

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 6

Mary Ellen Rubel (†), Mary Catherine Ulam (†),
Rosemarie O'Leary (†), Robert Perez (†),
Sarah Ecklund

(HC Masses) Robert Perez (†), For the People

Monday, December 7

Sr. Anne and Sr. Mariam Trinita, Barbara Stevens (†),
Michael & Jeanne Merrill (†)

Tuesday, December 8

For the People, Leigh Ann Marino (†), Tim Donovan (†)

Wednesday, December 9

John Myers, Maryellen Rubel (†)

Thursday, December 10

Helen Martin (†), John Howard (†)

Friday, December 11

Lawrence Butler (†), Justina Kopay (†)

Saturday, December 12

The Americas, Judi Gazzola (†)

Sunday, December 13

Phillie Hirt (†), Thomas Barrett Ulam, Sr.

For the People, Aidan Frank (†),

Virginia Stimson (†),

(HC Masses) Eugene Hagen, III (†), The Yarborough Family



READINGS

- Sun: Bar 5:1-9.....Phil 1:4-6
Lk 3:1-6
- Mon: Is 35:1-10Lk 5:17-26
- Tue: Gn 3:9-15, 20.....Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38
- Wed: Is 40:25-31Mt 11:28-30
- Thurs: Is 41:13-20Mt 11:11-15
- Fri: Is 48:17-19Mt 11:16-19
- Sat: Zec 2:14-17.....Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
- Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a.....Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18

COLLECTIONS

Collections for the week of November 22

Regular	\$27,387.05
Capital Campaign	\$591.00
Samaritan Fund	\$531.05
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$6,268.40
Holiday Fund	\$870.00
Retired Religious	\$200.00
Heat	\$58.00

PARISH LIFE

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tuesday, **December 8**, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass is at 7 pm. Tuesday Masses are 6:30 & 9:15 am and 7 pm. All Masses are at the Worship Center.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil Masses

5:00 and 7:00 pm

Tickets are needed for the Vigil Masses.

Christmas Day Masses

Midnight, 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am

All Masses will be held in the Worship Center.



Widow to Widow

Walking the Path of Widowhood will hold its next session on Monday, **December 7**, at 5 pm, in the Apartment. We will continue our session on "Handling One's Grief During the Holidays." For more information, please contact Joyce Johnson at 703-455-7007.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

The Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated this Friday, **December 11**, 7 pm, in the Worship Center. Music for Mass and Reception by Mariachi Los Amigos. A reception in Farrell Hall will follow. Please bring a dish to share.

Christmas Cards

The Knights of Columbus will be selling boxed sets of Christmas Cards in Farrell Hall and Old St. Mary's Hall after all weekend Masses.

Good Christmas Tree Sales

Are Supporting Good Works



There's nothing like the sweet smell of a fresh cut Christmas tree standing proudly in your home at Christmas. And there is no better feeling than knowing that your purchase of a tree from the Knights of Columbus' Annual Tree Sale at St. Mary's Historic Church will help to fund the many charities sponsored by the Knights. Hours are weekdays: 6 - 9 pm, Saturday: 9 am - 9 pm, Sunday: Noon - 8 pm.

Honey-Baked Hams and Turkeys

Our Knights of Columbus will be taking orders for hams, turkeys and gift certificates from The Honey Baked Ham Co. This is a fundraising program which helps support Marian Homes Inc., a nonprofit charity established by our Knights which provides a group home in Fairfax County for women with intellectual disabilities. Orders will be taken after each Mass at Farrell Hall and also at the Historic Church Hall through Sunday, **December 20**. Orders will be available for pick-up at Old St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, **December 22**, from 4 - 6 pm.

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.

St. Mary's Is a Tithing Parish

"...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Thanks to your donations to Sunday and holy day collections our parish is able to provide \$7,500 to the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker House. These funds support the mission and activities of the community as they shelter, clothe and feed some of the poorest of the poor in Washington, DC.

LITURGY & MUSIC

Please Pray For The Sick

Lt. Mark Wise, Tim Foreman, Mary Viccica, Chester Schuler, Joan Hickey, 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

Mary Lee Schuler.



Baptisms

We joyfully welcome into the Church Anthony Christopher Drozd, Brian Michael Harney, II, Baylee Elizabeth Hand, Ethan Hollis Hubbard, and Julianne Maria Lunsford.

Ticket Distribution

The ticket distribution for the 5 and 7pm Christmas Eve Masses will take place Thursday, **December 10**. Tickets will be given out promptly at 6 pm.

