

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 30

For the People, William P. O'Connor (†),
Mr. & Mrs. Mario Nunes (†), Gorgonio Basanes (†),
Lynne Raftery (†), Claire Coffee

Monday, August 31

Jimmie O'Dea (†), Kevin Barry (†)

Tuesday, September 1

Kevin Bray (†), Terrence O'Neill (†)

Wednesday, September 2

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Conway (†), Joseph Vucovitch (†)

Thursday, September 3

Alejandro Toro (†), Tommy Chase (†)

Friday, September 4

Alejandro Toro (†), Micaela Arvizu (†)

Saturday, September 5

CCD Staff, Joseph Burke (†)

Sunday, September 6

Gil Bassetti (†), For the People,
Mr. & Mrs. Berlarmino Botelho (†), Gorgonio Basanes (†),
Florance Hall (†), Terrence Eiermann (†)



READINGS

- Sun: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- Mon: 1 Thes 4:13-18.....Lk 4:16-30
- Tue: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11Lk 4:38-44
- Wed: Col 1:1-8Lk 4:38-44
- Thurs: Col 1:9-14Lk 5:1-11
- Fri: Col 1:15-20Lk 5:33-39
- Sat: Col 1:21-23Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday: Is 35:4-7a.....Jas 2:1-5
Mk 7:31-37

COLLECTIONS

Collections for the week of August 23

General Collection Total	\$22,942.63
Capital Campaign	\$765.00

Discontinuing Envelopes

For those families making electronic contributions through our Parish Giving program, we have taken steps to discontinue sending you envelopes each month.

PARISH LIFE

150th Anniversary Parish Photo Directory

The 150th Anniversary Parish Photo Directory is available! All parishioners who had their family photos taken last year for the Directory may pick-up their complimentary copy of the Directory in Farrell Hall before and after all Saturday and Sunday Masses on **August 29 - 30, September 5 - 6, and September 12 - 13.**

AOH Traditional End Of Summer Ceili Dance

The AOH is holding our traditional end of summer dance this Sunday, **August 30**, at Old St. Mary's Hall from 3 - 6 pm. For those that have sampled the camaraderie, fun, and food at our little Ceilidh in the past, we hope you can come again. For those that haven't, the Irish dancing we do has plenty of easy steps—after all this is folk dancing not ballroom dancing with the stars and practiced by people from teenagers to octogenarians. There will be a live band and experienced dancers to help you enjoy the afternoon. For more information, call Paul Kourtz at 703-631-9179.

St. Mary's Labor Day Picnic

Monday, September 7, 2009

Mass & Blessing of Tools: 10:30 am

Festivities Begin at 11:45 am

Raffle Winners Announced at 5 pm

Country Store



Cookies, pies, cakes, breads, preserves, home canned goods are needed for the Country Store. Please plan to make something tasty and bring it to St. Mary's next weekend or directly to the picnic.

Please bring plants directly to the picnic.

Raffle Prizes

Sony Bravia 46" HD TV, Western Caribbean cruise, Reston Limo 4-person wine tour, Tyson's Ritz Carlton weekend getaway. Why wouldn't you take a chance? Buy some tickets!

Community Service Hours

Do you need community service hours for school or Confirmation class? Volunteer to work a shift at the Labor Day Picnic. Shifts are only two hours long. Sign up as a group or with a friend.

Volunteer Sign-ups

It takes 550 volunteers on Labor Day to run the picnic. Shifts are only two hours long, so you will have plenty of time to enjoy the day. Volunteer sign-ups will be held in Farrell Hall after all Masses on **August 29 - 30 and September 5 - 6.** Plan to join us for Labor Day!

Labor Day Picnic Information Booth

We will have an Information Booth at the picnic to advise visitors about our parish. Parish committees are invited to place their pamphlets at the booth.

St. Mary's Seniors

St. Mary's Seniors will hold their first meeting of the year on Friday, **September 11**, at 11:30 am in Farrell Hall. Just bring a sandwich for yourself and join us! Questions, or for more information call Joan Kick at 703-250-4971.

Celebrating Your Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?

Were you married in 1959 or 1984? Then join Bishop Loverde for the 2009 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, **October 25**, at 2:30 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Contact Linda O'Brien in the Parish Office at 703-978-4141, x13, to register no later than **September 25**. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/family/life/MJM.php.

