

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 15

Robert Perez (†), For the People,
Edward Cassilly (†), Arturo G. Canton (†),
Mary Zelin

(HC Masses) Carlos Lopez (†), Michael G. Ferrier (†)

Monday, November 16

Pierre Richard (†), Jack Strasser (†)

Tuesday, November 17

Carolyn Sauberer (†), Gene Meehan (†)

Wednesday, November 18

Robert Perez (†), Mary DiCamillo (†)

Thursday, November 19

Rabead Kande (†), Robert Perez (†)

Friday, November 20

Mildred A. Grove, Edward Cassilly (†)

Saturday, November 21

Marie H. Bradshaw (†), Dr. Alberto Cordova (†)

Sunday, November 22

Cyndee Keltie (†), Steven Wozny (†),

David Klozko (†), For the People,

Klara Dobriansky (†),

(HC Masses) Eva Hilvers (†), Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Kurta



READINGS

- Sun: Dn 12:1-3.....Heb 10:11-14, 18
Mt 13:24-32
- Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Lk 18:35-43
- Tue: 2 Mc 6:18-31Lk 19:1-10
- Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31Lk 19:11-28
- Thurs: 1 Mc 2:15-2Lk 19:41-44
- Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59Lk 19:45-58
- Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: Dn 7:13-14.....Rv 1:5-8
Jn 18:33b-37

COLLECTIONS

Collections for the week of November 8

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| Regular | \$23,966.28 |
| Capital Campaign | \$1,160.00 |
| Samaritan Fund | \$533.05 |
| Little Sisters of the Poor | \$7,876.11 |
| Retired Religious | \$675.00 |
| Holiday Fund | \$500.00 |
| Heat | \$281.00 |
| All Saints | \$236.00 |

Please see today's flyer on Parish Giving.

PARISH LIFE

Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sale



Christmas Trees will be sold again this year by the Knights of Columbus at the Historic Church on Ox Road. Wreaths and decorative roping will also be sold. This is the Knights' biggest fundraiser of the year and all profits go to charity.

Christmas Cards

Did you miss the display of Christmas cards last weekend? Choose from an assortment of Christmas cards to send to loved ones, friends, acquaintances and others who would love to hear from you! This sale is a Knights of Columbus Council 8600 fundraiser.

Widow to Widow

Walking the Path of Widowhood will hold its next sessions on Monday **November 16**, at 5 pm and Thursday, **November 19** at 4:30 pm. We will meet in the Apartment. Our project for the next several sessions will be on "Handling Your Grief Through the Holidays." For further information please contact Joyce Johnson, MA, at 703-455-7007.

They Need Our Prayers and Material Help Desperately

Our typhoon ravaged brothers and sisters in the Philippines are in dire need of aid to help rebuild their lives. 1.5 million people are struggling to live in flooded suburbs or crowded shelters. Be a part of the answer to their plea of help! Attend a fundraising concert featuring musical savant Carlos Ibay at St. Mary's on Sunday, **December 27**, at 4 pm. 100% of tax deductible donations and ticket purchases will go towards aid in rebuilding lives of typhoon victims. Tickets are \$25.00. For tickets please call: Luisa Robinson, 703-323-5834, or Gigi Allas-Espiritu, 703-250-0520. Please make checks payable to St. Mary of Sorrows and write "Fil-Am Ministry" on the memo line.

Parish Directory

If you have not picked up your directory and you had your picture taken, then please do so. If you would like a directory and did not have your picture taken, they are available for \$10 per directory and are for individual use only. Our parishioners' information may not be used for solicitation.

St. Mary's Is a Tithing Parish

"...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Your donations to Sunday and holy day collections provide \$3,000 the Catholic Church of Preston County, West Virginia. These funds support ministries for many poor people in the Appalachian region. For more information, please contact Mary Ayre, 703-323-7597, or Sharon Kourtz, 703-631-9179.

LITURGY & MUSIC

Please Pray For The Sick

Mary Viccica, Chester Schuler, Joan Hickey, Madeline Badovinac, Mary Seigenfuse, Kristina Anderson, Lilly Morris, Alex Green, Mark Wise, Joanne Benner, Christopher Benner, Pat Mizer, 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.

