

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 27

For the People, Dorothy Stettner (†),
Family of Rebecca Aves (†), Clair Tomassone (†),
Jeannice Richards (†)

Medardo Caigoy (†), George Wright (†)

Monday, September 28

Sarah Ecklund, Arturo G. Canton (†)

Tuesday, September 29

Paul Shemchuk (†), Gus Menna (†)

Wednesday, September 30

Yet Ling Lee Gim (†), Peggy Kelly (†)

Thursday, October 1

Teresa Allas (†), Margaret Miller

Friday, October 2

Nora del Rosario (†), Jack Strasser (†)

Saturday, October 3

Alejandro Toro (†), Medardo Caigoy (†)

Sunday, October 4

Helen Zappa (†), For the People,
Arnie Grocholski (†), Clair Burns (†),
Alec Bealing (†), Rebecca Mitchell (†)

PARISH LIFE



15th Annual Blessing of the Animals
The annual blessing of the animals on the Feast of St. Francis will take place at the Historic Church Grotto on Sunday, **October 4**, at 2 pm.

Have You Served In The Armed Forces?

Military members: active, retired, veterans. Please join us for a social get together on Friday, **October 2**, at Old St. Mary's Hall from 6:30 - 10:30 pm. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share as well as your favorite libation. It's a great way to meet fellow parishioners. Call Walt Kleiman, 703-266-4663, or Pequette Schwerin 703-590-8492 for more information.



St. Mary's Preschool

St. Mary's Preschool has one opening in the 4-year-old Panda Bear afternoon class. Must be potty trained. Please call the Preschool Office at 703-978-4141, x35.

Widow to Widow - Walking the Path of Widowhood

Walking the Path of Widowhood will hold its next session on **October 1**, at 4:30 pm, in the Apartment.

Widow to Widow - A Journey Through Widowhood

Please join us at St. Mary's as we begin a new group, A Journey Through Widowhood. All widows are welcome. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, **October 5**, from 5 - 6:30 pm, in the Apartment. For more information contact Joyce Johnson at 703-455-7007.

St. Mary's Is a Tithing Parish

"When did we see you hungry and give you food? Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."
Your donations to Sunday and holy day collections last year provided \$1,000.00 in tithing funds, which will help provide a hot lunch each month at the Lamb Center, a homeless outreach center for the homeless in Fairfax. If you, your family or other group can volunteer one day in the year for this very important ministry, please contact Lisa Murphy at 703-385-9506, murphy10448@yahoo.com, or Charlie Hoover, 703-978-5086.

LITURGY & MUSIC

Please Pray For The Sick

John Maskeny, Mason Shaffer, Scott Wascavage, Daniel McGlynn, Claire Hall, Chester Schuler, Dylan Andrada, Victoria Patronik, Nancy Dietrich, Tonia Morris, Lilly Morris, Mary Seigenfuse, Madeline Badovinac, Mike Stephens, Martin Hauck, Carole Hauck, Helene Puerling, Mary Basile, James 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.



READINGS

- Sun: Nm 11:25-29Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Mon: Zec 8:1-8.....Lk 9:46-50
- Tue: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, or Rv 12:7-12a
Jn 1:47-51
- Wed: Neh 2:1-8Lk 9:57-62
- Thurs: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12.....Lk 10:1-12
- Fri: Bar 1:15-22.....Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Gn 2:18-24.....Heb 2:9-11
Mk 10:2-16

COLLECTIONS

Collections for the week of September 20

General Collection Total	\$28,435.19
Capital Campaign	\$1,017.00
Samaritan Fund	\$910.74
Assumption	\$40.00
Heat	\$55.00
Religious Education	\$235.00
Catholic Campaign For Human Development	\$721.97
Catholic University	\$45.00

Please Pray For Those Who Died

Jeannice Richards, Charlotte Rendine and Mary Lee Schuler.

**Baptism**

We joyfully welcome into the Church Kumaravel Krishan, Umamaheswari Krishan and Karthi Krishan.

Dear St. Mary's Parishioners,

My thanks to all for your continued prayers for my six-year-old granddaughter, Charlotte Rendine, who was listed in the Please Pray for the Sick entry in the bulletin for nearly the last three years, half her lifetime. She was a valiant princess warrior who won her place in heaven on August 16, 2009, after teaching her family and all who knew her about unconditional love, hope, humor, perseverance, courage, bravery, laughter, and faith.

Peace and love,
Maria Rendine

Memorial Mass For Those Who Lost A Child

A Memorial Mass for those who have lost a child of any age and from any cause including miscarriage, will be held on **October 1** at the Parish Center at 7 pm, celebrated by Fr. Stefan. Parents and/or families and friends will have an opportunity to sign the child's name in the Book of Remembrance during the Mass. All parents, siblings, grandparents and others are invited to join us in this meaningful and touching service to remember children who have died and help in the healing of their families.

