

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 24
 Nellie Evans (†), For the People,
 Nancy Cline, Onafrio Viccica (†),
 Colleen Turgeon's Birthday
 (HC) Mary Hayes (†), Maureen Vloet's Birthday
Monday, January 25
 Pat Gleason (†), Delma Fisher (†)
Tuesday, January 26
 Diane Norton (†), William M. Tucker, USMC (†)
Wednesday, January 27
 Melissa Balint, Hilde Schulte
Thursday, January 28
 Jim Fink (†), James Fink (†)
Friday, January 29
 Ann & Jim Recasner Family, Maria Sacchi (†)
Saturday, January 30
 James Fink (†), Edward d'Souza (†)
Sunday, January 31
 For the People, Nicholas Bagnato (†),
 William Brazis (†), Salvatore Mangano (†),
 Sarah Ecklund
 (HC) Virginia Armes, Peter Theobald (†)

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.

St. Mary's Preschool Registration

For 2010 - 2011 School Year
 Registration for the Preschool will be open to all families on **February 10**, at 9 am in the Preschool Office. Please bring an original birth certificate, baptismal certificate and a check for the registration fee. Interested families need to call Miss Elena at the Preschool Office at 703-978-4141, x35 to make an appointment for a tour.

Donation Statements for 2009

Annual statements will be mailed only upon request. Please email: cindyb@stmaryofsorrows.org or call Cindy Bevilacqua at 703-978-4141, x24, to request an annual statement of your 2009 contributions to St. Mary's. If you are participating in electronic Parish Giving, please go online to your account and print your statement.

Scout Sunday - February 14th

Saint Mary of Sorrows will hold "Scout Sunday" on **February 14**, at the 9 am Mass. All scouts and adult scouters are invited to wear their complete uniform to the Mass and receive a special blessing. If you cannot make this Mass, please wear your uniform to whichever Mass you attend to show the parish your commitment to God and service. All scouting organizations are invited to show a display of activities to fellow parishioners in Farrell Hall. If you have any questions or need coordination, please contact Peter Gaulke, Scouting Religious Awards Coordinator, at 703-323-5089.

Parish Directories

We still have several photo directories available in the Parish Office for \$10 each. They are for individual use only. Our parishioners' information may not be used for solicitation.

Eyeglasses And Other Missing Items!

If you have misplaced your eyeglasses please stop in the Parish Center Office and check our growing collection. Also, other lost-and-found items are in the left door of the credenza in the foyer.

St. Mary's Is a Tithing Parish

"...For I was in need and you provided for me." Thanks to your donations to Sunday and holy day collections, our parish provides \$2,000 to support Gabriel Project, the parish-based pregnancy support program of the Arlington diocese. Saint Mary's funds are used for prenatal and other medical expenses of one expectant mother and her baby. For information or to volunteer for this project, call Alina Otal, 703-323-9366, or Thelma Garry, 703-978-1163.

READINGS



Sun: Is 62:1-51 Cor 12:4-11
 Jn 2:1-11
 Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23Mk 2:18-22
 Tue: 1 Sm 16:1-13Mk 2:23-28
 Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
 Mk 3:1-6
 Thurs: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7Mk 3:7-12
 Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21Mk 3:13-19
 Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
 Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Neh 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-101 Cor 12:12-30
 Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Collections for the week of January 10

Regular	\$29,237.10
Capital Campaign	\$2,135.00
Samaritan Fund	\$805.49
Christmas	\$1,155.00

Parish Giving Collection Cards

If you contribute electronically and would like to drop something in the basket during the offering, we now have cards available in the foyer for you to pick up and drop in the collection basket.

Pastor's Corner...