Parish Awareness Weekends

Parish Awareness Weekends are **September 19 - 20** and **September 26 - 27**. All parish ministries are encouraged to be represented. Make sure your parish group is prepared and has reserved space. Ministries in the areas of Administration, Evangelization, Liturgy and Worship, Music, Religious Education and Youth/Young Adult will be present **September 19 - 20**. Family Life and Social Ministry will be represented on **September 26 - 27**. Call 703-978-4141, x29.

Update On The 150th Anniversary Historic Book

We regret the historic book will not be available for sale during the Labor Day Picnic. However, we will be taking pre-orders for the historic book at a discount at the picnic. Also, we are still accepting sponsor applications. Sponsor applications are displayed in the church foyer at the Parish Center and also at Old St. Mary's Hall. If you would like to be a sponsor of the historic book, please complete the application with your sponsor donation and deliver it to the Parish Center Office.

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 September.

- General: That the word of God may be better known, welcomed and lived as the source of freedom and joy.
- Mission: That Christians in Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar, who often meet with great difficulties, may not be discouraged from announcing the Gospel to their brothers, trusting in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Please join our St. Mary's community this week in praying that we may live our Catholic Faith by promoting solidarity with the poor and oppressed.

Please Pray For The Sick

Nancy Dietrich, Tonia Morris, Lilly Morris, Mary Seigenfuse, Madeline Badovinac, Taylor Bray, Mike Stephens, Jeanice Richards, Martin Hauck, Carole Hauck, Joanne Benner, Christopher Benner, Charlotte Rendine, Jayne Kosciusko, Helen Puerling, Mary Basile, James Basile, 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

Larry Brown, Robert Perez, Mary Catherine Ulam, Thomas Barrett Ulam.



Baptism

We joyfully welcome into the Church
Sarah Patricia Lattanze.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Adoration

Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday we have Eucharistic Adoration after the 9:15 am Mass. At 11:45 we pray Midday Prayer and have Benediction. During Monday Adoration we pray the Blue Army Prayers of Our Lady of Fatima.

First Friday Change

In anticipation of our 40 hours of adoration preceding our Feast Day on September 15 and Labor Day weekend, we will deviate from our usual First Friday schedule. We will NOT have adoration during the afternoon and night, Sept. 4. Please join us for our customary Taize Holy Hour from 7:30-8:30 Friday evening. If you've not had the opportunity to join your fellow parishioners for this soothing hour, please do so this week.

First Saturday

We will observe our usual First Saturday devotions after 9:15 am Mass. Please come to honor our Lady as she has requested.

40 Hours Devotion in Preparation For Our Lady of Sorrows Feast Day

Please remember to sign up for the 40 Hours Devotion. The sign up sheets are in the lobby. You may sign up for as many times as you'd like. Our Lord is waiting especially for you. Our Feast Day is September 15th.

Come Into the Garden

A Vacation Retreat for Catholic Women on the "Song of Songs." Take time for yourself! Drink in love and beauty, be pampered, and replenish body and soul! Presented **September 25 - 27** by Certified Catholic Life Coach, Liz Post, joined by Father Stefan Starzynski at Carter Hall, an elegant 18th Century estate on 200 acres near Winchester, VA. Register by **September 9**. Limit 20. For more information contact Liz Post at 703-425-9213 or lizpost1@verizon.net.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Join Us In September For RCIA Classes!

We will begin our RCIA program at St. Mary's in mid September. If you are interested in the Catholic Faith or in becoming a Catholic, please join us! We will meet on Wednesday evenings. You can call the office and leave your name, pick up a brochure from the foyer and fill out the form, or give your name to the parish receptionist. Father Barkett will be in touch with you regarding the program. Please join us for these informational sessions.



Marriage Matters

This box of the bulletin will be dedicated to marriages. It will remind us that 'marriage matters.' It will give us inspirational quotes, thoughts or questions to reflect on in 'matters of marriage.' It will remind us of the true sacramental nature and 'matter of marriage.' Also watch this box for the upcoming marriage enrichment programming at the parish.

YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTRY

High School Youth

Email: brianck@stmaryofsorrows.org

Junior High Youth

Email: jhyouth@stmaryofsorrows.org

Boys' and Girls' CLC

Come join the faith sharing groups that really get in-depth with the faith.

