Pritscher, Anniversary

FRIDAY, MAY 25

- 6:30 AM Victor Biscol
8:00 AM Special Int: Marilyn Giancarlo, Birthday
12:10 PM Mary E. Brosnan, Anniversary

SATURDAY, MAY 26

- 8:00 AM The Daughters of St. Paul
5:00 PM Helen P. Sudder (*Fr. De Celles*)

SUNDAY, MAY 27

- 7:00 AM Dale Dougherty (*Fr. De Celles*)
8:30 AM Frank & Elizabeth Corrigan (*Fr. Ruskamp*)
9:15 AM Henrietta Roell (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
10:00 AM Wanda McCaslin (*Fr. Ruskamp*)
11:30 AM Parishioners (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
1:00 PM Stephen & Timothy Danaher
(*Fr. Jean-Claude*)
5:00 PM Pauline, Bill Jr. & Michael Collins
(*Fr. De Celles*)

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BAPTISM

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism

Hope Delaney Ballard
Rena Beatrice Eberhardt
Madilynne Emerson Krauss
Samuel Joseph Lukawski
Fiona Doegan Roberts
Michael Gannon Thamasett

PLEASE BE KIND TO OUR NEIGHBORS: Please ensure that your vehicle does not block the sidewalks or driveways in any way during Sunday Masses, particularly at Wolfe and S. Royal Streets. Police will ticket any cars blocking these areas. Thank you!

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

In this column last week I spoke of First Holy Communion and proper dress for the summer months. The two ceremonies on Saturday were beautiful. A number of people expended a lot of time and effort to make it so. That included Luis Brown, our DRE, the school and CCD teachers, our parish musicians, and many others. While we dedicate this month of May to Mary, as I also mentioned here last week, and the Blessed Mother in so many ways represents everything that is peaceful and calm, May has been anything but this for me. Part of this is my own doing. Two weekends ago I ventured off to Parkersburg, West Virginia for a wedding. I was gone for 47 hours. Then last Monday I went up to New York City with Fr. Mode for another 53 hours. This past Monday I left again and I was in Carroll Valley, PA for a diocesan sponsored seminar, which all of us priests had to attend. Being gone those six days, scattered over two weeks, with everything else going on really taxed my schedule. But that is the way life is sometimes.

I mention all this because there was something that really stood out during my first two times away and that was the churches I was privileged to visit. While we were in Italy Easter Week we saw some absolutely beautiful and breathtaking churches. We do not however have to travel all the way to Europe to experience a church which truly lifts our spirit to the glory of God. I believe that our church is one of the most traditional and beautiful in our diocese. St. Francis Xavier Church in Parkersburg is even more traditional. Although not as old as St. Mary's, it was built in 1869; it has maintained a lot of the older features such as the high altar. It was an honor to officiate at a wedding here.

In New York we stayed at the Capuchin Friary at St. John the Baptist Church, right across the street from Penn Station and Madison Square Garden. This church was unbelievably beautiful. Fr. Mode and I concelebrated the 6:45 A.M. each the two mornings we were there. I was awestruck with the power of this church to lift one's soul to God, although I did observe that we have many more attendees at each of our two morning Masses. We also visited St. Patrick's Cathedral, ever the inspiring church. As I had not been to the World Trade Center site since before September 11, 2001 we stopped there. Nearby is St. Peter's, which is the oldest Catholic church in New York. It too is strikingly beautiful, as were a few other churches we had time to explore.

The awesomeness of each church struck me, as did the Eucharistic Adoration almost all of these churches had going on when we stopped in. We have this only one day a week; they had it every day. Some churches have perpetual adoration; none of these did, but what a joy to stop in and see Our Lord on the altar. A beautiful church can have a tremendous impact on us. I realize there all kinds of tastes involved here, but how we "dress" our churches does indeed make a difference as it does how we dress ourselves, but that was last week's topic. It all leads to and comes from the heart, nonetheless. A beautiful church added to what our second graders did last Saturday, but ultimately it is what effect their first Holy Communion had on these young people, God's little ones, that matters most. Evidently God's grace was present for in the words of one first Communicant, who as he was going to bed that night said to his parents, "I feel so different; this is the best day of my life." Would that we all could say the same each time we receive!

In Christ,
Fr. Kleinmann

SERMON ON THE MOUNT CONTINUES THIS WEEK:
Tuesday, May 22nd, Fr. Jean Claude Atusameso will speak on "Providence: Understanding God's Provident Plan for Us and the Joy of Being Abandoned to It" from 7:30-9pm in St. Mary's Lyceum. Wine and cheese followed by talk and discussion.

