

St. Mary's Catholic Church

FOUNDED IN 1795
310 SOUTH ROYAL STREET • ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Eve Vigil - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM, (9:15 AM - Children's Mass, St. Mary's School, 400 Green St.),
10:00 AM (Nursery in Lyceum, 313 Duke St.)

11:30 AM, 1:00 PM & (Vespers - Evening Prayer 4:30 PM) 5:00 PM

Weekday Masses:

Monday through Friday - 6:30, 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM

Federal Holidays - 9:00 AM Mass **only**

Saturday - 8:00 AM only

Novenas and Adoration at the Church:

Miraculous Medal Novena - Monday - noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Thursday -
12:30 to 7:30 PM

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena and Holy Hour -
Thursday - 7:30 PM

Nocturnal Adoration - every First Friday,
9 PM to Saturday 6 AM

Holy Hour for Life - every First Saturday following
8:00 AM Mass

Confessions:

Saturday - 4:00 to 5:00 PM and 7:00 to 7:30 PM

Thursday - 7:30 PM (during Holy Hour)

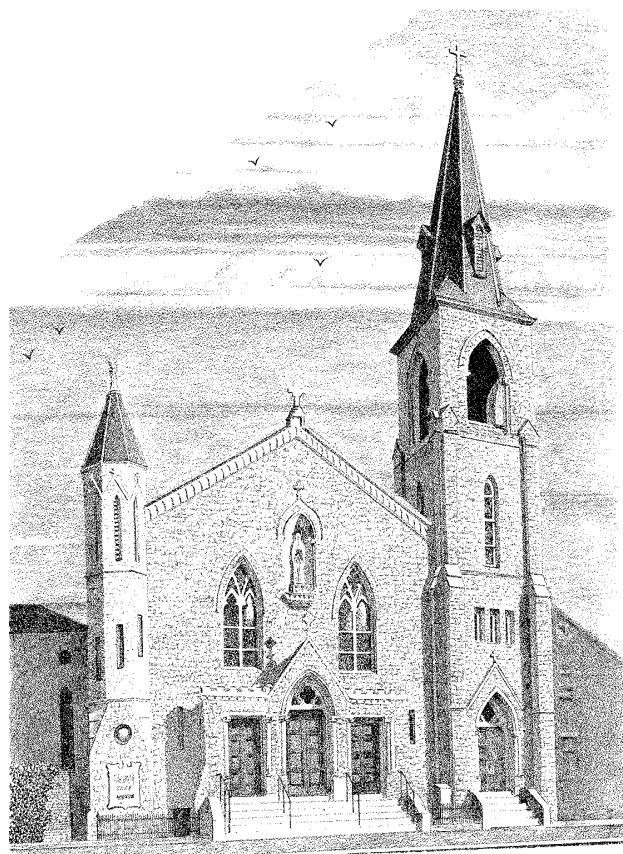
First Saturday - 8:30 AM (during Holy Hour)

Baptisms:

Every Sunday at 2:15 PM. Please call the Rectory
to register in advance and obtain regulations
concerning godparents, etc.

Marriages:

Contact Parish Priest at least six months before
possible wedding date. Couples who are living
together will be asked to live separately during
marriage preparation time.



Project Rachel, post-abortion help	1-888-456-HOPE
Gabrial Project, pregnancy help	1-866-444-3553

Mass Intentions

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MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008

- 6:30 AM Cora and Walter Davis
 8:00 AM Pauline C. McNamara
 12:10 PM Barbara Bowen

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008

- 6:30 AM Henry Kravitz
 8:00 AM Stephan Caruso
 12:10 PM Ronald Farine

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008

- 6:30 AM Lindsay Postupack
 8:00 AM Sue Kelly
 12:10 PM Jennie Petska

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008

- 6:30 AM Special Intention: Edmund Zbikowski
 8:00 AM Anna Ourlian
 12:10 PM Nellie E. Patrick

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

- 6:30 AM Bill Galambos
 8:00 AM Denise Gibbs and Rosand Manos
 12:10 PM Mary C. "Katie" Baier, Birthday

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008

- 8:00 AM Special Intention: Cindy Lee
 5:00 PM Dorothy Kramer (Fr. De Celles)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2008