Monday & Wednesday Morning Adoration

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

First Friday and First Saturday

Friday, **October 2**, and Saturday, **October 3**, are First Friday and First Saturday. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day Friday and all night till Saturday 9:15 am Mass. Join us for our Taize Holy Hour Friday night at 7:30. It's a great way to unwind after the workweek and allow Our Lord to heal you while being in his presence. First Saturday devotions will begin after the 9:15 Mass.

Change Regarding "Personal Intentions" at Mass

In order to encourage the use of the Prayer Request book located in the Worship Center or the Prayer box in the foyer, which are also mentioned during every Sunday's "Prayers of the Faithful," we will be discontinuing the mentioning of personal intentions out loud. We have had several complaints about the length of prayers and particular content of those prayers offered at Mass, so please use the prayer book or box for your intentions.

Healing Mass Day & Date Change for October

For this month only the Healing Mass has been moved to Friday, **October 9**, at 7 pm in the Worship Center. There will be jubilant music and praise. At the conclusion of the Mass Fr. Stefan will pray over all who are interested.

Diocesan Pilgrimage

Celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Arlington and the Year of the Priest by participating in the 2009 Diocesan Pilgrimage entitled, "Mary, Cause of our Joy and Mother of Priests," on Saturday, **October 10**, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The day of spiritual enrichment will begin with the Rosary, followed by time for confession and tours of the Basilica, a special presentation by Fr. David Thayer and Mass with Bishop Loverde. In celebration of the 35th Anniversary, Bishop Loverde will re-consecrate the Diocese of Arlington to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org for more information.

Please join our St. Mary's community this week in praying that those who are hungry or malnourished will receive the food they need.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH**It's Not Too Late To Join RCIA!**

Our RCIA program just started last week. 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.

Landings

The members of the Landings Program would like to welcome home returning Catholics. If you are looking for a supportive, encouraging environment in which you can pray, share and learn as you transition back into the Church, then Landings is the program for you! Participants will meet at St. Mary's on Tuesday evenings beginning **September 29**. For more information and to register call Sandy Dominick at 703-830-4708 sandy@tsandt.com or Dennis Cherry at 703-978-8158, cherrysva@yahoo.com.

Marriage Matters

How will I sacrifice from my heart to love my spouse this week?

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth

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

Sunday, September 27

Mass and SNL: Amish Fashion Show

We will have Mass at 5 pm, followed by dinner, and then a night on chastity and modesty, randomly scheduled to be just before the Robinson homecoming dance. What a coincidence!

Small Groups

We have small groups that will be meeting twice a month (on the Sundays that we don't have our large-group SNL). Most small groups meet on Sunday after Mass, but some do meet during the week if Sunday doesn't work for you. If you want to get involved, email Brian.

St. Mary's Gift Card Program

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

Junior High Youth

Email: jhyouth@stmaryofsorrows.org

Movie Night - Up - September 27th

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to come to the 7 pm showing of Up at University Mall Theaters. Please bring \$4 for your ticket and any money that you want for snacks. We will meet at 6:40 at the theater to try to find seats together. Feel free to invite friends! If you know that you are coming, email NateS@StMaryofSorrows.org so he can know how many to expect.

Junior High Hang Out - October 1st

All 7th and 8th graders are welcome to drop into Farrell Hall on Thursdays anytime between when school lets out and 5 pm. Come ready to play whatever you want from video games to ping pong or cards to Ultimate Frisbee.

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

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

Flu Clinic

The Flu Clinic will be Sunday, **October 18**, from 12:15 to 2:15 pm in the Upper Room.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Samaritan Fund

Please continue to give generously to help our less fortunate neighbors. Place your donation in the Samaritan Fund box in the foyer of the Worship Center or on the donut table after Sunday Mass, or you can write a check to St. Mary's with 'Samaritan Fund' in the memo line, and leave it in the Parish Office.

Our Parish Clothing Drive Begins October 17

Lord, when did we see you naked and give you clothes? "Amen, I say, whenever you did it for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it for me." (Mt 25:41). Our annual clothing drive is an opportunity for all to serve the homeless and needy in our community. Your gently used donated clothing will provide warmth to someone during the cold months, a professional look for a man or woman going on a job interview, or durable school clothes for a young student. How can you help make this year's drive a HUGE success? Start now to collect and sort those good used pants, shirts, sweaters, jackets, dresses, skirts and shoes you or your family are no longer wearing. We also need many medium-size boxes for shipping. Last, but not least, we need volunteers! If you have some time, we will gladly welcome you and put you to work in service of those who need clothing.

Buy Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate Today



When you buy Fair Trade coffee and chocolate, you guarantee small-scale farmers in the developing world a living wage for their labor. Fair Trade products taste great, too! Look for the Fair Trade table after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. The next sale is **November 14 - 15**.

Bake Cookies for KAIROS

Please assist parishioner Mary O'Neill as she prepares for the Women's KAIROS Retreat at Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women on **October 15**. Thousands of cookies, prayed over and baked, are given to the entire facility as a sign of God's bountiful love and mercy. Cookies should be approximately 2 to 2 1/2 inches in size. Cookies may contain chocolate or other flavored chips, but may not contain nuts, dried fruit, candy or toppings including sugar. Please place one dozen cookies in one-quart Ziploc bags (no zipper attachments) and write the type of cookie on the bag. Confirmation candidates, this is a wonderful way to fulfill your service hours! Place the cookies in the box in the foyer marked KAIROS Women's Retreat by 10 am on Wednesday, **October 14**.