Healing Mass

Come to the monthly Healing Mass on **December 12** at 7pm. Do you know someone who hasn't been feeling well or perhaps are struggling with spiritual, mental or situational issues. Come and let the Lord heal you. Father Stefan will pray over all those who are interested at the end of the evening.

Advent Penance Service

Monday, **December 14**, is our annual Advent Penance Service. It will begin at 7:30 pm and we will have approximately 12 priests hearing confessions. Come and avoid the long lines at the end of Advent.

Praise and Worship

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

Christmas Floral Remembrances



Christmas Floral Memorials are a lovely way to remember deceased friends and relatives. The deceased will be remembered at all Christmas Masses. For your convenience, you may arrange for this Floral Remembrance by using the envelope from your December packet. Your donation will help to defray the cost of our Christmas poinsettias.

Join us for the annual

Christmas Pageant

Presented by

The St. Mary's Children's Choir

**Friday, December 18, 2009
7:30 pm in the Worship Center**



**Bring your family and share
the message of Christmas!**

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

St. Mary's Men's Ministry

St Mary's Men's Ministry will meet Saturday, **December 12**, from 7:30 - 9 am at the Old St. Marys Hall for scripture study and its application to our daily lives. Refreshments will be served.

Cursillo Christmas Ultreya & Potluck

Share a Dish - Share a Blessing, Sunday, December 6, 4 pm, at the home of Sam & Sandy Dominick. RSVP to 703-830-4708, or sandy@tsandt.com.

Marriage Matters

Have you ever wondered what's at the heart of the Church's teaching that contraception is wrong? It's because our marriages – and each of our spousal embraces – are called to be the most perfect image of the Holy Trinity. Why does that “matter?” Pope John Paul II explains it this way: the Father and Son give themselves completely to one another in an eternal exchange of self-donating love that is so real, it is a third person – the Holy Spirit. This is why the Church teaches that our marriages – and each spousal embrace – are also called to be completely self-donating and open to life (a third person!); it's for the very reason that they are meant to be the most perfect image of the Holy Trinity!

YOUTH MINISTRY**High School Youth**

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

Check out our new website: www.smosyouth.org

This Sunday, December 6**Mass and Small Groups: Abe and Ike**

Join us for Mass at 5 pm, followed by dinner and a night of small groups. We will be talking about how God changed Abraham's life and how the world has never been the same. 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

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

Next Sunday, December 13**Mass and SNL: Jesus, Mohammed, and Buddha**

Join us for Mass at 5 pm, followed by dinner and a talk on how Christianity relates to other major religions. Is everyone right? Can't we all just take “different paths” to get to heaven? This is going to be a great night, and our speaker is an expert on interfaith dialogue.

St. Mary's Gift Cards Are Great Christmas Presents

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 “Scrip” in the memo line.

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

Going Deeper December 7th

This week's Going Deeper will be a little different than normal. We will be joining the community for the Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception. We will still meet at 6:30 to catch up, but will not have dinner since we will be attending the Mass at 7 pm.

Junior High Hang Out December 10th

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**Children's Christmas Party**

Parish children ages 2 years through 4th Grade are invited for an afternoon of Christmas joy and fun. There will be special items to make, games to play, Christmas stories, hot dogs & drinks and a visit from Santa on Saturday, **December 12**, from 12 - 3 pm, in Farrell Hall. Parents are required to stay and take part in this special children's event. Sponsored by St. Mary's Squires and Squire Roses. Family groups who wish to support or take part, call Russell DeRose, 703-743-1171 or email iotatke@hotmail.com.

Shoobox Christmas For Those Less Fortunate

Bring a shoebox of gifts for the homeless, individuals with intellectual disabilities at Northern Virginia Training Center, and the Children's Center at Fairfax Hospital. Suggested items include hats, gloves, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, or other personal hygiene items, and toys if you are preparing a children's box. Place items in a shoebox with a note taped to the box indicating gender and age of intended recipient. Please do not seal the shoebox. We are in need of giftwrap and can always use additional shoeboxes. We are also collecting for the Lamb Center, which is in need of laundry and cleaning supplies, paper products, cups, plastic cutlery, Ramen noodle type soups, powdered drinks, apples, and cookies. Items should be brought to Farrell Hall after 5 pm **December 12** and until 1:30 pm **December 13**. Sponsored by St. Mary's Squires and Squire Roses.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Samaritan Fund

This week your donations helped a single mother pay a lot fee, which prevented the family from becoming homeless. Please continue to place your extra coins and bills in the Samaritan fund collection box or baskets, or give a check to the parish receptionist.

