

MASSes for the WEEK

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MONDAY, JULY 9

6:30 AM Teresa Kennan
8:00 AM Special Intention: Kim Hargrove
12:10 PM Virginia Merilic

TUESDAY, JULY 10

6:30 AM Norman J. Sutton
8:00 AM Geraldine N. Lash
12:10 PM Unberto Ganmbone

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

6:30 AM Richard Livingston, Birthday
8:00 AM Special Intention: Fr. John O'Donohue
12:10 PM Benjamin H. Stansbury

THURSDAY, JULY 12

6:30 AM Special Intention: Stephen Jessey
8:00 AM J. Michael Sutton
12:10 PM Josephine Pollard

FRIDAY, JULY 13

6:30 AM John Berz
8:00 AM James A. Murray
12:10 PM Ann Virginia Godfrey

SATURDAY, JULY 14

8:00 AM Special Intention: Helene Petrino
5:00 PM Special Int: Elizabeth Vail (*Fr. Ruskamp*)

SUNDAY, JULY 15

7:00 AM For Life (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
8:30 AM James A. Murray (*Fr. Ruskamp*)
10:00 AM Rosie Santillo (*Fr. Kleinmann*)
11:30 AM Michael Davis (*Fr. De Celles*)
1:00 PM Valerie Lambert (*Fr. Bork*)
5:00 PM Parishioners (*Fr. Bork*)



Baptisms

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:

James Christopher Abrams
Mary Grace O'Leary
William Mariner O'Leary
Zola Marie O'Leary
John Matthew Raymond Sanborn

CHRIST HOUSE DINNER – July 31st – St. Mary's will be serving dinner at the temporary location (The Methodist Church on S. Washington Street, directions are listed in the sign up book). Please sign up for a needed item or to work. Food can be delivered at 4 PM, Tuesday, July 31st. The sign-up book is located in the back of the church. Please call Janet Watkins at 703-836-1265 or Rita Meyer at 703-768-3482 with any questions. Thank you.

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

Having now passed the Fourth of July holiday we typically think of summer being half over. Officially of course, it is not, but practically speaking it is, almost sadly. I say sadly because summer usually provides an opportunity to slow down and enjoy the quieter times this season seems to bring. There are the vacations, the get-a-way to the beach, and the often hazy days which nearly force us to approach life with a different attitude. This is one of the joys of summer; one we can presume is a gift from God. I have touched on this subject before, but how necessary it is in this world of ours today, which often allows for little relaxation and time to contemplate God's presence in our lives.

This past Wednesday we celebrated the many freedoms we enjoy in this country and that includes the freedom to worship God. We frequently hear of the separation of church and state which primarily means that the state will not recognize one religion over another and that we will be able to worship God as we see fit as long as it does not hurt anyone else. How sad it can be if we do not take advantage of this freedom. But to take advantage of it we have to make time for God. I realize this may not always be easy with the schedules we are almost forced to maintain, yet for our spiritual well being this is so important. What a gift then summer is! This is a gift to be cherished.

As you read this I am back from a couple of days at the beach. Fr. Ruskamp got away for over a week at the end of June. He spent the time with his brothers and a few of his nephews fishing and hunting in Nebraska. At the end of July, as I previously mentioned a couple of weeks ago, I'm going home to Wisconsin for a week with my family. I'm not sure what Fr. De Celles' plans are but both he and Fr. Jean-Claude also hope to get away for a little while. Again this really is good for us and for you, as hopefully we come back refreshed and more ready to serve you and God, which is the point. In each of these cases a journey is involved—a journey to Nebraska, to Wisconsin, to the beach, or to California (where Fr. Jean-Claude hopes to go). It may sound a bit cliché-like, but life is a journey as well. Another priest recently commented on this saying that life has its stages with risks, occasional detours, and an end. The road we are on can be straight, but may also be winding and rough. At times we may even get lost. There are the signs and a map which show the way. The signs are the Ten Commandments and the map is the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The hope is we use these. The end of course is eternal life with God in heaven. Herein is the key—God!

We need moments of silence and peace. We need time away from the hustle and bustle of life, time away from the cell phone, "I-phone and I-pod," and Blackberry. A good vacation can provide this. It doesn't have to be to some exotic place, just a place where we can find some quiet. It should be a place where there is more time for prayer and for contemplating the sacred mysteries of our Faith. There should be time for Mass and confession. I pray that all of you can find even a few moments of this solitude sometime before these days of summer pass us by.

In Christ,
Fr. Kleinmann

TEEN news

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YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS IN JULY WILL BE July 8th, 15th, and 22nd: All Teens are invited. July 8th will be a PIZZA PARTY night. We meet from 7-9 PM in the parish Lyceum Auditorium. There is always good food, fun times, and great discussion. Also, all soon to be freshman students are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!

***TEENS*:** If you have questions about any of these events, please contact Theresa at tjmowbray@gmail.com or 703-836-4100 extension 13.

THANK YOU to those who supported WorkCamp: On behalf of the WorkCamp team, please know that we sincerely appreciate those who sent in checks to aid our efforts for this mission outreach in Orange, Virginia. You were very generous, and we prayed for you during our time there. Thanks, again!



WOMEN'S NIGHT - Next on July 19th: beginning at 7:30pm. Please note that we will not meet on the Thursday after July 4th. 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 ext 13 if you have any questions.

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrovaille has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. The program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the July program beginning with a weekend in July 27-29 call 703-351-7211 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

STUDY SKILLS FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS: A class to help prepare students for the upcoming school year will be offered at St. Mary's School from August 6 – August 10. The class will meet each day from 9:00 AM until noon. Students will review study techniques, note organization and preparation strategies. Call the school at 703-549-3488 to register. The cost is \$100.



