

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 13

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

For the People, Aidan Frank (†),

Virginia Stimson (†),

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

Monday, December 14

Blanche Koester (†), Barbara Thayer Stevens (†)

Tuesday, December 15

Phoebe Edith Thomas (†), Barbara Thayer Stevens (†)

Wednesday, December 16

Eleanor Musial (†), Maryellen Rubel (†)

Thursday, December 17

Courtney Coleman's birthday, Christina M. Dempsey (†)

Friday, December 18

Jack Daniel (†), Barbara Thayer Stevens (†)

Saturday, December 19

Pat Botta (†), Dorothy Stettner (†)

Sunday, December 20

Theresa Eisele (†), For the People,

Maryellen Rubel (†), Nickolas Pippin (†),

Anthony Brocato

(HC Masses) Robert Perez (†), Kelley E. Baker (†)



READINGS

- Sun: Zep 3:14-18a.....Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18
- Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a.....Mt 21:23-27
- Tue: Zep 3:1-2 9-13.....Mt 21:28-32
- Wed: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25.....Lk 7:18b-23
- Thurs: Gn 49:2, 8-10.....Mt 1:1-17
- Fri: Jer 23:5-8.....Mt 1:18-25
- Sat: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a.....Lk 1:5-25
- Sunday: Mt 5:1-4aHeb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

COLLECTIONS

Collections for the week of November 29

Regular	\$24,996.92
Capital Campaign	\$1,290.00
Samaritan Fund	\$956.11
Holiday Fund	\$350.00
All Saints	\$160.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$143.00
Catholic Charities	\$120.00

The Second Collection this weekend is for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington.

PARISH LIFE

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.



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.

Christmas Trees + Going Fast = You Better Hurry!



The Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sale to date has been a huge success thanks to your support. There are still some fabulous trees left, including our special 9 - 10 foot Frazer Firs. As always, proceeds go to help fund K of C activities such as "Christmas in April," Food Baskets for the Needy, Special Olympics, Youth Programs, Lenten Soup and Bread Meals, and many others. Thanks for your support.

Honey Baked Ham Orders Update

The Honey Baked Ham Co. is not able to guarantee delivery of orders taken after December 18. The Knights of Columbus will continue to take orders after this weekend's Masses (except the Youth Mass) and after every 9:15 am Daily Mass at the Parish Center until **December 18**. Orders received by **December 18** will be available for pick-up at the Historic Church Hall on Tuesday, **December 22**, from 4 - 6 pm.

Oplatki

Christmas wafers are an Eastern European custom that is many centuries old. They may be obtained at the Parish Office.

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.

save
lives
give
blood

There is an urgent need for all blood types!

GIVE BLOOD

Sunday, December 27

7:45 am to 12:45 pm

St. Mary of Sorrows Blood Drive

Inova Blood Donor Services will be located in Farrell Hall.

Make your lifesaving appointment today!

Visit inova.org/donateblood and use sponsor code 0119

or contact Jay O'Connor at 703-898-7928

or jayconnor@cox.net

Everyone who completes the donor screening process will receive a special holiday t-shirt courtesy of Inova Blood Donor Services.

Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.

Photo ID required.

16-year-olds must present a signed Inova Blood Donor Services

Parental/Guardian consent form to donate blood.

No deferral for seasonal and H1N1 vaccinations

Allow one hour for donor visit.

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 \$8,000 to the Father McKenna Center. These funds support the mission and activities of the Center as they shelter, clothe and feed the poor and homeless in Washington, DC.

LITURGY & MUSIC

Please Pray For The Sick

Jeff Camilletti, 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.

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.



Meet Fr. David Garcia and Learn More About CRS

Meet Fr. David Garcia from Catholic Relief Services in Farrell Hall after Masses this weekend. CRS is the official international relief and development agency that assists the poor and vulnerable in 100 countries on behalf of the Catholic Community in the United States. Fr. David is part of a national effort to raise awareness on behalf of the poor overseas and to provide different opportunities for you to get involved in the work of CRS.

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.

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!

Please join our St. Mary's community this week
in praying that we will generously share
with those who are in need of food, clothing and shelter.

Simbang Gabi

The Filipino Community of St. Mary's invites all parishioners to join the Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi. Simbang Gabi is a novena of nine days of evening Masses at participating churches in anticipation of the Birth of Jesus Christ. The Mass at St. Mary's will be in the Worship Center on **December 19** at 7 pm. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Luisa Robinson, 703-323-5834 or email robinsonm1@cdm.com, or Gigi Allas, 703-250-0520 or email gigi@elne.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY**High School Youth**

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

Check out our new website: www.smosyouth.org

This 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.

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 20**Mass and SIDEBURN IDOL 2K9**

Join us for Mass at 5pm, followed by a party/dinner/talent show featuring all sorts of talents, kids, adults, teens, even robots. You're not going to want to miss this. This will end at 8:30 pm. EVERYONE IS INVITED AND ASKED TO BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE! TO SIGN UP FOR THE TALENT SHOW, EMAIL BRIAN.

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! You just buy the gift cards from us on sale after Mass on weekends and at the front desk Monday through Friday. Checks should be made payable to "St. Mary's" with "Scripp" 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

Monday Night Mayhem - December 14th

Meet in Farrell Hall from 6:30 - 8 pm for a night of fun fellowship and faith. All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join.

