

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 7

Nellie Evans, Nicholas Bagnato (†),
 Mary Ellen Rubel (†), James Basile (†)
 Gladys Elizabeth Battista
 (HC) Mary Lee Schuler (†), For the People

Monday, March 8

Jake Avancena, Norma Keller (†)

Tuesday, March 9

Miriam Avancena, Marlin Meese

Wednesday, March 10

Lennie & Kenneth Tamnehill (†), Dorothy Leary (†)

Thursday, March 11

Jose Carlos Gomez (†), Luia Arrien (†)

Friday, March 12

George Fecht (†), Harold Brown (†)

Saturday, March 13

Wilson Burley (†), Matthew Jeffers (†)

Sunday, March 14

For the People, James Fink (†),
 James Basile (†), Marguerite Gagen (†),
 Victoria & Elizabeth Stefan (†),
 (HC) Harold Brown (†), Roger Kirim Tabet (†)



READINGS

Sun: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
 Lk 13:1-9
 Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b.....Lk 4:24-30
 Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43.....Mt 18:21-35
 Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9.....Mt 5:17-19
 Thurs: Jer 7:23-28.....Lk 11:14-23
 Fri: Hos 14:2-10Mk 12:28-34
 Sat: Hos 6:1-6Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12.....2 Cor 5:17-21
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

COLLECTIONS

Collections for the week of February 28

Regular	\$32,206.99
Capital Campaign	\$1,338.00
Samaritan Fund	\$870.94

2009 Donation Statements

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 to print your statement.

PARISH LIFE

Pastor's Corner...

My Dear Parishioners,

I would once again like to thank the Boutique members for their very generous gift of \$10,000 to the parish and \$2,500 given to the Samaritan Fund. This is part of the money they make during their boutique weekend sales.

In Christ through Mary,

Father Barkett

St. Patrick's Day Celebration



St. Patrick will shower Farrell Hall with all of his love and blessings on Saturday, **March 13**. Come join your fellow parishioners and the Hibernians for an evening of food, song and dance. The evening, beginning at 7 pm, comes complete with all the fixings, prizes and beverages included in the fare. For \$25 you will participate in a memorable evening. Tickets are available after all Masses or at the Parish Center office.

St. Mary's Preschool Openings



- **Current Openings:** St. Mary's Preschool has openings in their NEW afternoon Tuesday/Thursday Teddy Bear class (age 2-1/2 & up).
- **Fall Openings:** There are openings in the four-year-old classes beginning this September.

All students must be potty trained. Please call the Preschool at 703-978-4141, x35.

Join the Boutique Ladies

The Boutique ladies are gearing up for another year of crafting in anticipation of their sale **November 13 - 14, 2010**. We invite ladies to join us. We meet in the back of Farrell Hall from 10 - 2 most Tuesdays. Bring your lunch and come anytime. For more information, call Lou at 703-426-8092.

Thank You!

Despite the snow and cancelled Masses the previous weekend when the diaper collection for A Woman's Choice was scheduled, people donated 43 packs of diapers and \$20 the following weekend. We were thrilled to collect this amount. Many thanks to all who contributed!

Trip To Italy

Join Mark Forrest and Father Barkett on a trip to Italy. When: **October 17 - 25, 2010**. Trip includes a visit to the Vatican. See the brochure in the foyer for more details.

Lost & Found

Please check the Lost & Found table in Farrell Hall for your missing hats, gloves, etc. next weekend, **March 13 - 14**. Items not claimed by **March 22** will be donated to charity.

White Elephant Sale Donations

The White Elephant Sale will be held on **June 4, 5, & 6**. Storage is immediately available for your donations. Contact Lucy at 703-323-0345 or lucys5959@yahoo.com

St. Mary's Is a Tithing Parish

"Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching." Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions. Thanks to your donations to Sunday and holy day collections, our parish provides \$1,500 to Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke, an interfaith community that assists older adults in our community in living with dignity and purpose. To learn more, please call Kim Moden, 703-250-6065.