- 7:00 AM Dee and Fred Burk (Fr. Jean Claude)
 8:30 AM Mary Guckian (Fr. Ruskamp)
 9:15 AM Special Intention: George and Mary Davis,
 Wedding Anniversary (Fr. De Celles)
 10:00 AM Mary Caroline Guckian (Fr. Ruskamp)
 11:30 AM John T. Davis (Fr. De Celles)
 1:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 (Fr. Jean Claude)
 5:00 PM Hildegard Krotner (Fr. De Celles)

**We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism**

Luke Robert Border
 Julien Harry Patrick Goulet
 Cailyn Regina Murphy

Prayer to Saint John Bosco

O glorious Saint John Bosco, who in order to lead young people to the feet of the divine Master and to mould them in the light of faith and Christian morality didst heroically sacrifice thyself to the very end of thy life and didst set up a proper religious Institute destined to endure and to bring to the farthest boundaries of the earth thy glorious work, obtain also for us from Our Lord a holy love for young people who are exposed to so many seductions in order that we may generously spend ourselves in supporting them against the snares of the devil, in keeping them safe from the dangers of the world, and in guiding them, pure and holy, in the path that leads to God. Amen.

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

On Thursday, January 17th, my brother Michael's wife Maren delivered a healthy baby girl, Elise Marie. Earlier they had made arrangements that the baby would be baptized at their parish in Wisconsin on Saturday, February 2nd, so that I could be there. I was (and am going) to go home just for that weekend. With the run the Packers had it also was quite convenient, although truly not planned this way, that I would be home in Wisconsin for the Super Bowl. The Packers had a good chance to be there. I was strongly hoping so. Of course that all came crashing to an end last Sunday with their loss to the New York Giants in the NFC Championship game in Green Bay. To say that it was disappointing would be a gross understatement. I would have loved to see Bret Favre in another Super Bowl and what a match up, Bret versus Tom Brady. Again, that was not meant to be. At least the Packers had a great season and went much further than anyone, myself included, had expected. It really was an exciting year for which I am grateful.

Another thing that is terribly disappointing, and much more important, is that we needed to "march for life" yet another year. It has been 35 years since our nation allowed this horrible atrocity to be inflicted upon us. It is disappointing that too many still don't get it. What they seemingly don't get is the sanctity of human life and the gift from God that each life truly is; so thousands again joined the March for Life this past Tuesday. Included were at least 45 adult St. Mary's parishioners and 93 seventh and eighth graders from our parish school along with teachers and parents.

The young people attended the Rally for Life and Mass at the Verizon Center before the march. It was a moving experience for them. They saw approximately 300 priests, 35 bishops, and three cardinals celebrate the Mass. In addition they also saw about 600 seminarians present and another 15,000 plus youth gathered for this event. It truly was inspiring. While I was disappointed that we still have to march for life, what was tremendously inspiring for me was to see our kids so enthusiastic about defending life. One eighth grade girl came up to me during the march and excitedly and sincerely said, "Father Kleinmann, I am pro-life!" That says it all and is why I am confident with God's grace that this scourge will eventually be overcome.

I was also encouraged by the attendance last Friday evening at the parish's first Tridentine or old Latin Mass, officially now known as the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite. Fr. De Celles, who is the one who is offering this Mass, received many compliments from the 200 or so who attended. The most frequent comment was how reverent the Mass was, which very accurately does describe this Mass. We were quite impressed with the number attending and hope that more and more will attend. This Mass will be offered the first and third Fridays of each month. I thank Fr. De Celles for all of his effort. A word of thanks also goes to those who helped him and attended.

One final note, you may have seen that Fr. Bork has been granted permission by Bishop Loverde to pursue religious life with the Canons Regular of the Holy Cross in Detroit. He was only with us a short time; nonetheless, we wish him well and offer our prayers for him as he undertakes this new phase of his priestly life.

In Christ,
 Fr. Kleinmann

VOCATIONS

"Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Bashista at 703.841.2514 or write b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.



