

St. Mary's Catholic Church

FOUNDED IN 1795
310 SOUTH ROYAL STREET • ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

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Rectory

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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, National Holidays and Holy Days - Please see bulletin for schedule of Masses
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:

Monday - Friday following the 12:10 PM Mass
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)

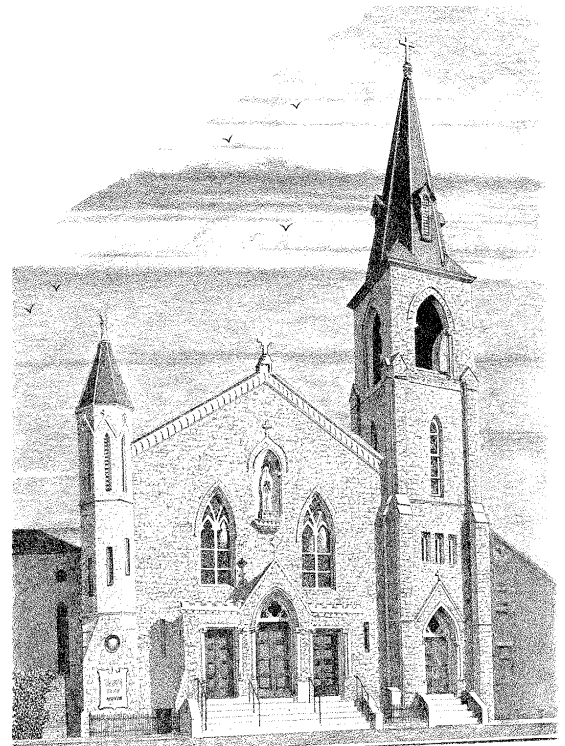
Baptisms:

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
Gabriel Project, Pregnancy Help	1-866-444-3553
Arlington Catholic Charities, Adoption Services	703-425-0100



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012**

9:00 A.M. Henry D. Slater, Anniversary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012

6:30 A.M. Helen Koehler, Anniversary

8:00 A.M. Michelle Ennis

12:10 P.M. James H. Kilcoyne

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012

6:30 A.M. June France

8:00 A.M. Kathleen Delgado

12:10 P.M. Santiago Garza

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012

6:30 A.M. Vincent Melone, Anniversary

8:00 A.M. David Harrison

12:10 P.M. Elizabeth Rymond

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2012

6:30 A.M. Paul Hitchman

8:00 A.M. Bernie Corbett

12:10 P.M. Dr. Robert W. Langevin

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012

8:00 A.M. Special Intention: For the health of Betty Hilty

5:00 P.M. Special Intention (Fr. Ruskamp)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**JANUARY 22, 2012**

7:00 A.M. Ralph Max Anderson (Fr. Ruskamp)

8:30 A.M. Charles Basila (Fr. Kelly)

9:15 A.M. Parishioners of St. Mary (Fr. Kleinmann)

10:00 A.M. Daniel Ventura (Fr. Kelly)

11:30 A.M. Betty Kelly (Fr. Ruskamp)

1:00 P.M. Virginia Moore (Fr. Kleinmann)

5:00 P.M. Special Intention: The Family of Fran Fatta
(Fr. Jean Claude)**WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Sarah Lynne McGuinness

Brian Adolfo Miranda

Benjamin William Shumann

Nicole Victoria Terry

PLEASE NOTE: The rectory office will be closed this Monday, January 16 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. There will be one Mass offered that day at 9:00 A.M.

Jesus looked at him and said,
"You are Simon the son of John;
you will be called Cephas" - which is translated Peter.

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

As you read this I am enjoying a week in Wisconsin with my family. Typically, I try to get home to visit after Christmas. Some years it has been much later, rarely any earlier. My family usually waits to have our Christmas celebration while I am there. It most often is on the Sunday I am home. This year, however, we had our "family Christmas" on Saturday. We are also getting together this Sunday, but for a different purpose. As you might have guessed, it has to do with a certain football game. Some of my family were fortunate enough to get tickets, so they'll be at the game, while the rest of us will be watching the Green Bay Packers take on the New York Giants at Lambeau Field. It should be a great game. Green Bay had last weekend off; New York had a decisive victory over Atlanta (24 to 2). As I write this column in advance, what happens this week is to be determined. Obviously, I am hoping for a Packer victory, allowing them to advance to the conference championship, which also would then be at Lambeau. Whoever wins this weekend will meet the victor of the 49ers-Saints game. All of this makes for an exciting weekend.