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. Fall classes will meet each Monday, from **September 28 - November 2**, 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 on-line at www.fairfax-burkesc.org or by calling the SCFB office at 703-323-4788.

HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE

Mass with Fr. di Capua, O.F.M.

Fr. Ermelindo di Capua, O.F.M., a Capuchin friar who currently resides in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, had the wonderful blessing of experiencing and sharing in the final three years of St. Padre Pio's life from 1965 until his death in 1968. He will concelebrate Mass with Father Francis Peffley and will bless everyone with a first class relic of St. Padre Pio (one of the gloves that covered the Sacred Stigmata) at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Road, in Gainesville, VA, on Friday, **October 2**, at 7:30 pm. He will ask for a donation to assist in the completion of the "Home of the Needy Priest"--a home for elderly, disabled, and other needy priests from around the world.

St. Raymond of Penafort Yard Sale

Multi-family yard sale to be held at St. Raymond of Penafort, 8750 Pohick Road, Springfield, Saturday, **October 3**, 8 am - 1 pm. All are welcome to participate and attend. For information, call Pat Kolakoski at 703-455-3009.

Mrs. "P's" Planet Danz



A one-day dance/drill team clinic will be held at Paul VI High School on Sunday, **October 4**, noon - 4 pm for girls in Grade 1 & up. The theme is "Old School Britney Spears Music - "Oops...I Did It Again." \$45 per girl includes T-shirt, pizza, snacks & a drink. For information call Mrs. "P," 703-250-5711.

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 on **October 10**, beginning at 6 pm, at the Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center. Tickets: \$100. Visit the website for more information: www.paulstefanhome.org.

Men's Retreat

There will be a retreat for men at Dominican Retreat, McLean, Virginia **October 16 - 18**. It will be directed by Fr. Donald Heet, O.S.E.S. The retreat includes daily Mass, conferences, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Rosary, Adoration, and private prayer time. To sign up for the retreat call Dominican Retreat at 703-356-4243.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	27	Coffee & Doughnuts	8:00am	FH/OSMH
		Parish Awareness Weekend	8:00am	FH
Mon	28	ACOA/ACDF	7:30pm	UR
		Historic Church Choir	7:30pm	HC
		Legion of Mary	8:15pm	6L
Tues	29	Boutique	9:30am	FH(B)
		Curislo Prayer Group	9:45am	8L
		Knights of Columbus	7:00pm	OSMH
		Landings	7:15pm	Apt.
		Bell Choir	7:30pm	MR
Wed	30	AA	10:00am	OSMH
		RCIA	7:30pm	UR
		Joyful Noise	7:30pm	MR
		Charismatic Prayer Group	7:30pm	WC
Thu	01	Mothers' Group	10:00am	OSMH
		Widow's Group - Walking the Path	4:30pm	Apt.
		Children's Choir	5:00pm	MR
		Mass for Those Who Lost a Child	7:00pm	WC
		Amigos en Cristo	7:00pm	8L
		Youth Ministry Parent Meeting	7:30pm	FH
		Boy Scout Troop 697	7:30pm	OSMH
		Marian Singers	7:30pm	MR
		CLT Counseling	7:30pm	UR
Fri	02	Military Activity Committee	6:30pm	OSMH
		AA	7:00pm	8L
Sat	03	Spanish Class	9:00am	8L
		K of C Wine & Cheese	6:00pm	FH
Sun	04	Coffee & Doughnuts	8:00am	FH/OSMH
		Blood Drive	8:00pm	FH(B)
		AOH	1:00pm	OSMH
		Lector Training	1:30pm	WC

Annual White Mass

Join Bishop Loverde at the Annual White Mass honoring Catholic physicians and other Catholic health care professionals on Sunday, **October 18**, at 10 am, at St. Philip Church, 7500 St. Philip's Court, Falls Church. After Mass there will be a pancake breakfast with guest speaker Rev. Peter F. Ryan, S.J., S.T.D., Professor of Moral Theology, Mount St. Mary's Seminary who will speak on "Caring for Patients in the Persistent Vegetative State, A Catholic Perspective." Cost: Checks received by **October 10** - \$25 per person/\$15 per student, then \$50 per person. RSVP: Dr. Chau Thiede, McLean Pediatrics, 6711 Whittier Avenue, #101, McLean, VA 22101.

Mass 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." Monday, **October 26**, Mass at 7:30 pm, Sacred Heart Church, 12975 Purcell Road, Manassas. Bishop Paul S. Loverde to preside.

An Evening of Praise, Worship & Adoration

Praise music will be provided by Vision on the first Saturday of every month, 7 - 8:30 pm, at St. Leo the Great Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. The next Praise, Worship & Adoration evening is Saturday, **October 3**.