

COVER SHEET

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Mass Intentions



MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2007

6:30 AM Francis X. Ready
8:00 AM Stanislaw Halicki
12:10 PM Laura Wiggins

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007

6:30 AM Maria (Mila) Rowencak
8:00 AM Special Intention: Diane Maple
12:10 PM John T. Davis

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2007

6:30 AM Rita Davis
8:00 AM Julia K. Petrino
12:10 PM Carole Maria Giuseppe, Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2007

6:30 AM Ann Virginia Godfrey
8:00 AM Special Intention: Elizabeth Vail
12:10 PM Special Intention: Beverly DeKeyser

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2007

6:30 AM James C. Roberts, Sr.
8:00 AM For Life
12:10 PM Ieva Cucinelli

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2007

8:00 AM Thekla A. Brosnan, Anniversary
5:00 PM Eleanor T. Raymond, Anniversary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2007

7:00 AM Grace Adams (Fr. Kleinmann)
8:30 AM Joseph Hyde (Fr. De Celles)
10:00 AM Benjamin H. Stansbury (Fr. Bork)
11:30 AM Special Intention: Dan & Martha Mica:
40th Wedding Anniv. (Fr. De Celles)
1:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's (Fr. Ruskamp)
5:00 PM Rosemarie Sampson (Fr. Jean Claude)

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

General:

That all those who are going through moments of inner difficulty and trial may find in Christ the light and support which leads them to discover authentic happiness.

Mission:

That the Church in China may bear witness to ever greater inner cohesion and may manifest her effective and visible communion with Peter's Successor.

CELL PHONES: A wonderful invention but a distraction during Mass! Please remember to set on vibrate or turn off when entering the Church. Thank you!

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

I want to thank Fr. Kleinmann for "allowing" me to write his column this week. Of course, both he and Fr. Ruskamp are on vacation...

One of the late Pope John Paul II's greatest contributions to the life of the Church was his work on the liturgy. And as important as his *writings* on this subject were, one of his most important contributions was his promotion of one of the greatest theological minds of modern times, his main theological collaborator, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

Ratzinger's masterful scholarly influence on the liturgy was clearly seen in his official publications as the head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, as well as his spearheading the publication of various other Vatican liturgical documents, norms and rituals. But, for me, his greatest contributions to liturgy during this period were his "unofficial" scholarly books and articles written as a "simple" theologian.

Among his many "unofficial" writings on the liturgy we find his books *A New Song to the Lord*, *The Feast of Faith*, and *God is Near Us*, as well as chapters in his books *Salt of the Earth*, *Milestones*, *The Ratzinger Report*, *Called to Communion*, and *Many Religions One Covenant*. To my mind, though, his most important work in the field, and a must read for anyone interested in liturgy, is his book *The Spirit of the Liturgy*. There, as well as in the other writings noted, we find a careful critique of liturgical developments since the closing of the Second Vatican Council in 1965. His observations are particularly important because of his experience at the Council, where the young "Father Ratzinger" was one of the most influential theologians. With Ratzinger's election to the papacy many "experts" were expecting the new Pope Benedict XVI to make dramatic changes in the liturgical life of the Church. Instead he has moved slowly but steadily forward in bringing his expertise to bear. For example, from the beginning he has emphasized greater reverence and wider use of Latin and chant, not only at pontifical Masses, but also in local parishes. He's laid a groundwork for a renewal of our understanding of the liturgy in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Sacramentum Caritatis*. And, most dramatically, last month he allowed for a much wider celebration of the Mass in use at the time of the Council—the so-called Tridentine Rite, or "old Mass." And there is surely more to come.

Many people are saying that the Pope allowed the expanded use of the "old Mass" simply to mollify a small crowd of ultra-conservative complainers. But anyone who has ever read one of Ratzinger's books knows this is clearly part of his overall effort to renew *the entire liturgy* of the Church. As he wrote in his letter accompanying his decree: "the two Forms ["old" and "new"] of the usage of the Roman Rite can be mutually enriching." In particular, he envisions appreciation of the "Old Mass" to cause a renewed sense of "sacrality" and "reverence" in the celebration of the "ordinary" ["new"] Mass "more powerfully than has been the case hitherto."