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing to take a moment to report on the financial condition of St. Mary's for the year ended June 30, 2009. Overall, St. Mary's financial results in FY 2009 were good and while I am encouraged by our operating results, the needs for our community and those we serve are continuing to grow. One area of concern is in fiscal year 2010 we will deplete the Rooted-in-Faith funds for Catholic School Tuition Assistance. These funds are used to assist parish families with Catholic school tuition expenses. In summary, the needs of our parish – whether for day-to-day operating expenses, education expenses, or future facility maintenance expenses – coupled with the growing needs from those we serve, will result in pressure on our future operating results.

A summary of St. Mary's operating results can be found at the end of this letter. The key points to note in this summary are:

- Revenues in FY2009 were \$2.5M, which were approximately the same as revenues in FY2008.
- Our surplus in FY2009 was \$114K, up from \$88K in FY2008. However, this increase was due to lower maintenance expenses in FY2009 compared to FY2008. Had we incurred the \$128K in unplanned expenses that occurred in FY2008, we would not have had a surplus.
- Our ending cash balance was approximately \$2M. However, 80% of these funds or \$1.6M is restricted (principally capital campaign) and may not be used for day-to-day operating expenses. Therefore, with future maintenance expenses in the hundreds of thousands in the next several years, it is increasingly important for the parish to maintain adequate funds in savings.

The foundation of the parish has been built over 150 years from the contributions in time, talent and treasure from many generations of parishioners. Through your generosity, this tradition continues in fiscal year 2010. Please know the day-to-day needs of the parish are large, and future facility maintenance expenses such as a Worship Center roof replacement within five years and estimated at \$500K to \$750K, will occur. In addition, the poor economic environment has caused the needs of those we serve to increase as well. I will be reflecting too, together with the Finance Committee, on different options regarding continued support of Catholic School Tuition Assistance program. As a result of the combination of these needs, I foresee our future operating results may not be as good as they were in fiscal year 2009.

In this challenging climate, to continue the level of support to not only ourselves and those we have traditionally served, it becomes increasingly important to be able to accurately budget

parish income and expenses. One way families can assist the parish in this important task is to enroll in Parish Giving, St. Mary's electronic giving program. This program is convenient, and allows families to make offertory contributions through deductions from checking, savings, or credit card accounts. A link to the Parish Giving website can be found at St. Mary's website, which is www.stmaryofsorrows.org.

I thank you for your continued generosity with your time and contributions to our parish which have allowed us to continue fulfilling our mission statement. I take this time to also ask each of you to examine your own stewardship responsibilities in terms of time, talent and treasure to our parish as each of us has a part to play in building the Kingdom of God. Please keep your priests and our parish in your prayers, as I continue to pray for each of you.

In Christ through Mary,

Rev. James S. Barkett
Pastor

St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church FY 2009 Statement of Revenue and Expenses	
Beginning Cash Balance	\$1,900,301.83
Revenue	
Contribution Revenue	\$1,690,495.48
Other Revenue	\$663,925.27
Interest Revenue	\$63,488.14
Capital Campaign Revenue	\$110,793.63
RIF Catholic Education/Rel. Education	<u>\$11,147.25</u>
Total Revenue	\$2,539,849.77
Expenses	
Salary & Benefits Expenses	\$1,299,056.93
Operating Expenses	
Administrative Expenses	\$250,536.44
Educational Expenses	\$110,038.23
Assessments	\$185,665.37
Furniture/Equipment	\$64,298.95
Facilities/Maintenance/Vehicle Expenses	\$256,256.65
Social Action/Community Support	\$146,999.71
Property Development	\$8,876.61
RIF Cath. Education/Rel. Education	<u>\$104,542.75</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,426,271.64
Ending Cash Balance	\$2,013,879.96
Excess Revenue Over Expenses	\$113,578.13

St. Mary's Italian Heritage Society

The Society's first meeting will be on Wednesday, **February 24**, at 7:30pm in Old St. Mary's Hall. For information, or to join, stop by the display table in Farrell Hall after all Masses on Sunday, **January 31**. For those who have signed up, we will be sending you information on **of February 1** by email.