Lenten Opportunities

Cornucopia of Lenten Opportunities

Friday nights at St. Mary's provides an array of Lenten possibilities. Within an hour and a half one can abstain from meat at the Soup Supper, and the featured charity can provide you with an opportunity for almsgiving. At 7:30 pm if you proceed into the Worship Center you can participate in the Stations of the Cross. The Stations take about a half hour and then we expose our Lord in the monstrance. Adoration begins and the presiding priest will hear confessions. When the confession line ends, in usually about a half hour, we have Benediction. You can take advantage of as little or as much of what is offered.

Perhaps on your way out to dinner with your family, stop by the Church and pray the Stations for a half hour and then feel free to leave before Adoration begins. No penalties will be given. Perhaps you just want to come for the soup, hear the talk about the featured charity and leave; that's fine too. St. Mary's is a one stop Lenten opportunity waiting for you to take advantage of on Friday nights. It's up to you to make it work for your circumstances. Let our Lord be a part of your Friday night.

Parish Lenten Mission

Our Parish Lenten Mission begins this Sunday, **March 7 and continues through March 11**. Father Ralph Elias-Haddix, OCD, will join us from Milwaukee, WI. He is well known for his retreats, so please make the time to join your fellow parishioners prepare for Easter. The topic for the Mission will be "Prayer" and the theme of the retreat is "The Breath of the Soul." Father's Mission plan is as follows:

- Sunday.....Introduction, 7 pm
- Monday.....Breath of the Soul/Self, 9:45 am, 7 pm
- Tuesday.....True Relationship/Real Conversation, 9:45 am, 7 pm
- Wednesday.....Understanding Prayer, 9:45 am, 7 pm
- Thursday.....Proof of Love, 9:45 am, 7 pm

Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Confession

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross in the Worship Center on Fridays during Lent at 7:30pm. Adoration begins at approximately 8pm, with confessions being offered until the line ends. We conclude with Benediction.

Help Feed the Hungry

Through Operation Rice Bowl
 This week we are focusing on the Catholic Social Teaching of Community and Participation. Catholic Relief Services' community-based schools have helped educate 3,000 children of Afghanistan, a country where 72% of people cannot read or write. Consider giving 72¢ to your Rice Bowl for each magazine or newspaper you subscribe to.



Lenten Soup Suppers

The theme of our suppers this year is, Saint Mary of Sorrows: A Community of Service. Don't miss this week's soup supper on **March 12**, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, in Farrell Hall. Peg Telesca and members of Saint Mary's Religious Education will speak to us about the Church's Best Kept Secret—How Social Ministry Can Be Integrated Into Religious Formation.



An Evening of Music & Eucharistic Adoration

Mark Forrest will join us on **March 14**, at 7:30 pm, for an evening of music and Eucharistic Adoration. Please take the time to come and relax before our Lord.

Easter Baskets Are Coming!

Please help by collecting filled baskets, wrapped candy, new or gently used baskets, small toys or small stuffed animals for our annual Easter basket outreach to help foster children and other needy children to celebrate Easter. Bring your donations to Farrell Hall on **March 20 and 21**.

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 March.

- General: That the world economy may be managed according to the principles of justice and equity, taking account of the real needs of peoples, especially the poorest.
- Missionary: That the Churches in Africa may be signs and instruments of reconciliation and justice in every part of that continent.

Please join our St. Mary's community this week in praying that we will support the sanctity and dignity of human life in all its phases.

Please Pray For The Sick

Julie Adkins, Lilly Morris, Tonia Morris, Madeline Badovinac, Erica Paul, Robbie Pirhalla, Steve Payne, Anne Maguire, Erica Paul, Thomas O'Hare, Pat Seiler, Carmela DeChristopher, George Badovinac, Jeff Camilletti, Lt. Mark Wise, Joanne Benner, Christopher Benner, Mason Shaffer, Martin Hauck, Carole Hauck, 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.