YOUNG ADULTS APOLOGETIC GROUP: ALL YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-35 are welcome to come to the apologetics group at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More on

Sundays in Burke Hall from 6:15-7:30 (directly following the 5PM Mass). This group's purpose is to discuss various issues related to Church teaching and to give reasonable defenses for the Church's teachings. This is not simply a question/answer group but rather one where the various issues are discussed in depth. We talk about a new issue each week. Please join us, and if you have any questions please call Deacon Christopher Vaccaro 703-525-1300.

PRO-LIFE CORNER



"Bioethics is an exceedingly important discipline for the future of our society, addressing critical issues in science and life. This discipline cannot afford to compromise its integrity as new controversies arise, selling its soul to powerful special interest groups like universities or biotech companies." (Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. *The Southern Cross*, 4/12/07)

COME PRAY THE ROSARY every third Saturday following the 8:00 a.m. mass, in front of the Annandale Women's Clinic, 2839 Duke St. (near Bishop Ireton H.S.), with other St. Mary's parishioners. Our next gathering to pray for pregnant mothers and their unborn children will be July 21st.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: What a truly special way Jesus has chosen to stay with us. Our same Jesus who was born in Bethlehem, died for us on the cross, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven, is now on earth in the Blessed Sacrament, the "Living Heart" of our Catholic Faith. When we look upon the Sacred Host we look upon Jesus, He is inviting us to visit Him where we have a chance to know and love Him better and tell Him everything that is in our hearts and souls. If we see Jesus hidden in the Host we can begin to see Him in all other human beings. Think of spending just one hour per week with Our Lord. Sign-up sheets for a new session running from August through October will be in the back of the church. Adoration is on Thursdays from 12:30 – 7:30 PM, concluding with a Holy Hour. For more information call Mary Stier at 703-768-7167.

MOTHER'S & CHILDREN PRAYER GROUP THIS SUMMER: The Mothers & Children Prayer Group 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 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 St. 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.

MENTOR A CHILD, CHANGE TWO LIVES: Community Lodgings' Project Protégé, is seeking adult mentors to serve as positive influences for 6 high-school youth to meet an average of 2 hours a week during the course of 1 year. Mentor training will be provided through the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership. For more information please contact: Mrs. Melanie Protti-Lawrence at melaniepl@communitylodgings.org or call 703-549-4407.

VOCATIONS: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Are you being called by the Lord of the harvest to proclaim His kingdom as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Bashista 703-841-2514, or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA): Thank you to everyone who has supported the BLA this year. The funding from this appeal supports programs and ministries that help in the religious education of children, young adults and families in our diocese as well as supporting various parish programs. If you made a pledge to the BLA, each month you will receive a reminder statement to help you to fulfill your pledge. Your gift to help bring Hope to Those in Need to the people of our diocese is profoundly appreciated.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you (Isaiah 66:10-14c).
Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).
Second Reading — May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14-18).
Gospel — Rejoice because your names are written in heaven (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]).

THURSDAY NIGHT GATHERINGS AT GMU: All college students and recent high school grads are welcome to attend summer Thursday Night Gatherings at 7 PM at George Mason's Catholic Campus Ministry, 4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax, 703-425-0022 or choran1@gmu.edu. It's a great way to meet college students from different schools! Check our website for weekly details at www.gmuccm.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69 or 19; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and his companions
- Wednesday: St. Benedict
- Friday: St. Henry
- Saturday: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha;
Blessed Virgin Mary

Pray For

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

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| Charmaine Atkinson | Michael Giancarlo | Teresa Milazzo |
| Chris Ballard | Garrett Golubin | Mairead Catherine Molloy |
| Joe Barbano | Lovanne Graham | Gregory Naile |
| Lucy Campo | Jean Gray | Aniyah Nick |
| Bob Carter | Merle Guidry | Leslie O'Brien |
| Jane Casey | Todd Hansen | Toni Obichere |
| James Clark | Daniel Scott Holden | James Orrigo |
| Liz Clark | David Hsu | Laura Palmer |
| Toni Clark | Robert Kloska | John Pierpoint |
| Buster Cloud | Jane Lewis | Tucker Riley |
| Dawn Davis | Thomas Lovely | Fr. William Saunders |
| Columbine Delencos | Mrs. C. Martin | Jean Scully |
| Dan Doherty | Emma T. Matheson | George Stelluto |
| Edward Drinkard | Malcolm Matheson, Jr. | Mary Jane Steuber |
| Ann Duncan | Heather McCafferty | Larry Steuber |
| Maura Dunn | Joanne McManus | George Thomas |
| Michael Flood | Peggy Melshedmer | Rosemary Wolf Hogan |

New additions to the sick list are in bold print.

ST. LEO the GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL is getting ready to celebrate its 50th Anniversary during the 2007-2008 school year. We want all alumni, former teachers and staff to be a part of this milestone event. Kick off is Columbus Day weekend, October 6th. Be sure you are not left out of this year long celebration and let us know where you are. Register on our alumni database: www.saintleothegreatschool.org/alumni.htm or complete one of the registration cards located at each entrance of the St. Leo's. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Lou Hartnett at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church rectory office: 703-273-5369.

FATHER KREMPA SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Fr. Stanley J. Krempa, pastor from 1990-1999, believed strongly in the merits of a 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 support the St. Mary's School Learning Center that currently serves the needs of approximately seventy students. The Fund directly supports a tuition scholarship for selected students receiving individualized help from the Center. Please consider contributing to this worthwhile endeavor. Parents may request financial assistance, based on their need, directly to the principal and pastor.

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