YOUTH NEWS

WORKCAMP INFORMATION MEETING (MANDATORY)

Wednesday, January 30th at 7:30pm (or this Sunday, January 20th at 7:30pm): For parents and teens (who are in freshmen through junior years in high school). This diocesan teen program offers an amazing week of service in rural Virginia. The teens help work on homes in groups, and they participate in a whole line-up of evening events. If you are interested or think you may be, please come to the Informational Meeting. This meeting is mandatory for those who attend WorkCamp and will be held in the Auditorium of the parish Lyceum. If you cannot make this upcoming meeting, please join us for the meeting this Sunday night, Jan. 20th, at 7:30pm which is also in the auditorium. Many of you would have already received an email about this option. Any questions? Contact Theresa! (tjmowbray@gmail.com or 703-836-4100)

SPECIAL WORKCAMP ANNOUNCEMENT: All Adults ~ Please prayerfully consider volunteering as a leader or contractor for this wonderful outreach ministry for the teens of our parish (and other area parishes). It will be held in the last full week of June in Orange, VA. Ideally, we will have leaders selected within this next month. For Teens ~ please prayerfully consider your interest in going on the WorkCamp adventure this June. Stay tuned for the announcement on our upcoming informational meeting. For any questions (adults or teens), please contact Theresa at tjmowbray@gmail.com or 703-836-4100 ext. 13.

WOMEN'S GROUP Nights ~ Next February 7th and 21st: For women in their 20's and 30's, married or single. 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 ext. 13 if you have any questions.

WOMEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Join Father Stefan Starzynski (former parochial vicar at St. Mary's and founder of Paul Stefan Home for unwed mothers) for a retreat Wednesday, February 13th, 9:00am-2:30pm, St. Mary's Lyceum Auditorium. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Retreat includes 2 talks, confession and Mass. \$25 per person. Come be inspired by the Holy Spirit into a deeper relationship with Jesus this Lent. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, Court Kavanaugh No. 54. Kindly RSVP before February 9th to Helen Lynch at 703.549.3742 or helenlynch@myarbonne.com

THEOLOGY ON TAP AT PAT TROY'S IN OLD TOWN, ALEXANDRIA:

If you are in your 20's and 30's and have questions about the Catholic Faith, come join us for food, fun, and faith in a casual setting. Happy Hour 'till 7:30pm, Talk 7:30pm, followed by Q&A. Bring your friends and your coworkers! You must be 21-please bring I.D.! 111 North Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA (at the intersection of King Street and Pitt).

January 28, 2008
 "Vatican II: A Lived Experience"
 Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde,
 Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington

Sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office for Family Life/Young Adult Ministry. Questions? Call 703.841.2550. Visit us at www.arlingtondiocese.org.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, we turn to you today as the one who said "Yes" to Life. "You will conceive and bear a Son," the angel told you. Despite the surprise and the uncertainty about how this could be, you said yes. "Be it done unto me according to your word."



Mary, we pray today for all mothers who are afraid to be mothers. We pray for those who feel threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say yes and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion. May they say with you, "Be it done unto me according to your word." May they experience the help of Christian people, and know the peace that comes from doing God's will. Amen.

Tepeyac Family Center, the pro-life OB-GYN practice in Fairfax, VA, is pleased to announce the addition of two Catholic OB-GYN physicians to the staff. Tepeyac is the only Catholic health care practice in the Arlington Diocese, and with six practicing physicians, they are now accepting OB and GYN patients. To make an appointment, email info@tepeyacfamilycenter.com or call 703.273.9440.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: Beginning on **Friday, February 8th** and ending on **Friday, March 14th**, 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, all proceeds will benefit **The Paul Stefan Home**. 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 14th the **St. Mary's HSA** will sponsor 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**.

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.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL: LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Many of you have received Bishop Loverde's letter requesting your financial support of the 2008 Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Please consider making a generous pledge to this important annual campaign.

BLA funds help to support diocesan offices and ministries that serve tens of thousands of people each year. All parishes benefit from services that are received from the Diocese of Arlington. From encouragement of vocations, to support of seminarians, to continuing education of priests, to training of catechists, the Appeal funds those things that parishes cannot do on their own.

Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you consider your annual pledge to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Make a sacrificial gift in gratitude for the gifts that God has given to you.

St. Thomas Aquinas, please pray for us. Amen

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people. The burdens that were once laid upon them have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3).