Another reason for this excitement is on the AFC side of things, particularly the Patriots-Broncos game. There has been a lot of hype involving the Denver quarterback. It's hard to escape, as nearly everyone seems to be talking about it. Tim Tebow has made quite a name for himself. I have referred to him a couple of times in recent homilies. There is much to say about him. Many people seem to debate his level of skill as a quarterback. Many seem to think his abilities are somewhat limited. Yet, more often than not, he seems to pull off some kind of almost miraculous feat to win a game. That happened last Sunday. Very few expected Denver to beat Pittsburgh. But again almost miraculously and with the first snap in overtime, Tim pulled off another victory, advancing to this weekend when they face the Patriots.

What is somewhat unique about Tim Tebow is, not just his faith, as other players have had deep faith, but how he is truly willing to wear it on his sleeve, as they say. He is never afraid to talk about it. He has no issue showing expressions of his faith. He is pro-life and speaks about that. He is pro-chastity, in a sports world that sadly, often is not, and talks about that. In addition he is not only all talk, he, to date and I hope he stays the course, really lives that virtue. As such then, he serves as a role model. He is a great example for children and young people. He delivers a message that says you can be successful on the field or in the world and be Godly, Christ-like, virtuous, and holy. That really is a role model for all of us.

Obviously, I am a fan of Aaron Rodgers, the quarterback of the Packers. No doubt I hope the Packers go all the way to the Super Bowl and win in Indianapolis on February 5, but it is exciting, sports-wise and spiritually, to see what Tim can do each week. As an aside, as you probably heard, last week Tim had 316 passing yards and 31.6 yards per completion. His favorite Bible passage just happens to be John 3:16, which reads, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not die, but have eternal life." A mere coincidence or a "God incident?" You decide! Earlier this season in an interview, Tim said that he doesn't think God cares who wins any particular football game. I agree, but He does care whether we live holy lives. We need to live our Faith and defend that Faith, especially in regards to the unborn. That is important next week; more on this in the next column.

In Christ,
Fr. Kleinmann

VOCATIONS

ICON PAINTING –SATURDAY, JANUARY 28: Young women (ages 14-17) are welcome to attend this Fiat Discernment Group event, which begins at 9 A.M. at St. Ambrose Parish Hall in Annandale. You will be guided by a talented artist as you paint icons. The 20 available spots will fill up quickly, so contact the Office of Vocations as soon as possible at 703.841.2514.

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

WEDDING MUSIC WORKSHOP: St. Mary's will hold a wedding music workshop on Tuesday, January 17 at 7 P.M. in the church choir loft. Contact Dr. Saik at 703.684.5308 for further information.

ST. ANNE AND ST. JOACHIM SOCIETY'S JANUARY EVENT will be a potluck luncheon on Thursday, January 19 at 1:00 in St. Mary's Lyceum. Come and enjoy fellowship with other St. Mary's parishioners. Please contact Clara Migdalski 703.566.0827 or Barbara Juszczak 703.683.6834 if you plan to attend and let them know what you wish to bring. All parishioners and friends/neighbors are invited to attend.

YOUNG ADULTS

Every 3rd Friday of the month, young adults from the ages of 18 to 39 are invited for a Holy Hour followed by a social. The Holy Hour begins at 7:30 P.M. in the Church. Connect with us on Facebook at "Alexandria Saint Marys" to be updated on other young adult happenings in the area.

If you have any questions or want to be put on our email list, email Angela at saintmarysparishyouth@gmail.com or give her a call at 571.319.1975.

YOUTH EVENTS

Middle School Youth Night! - January 26, 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.

7th and 8th Graders, come on out for this year's first Middle School Youth Night!

We'll be meeting at OMF Alexandria Lanes for a night of bowling.

We can take up to 20 youth, so sign up soon and get your spot.

Contact Angela at saintmarysparishyouth@gmail.com or 571.319.1975

by January 23rd.



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OPERATION HOMEFRONT

January

"Operation Feed the Family"

Drop a gift card of ANY amount from a supermarket or commissary in the weekend collection basket.

MISSION TRIP TO RURAL APPALACHIA

Commissioned by Christ (CBC) will be leading a 5-day domestic mission trip to the Greater Roanoke, VA area, April 10-15, 2012. During the trip, the mission team will help the local community with basic home repairs, and develop a stronger faith through daily Mass, spiritual exercises, prayer, and more.

