

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, January 3**  
 Katherine Lehman (†), Walter Brown (†),  
 Maryellen Rubel (†), Jack McCole (†),  
 Rita Homberg (†)  
 (HC Masses) For the People, Robert Perez (†)  
**Monday, January 4**  
 Helen Bahr (†), Barbara T. Stevens (†)  
**Tuesday, January 5**  
 Jane Boyle (†), Josephine DeMarco (†)  
**Wednesday, January 6**  
 Betty O'Higgins O'Neill (†), Florrie Iodice (†)  
**Thursday, January 7**  
 Frank Stecco (†), Lillian Balint (†)  
**Friday, January 8**  
 Lillian O'Neil (†), Mary Hopson (†)  
**Saturday, January 9**  
 Kathy Lehman (†), Michelle Barnes (†)  
**Sunday, January 10**  
 William O'Loughlin, Steve Wozny (†),  
 Patricia Botta (†), Richard Mirro (†),  
 Tim Panowica (†) and family  
 (HC) Theresa Easley (†), For the People



**READINGS**

Sun: Is 60:1-6 .....Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
 Mt 2:1-12  
 Mon: 1Jn 3:22--4:6.....Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tue: 1Jn 4:7-10.....Mk 6:34-44  
 Wed: 1Jn 4:11-18.....Mk 6:45-52  
 Thurs: 1Jn 4:19--5:4.....Lk 4:14-22  
 Fri: 1Jn 5:5-13.....Lk 5:12-16  
 Sat: 1Jn 5:14-21.....Jn 3:22-30  
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11.....Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7  
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**COLLECTIONS**

Collections for the week of December 20 were not available when this bulletin went to press. They will be reported at a later date.

To participate in electronic giving, please visit our website at [www.stmaryofsorrows.org](http://www.stmaryofsorrows.org) and click on Parish Giving.

**PARISH LIFE**



**St. Mary's Preschool Openings**

St. Mary's Preschool has openings in their NEW afternoon Tuesday/Thursday Teddy Bear class (age 2-1/2 & up). Must be potty trained. Please call the Preschool at 703-978-4141, x35.

**Widow to Widow Thursday Group**

The Thursdays's night widow's group will hold it's last meeting on **January 7** in memory of our loved ones. We will meet as usual in the Apartment at 4:30 pm.

**Spanish Class**

Please join us on Saturday, **January 9** from 9 - 11 am in Room 8. We have new instructors and new students are always welcome. For more information, call Virginia, 703-273-6769.

**Spaghetti Dinner**

Join us next Saturday, **January 9**, in Farrell Hall after the 5 pm Mass. Don't miss this enjoyable evening sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

**Welcome to Our New Parishioners!**

Stop by Farrell Hall or Old St. Mary's Hall next Sunday, **January 10**, to meet with your new parish family and enjoy a free pancake breakfast. St. Mary's welcomes you!

**St. Mary's Is a Tithing Parish**

"...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Thanks to your donations to Sunday and holy day collections, our parish is able to provide \$2,500 to FACETS (Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transition Service) Hot Meals Program. In this program, on ten nights per year Saint Mary's volunteers cook and serve meals for 100 homeless people living in motels in Fairfax. For information about this ministry, please call Patricia Parr, 703-631-9118, or Patricia Warakomsky, 703-323-0891.

**LITURGY & MUSIC**



**Intentions of Pope Benedict XVI**

Let us unite our prayers with those of the whole church by praying for the Holy Father's intentions for January.

- General: That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.
- Missionary: That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

**Please Pray For The Sick**

Alex Green, Pat Seiler, Carmela DeChristopher, Lilly Morris, Madeline Badovinac, George Badovinac, Jeff Camilletti, Lt. Mark Wise, Joanne Benner, Christopher Benner, John Maskeny, Mason Shaffer, Martin Hauck, Carole Hauck, Helene Puerling, Mary Basile, and Austin Ruby. Names will be kept on the list for a month. Please call then and advise if you need an extended time.