SPRED (SPeCial Religious Development) Program- Religious Education for Children with Special needs- will be holding an Informational Session for parents of children interested in the SPRED program and for interested volunteer teachers (catechists) and teacher's aides, on Wednesday, June 6th, at 7pm in St. Mary's Lyceum. For more information please contact Luis Brown at 703-836-5450 or Joanna Yohe, Diocesan SPRED coordinator, at jam12155@aol.com. The SPRED program will consist of religious education for the 6-10 year old group on a regular basis for up to 7 children. Additional classes will be formed as needed and SPRED training is available for interested volunteers.

ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE TEENS GOING TO WORKCAMP: Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to the teens who have chosen to spend a week of their summer going to a rural area in Virginia on a missions trip. They will help to rebuild homes, and the majority of the money that funds this trip is personally raised. If you would like to support their efforts, please drop off a check at the Rectory. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WORKCAMP: There is a great group of teens from the parish going to WorkCamp, and we are still in need of adult leaders, contractors, and volunteers to help prepare for this mission trip that takes place June 23rd to the 29th. One past leader said that anyone who goes will get more out of it than they put into it. Please prayerfully consider serving on this trip. If you are interested or have questions, contact Theresa at tjmowbray@gmail.com.



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YOUTH GROUP NIGHT May 20th: All Teens are welcome to join us from 7-9 PM in the parish Lyceum Auditorium. Along with good teaching and discussion, we will have some time set aside for the 'Games Night' portion of the evening. Hope to see you there!

BAKED GOODS AND VATICAN STICKER SALE! THIS WEEKEND: Following all the Masses, the WorkCamp teens will be out front selling these items. Please offer your support of their fundraising efforts. Thank you!

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

WOMEN'S NIGHT - Next on May 24th: 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 tjmowbray@gmail.com or 703-836-4100 if you have any questions.

Pro-Life

"Jesus told his disciples to invite the poor, blind, and the lame to dine with us, saying, 'You should be pleased they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid in the resurrection of the just.' So also when we speak, work, and pray for unborn children, we advocate for those least able to repay us. Thus, love for the unborn is the most selfless form of love. Nothing comes from them in return." ~ Father Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life.

ALL ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE – Join Bishop Loverde at the Respect Life Mass on Saturday, June 2nd at 8:00 AM, here at St. Mary's. Mass will be followed by the rosary led by the Bishop at the abortion facility on Duke Street in Alexandria.

ST. MARY'S SPRING FLING THIS WEEKEND: Don't miss St. Mary's 17th Annual Spring Fling – **TODAY**, Sunday, May 20th from 10:30 AM – 4:00 PM (Rain or Shine) at St. Mary's School on 400 Green Street, Alexandria, VA. Family fun for everyone! Enjoy a day filled with carnival rides, kid crafts, games, flea market, book sales, music and of course, good food. Come early and participate in the Colin Casey 3K (registration begins at 7:45 and the race starts at 9AM) sponsored by Apex Systems, Inc., Lindsay Automotive, and America's Capital Partners. For more info on the 3K call 703-960-5528.

SAINTS ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY (Senior's Group) will visit the West Building of the National Gallery of Art and tour **Private Treasures: Four Centuries of European Master Drawings**. Meet in front of the Lyceum by 10:15 AM; bus is \$5/person. RSVP to Barbara Earl at 703-548-9155 for space available.

BRENT SOCIETY AWARDS DINNER: Our parochial vicar, Fr. De Celles, is the organization's current Moderator, and he invites you to join him in attending The Brent Society's 2007 Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 31st at the Arlington Hilton Hotel. "Distinguished Service Awards" will be presented Dr. Mary Kay Clark (Director of the Seton Home Study School) and Dr. Timothy T. O'Donnell (President of Christendom College). Reception begins at 6:30 PM followed by dinner at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$55 per person or \$500 per reserved table of ten. Send check with names of attendees to: The Brent Society, P.O. Box 2901, Merrifield, VA, 22116. For more information contact Fr. De Celles at the rectory.

ST. MARY'S FOLK GROUP is in need of a pianist beginning in May. Come share your musical talent to praise the Lord. We are also looking for all ranges of singers and other instruments. We typically practice once a week and play at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Please contact Cindy Kulenguski at 703-690-0001 if you are interested in joining the group.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Join other young adults at **Pat Troy's Ireland's Own** located on 111 North Pitt Street, Alexandria, every Monday evening beginning at 7:30 PM. **This Monday, May 21st, Fr. Leo Patalinghug**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and Host for the Pilot PBS TV Show, **will speak on "X Marks the Spot"**.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — Stephen looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:55-60).