Please Pray For The Deceased

James Basile.

Spiritual Communion

With the flu and cold season coming on we thought we would mention a spiritual gem you may not know about. This can be used everyday but especially if you can't come to Mass and receive our Lord in the Eucharist you can make what we call a spiritual communion. Put yourself in the Lord's presence and say the following prayer:

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

Magnificat Advent Companion

Please pick up your Magnificat Advent Companion in the foyer. The daily readings during this penitential season are a great way to prepare for Christmas. One per family, please.

Praise and Worship

Come join the Youth Group, Logs of Fire, and Father Stefan to honor our Lord with praise, worship and adoration before our Lord on **November 18 and December 16** in the Worship Center at 7:30 pm. Father Stefan will be giving a talk on "radical faith." Come and be changed.

New Family Life Ministry



We have a new ministry at St. Mary's. It's called "Consoling Hearts". Its mission is to provide prayer support for the dead of our parish and their family members during that difficult year after the passing of their loved ones. We need people who are willing to daily commit to praying for them for one year. You will be called a "Consoler" as that will be your spiritual task, to console the hearts of those left behind after a death and also pray for the souls of their loved ones. If you have questions or know you are willing to participate in this apostolate, please call Cathy Wester (703) 978-4141 x22 or email @ cathyw@stmaryofsorrows.org.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Cursillo Gathering

The November 2009 Ultreya will be held Saturday, **November 19**, at St. Mary's, beginning at 7:30 pm. Come, give thanks, share, sing, and socialize with others. Bring a friend, bring a snack and drink to share. Come share His love -- come to please Him. Mark your calendars: an advent/holiday party Ultreya is scheduled for **December 6**. Details to follow.

Marriage Matters

"While no analogy can fully capture the Mystery of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, spousal love is the least imperfect analogy..."

Each week at Mass we proclaim together in the Nicene Creed that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. John Paul II explains that the eternal, self donating love that has existed from all time between the Father and the Son is so perfect and so full that it has creative force! The Holy Spirit is the product of this love between the Father and Son. God's love, then, is life giving! This is why the Church teaches that all of our marriages (and each of its embraces) must reflect this self donating nature and remain open to life.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth

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

Check out our new website: www.smosyouth.org

This Sunday, November 15

Mass and Small Groups: Saved by the Flood

Join us for Mass at 5 pm, followed by dinner and a night of small groups. We will be talking about how God sent the great flood, saving only Noah and his family. Find out what this tells us about God and how this story affects our lives today. Small groups have been going really well so far, and it's never too late to show up and check out the new program!

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.

Next Sunday November 22

Mass and SNL: You're Killing Me

Join us for Mass at 5 pm, followed by dinner and a talk all about sin. Somehow we've come to believe that the Church's understanding of sin is just a list of rules to keep us from having fun and enjoying life. Come and find out the truth.



White House Ornaments And Entertainment Books

These are available for sale at all weekend Masses and are also available during the week at the reception window or the Youth Ministry Office. Cash and checks accepted. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary of Sorrows with "ornaments" or "entertainment books" in the memo line. All proceeds from these sales support our youth in the Youth Ministry program, particularly our summer trips.

Junior High Youth

Email: jhyouth@stmaryofsorrows.org

Service Opportunity – November 16th

This week there will be no Going Deeper since we have a great opportunity for service. We will be helping with the Thanksgiving Food collection from 6:30 - 8 pm in Farrell Hall.

Junior High Hang Out – November 19th

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 information contact Brian Kissinger at 703-978-4141, x11 or Nate Smith, x70, or go to www.smosyouth.org.

FAMILY LIFE

Sharing Hope

Sharing Hope, a support group for men and women going through separation and divorce, will meet this Friday, **November 20**, at Old St. Mary's Hall. The topic will be "Rebuilding Self-Esteem." Newcomers are warmly welcomed and there is no fee. For further information, directions or encouragement, please call Barbara at 703-425-5467 or Maureen (work) 703-610-5805.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Samaritan Fund

This week your donations helped a family that is struggling because the father is only able to find odd jobs in the present economy. Their need to maintain electricity is critical because their asthmatic child requires a special electric breathing machine. Please give generously to our Samaritan fund.

Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate on Sale Today

Give thanks for your blessings by supporting economic justice for others. Fair Trade Coffee and chocolate will be for sale after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses this weekend. The next Fair Trade sale will be **December 12 - 13**.

Thanksgiving Dinners

This week we will be preparing Thanksgiving dinners for many needy people. If you have not already brought in your food donation, it is not too late. The following is the list of foods we are collecting for the dinners. If you bring all of the items listed, please mark your bag "Complete Meal." **Potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, marshmallows, stuffing mix, biscuit mix, cranberry sauce, canned yellow and green vegetables, pumpkin pie mix with spices, pie crust mix or graham cracker crust, evaporated milk, Dream Whip powdered topping, foil roasting pan.** If you would like to make a donation to help pay for turkey gift cards, please make a check payable to Saint Mary of Sorrows (with "Holiday Fund" in the memo line) and leave it with our receptionist. We will need many volunteers to help assemble the dinners this week and to deliver them to neighboring homes on Saturday, **November 21**, beginning at 9 am. Please call Bunny Kowalski, 703-425-6002, or Carol Mayfield, 703-978-4141, x19, if you can help.

More Holiday Outreach Opportunities

Now is the time for you and your family to join fellow parishioners in bringing God's love to those who otherwise might have no one to remember them this year. There are still many children and adults to be "adopted" for Christmas gifts, so please visit the sign-up tables after Masses during the weekends of **November 21 - 22 and 28 - 29**. We especially need volunteers, so if you can help with Saint Mary's gift program, please call Chris Mikrut, 703-239-9347, or Carol Mayfield, 703-978-4141, x19.



Thank You!

A huge thank you to all who contributed to Saint Mary's Annual Clothing Drive. That includes all the young and not-so-young helpers who organized, sorted, boxed, delivered and otherwise donated their time and considerable talents to make the drive one of the most successful yet. Finally, thanks to all who donated the clothing. With your help, we were able to provide 809 boxes of clothes for needy families and people in 36 organizations.

Thank you to all who participated in our recent Bikes for the World collection. You donated a total of 57 bicycles, one tricycle and \$1045. Also, 33 volunteers helped with the collection. Your generosity will have a positive impact on the lives of many poor people, both near and far away. For information about the organization and how you can help, please call our parish sponsors, Brian Keith, 703-764-3845, or Linda Hansen, 703-425-6163.

HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE

St. Ambrose School Open House : November 15 - 16

Please plan to stop by our Open House on Sunday, **November 15**, from 11 am - 2 pm and on Monday, **November 16**, from 9 - 11 am. Meet our Principal, Mrs. Barbara Dalmut, take a tour, enjoy refreshments and discover many amazing facts about our school and our close knit community. We are located at 3827 Woodburn Rd, Annandale. Visit www.stambroseschool.org or give us a call at 703-698-7171.

St. Jeanne Jugan Play

In union with Bishop Loverde and the Diocese of Arlington, the Little Sisters of the Poor will thank God for the gift of St. Jeanne Jugan to the Church. On **November 20** at 7:30 pm, The Theater of the Word will present "The Little Saint of the Poor." Written and produced to commemorate the canonization of Jeanne Jugan, foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor, this show presents the story of her life and her struggles. The play also delves into life issues that are currently in contention – euthanasia, dying, and dignity – and shows how these issues are fully transformed by the love of God and the love of the poorest among us. The production will be staged at Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School in Dumfries. For more information and/or tickets, please call 804-288-6245.

Victim Assistance Ministry

The Victim Assistance Ministry is a program of outreach to victims/survivors of childhood sexual abuse by clergy, religious or lay employees of the Catholic Church, as well as those abused through incest, by acquaintances, or through violent attack. We encourage both victims/survivors and the entire Catholic community to join us at a Prayer Service to pray for healing for those who have been sexually abused. The Prayer Service will be held on **December 1** at 7:30 pm at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Rev. Mark Mealey, O.S.E.S. will preside. For more information about the Prayer Service and other services offered through the Victim Assistance Ministry, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org. You may also contact the Victim Assistance Coordinators, Pat Mudd, 703-841-2530 or Kathryn Kramer, 703-841-2759. All calls are confidential.