**Save the Date**

The "March for Life" is on Friday, **January 22**.

**Save the Dates**

Father Stefan will be presenting a series of three talks on the "Priesthood" **January 25, February 1 and 8**. Watch the bulletin for details.

**Help Wanted**

Do you like to do laundry and iron? The altar guild needs some extra hands to help with the laundering of the corporals, purificators and small finger towels. This is a ministry that is done on your own but is very essential to the daily liturgies here at St. Mary's. We need devoted, reliable people. If you are interested, please call Cathy Wester at 703-978-4141 x22.

**Thank You!!**

Many thanks to all the musicians who lead us in song all year during the Christmas liturgies. Your instruments and voices surely helped us proclaim the good news that Jesus is born! And your efforts are very much appreciated. If you are interested in joining one of our Choirs please call 703 978-4141 ex 21 for information.

Please join our St. Mary's community this week in praying that we will generously assist the hungry by providing food for them.

**YOUTH MINISTRY****High School Youth**

Email: [briank@stmaryofsorrows.org](mailto:briank@stmaryofsorrows.org)  
703-978-4141, x11

Check out our new website: [www.smosyouth.org](http://www.smosyouth.org)

**Get Ready For Next Sunday's Kick-Off.**

Food, games, and prizes galore. Our Spring Kick-Off for High School will be on Sunday, **January 10**.

**Boys' and Girls' CLC**

Boys: Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 pm in Room 8  
Girls: Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 pm in the Apartment.

**Junior High Youth**

Email: [jhyouth@stmaryofsorrows.org](mailto:jhyouth@stmaryofsorrows.org)

**Going Deeper January 7<sup>th</sup>**

This week's Going Deeper will be a little different than normal. We will be joining the community for the Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception. We will still meet at 6:30 pm to catch up, but will not have dinner since we will be attending the Mass at 7 pm.

**Junior High Hang Out January 10<sup>th</sup>**

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to come hang out at St. Mary's after school until 5 pm. Come ready to play video games, floor pong, cards, ultimate Frisbee or just to hang out. All are welcome.

**St. Mary's Gift Cards**

Gift Cards for: Giant, Safeway, Starbucks, iTunes, and more! This fundraiser is a great chance to support Youth Ministry at St. Mary's! You just buy the gift cards from us on sale after Mass on weekends and at the front desk Monday through Friday. Checks should be made payable to "St. Mary's" with "Scripp" in the memo line.

**More Youth Ministry Information**

For more information contact Brian Kissinger at 703-978-4141, x11 or Nate Smith, x70, or go to [www.smosyouth.org](http://www.smosyouth.org).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION****Religious Education Classes**

All classes resume Monday, **January 4**.

**FAMILY LIFE****Marriage Matters**

To kick off Father Barkett's intention to commit 2010 to enriching sacramental marriages in our parish, we'll be conducting a survey at all Masses on **January 9 - 10** to help guide the year. We're looking forward to your input!

Did you ever notice the Holy Scriptures begin and end with marriage, opening with the Genesis story of marriage in the Garden of Eden and closing with Heaven's eternal Marriage Feast of the Lamb in the Book of Revelation? And if you open your bible squarely to the middle, you'll find perhaps the most romantic love poem ever written between husband and wife in the Song of Songs. It's no accident – according to John Paul II, marriage is "a central theme of the whole of God's revelation!"

### **An Educational Program for Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families /Adult Children of Alcoholics.**

Experiencing low self-esteem, inadequacy, shame, abandonment? Do you fear intimacy, anger, trust? Such feelings may be connected with the family in which you grew up. Problems could include alcoholism, substance abuse, serious illness, inflexible family rules or religious practices, death, divorce or separation. A six-week series will be offered at St. Mary's in Fairfax beginning **January 25, 2010, (no class February 15)**. Call Kathleen Scheg, JD, LCPC, NCC at 703-568-0525. The fee is \$195.