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

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

For More Youth Ministry Information

Contact Brian Kissinger at 703-978-4141, x11, or Nate Smith at x70, or visit our website at www.stmaryofsorrows.org/ym.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Required Confirmation Parents' Meeting

7th Grade Parents' Meeting (1st Year of Confirmation Program)

Wednesday, **September 2**, 7 pm in Farrell Hall

8th Grade Parents' Meeting (2nd Year of Confirmation Program)

Thursday, **September 3**, 7 pm in Farrell Hall

Catechist Day September 12

All catechists are encouraged to come together on Saturday, **September 12**, at the 9:15 Mass for a day of reflection and inspiration. Program facilitated by Gerri Noble-Martocci will follow in Farrell Hall. This year's catechetical theme is **Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word**. More information, call the R.E. Office at 703-978-4141, x23 or x29.

Spring 2010 Confirmation Candidates

(2nd Year Class)

Please mark your calendars. The Confirmation retreat for 2nd year candidates will be held on the following dates:

Boy's Retreat - September 12 - 13 (Overnight Retreat)

Girl's Retreat - September 19 - 20 (Overnight Retreat)

Both retreats will be held at the Village of Mt. Zion, near Woodstock, Virginia.

Classes Begin

Religious Education Classes K - 7 begin Sunday, **September 13**.

Letters with class assignments were mailed to families who registered in the spring and early summer on August 12.

Interested in the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) is for teens who are not Catholic and are interested in exploring the Catholic faith. Also welcome are baptized Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist, Penance, and Confirmation. Classes will begin meeting in September. Call Toni Haaland at 703-978-4141, x18.

FAMILY LIFE

Used Cell Phone Collection

Got an old cell phone? The Mothers' Group is participating in a cell phone fund-raising drive. Just bring your inactive cell phones and batteries to the collection box in Farrell Hall between Saturday, **October 3** and Sunday, **October 11**. No chargers or accessories are needed. Funds raised will benefit the Mothers' Group. Questions? Call Michelle at 703-978-0635.

Mothers' Group

Whether you are at home full-time or on maternity leave, a grandparent watching your grandkids, a new mom or a veteran, the Mothers' Group would love to have you join us on Thursdays, 10 am - noon, at Old St. Mary's Hall. Our informal gatherings provide the opportunity for moms to build community and socialize while kids have playtime and a light lunch with on-site babysitting. Most kids are birth-preschool age. See our flyer in the Parish Center for more information about our many activities or contact Jenny Weston at 703-272-8144.

Is Your Anger Interfering with Your Life?

Do you have trouble managing your anger? Does your anger cause problems at work, with your family or with the overall quality of your life? Would you like to learn healthy ways to release and transform this normal, human emotion? Releasing and Transforming Anger (RTA) is a 15-week group process that teaches anger management techniques in the context of helping participants address the underlying pain or stress. St. Mary's Pastoral Counselor, Kathleen E. Scheg, JD, LCPC, NCC incorporates both spirituality and body-psychotherapy in this unique transformational process. She is offering the RTA program at St. Mary's in Fairfax beginning Monday, **September 21**, (no class October 12). The fee is \$40 per week. Prior registration and a commitment to the 15-week process are required. Call Kathleen Scheg at 703-568-0525.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Samaritan Fund

\$570.24 was donated last week. With those funds, we were able to help a family that was on the verge of eviction to be able to stay in their apartment.

School Supplies

Helping poor children go back to school with the tools that they need to do their work is an act of charity. Our assistance may help keep them on an academic pathway out of poverty! Our charity, therefore, becomes an act promoting justice since these poor students are better able to develop their God-given gifts and talents. Please support our school supplies collection in any way that you can! No time to shop for school supplies? Consider making a check out to St. Mary's with "school supplies" in the memo line.

Refugee Resettlement Project

Have you been thinking it would be interesting to assist with the refugee resettlement project? Have you been too busy this summer to commit as a volunteer but now see your fall schedule opening up? Do you want to put your faith into action in a new way? We really need you! The parish is getting ever closer to being able to sponsor a refugee family but we need to be sure that we have enough people to properly welcome a family and acclimate them to our country and area. Join us in whatever capacity you wish! Volunteer opportunities are numerous and volunteer forms are available at stmaryofsorrows.org or in the parish foyer. Questions? Contact Pat Holliday at pholliday@yahoo.com or 703-978-2155. Thanks!