Please Pray For Those Who Died

Helene Puerling.

Music During Lent

Have you noticed that our music is different during Lent? During this season we are trying to simplify the music we use during Mass. This means we sing unaccompanied when possible and use the piano only when necessary to keep the melody going. We have not used the guitars, flutes, violins, drums, tambourines etc. We are also trying to observe silence after communion. After spending Lent in this way we hope that we can all enjoy the glorious music of Easter!

Easter Floral Memorials

Easter Floral Memorials are a lovely way to remember deceased friends and relatives. The deceased will be remembered at all Easter Masses. Their names will be posted in the foyer at the Worship Center. Donations will help defray the cost of our Easter flowers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Religious Education 2010-11

Registration for Religious Education classes K-8 will be held after all Masses at the Parish Center on **March 13 - 14 and March 20 - 21**. First Communion is celebrated in the spring of the second grade year. Children must attend the first and second grade classes to receive Eucharist in Grade 2. There are special classes for those students who are older and have not received the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. In the Diocese of Arlington Confirmation is ordinarily received in the 8th Grade. Students must attend the seventh and eighth grade classes to be eligible. Fees are \$100 for one student and \$120 for two or more. Please pay fees at the time of registration.

Vacation Bible School Registration Next Weekend

Register for VBS after Masses at the Parish Center on **March 13-14 and March 20-21** during Religious Education registration. Kids from preschool (age 4) through sixth grade; teen volunteers (great service hours!); adult volunteers—there is room for everyone under the baobab tree! Pay in March and get a cool Baobab Blast magnet. Register now to join the fun **August 2 - 6, 9 am to noon**.

Confirmation Classes

Sunday 8th Grade (2nd Year Confirmation Classes) will meet from 2:15 pm -3:15 pm instead of the 6:15 pm class time on **March 7** due to the Parish Mission. Sunday 7th grade classes will meet at their usual class time.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth

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

Check out our new website: www.smosyouth.org

**This Sunday, March 7
Mass, Dinner, and Parish Mission**

After Mass and dinner, we'll join the rest of the parish for our first parish mission talk. You're not going to want to miss this!

Next Weekend (March 13-14)**Selling Irish Whiskey Cakes**

After all of the Masses, we will need teens to help sell the Irish Whiskey Cakes. These are sold as fundraisers for our Summer trips. Email Brian if you can sell the cakes after a Mass (or 2).

Next Sunday, March 14**Mass and SNL: Homosexuality**

After Mass and dinner, we will be having Fr. Scalia joining us as a guest speaker. He will be talking to us about the Church's misunderstood and often-mocked teachings on homosexuality. This topic is a very relevant one in our culture today, and all high school students are invited.

Junior High Youth

Email: jhyouth@stmaryofsorrows.org
703-978-4141, x70

Monday Night Mayhem -March 8

Come by Farrell Hall from 6:30 - 8 pm for an evening of fun, fellowship and faith.

Junior High Hang Out March 9

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, or just to hang out. All are welcome.

Evening Retreat - March 12

We will be having a Evening Retreat at the Bellarmine Chapel on Roberts Road. We will meet there for dinner at 6 pm and have a mixture of fun and faith activities until about 9 pm. If you enjoyed the Confirmation Retreats, this will be a great event for you. All 7th and 8th Graders are invited. Contact Nate for information on cost and registration.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Samaritan Fund Assistance

This week your donations helped a woman whose hours at her part-time job were cut. We assisted with her rent, enabling her to remain in her apartment. Please be generous in donating to the Samaritan fund in the collection box or baskets, or give a check to our parish receptionist.

Today Is Brown Bag Sunday

The food you bring next weekend will stock our parish food pantry. We are especially low on the following items: hearty soups, pasta sauces, cereals, canned fruits and meats, diapers, laundry and dish detergent. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to St. Mary's, with "Food Pantry" in the memo line and give it to the parish receptionist in an envelope marked "Food Pantry."