Some argue that Benedict is taking us backward, trying to reverse the reforms of Vatican II. But what's really happening is that this Pope is actually truly a *pope of the Conciliar reform*, bringing the experience of the Council (and the years since), an extraordinary intellect, and the grace of the office of the Vicar of Christ, to move the liturgy *not backward*, but *forward*. As Vatican II taught, the Church "never cease[s] to renew herself" (LG 9), always seeking the perfection of her Bridegroom, reading the signs of the times and correcting the flaws that creep into the daily practice of her children.

Pray for Pope Benedict, *et oremus pro invicem*—and let us pray for each other.

Fr. De Celles

VOCATION PRAYER: *Mary of Nazareth*, in your maternal care of your children, please obtain for all those discerning their vocation, the objective knowledge and spiritual insight necessary for recognizing the invitation of your Son to love and serve Him and His Church. Amen.

If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, call Father Brian Bashista (703) 841-2514, or write b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS ~ August 12th & 19th: All teens are invited. We meet from 7-9 PM in the parish Lyceum Auditorium. There is always good food, fun times, and great discussion. Also, all incoming 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.

WOMEN'S GROUP Nights August 9th and 23rd For women in their 20's and 30's, single or married. The night begins at 7:30pm. Please arrive at the church by 7:30pm for the first 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.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS: Next Holy Hour and Social will be August 10th! Please mark your calendars for the next Young Adult gathering for **Adoration** in the church at 7:30pm. Then, we will meet in the auditorium of the parish Lyceum for a **Swing Dancing and Social time**. The night will begin with a lesson, and there will be food and drinks served. If you want to be included on the email invitation or have questions, please contact Theresa at tjmowbray@gmail.com.

PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PRODUCTION: The Paul VI Players proudly present their summer production of Shakespeare's delightful comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. There will be one performance only on August 10 at 7:30 pm in the Paul VI auditorium and admission is by donation. Come see some of your favorite PVI theater alumni and undergraduates as they prove, that, once again, the course of true love never did run smooth.

SAINT LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS GETTING READY TO CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY DURING THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR. We want alumni, former teachers, and staff to be a part of this milestone event. Kick off is Columbus Day Weekend, Oct. 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. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Lou Hartnett at Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church rectory at 703-273-5369.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"There may be legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not however with regard to abortion and euthanasia." (Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI)



STAND UP FOR LIFE: Join us as we pray for 9 consecutive Saturdays from July 21 to September 15, a Novena for Life from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in front of the Annandale Women's Clinic, 2839 Duke St. (near Bishop Ireton H.S.). Your prayerful presence is urgently needed. For more information call Bruce Borzino at (703) 541-2801.

"LAW, JUSTICE, AND TRUTH: CRISIS AND CONTRADICTION" A lecture by Fr. Benedict Groeshel, CFR

The Franciscan Friars of Renewal are walking along the Eastern Seaboard to raise a greater awareness of the sanctity of all human life. These tremendous witnesses of Christ will pass through Alexandria on August 10 and 11. They will be here on Friday, August 10, when we will gather in church for a holy hour at 7:30 p.m., followed by a talk at 8:30 p.m. by Fr. Benedict Groeshel. If you have never heard Fr. Groeshel, this is not an opportunity to let pass. A social will follow in the parish Lyceum.

ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC AND NOT CONFIRMED? - Adult Confirmation is incorporated into our RCIA process here at St. Mary's. Classes are from late November-February on Mondays from 7:30 -9:00 pm and are required as preparations for Adult-Confirmation at either the Parish Confirmation in February 2008 or the weekend of May 10th-11th, 2008, with the Diocese. Please contact the Religious Education Office at 703.836.5450 and sign up as soon as possible.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? Know anyone who does? St. Mary's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) begins Monday in September at 7:30 pm in the Lyceum. RCIA is for all who wish to inquire into the Catholic faith and does not automatically mean a full commitment. For more information or to sign up, please contact any of the priests or Luis Brown, DRE, at 703.836.5450 or brownluis@hotmail.com. RCIA Registration and information is also available on the St. Mary's website.