Apply now! Visit www.commissionedbychrist.org to learn more or apply.

There will be an information session on January 22, 2012 in the parish office library at 12:00 P.M. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Arlington, VA.

Applications are due by January 30th. Questions?

Email leighann.slonka@commissionedbychrist.org.

KITCHENWARE DONATIONS NEEDED: Cleaning out your cupboards in the New Year? The ALIVE Housewares committee is in need of donations of pots, pans, dishes, and glasses for distribution to the poor. Please contact Diane Johnston at dianedjohnston@aol.com if you have items to donate.

BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Interested in learning more about Bishop O'Connell High School? A winter Open House will be held on Sunday, January 22 from 1 to 3 P.M. Families of students in grades 5 through 8 are encouraged to attend. Eighth graders, don't forget that the application deadline for fall of 2012 is Tuesday, January 24. Questions? Please contact the Admissions Office at 703.237.1433 or visit www.bishopoconnell.org. Bishop O'Connell is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington, VA.

VISIT WITH JESUS: I will pay a visit to Jesus at least once each day. In my own words I will tell Jesus that I believe that He is truly present in the tabernacle and that I adore Him, as He is my God. I will talk to Him about any joy or trouble I have had since my last visit. I will say a short prayer, for instance: "Jesus, my God, I adore Thee here truly present in the Sacrament of Thy love." Amen.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"There are no lives that are not worth living; there is no suffering, no matter how grave, that can justify killing a life; there are no reasons, no matter how noble, that make plausible the creation of human beings destined to be used and destroyed."

Blessed John Paul II

Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us.



Immaculate Heart of Mary, please pray for us.

CONTINUE THE PRO-LIFE VIGIL: All are invited to join as we continue with a smaller version of the 40 Days for Life campaign at the Alexandria Medical and Professional Plaza at the 2839 Duke St. location. Please prayerfully consider coming to pray on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays between 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. or Wednesdays 10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. Call Mary Ellen at 703.780.2922 or email Maryellen.40days@verizon.net for information and to learn more.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE: The annual **March for Life** will be held on **Monday, January 23rd** beginning at 12:00 noon with a rally on the Mall at 7th St. between Jefferson Dr. and Madison Dr., followed by the March to Capitol Hill and the Supreme Court. A chartered bus will pick up parishioners in front of St. Mary's Church at 11:45 A.M. and return at approximately 3:30 P.M. Please sign up in the rear of the Church if you plan to ride the bus. If you would like to meet St. Mary's parishioners at the MARCH, the group plans to gather at 7th St. and Madison Drive next to the National Gallery of Art. For additional information, call Suzan Cummins at 703.782.6757.

DEFEND LIFE AND JUSTICE IN VIRGINIA AT CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY IN RICHMOND:

Just days after the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., Diocese of Arlington parishioners can make a significant impact on state policies when they join Catholics from throughout Virginia to participate in Catholic Advocacy Day in Richmond on Thursday, January 26, from 9 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. (Registration begins at 8 A.M.) A large turnout can make a difference in how the Virginia General Assembly acts to defend life, the poor, immigrants, marriage, parental choice in education and religious freedom, among other issues important to the common good. Bishops Loverde and DiLorenzo and the Virginia Catholic Conference encourage parishes and their parishioners, Catholic school parents, and other interested individuals to join them to pray, learn more about the issues, and advocate at legislators' offices. For more information, see www.vacatholic.org.

THE 2012 CATHOLIC CHARITIES BALL will be held Friday, February 10, 2012, at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Tysons Corner, Virginia. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this special evening celebrating 30 years of service to those in need in the Diocese of Arlington. For more information, please go to www.cdda.net, contact Barbara Caudle at cball2012@gmail.com or call 703.937.3988.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WILL HOLD AN OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012 AT 8:30 A.M.

Parents of prospective students applying for the 2012-2013 school year are invited to join us in the school gym for a brief coffee reception, followed by a guided tour of the school. Application packets will be available. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Lisa Bright, registrar, at 703.549.1646, ext. 4910 or lbright@smsva.org.