Are You 50 or Better?

Come to the Lunch N' Life sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, **March 18**, 12 -2 pm, at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd., Fairfax. The program will be presented by Matt Latimer, speechwriter for President G.W. Bush, and author of Speech-less: Tales of a White House Survivor. Seating is limited. For reservations, call Faye Quesenberry, 703- 620-0161, by **March 11**. The cost is \$8.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office, 703-323-4788.

Adventures In Learning

Join the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke for its Adventures In Learning program open to all adults age 50 or better. Registrants bring a bag lunch and stay for a full day of exercise/classes/activities and socializing, or pick and choose the classes that interest them the most. For the spring session, classes will meet each Monday, from **March 22 - May 3 (except April 5)**, 9:30 am - 2:45 pm, at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax; registration fee - \$30. Class schedule and registration forms are available at www.fairfax-burkesc.org or by calling the SCFB office at 703-323-4788.

St. Mary's Bhutanese Refugee Family

Our Bhutanese refugee family continues to make progress towards self sufficiency! Check the parish website at www.stmaryofsorrows.org for the details and how you can be of assistance to this family.

Christmas Volunteer Dinner on March 15

All those who helped with our Christmas gift program are invited to a special Thank You Dinner in Farrell Hall, on **March 15**, from 6 to 7:30 pm. Please come and enjoy fellowship and a delicious meal prepared just for you by some of our Religious Education children and their parents.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Parish Lenten Mission - Worship Center - Sunday, 7 pm;

Monday through Thursday, 9:45 am & 7 pm

Sun	07	Coffee & Doughnuts	8:00am	FH/OSMH
		AOH	1:00pm	OSMH
		Teaching Mass	2:00pm	WC
Mon	08	ACOA/ACDF	7:30pm	UR
		Historic Church Choir	7:30pm	HC
		Legion of Mary	8:15pm	6L
Tues	09	Boutique	9:30am	FH(B)
		Cursillo Prayer Group	9:45am	8L
		Knights of Columbus	7:00pm	OSMH
Wed	10	AA	10:00am	OSMH
		Prayer Shawl Ministry	1:00pm	Apt.
		HC Cemetery Committee	6:00pm	OSMH
		RCIA	7:30pm	UR
Thu	11	Mother's Group	10:00am	OSMH
		Boy Scout Troop 697	7:30pm	OSMH
		CLT Counseling	7:30pm	UR
Fri	12	Senior Citizens' Group	11:30am	FH(B)
		Soup Suppers	6:30pm	FH
Sat	13	Spanish Class	9:00am	8L
		Baptisms	10:30am	WC
		St. Patrick's Day Party	7:00pm	FH
Sun	14	Pancake Breakfast	8:00am	FH/OSMH
		Girl Scouts' Planning Meeting	6:00pm	OSMH
		Mark Forrest Evening of Music	7:30pm	WC

Seeking Tithing Fund Application Reviewers

Please consider joining our team of application reviewers. Whether you are experienced or new, we welcome your participation. For more information, contact Parish Social Ministry Coordinator, Carol Mayfield, 703-978-4141, x19.

Sandwich Collection March 28

Bring sandwiches to Farrell Hall or Old St. Mary's Hall when you come to Mass. They will be taken to Washington by parishioners who distribute food monthly as part of Martha's Table's outreach to street people. Sandwiches can be meat, cheese, meat and cheese, or peanut butter (no jelly and no condiments). Put each sandwich in a bag and put the bags in the bread wrapper. Call Bill Seiler, 703-978-0242, if you would like to volunteer to distribute sandwiches on a Sunday later this year.

HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE

Interested In Adopting?

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington will hold an Adoption Information Meeting at 5294 Lyngate Court in Burke. The meeting will be from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on **March 11**. Please call 703-425-0100 to register as space is limited.

The Light is On for You

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Arlington and the Archdiocese of Washington will have Confessions available every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8 pm.