Junior High Hang Out - December 17th

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**Sharing Hope**

Sharing Hope, a support group for men and women going through separation and divorce, will meet this Saturday, **December 19**, at a member's home for a Gala Christmas Dinner Party. Newcomers are warmly welcomed. To R.s.v.p. and for directions please call Barbara at 703-425-5467 or Maureen (work) 703-610-5805.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**Samaritan Fund**

This week your donations helped a seriously disabled woman with her medical bills. Please continue to give to the Samaritan fund in the collection box or baskets, or give a check to the parish receptionist.

Thank You for Being So Generous!

As of Sunday, November 29, parishioners had signed up to bring gifts for all the Fairfax County foster children, needy families and senior citizens and others for whom we will be providing Christmas gifts. As a reminder, please bring all those gifts, wrapped and labeled, to Farrell Hall no later than 2 pm today. We will need many drivers to deliver Christmas food and gifts on Saturday morning, **December 19**, beginning at 9 am. Please consider this very worthwhile activity for yourself and your family.

Do You Have Extra Christmas Cards to Share?

Prison Ministry of the Diocese of Arlington needs Christmas cards to give to prisoners so they can send a Christmas greeting to their families; it is so important that they stay connected! Please place any boxes of or individual Christmas cards/envelopes in the small box on the credenza in the foyer of the Parish Center. THANKS!

Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate Sale Today

Your holiday purchases can both do good and taste good. Fair Trade products make great stocking stuffers and gifts for teachers, neighbors and clients. Coffee and chocolate will be for sale after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses this weekend, including before (but not after) the 12:30 pm Mass.

Dental, Employment and Financial Needs of our Bhutanese Refugee Family of Five

The refugee family has no dental coverage and the area dental clinics have closed their waiting lists. Dentists willing to see one of the family members pro bono are needed. Entry level positions of any kind are sought in the Falls Church, Tyson's Corner Route 7 corridor after **January 1**. Please contact Pat Holliday at phholliday@yahoo.com or 703-978-2155 if you can donate dental services or know of some employment opportunities for eager workers. Financial contributions to help with rent (\$1400.00/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. See the parish website at www.stmaryofsorrows.org for more information. Thanks!!!

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

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.

HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE

Leave the Light On

As we begin a new year, let us take time to plan and make stewardship of time and talent a part of our life-style and stewardship of treasure a part of our budget. A gift to benefit your parish or the diocese will help ensure that the light of Christ burns brightly for future generations. For more information call the diocesan Planned Giving Office at 703-841-2516.

St. Leo the Great Catholic School Open House

Wednesday, **December 16**, 10 - 11:30 am. R.s.v.p. at 703-273-1211, x645. Come see what makes us a National Blue Ribbon School.

2009 Men's Group Day of Discernment

Saturday, **December 19**. If you are 17 years or older and would like to meet in fraternity with seminarians and other men discerning Our Lord's call, please join us at the Franciscan Monastery, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Mass, Adoration, and the Sacrament of Penance will be available. Lunch and dinner provided. For more information or to register, please contact the Diocese of Arlington Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514 or e-mail the office at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	13	Pancake Breakfast Compassionate Friends Candlelight Ceremony	8:00am 7:00pm	FH/OSMH HC
Mon	14	Penance Service Historic Church Choir Legion of Mary	7:30pm 7:30pm 8:15 pm	WC HC 6L
Tues	15	Cursillo Prayer Group OLPH Rosary Makers Knights of Columbus Simbang Gabi Choir Bell Choir	9:45am 10:30am 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	8L 6L OSMH WC MR
Wed	16	AA Girl Scout Sandwiches Knights of Columbus Finance Committee RCIA Joyful Noise Charismatic Prayer Group	10:00am 11:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	OSMH OSMH OSMH 7L UR MR WC`
Thu	17	Mother's Group Widow's Group Children's Choir Baptism Class Boy Scout Troop Marian Singers CLT Counseling	10:00am 4:30pm 5:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	OSMH Apt. MR 8L OSMH MR UR
Fri	18	Christmas Pageant Sharing Hope	7:30pm 7:30pm	WC OSMH
Sat	19	Spanish Class K of C Christmas Party Simbang Gabi	9:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	8L OSMH WC/FH
Sun	20	Coffee & Doughnuts	8:00am	FH/OSMH

Prime Time Single Catholics

December events are posted in the glass case in Farrell Hall.

Divine Mercy Care Healthcare System

Tepeyac Family Center is a Catholic OB-GYN practice in Fairfax, VA. Excellent medicine is the trademark of this unique and popular pro-life practice. Call 703-273-9440 or email info@tepeyacfamilycenter.com. Bring your faith into your shopping habits by transferring your prescriptions to the **DMC Pharmacy**, a Catholic Pro-Life Pharmacy and the second entity within the Divine Mercy Care healthcare system. DMC Pharmacy is located in Sully Place Shopping Center.

Catholic Charities Ball 2010



"All That Sparkles," Friday, **February 5, 2010**, at the Ritz Carlton, Tysons Corner, VA. Black Tie. Consider enjoying the evening with your fellow parishioners by reserving a Parish Table. For information and donation opportunities please e-mail Barbara Caudle, ccbball2010@yahoo.com or call 703-937-3988.

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more... said that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ...."

Come to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and recharge your marriage/holy orders. The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is **February 19-21, 2010**. For information call John and Lorie Scali, 703-631-5289 or visit <http://wwwme-nova.org>.