REGISTRATION FOR ST. MARY'S 2007-2008 CCD PROGRAM NOW TAKING PLACE: Religious Education for K, 1-8, and High School begins on Sunday, Sept. 16th from 10-11:15am in St. Mary's School. Registration forms in Church, rectory, website, or contact Luis Brown, DRE at 703.836.5450. High School "Coffee and Catechism" will be a free of charge round-table teaching and discussion on hot topics with coffee and donuts.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — You, too, will appear with Christ your life in glory (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — For though one may be rich, ones life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12:13-21).

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM STATUE

On Thursday, August 16th the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be brought to St. Mary's at 1:00 pm. It will be with us through Saturday, August 18th. We invite all our parishioners to come and pray. We encourage you to invite your family and friends as well.

WELCOME ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MRS. JANET

CANTWELL: Please join the St. Mary's Home and School Association at a welcoming reception for St. Mary's School's new principal Mrs. Janet Cantwell on Sunday, August 18 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Lycum Auditorium. While Mrs. Cantwell has been preparing this summer for the start of the new school year, she is anxious to meet the many parents, friends and supporters of St. Mary's School. Light refreshments will be served. For more information contact: H.S.A. President Trudi Boyd at 703-765-7226 or Trudi.boyd@dittus.com.

ST. MARY'S REBUILDING BILOXI: We will be returning to Biloxi to rebuild a third home from September 7 to September 29. The first day and the last day will be travel days. Please join Fr. Kleinmann and Fr. Jean Claude and fellow parishioners in this continuing endeavor. We welcome both skilled and unskilled volunteers. You can stay as long as three weeks or as short as a long weekend. Our team travel coordinator is Karen Lutz. 703-960-4373 or kmf859@yahoo.com. Please provide Karen your travel plans as early as possible. For general information only, contact Elizabeth Scheuren at 202 258 7459 or elamscheuren@aol.com.

REAL LEARNING HOME EDUCATION CONFERENCE:

Saturday, August 11 at Seton School, 9314 Maple Street, Manassas, VA. Local writer and home educator Elizabeth Foss and others will focus on how to develop the whole personality of the child—heart, soul and mind. Registration fee includes lunch. For more information, a list of vendors, speakers, a brochure and a registration form, email: 4realllearningconference@gmail.com or visit <http://ebeth.typepad.com/conference/>.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th, 2007, 7PM AT ST. AGNES IN ARLINGTON, VA:

Join Bishop Loverde and the Young Adults of the Diocese of Arlington for the first ever Diocesan-Wide YAM Mass and Social! St. Agnes will be the site of this historic event and all young adults are invited to attend. Parish Young Adult Leaders are invited to represent their parishes at the Mass and at the social afterwards. This is a great opportunity to meet our Bishop and young adults from the Diocese of Arlington! For more information please contact Mary-Rose Lombard at yam@arlingtondiocese.org

ST. MARY'S CO-ED SOFTBALL TEAM is looking for additional men and women to join our team for our 10th Fall Season (early Sept. through early Nov.) in the City League. Anyone having questions or interested in joining, please contact Mike Quickel at mquic@aol.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Tuesday: Nm 12: 1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
[1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Tuesday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan

Wednesday: St. Dominic

Thursday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Friday: St. Lawrence

Saturday: St. Clare

Pray For**Please pray for all those who are ill, including:**

Charmaine Atkenson	Garret Golubin	Teresa Milazzo
Chris Ballard	Lovanne Graham	Mairead Catherine Molloy
Joe Barbano	Jean Gray	Gregory Naile
Bob Bolger	Merle Guidry	Leslie O'Brien
Lucy Campo	Todd Hansen	Toni Obichere
Jane Casey	Daniel Scott Holden	James Orrigo
Liz Clark	David Hsu	Laura Palmer
Buster Cloud	Robert Kloska	John Pierpoint
Adrien Cotton	Patricia Leon-Duarte	Tucker Riley
Columbine Delenclos	Jane Lewis	Jean Scully
Dan Doherty	Thomas Lovely	George Stelluto
Edward Drinkard	Mrs. C. Martin	Mary Jane Steuber
Etelvina Duarte	Emma T. Matheson	Larry Steuber
Maura Dunn	Malcom Matheson, Jr	George Thomas
Michael Flood	Heather McCafferty	Etenesn Woldekidan
Michael Giancarlo	Joanne McManus	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:

Frank Nieman, Bob Carter, Mary Sutsko and
Allen Ellen