Networking Ministry CAN Help the Unemployed!

Christians are Networking ("CAN") is a Catholic Charities-sponsored ministry that assists people who are in career transition. CAN provides a venue where job seekers can prayerfully receive free professional career counseling -- including resume reviews and practice job interviews -- and take advantage of networking opportunities with other professionals. Join us every Thursday evening, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at the St. Martin De Porres Senior Center, 4650 Taney Ave. in Alexandria.

O'Connell to Host Girls Soccer Tournament

The 7th Annual Lady Knights Indoor Classic will be held on Saturday, **January 9, 2010**. All girls U-9 through High School teams are invited to participate. Registration closes **December 4**, and the fee is \$175. For more information and the tournament application, visit www.leaguelineup.com/ladyknightsindoorclassic.

Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School

The Christendom Graduate School is accepting registrations for the spring term, **January 18 – May 8**. Most courses are taught during weekday evenings at our convenient Alexandria campus on the grounds of Queen of Apostles Parish. We have low tuition, a friendly, welcoming community, and discounts for catechists and seniors. For information, visit www.christendom.edu/grad or call 703-658-4304.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving food collection & sorting all week in Farrell Hall.

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| Sun | 15 | Coffee & Doughnuts | 8:00am | FH/OSMH |
| | | Boutique Holiday Sale | 9:00am | FH |
| | | Squires & Roses | 10:00am | OSMH |
| Mon | 16 | Widow's Group | 5:00pm | Apt. |
| | | Finance Committee | 7:00pm | UR |
| | | Historic Church Choir | 7:30pm | HC |
| | | Legion of Mary | 8:15 pm | 6L |
| Tues | 17 | Boutique | 9:30am | FH(B) |
| | | Cursillo Prayer Group | 9:45am | 8L |
| | | OLPH Rosary Makers | 10:30am | 6L |
| | | Altar Server Training | 6:30pm | WC |
| | | Knights of Columbus | 7:00pm | OSMH |
| | | Landings | 7:15pm | Apt. |
| | | Bell Choir | 7:30pm | MR |
| Wed | 18 | Staff Meeting | 10:00am | UR |
| | | AA | 10:00am | OSMH |
| | | RCIA | 7:30pm | UR |
| | | Joyful Noise | 7:30pm | MR |
| | | Charismatic Prayer Group | 7:30pm | WC |
| Thu | 19 | Mothers' Group | 10:00am | OSMH |
| | | Widow's Group | 4:30pm | Apt. |
| | | Children's Choir | 5:00pm | MR |
| | | Baptism Class | 7:00pm | 8L |
| | | Cub Scout Round Table | 7:00pm | 6L |
| | | LaSalette Meeting | 7:30pm | 5L |
| | | Boy Scout Troop 697 | 7:30pm | OSMH |
| | | Marian Singers | 7:30pm | MR |
| | | CLT Counseling | 7:30pm | UR |
| Fri | 20 | Senior Citizens' Group | 11:30am | FH(B) |
| | | Sharing Hope | 7:30pm | OSMH |
| Sat | 21 | Spanish Class | 9:00am | 8L |
| | | Thanksgiving Food Delivery | 9:00am | FH |
| | | Bunco Night | 7:00pm | OSMH |
| | | Cursillo Ultreya | 7:30pm | UR |
| Sun | 22 | Coffee & Doughnuts | 8:00am | FH/OSMH |

Please join our St. Mary's community this week in praying that God will move our hearts to bring comfort and assistance to all people, most especially those who need our help the most.

Combined Federal Campaign/United Way

Let your workplace giving through the United Way or Combined Federal Campaign support the Paul Stefan Foundation, CFC #47774; the services of Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese of Arlington, CFC #24770 or United Way #8055; or the Dominican House of Studies CFC #48555 as your designated charity when you make your donations.

***"Heaven and earth will pass away,
but My words will not pass away."***

How is Christ calling you to share His eternal words of salvation? Consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Call Father Brian Bashista, 703-841-2514, or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.