YOU ARE CHRIST: You are Christ, my Holy Father, my Tender God, my Great King, my Good Shepherd, my Only Master, my Best Helper, my Most Beautiful and my Beloved, my Living Bread, my Priest Forever, my Leader to my Country, my True Light, my Holy Sweetness, my Straight Way, my Excellent Wisdom, my Pure Simplicity, my Peaceful Harmony, my Entire Protection, my Good Portion, my Everlasting Salvation. Christ Jesus, Sweet Lord, why have I ever loved, why in my whole life have I ever desired anything except You, Jesus my God? Where was I when I was not in spirit with You? Now, from this time forth, do you, all my desires, grow hot, and flow out upon the Lord Jesus: run . . . you have been tardy until now; hasten where you are going; seek Whom you are seeking. O, Jesus may he who loves You not be an anathema; may he who loves You not be filled with bitterness. O, Sweet Jesus, may every good feeling that is fitted for Your praise, love You, delight in You, adore You! God of my heart, and my Portion, Christ Jesus, may my heart faint away in spirit, and may You be my Life within me! May the live coal of Your Love grow hot within my spirit and break forth into a perfect fire; may it burn incessantly on the altar of my heart; may it glow in my innermost being; may it blaze in hidden recesses of my soul; and in the days of my consummation may I be found consummated with You! Amen.

(St. Augustine of Hippo)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).
Psalm: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).
Second Reading: Do you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).
Gospel: Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: St. Anthony
 Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins
 Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Agnes

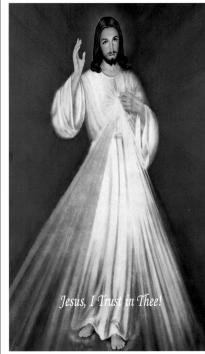
Please pray for all those who are ill, including:

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| Catherine Allen | Lovanne Graham | Wilma Myer |
| Baby Brady Andrew | Elizabeth Hahn | Rosemary Naegele |
| Baby Avery | Rev. Msgr. Frank Hendrick | Thomas Naegele |
| Marilyn Bahret | Louis Henry | Judy Nee |
| Helen Barsanti | Betty Hilty | Betty Nesky |
| Gary Barteldt | Rosemary Wolf Hogan | Michael Nesky |
| Nicholas Bartick | Steve Hoogland | Ellen Whelan Norris |
| Elizabeth Bastiani | Phyllis Hook | Laura Palmer |
| José Manuel Batista | Helen Hoover | Scott Palmer |
| Karen Beattie | Aidan James | Ray Paquette |
| Charles A. Belanger | Denise Jensen | Anna Therese Parks |
| Tori Benecchi | Luther Johnson | Kristy Parnell |
| Baby Brady A. Blythe | Paul Joseph | Peggy Pascutti |
| Chris Bosworth | Baby Margaret Clare Kaufman | Marietta Phillips |
| Rosemary Brice | Fr. John Kennedy | Brenda Pisarkiewicz |
| Lucille Brunnell | Alyssa Klebasko | Elton Pollock |
| Jean Carrano | Emily Knisley | Jim Ratliff |
| Ron Celeste | Carrol Koch | Richard Risdon |
| Ellie Chen | Mary T. Kocourek | Don Rocen |
| Rosalie Ciccoletti | Jack Koehler | Maria Rodriguez |
| James Clark | Karen Kollmansperger | Mary Anne Rowe |
| Liz Clark | William Kvaraceus | Jaymie Rowland |
| Terri Clark | Jim Lake | Charlotte Ruelas |
| Betty Cleary | Brenda LaRochelle | Gerard Rosekruns |
| Bill Cleary | Conrad Lass, Sr. | Eddie Saloms |
| Thomas Connor | Etelvina León | Maria Schubert Saltonstall |
| Wallace P. Cooney | Joe Leonard | Jack Sarchet |
| Dorothy Cotton | John Linehardt | Deanna Satterthwaite |
| John D'Antoni | Anthony Lodato | James Saunders |
| Dan De Celles | Paul Lopapa | Mary Beth Saunders |
| Theresa DeFore | Thomas Lovely | Catherine Schwallie |
| Karen Deome | Joseph Lynch | Frank Sellitto, Jr. |
| Doris Del Colliano | Kathy Lynch | John Shannon |
| Ron Costella | Virginia Malovrh | Mike Stachura |
| Columbine Delenclos | Robert Manniello | Ashton Stansbury |
| Peter DeVine | Harry Marson | George Thomas |
| Patrick Dispenzieri | Karen Martinez | Paul Tischler |
| Bill Dougherty | Christy Matthias | Theresa Tischler |
| Carla Dutzman | Holden Mauk | Mary Tremont |
| Carol Everly | Eva Mayor | Dr. Trimmer |
| Baby Lily Fitzgerald | Bob McCaslin | Jane Trimmer |
| Patti Florio | Patricia Medley | Marie Tutsock |
| JeEd Gainty | Mary Lou Monaghan | Eduardo Uribe |
| Vincent Gaudio, Jr | Ronnie Morris | Baby Lily Weaver |
| Catherine Gomez | Marie Moses | Lofton White |
| Millie Goods | Thomas Murphy | Carmina Young |
| Gertrude Gorski | | Steve Young |