## **PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**

### **Samaritan Fund**

This week your donations assisted an unemployed man who needed help with his rent. Please continue to donate to the Samaritan fund in the collection box or baskets, or give a check to the parish receptionist.

### **Parish Social Ministry Committee Meeting**

**Monday, January 4, 7:30pm, in the Music Room**

All parishioners are welcome!

### **Brown Bag Sunday**

This week is Brown Bag Sunday. When you come to Mass next week, please bring your bag with some of the following items that are always needed in our food pantry: peanut butter, jelly, mayonnaise, cereal, oatmeal, healthy snacks, laundry and bath soap, shampoo, tooth paste and tooth brushes, personal hygiene products, hearty soups, canned meats and tuna, bread, coffee and paper products.

### **Do You Have Extra Coats?**



Please search your closets, think generously, and bring any winter jackets coats that are not being worn to the coat collection before Mass on **January 9 - 10**. This is a way for you to help keep a child or adult warm this winter. Remember: we are collecting only coats and only on **January 9 - 10**. Other seasonal clothing donations may be taken to the FISH clothes closet at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main Street, Fairfax.

### **Are You 50 or Better?**

Come to the Lunch N' Life sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, **January 21, 12 - 2pm**, at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax. The program will be presented by Phyllis Verhalen performing as Abigail Adams in historic costume. Seating is limited. For reservations, call Faye Quesenberry, 703-620-0161, by **January 14**. The cost is \$8.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office, 703-323-4788.

### **Please Help With The Current Needs Of Our Bhutanese Refugee Family!**

Our refugee family is learning all about the American home and life in the USA and they have made tremendous progress in acclimating to our culture in the short time they have been here. Donations of warm clothing are still needed in small sizes; sizes are posted on the parish website at [stmaryofsorrows.org](http://stmaryofsorrows.org). Financial contributions to help with rent and utilities are also requested as well as gift cards for personal clothing items including shoes/boots. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's with "Family Assistance" in the memo line and give checks/gift cards to the parish receptionist. Thanks!

## **HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE**

### **"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts."**

Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Brian Bashista, 703-841-2514, or write: [b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Basilica of the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception**

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your own faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? We invite you to volunteer as a docent or receptionist at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. We are also in need of volunteer nurses and doctors to assist at large events at the Shrine. Anyone interested please contact Sister Miriam, R.S.M. at the Basilica, 202-526-8300, x111 or [smm@bnsic.org](mailto:smm@bnsic.org).

### **Join Our Diocesan Community Online**

Diocesan Church news and events are updated daily online! Stay informed by reading Bishop's homilies, listening to podcasts, watching video and accessing the diocesan calendar at [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org). You can also join the over 1,000 people who follow the Diocese of Arlington on Twitter and Facebook. Find us at [www.twitter.com/arlingtonchurch](http://www.twitter.com/arlingtonchurch) and [facebook.com/arlingtondiocese](http://facebook.com/arlingtondiocese).

### **Interested In Adopting?**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington will hold Adoption Information Meetings at 5294 Lyngate Court in Burke. The meetings will be from 6:30 - 8:30 pm on **January 14, February 11, and March 11**. The presentation will cover Catholic Charities' Domestic, International, Interstate and Parental Placement Adoption Programs with emphasis on the home study, placement and supervision of children as well as adoption resources. Please call 703-425-0100 to register as space is limited.

**Unemployed? Under-Employed? We CAN Help!**

Christians are Networking ("CAN") is a group of job-seekers who network with professionals who offer free career counseling, advice on resumes and practice interviews. Whether you're looking for your first job or an executive position, all are welcome. Bring a resume, even if it's a work in progress. Join us every Thursday evening, from 7 to 9 pm at the St. Martin De Porres Senior Center, 4650 Taney Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304. For more details, contact Elizabeth Lucas, 703-683-7704, elizabeth22305@verizon.net, or Bill Hummel, 703-830-5467, hummel830@cox.net.