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

Second Reading – Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel – After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel and curing the people of their illnesses (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
 Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas
 Thursday: St. John Bosco
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord; First Saturday

Pray For

Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

Charmaine Atkinson	Lovanne Graham	Helena (Aileen) Meyer
Chris Ballard	Jean Gray	Mary Miller
Joe Barbano	Merle Guidry	Gregory Naile
Maggie Beirne	Elizabeth Hahn	Laura Palmer
Thomas Bertocci	Todd Hansen	Lauren Pettit
David Boitano	Bette Jean Heins	Jill Pfeiffer
Bethany Burton	Daniel Scott Holden	Marietta Phillips
Jane Casey	Rosemary Wolf Hogan	John Rachel
Liz Clark	Mark Hulkower	Betsy Raposa
George Clayton	Eleanor Hyde	Carl Ruthstrom
Joan Clayton	Cissie Jordan	Eddie Salomns
Holly Coors	Joseph Kavanagh, Jr.	Elizabeth Shimkus
Robert Daley	Joan Keller	Mike Slavin
Columbine Delenclos	Robert Kloska	Tony Snow
Patricia Di George	Rhoda Lebowitz	George Stelluto
Dan Doherty	Joe Leonard	Graciela Sullivan
Etelvina Duarte	Jane Lewis	Kay Sullivan
Nora Edmonds	Thomas Lovely	Grace Sweeney
Santiago Garza	Marge Madson	Michelle Thorell
Anna Gaum	Brendon McLane	George Thomas
Garret Golubin	Joanne McManus	Thomas Warren
	Joan Melick	

New additions to the sick list are in bold print.

Please pray for all the deceased, including Baby Brianna.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WILL HOLD AN OPEN HOUSE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008 AT 8:30AM IN THE SCHOOL GYM, LOCATED IN THE MAIN SCHOOL BUILDING. Parents of new students applying for the 2008-2009 school year are invited. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Lisa Bright, registrar, at 703-549-3488, ext. 12.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Our priceless treasure as Catholics is our belief in the actual living presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Christ could not have been plainer than when He told us to eat His Body and drink His Blood. What we may overlook is that our spiritual nourishment does not have to end with Holy Communion. Prayer in silence before the Blessed Sacrament is where God can speak to us. He can fill our hearts, strengthen our wills, teach us humility, and stay with us so we can grow in holiness.

Think of spending just one hour per week with Our Lord. Sign-up sheets for a new session running from February through April are in the back of the Church. Adoration is on Thursdays from 12:30pm-7:30pm, concluding with a Holy Hour. Please call Mary Stier at 703.768.7167 for more information.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY: Will you accept Our Lord's invitation to "keep watch for one hour" with Him? On the First Friday of every month, the Nocturnal Adoration Society sponsors Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 9:00pm with Exposition and ending at 6:00am Saturday with Benediction. Please join us on February 1-2, 2008 for an hour of vocal and silent prayer according to ancient traditions of the Church. Membership in this world-wide Arch Confraternity bestows many spiritual benefits through prayer offered for the living and the dead. For more information, contact Jeff Petrino, President, NAS Deanery II Chapter at 703.683.8877 or via e-mail at NASDeanery2@aol.com.

CHRIST HOUSE DINNER: St. Mary's will be serving dinner at Christ House on West Street on Tuesday, January 29th. If you can contribute food (listed in book at back of the Church) or help serve, please check book or call Janet Watkins at 703.836.1265 or Rita Meyer at 703.768.3482. Many thanks for all the help given in 2007!

CONFIRMATION: The Parish Confirmation for our 8th graders, high schoolers, and Adult Confirmandi will be Thursday, February 21st, 2008 at 7:30pm in the Church. Most Reverend Richard Higgins, Military Bishop, will preside. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers as they prepare.

Participants in the Gospel of John, sponsored by the Spirituality Committee of the Sts. Anne and Joachim Soc. Of St. Mary's will meet on Thursday, February 7 at 10am in the St. Joseph's room of the Lyceum. Chapter 15 will be discussed. Fr. Kleinmann will mentor.

PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Virgin full of goodness, Mother of mercy, I entrust to you my body and my soul, my thoughts and my actions, my life and my death. O my Queen, come to my aid and deliver me from the snares of the devil. Obtain for me the grace of loving my Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, with a true and perfect love, and after Him, O Mary, of loving you with all my heart and above all things. Amen.