International Food Festival

If you or your organization would like to take part in establishing the first St. Mary of Sorrows International Food and Cultural Festival, then stop by our table in Farrell Hall, next to the Italian Heritage Society table on Sunday, **January 31**.

Sorority for Women Members of St. Mary's

Kappa Omega Rho (KOR) is starting up the first Sorority for women members of St. Mary's interested in networking, establishing and encouraging moral and ethical values in the work place and in college, and addressing issues to women regarding occupations, advancement, work/family, etc. The focus is directed to include women in college and in the business world. The Sorority needs young college age women and experienced professional and business women leaders/owners to address a broad range of topics affecting all members. Sign up forms will be available, after all Masses, in Farrell Hall on Sunday, **January 31**.

LITURGY & MUSIC

Please Pray For The Sick

Gertrude Wells, Robert Forgione, Thomas O'Hare, Dr. Edward Gillie, Alex Green, Pat Seiler, Carmela DeChristopher, Lilly Morris, Madeline Badovinac, George Badovinac, Jeff Camilletti, Lt. Mark Wise, Joanne Benner, Christopher Benner, 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.

Monday Night Talks About The "Priesthood"

Father Stefan will be presenting a series of three talks on the "Priesthood" on **January 25, February 1 and 8**. The first presentation will be about "Jesus as High Priest," the second "The Ministerial Priesthood," and the last "The Royal Priesthood of Believers." The talks will begin at 7 pm in the Worship Center.

Please join our St. Mary's community this week in praying that we will honor and protect life in all its phases.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2nd Year (8th Grade) Confirmation Students

Classes will be held on Sunday, **February 7**, from 2:15 - 3:15 pm instead of the usual 6:15 pm class.

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YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth

Email: briank@stmaryofsorrows.org
703-978-4141, x11

Check out our new website: www.smosyouth.org

Sunday, January 24: SNL: Pro-Life

After Mass and dinner, we'll have a night on abortion and contraception. We'll talk about why we believe what we do, and how many of our problems today can be traced back to a "contraceptive mentality."

Junior High Youth

Email: jhyouth@stmaryofsorrows.org

Laser Tag - January 25th

This Monday, all 7th and 8th graders are invited to come to Shadowland in Chantilly at 6:30 pm to play a laser tag. Bring money for two games and feel free to invite friends.

Junior High Hang Out January 26th

For the rest of the semester, Junior High Hang Out will be on Tuesdays. 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.

FAMILY LIFE

It's a wonderful life, but we need **DIAPERS!**

**Diaper Collection on Saturday /Sunday February 6 - 7
In Farrell Hall**

for

**A Woman's Choice
Pro-Life Pregnancy Resource Center
6201 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22044
703-538-4305
www.AWomansChoiceCenter.com**



ASSISTING MOTHERS WHO CHOSE LIFE.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Samaritan Fund

This week your donations assisted a family with rent money. Please continue to donate to the Samaritan fund in the collection box or baskets, or give a check to the parish receptionist.

Disaster Relief in Haiti

The Catholic community in the United States is reaching out to our brothers and sisters in Haiti in significant and immediate ways. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, is mounting a major emergency response to this disaster and has made an initial commitment of 5 million dollars for immediate use in the relief effort. Please keep those who are suffering in your prayers. If you would like to donate, please call 1-877-HELP-CRS, donate online at www.crs.org, or send a check to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. In the memo portion of your check, please write: Haiti Earthquake

Faithful Citizenship Opportunity

The Virginia Catholic Conference's annual Catholic Advocacy Day will be held on Thursday, **January 28**, from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, at St. Peter's Church (adjacent to Capitol Square in Richmond). The day begins with prayer and briefings on proposed state policies in the areas of respect life, social and economic justice, education, and family life. Briefings are followed by constituent visits at legislators' offices, lunch, "debriefing," and closing prayer. To obtain a registration form, visit www.vacatholic.org and click on "Catholic Advocacy Day Flyer," or call 804-225-8565. The flyer contains information on bus transportation from northern Virginia and Tidewater. Arlington Bishop Paul S. Loverde and Richmond Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo will offer welcoming remarks at this important advocacy event. Please register and plan to attend!

Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate Sale On February 6 and 7



Just in time for Valentine's Day, you can buy delicious chocolate and other Fair Trade products. Your purchases help bring economic justice to third-world farmers. Coffee and chocolate will be on sale after all Masses except 12:30 pm. The next Fair Trade sale dates are **March 20 & 21**.

Employment and Financial Needs of Our Bhutanese Refugee Family of 5:

Entry level employment positions of any kind are sought in the Falls Church, Tyson's Corner Route 7 corridor. Please contact Pat Holliday at pjholliday@yahoo.com or 703-978-2155 if you know of some employment opportunities for eager workers. Financial contributions to help with the rent of \$1400.00/month, the \$79.03 current electric bill, the \$17.83 basic phone service etc. and gift cards for personal items are urgently requested. Please make checks payable to Saint Mary of Sorrows with "Family Assistance" in the memo line and give checks/gift cards to the parish receptionist. See the parish website at stmaryofsorrows.org for more information. Thanks!

Do You Have A Room To Rent?

A gentleman in the parish is seeking a room to rent. If you have one available, please call Carol Mayfield at 703-978-4141, x19.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	24	Coffee & Doughnuts	8:00am	FH/OSMH
		Square Dance Club	4:00pm	OSMH
Mon	25	Priesthood Talk	7:00pm	WC
		Historic Church Choir	7:30pm	HC
		ACOA/ACDF	7:30pm	UR
		Boy Scout Troop 697 Committee	7:30pm	7L
		Prison Right to Work Meeting	7:30pm	8L
		PSM Planning Committee	7:30pm	Apt.
		Legion of Mary	8:15pm	6L
Tues	26	Boutique	9:30am	FH(B)
		Cursillo Prayer Group	9:45am	8L
		Knights of Columbus	7:00pm	OSMH
		Bell Choir	7:30pm	MR
Wed	27	AA	10:00am	OSMH
		Staff Meeting	10:00am	UR
		Charismatic Prayer Group	7:30pm	BSC
		RCIA	7:30pm	UR
		Joyful Noise	7:30pm	MR
Thu	28	Mother's Group	10:00am	OSMH
		Quest	10:00am	Apt.
		Deanery Meeting	10:30am	UR
		Children's Choir	5:00pm	MR
		Cub Scout Roundtable Planning	7:00pm	6L
		Boy Scout Troop 697	7:30pm	OSMH
		Marian Singers	7:30pm	MR
		CLT Counseling	7:30pm	UR
		LSLC LaSalette	7:30pm	8L
Fri	29			
Sat	30	Spanish Class	9:00am	8L
Sun	31	Coffee & Doughnuts	8:00am	FH/OSMH
		NFP Preparation	1:00pm	OSMH
		John Moar's Retirement Party	2:00pm	FH

2010 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

Charity in Truth: Seeking the Common Good will be held from **February 7 - 10**, at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. The programs will focus on global and domestic challenges to human life and dignity and issues of peace and justice, all in light of the recent papal encyclical Caritas in Veritate. For more information or to register, visit www.usccb.org.

HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE

2010 Bishop's Lenten Appeal

In the coming days, many of you will receive a mailing from Bishop Loverde regarding the 2010 Bishops Lenten Appeal (BLA). Please read it over and consider your support of this very important appeal that funds many of our Diocesan programs and ministries. This year's BLA theme is "Charity is Faith in Action." As you reflect on your contribution, pray for the intercession of Saint John Vianney, the Universal Patron of Priests, to guide you. Think about the many blessings in your life, including the gift of your faith. Please consider making a sacrificial pledge that can be paid over the course of the year. Please consider how your gift to the BLA will help your brothers and sisters in our diocese who are served by our ministries, programs and services. The BLA requires financial support from every one of us to be successful. Charity is Faith in Action!