**Employment Opportunities**

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is currently recruiting for available positions in our Central Administrative Office in Arlington. At the Diocese of Arlington, we are enriching the experience of following your faith through the commitment and exceptional performance of our most valuable resource: our employees. We are seeking innovative individuals with the talent, ability, and energy to excel with us. Visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org) for additional details about vacant positions.

**Leave the Light On**

As we begin a new year, let us take time to plan and make stewardship of time and talent a part of our life-style and stewardship of treasure a part of our budget. A gift to benefit your parish or the diocese will help ensure that the light of Christ burns brightly for future generations. For more information call the diocesan Planned Giving Office at 703-841-2516.

**Catholic Charities Ball 2010**



"All That Sparkles," Friday, **February 5, 2010**, at the Ritz Carlton, Tysons Corner, VA. Black Tie. Consider enjoying the evening with your fellow parishioners by reserving a Parish Table. For information and donation opportunities please e-mail Barbara Caudle, [ccbball2010@yahoo.com](mailto:ccbball2010@yahoo.com) or call 703-937-3988.

**Masses and Prayer Services to Pray for Healing For Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse**

"We so desire that you will experience healing and a new beginning," Bishop Loverde said. "We carry you in our prayers to the Lord and ask Him to heal you as He alone can."

The next scheduled Masses and Prayer Service are:

**Wednesday, March 10, 2010** Bilingual Mass at 7:30 pm at St. Rita, 3815 Russell Road in Alexandria. Bishop Paul S. Loverde to preside.

**Thursday, April 29, 2010** Prayer Service at 7:30 pm at St. Timothy, 13807 Poplar Tree Road in Chantilly. Rev. Mark Mealey, O.S.F.S., to preside. Victim Testimony.

**Tuesday, June 8, 2010** Mass at 7:30 pm at St. Theresa, 31371 St. Theresa Lane in Ashburn. Bishop Paul S. Loverde to preside.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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| Sun  | 03 | Coffee & Doughnuts<br>AOH  | 8:00am<br>1:00pm  | FH/OSMH<br>OSMH                                    |
| Mon  | 04 | Historic Church Choir<br>PSM Community<br>Legion of Mary   | 7:30pm<br>7:30pm<br>8:15pm  | HC<br>MR<br>6L                                     |
| Tues | 05 | Cursillo Prayer Group<br>OLPH Rosary Makers<br>Knights of Columbus<br>Bell Choir   | 9:45am<br>10:30am<br>7:00pm<br>7:30pm   | 8L<br>6L<br>OSMH<br>MR                             |
| Wed  | 06 | AA<br>Compassionate Friends<br>Charismatic Prayer Group<br>RCIA<br>Joyful Noise  | 10:00am<br>6:00pm<br>7:30pm<br>7:30pm<br>7:30pm                               | OSMH<br>OSMH<br>BSC<br>UR<br>MR                    |
| Thu  | 07 | Preschool Coffee<br>Mother's Group<br>Widow's Group<br>Children's Choir<br>Boy Scout Troop 697<br>Marian Singers<br>CLT Counseling<br>LSLC LaSalette | 9:00am<br>10:00am<br>4:30pm<br>5:00pm<br>7:30pm<br>7:30pm<br>7:30pm<br>7:30pm | FH<br>OSMH<br>Apt.<br>MR<br>OSMH<br>MR<br>UR<br>8L |
| Fri  | 08 | Preschool Coffee<br>Senior Citizens' Group   | 9:00am<br>11:00am   | FH<br>FH(B)  |
| Sat  | 09 | Coat Collection<br>Spanish Class<br>Baptisms<br>Spaghetti Dinner   | 8:00am<br>9:00am<br>10:30am<br>6:00pm   | FH(B)<br>8L<br>WC<br>FH                            |
| Sun  | 10 | Pancake Breakfast<br>Girl Scout Planning   | 8:00am<br>6:00pm  | FH/OSMH<br>OSMH                                    |



"...They were overjoyed at seeing the star & on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves & did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures & offered him gifts..."

**E**piphany of Our Lord