Parish Social Ministry Committee

7:30 pm – Monday, December 7 – The Music Room

Today Is Brown Bag Sunday

See the bags that will be handed out today or the parish web site for a list of items needed next weekend for the Christmas dinner packages we will be making for about 200 local needy families. Thank you for providing a special meal for them.

Christmas Gift Due Dates



Please check the due date on your gift form. Bring gifts for foster children (white forms) to Farrell Hall no later than 2 pm on Sunday, **December 6**, and all other gifts before or after Masses next weekend, no later than 2 pm on **December 13**.

Many Christmas Volunteers Are Needed!

We need your help with collecting gifts on **December 7** (7 am– 2 pm). Call Chris Mikrut, 703-239-9347. Collect, sort and wrap any unwrapped gifts on **December 12 - 13**. Call 703-978-4141, x19. We will need many drivers to deliver Christmas food and gifts on Saturday morning, **December 19**. Please consider this very worthwhile activity for yourself and your family.

Coffee & Chocolate Sale on December 12 - 13

Give economic justice and hope to third-world farmers by buying Fair Trade products. Fair Trade helps lift farmers out of poverty by guaranteeing them a fair price for their crops. Coffee and after dinner mints will be sold after all Masses except 12:30 pm Sunday. Our next sale date is the weekend of **February 6 - 7**.

Collecting Winter Hats, Gloves, Scarves

Our homeless neighbors in Fairfax County have a great need for protection from the cold weather when they are outdoors. You can help by taking inventory of your family's closets. If you have any gently used hats, gloves, mittens and scarves that you can donate, please place them in the marked box in Farrell Hall. Please call Pat White, 703-273-8438, if you have questions about this collection.

Winter Coat Collection Reminder

Just a reminder: As you are taking inventory of your closets, please remember that we will be conducting our annual coat and jacket collection on **January 9 - 10**. All items that you bring on that weekend will be distributed to needy children and adults in our community.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	06	Coffee & Doughnuts	8:00am	FH/OSMH
		Foster Children's Gift Collection	8:00am	FH(B)
		AOH	1:00pm	OSMH
		Girl Scout Planning	6:00pm	OSMH
Mon	07	Historic Church Choir	7:30pm	HC
		PSM Community	7:30pm	MR
		Legion of Mary	8:15 pm	6L
Tues	08	Cursillo Prayer Group	9:45am	8L
		Knights of Columbus	7:00pm	OSMH
		Landings	7:15pm	Apt.
		Pastoral Council	7:15pm	UR
		Bell Choir	7:30pm	MR
Wed	09	AA	10:00am	OSMH
		Prayer Shawl Ministry	1:00pm	Apt.
		RCIA	7:30pm	UR
		Joyful Noise	7:30pm	MR
		Charismatic Prayer Group	7:30pm	WC`
Thu	10	Mother's Group	10:00am	OSMH
		Quest	10:00am	Apt.
		Children's Choir	5:00pm	MR
		Christmas Ticket Distribution	6:00pm	FH
		Boy Scout Troop	7:30pm	OSMH
		Marian Singers	7:30pm	MR
		CLT Counseling	7:30pm	UR
Fri	11	Senior Citizens Group	11:00am	FH(B)
		Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass	7:00pm	WC
		Reception	8:00pm	FH
Sat	12	Baptisms	10:30am	WC
		Children's Christmas Party	12:00pm	FH
		Spaghetti Dinner	6:00pm	FH
Sun	13	Pancake Breakfast	8:00am	FH/OSMH
		Compassionate Friends		
		Candlelight Ceremony	7:00pm	HC

Update on Our Bhutanese Refugee Family!

After enduring 17 years in a refugee camp in Nepal, our refugee family is continuing to acclimate to our culture after arriving a month ago! The four adults in the family look forward to being employed when their language skills have improved; the younger son will attend high school. Financial contributions to help with rent (\$1,400/month)/utilities and gift cards for personal items are urgently requested. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's with "Family Assistance: in the memo line and give checks/gift cards to the parish receptionist. For more information, see the parish web-site at www.stmaryofsorrows.org. Thanks!

HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE

Men's Day of Discernment

The Diocese of Arlington 2009 Men's Day of Discernment for men age 17 years and older is on Saturday, **December 19**, 8 am - 7:30 pm at the Franciscan Monastery, 1400 Quincy St, N.E., Washington, DC 20017. There is no charge and lunch and dinner are provided. RSVP by **December 7** to vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703-841-2514.