New additions to the sick list are in bold print.

Please pray for all the deceased.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, please pray for them. Amen.



DIVINE MERCY CORNER

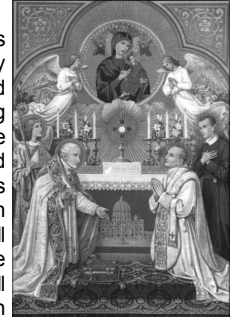
"My daughter, meditate frequently on the sufferings which I have undergone for your sake, and then nothing of what you suffer for Me will seem great to you. You please Me most when you meditate on My Sorrowful Passion. Join your little sufferings to My Sorrowful Passion, so that they may have infinite value before My majesty."

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary 1512)

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

What a beautiful time of year to remind us that Jesus did not come to us on a throne, but in silence with only His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and some shepherds. He was born in a stable; lacking the comforts most new babies have. He is still here 2,000 years later, in silence, hidden in the Sacred Host. What a truly special and humble way Jesus has chosen to stay with us. When we see Jesus hidden in the Sacred Host we can begin to see Him in all other human beings. He reminds us that we are never alone in our earthly struggles and that he will correct our human weaknesses and help us grow in love and holiness.



Think of spending just one hour per week with Our Lord. Sign-up sheets for a new session are in the back of the church. Adoration is on Thursdays from 12:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., concluding with a Holy Hour. For more information call Mary Stier at 703.768.7167.

ST. MARY'S CHRIST HOUSE DINNER

We will be serving dinner to the residents of the shelter on Tuesday, January 31. Please sign-up for food donations in the book at the back of the church. Drop off at Christ House by 3 P.M. on day of dinner. If you have any questions or need a chili recipe please call Janet Watkins at 703.836.1265 or Rita Meyer at 703.768.3482.

FREE CHRISTIAN HELP FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Christians are Networking ("CAN") is a Catholic Charities ministry that assists people who are unemployed or under-employed. CAN provides free resume reviews, practice job interviews and networking opportunities. Join us **every Thursday** evening, from 7-9 P.M. at the St. Martin De Porres Senior Center, 4650 Taney Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304. **Upcoming speaker: January 19:** Donna Patterson, president of Keystone Asset Management, on "Handling the Financial Aspects of Unemployment."

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING:

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| Mark Allen | Carolyn Theresa Frazier | Sean McHugh |
| Josh Andres | Rob Gardenier | Robert Thomas McCarty |
| Seamus Barry | Felix Gumbiner | Michael Anthony Obadal |
| Emery Breznai | Kurt Gurka | Therese Pawlowski |
| David Broome | Tom Hanifen | Edward Joseph Parry, III |
| Christopher Bryant | Amy N. Hebbel | Francois Marie Pessey |
| William Buckland, Jr. | Sean Henry | Chris Quayle |
| Jonathan Bunting | William E. Hutchison, Jr | Brian P. Riva |
| Joe Burchell | Andrew Lennox | Hilary Ryan |
| Ethan Cain | Matthew Lennox | Keith Sylvia |
| Jeffrey Camerato | Jason Long | Frederick Tackaberry |
| Matthew Constantino | Ryan Maple | The Thompson Family |
| Erik L. Christiansen | James Thomas Martin | Gerard Wager |
| Edward Culbert | Albert Martins | Ezra Wells |
| Peter Culbert | Mark Martins | Matthew Whitehead |
| Marc Dobson | Megan McGarry | Brian Wong |

MILITARY FAMILIES: If you have a relative or friend serving in the military, at home or overseas and would like to include their name in our prayer list, please call the rectory office at 703.836.4100.