Are You 50 or Better?

Come to the Lunch N' Life sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, **September 17**, 12 - 2 pm, at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd., Fairfax. Randolph Bragg will give a "Spirited" Presentation on George Washington's Distillery at Mount Vernon – the only founding father to operate a successful commercial whiskey distillery. Seating is limited. For reservations, call Faye Quesenberry, 703-620-0161, by **September 10**. The cost is \$8.00. Write checks payable to SCFB.

"Third Annual Positive Aging Fair: Tools for Creative Aging"

People over 50 of all faiths and backgrounds are invited to the annual positive aging fair to be held from 9 am to 3 pm, **September 10**, at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The keynote speaker will be The New Yorker magazine cartoonist and author of 40 books, Mort Gerberg. There will also be workshops and information on topics related to healthy aging. To register, call 703-323-0880 or visit www.jccnv.org.

"The Living Church: Engaging Parishes in Promoting Human Dignity"

Join the Peace and Justice Commission on **September 19** for their 6th Annual Fall Conference on "The Living Church: Engaging Parishes in Promoting Human Dignity." The program includes a keynote address on The Living Vision: A Perspective on the Parish Social Mission, with presenter Rev. Larry Snyder, President of Catholic Charities USA. The conference will be held from 9 am - 1 pm at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Falls Church. For more information contact Fr. Gerry Creedon, Chair, Peace and Justice Commission, at 703-527-5500, or gerrycreedon@gmail.com.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

School Supplies Collection all week in Farrell Hall and Box in the Foyer				
Sun	30	Coffee & Doughnuts	8:00am	FH
		Squires & Squire Roses	10:00am	OSMH
		AOH	2:00pm	OSMH
Mon	31	Historic Church Choir	7:30pm	HC
		Legion of Mary	8:15pm	6L
Tues	01	Boutique	9:30am	FH(B)
		Curislo Prayer Group	9:45am	6L
		Youth Ministry Deeper Waters	6:00pm	WC/FH
		Knights of Columbus	7:00pm	OSMH
		Bell Choir	7:30pm	MR
Wed	02	AA	10:00am	OSMH
		7th Grade Parents' Meeting	7:00pm	FH
		Joyful Noise	7:30pm	MR
		Charismatic Prayer Group	7:30pm	WC
		Compassionate Friends	7:30pm	OSMH
Thu	03	Mothers' Group	9:30am	OSMH
		Children's Choir	5:00pm	MR
		8th Grade Parents' Meeting	7:00pm	FH
		Boy Scout Troop 697	7:30pm	OSMH
		Marian Singers	7:30pm	MR
Fri	04	AA	7:00pm	6L
Sat	05			
Sun	06	Coffee & Doughnuts	8:00am	FH/OSMH
		Squires Pancake Breakfast	8:00am	OSMH

HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE

Senior Women's Retreat

Experience the opportunity for spiritual refreshment and renewal at Retreat for Senior Women on **September 4 - 6** at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, VA. Father Donald Heet will be our guide on this weekend retreat. Come and experience the spiritual renewal! For reservations or more information call Joan Kick at 703-250-4971 or the Dominican Retreat at 703-356-4243.

The Paul Stefan Foundation Gala

The Paul Stefan Foundation is proud to present the Second Annual Gala, "A Celebration of Life," featuring guest speaker Janet Parshall. Please come and join us for a very special evening! **October 10, 2009**, beginning at 6 pm, at the Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center. Tickets: \$100 (\$75 if purchased before **August 31, 2009**). Visit the website for more information www.paulstefanhome.org.

Generational Healing Mass

Fr. Stefan Starzynski will preside at a Generational Healing Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Manassas, VA, on **September 17** at 7 pm.

Unemployed? Networking Ministry CAN Help!

Christians are Networking ("CAN") is a faith-based ministry supporting people who are in career transition, providing a venue where they can receive free professional career counseling -- including resume reviews and practice job interviews -- and take advantage of networking opportunities with other professionals. Thursdays, from 6:30 - 9:30 pm at the St. Martin De Porres Senior Center, 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304.