Psalms — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

Second Reading — I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end (Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

Gospel — Jesus prays that the love of the Father may be in those who believe (John 17:20-26).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. Christopher Magallanes and his companions
- Tuesday: St. Rita of Cascia;
- Friday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi
- Saturday: St. Philip Neri; Vigil of Pentecost

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Charmaine Atkenson	Lovanne Graham	Edward Murphy
Chris Ballard	Jean Gray	Gregory Naile
Joe Barbano	Merle Guidry	Betty Nieman
Jennie Barnard	Todd Hansen	Aniyah Nick
Lucille Bassett	Kim Hargrove	Toni Obichere
James Clark	Daniel Scott Holden	Laura Palmer
Liz Clark	David Hsu	John Pierpoint
Toni Clark	Mary T. Kocourek	Bob Prendergast
Buster Cloud	Jane Lewis	Tucker Riley
Christina Costa	Thomas Lovely	George Stelluto
Dawn Davis	Emma T. Matheson	Mary Jane Steuber
Columbine Delencos	Malcolm Matheson, Jr.	Larry Steuber
Edward Drinkard	Joanne McManus	George Thomas
Bitsy Foster	Teresa Milazzo	Amy Warder
Michael Giancarlo	Mairead Catherine Molloy	Larry Wolbers
Garrett Golubin		Rosemary Wolf Hogan

New additions to the sick list are in bold print.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died, including: Marjorie Taylor, Margaret Sullivan, John Chicoski, Sr., and the students, faculty and staff of Virginia Tech.

SOCIETY OF THE PATRICIANS: All Catholic adults are invited to meet from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 26th in the St. Joseph's room of Saint Mary's Lyceum for a discussion of "The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church." Sponsored by the Legion of Mary, the monthly meetings of the Society of the Patricians give ordinary Catholics an opportunity to build the knowledge of their faith by means of a discussion in a prayerful, family setting. Father De Celles serves as our Spiritual Director and summarizes the discussion. Refreshments are provided. For more information, please contact Kathleen McKeon at 703-581-5233 or by e-mail at jwilliamsfan@hotmail.com.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Bishop Loverde invites you to an Evening of Prayer to welcome the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima on Thursday, May 31st at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. A special procession to welcome the statue will begin the service. The ceremony will also include sung Marian Vespers, recitation of the Rosary, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please save the date for this spiritually enriching event as it is the first of its kind for our Diocese.

MOTHERS & CHILDREN PRAYER GROUP THIS SUMMER:

The Mothers & Children Prayer Group will continue meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM throughout the Summer. All mothers with children ranging from infancy through preschool age are welcome. We meet in the church for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Ruskamp exposes the Eucharist, preaches and hears confessions. We pray the Rosary and sing songs with the children. After Benediction, we sing Marian songs and every child is invited to present flowers to the Blessed Mother. Afterwards we take the kids to the park on Royal Street weather permitting. This has been a great opportunity for all of us to pray with our children and introduce them to the treasures of our faith! Any questions, contact Carolyn Brown at carolynpbrown@hotmail.com or Julie Byrne at jdknits@cox.net.

ST. MARY'S MOTHERS GROUP – End of Year Party::

Wednesday, May 30, 10:00 AM at Little Hunting Park, 7000 Canterbury Ln, Alexandria, VA. Come along for wading pool and playground fun! Plenty of shade for the babies and great large shallow pool for the toddlers. Big kids are welcome too if they are out of school for summer. Please bring sippy cups and a snack to share. \$5 per family to cover venue costs please. Playground is at the far end of the park, walk past pools and look for balloons. RSVP or more information – kirstentydings@yahoo.com or 703-836-1223. Playgroup will resume again on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in September.

CHRIST HOUSE DINNER:

Tuesday, May 29th, St. Mary's volunteers will be serving dinner at the temporary location for Christ House on 115 South Washington Street, United Methodist Church, between King and Prince Streets. Drop off will be no earlier than 4 PM as there are no staff to open the door. A sign-up sheet will be available in the back of the church. Thank you for your patience. We hope to be back at the Christ House, West Street location, by August. Please call Janet Watkins at 703-836-1265 or Rita Meyer at 703-768-3482 with questions. Thank you for your help!