

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, December 27**  
 Marie-Anne Dinh, Barbara Stevens (†),  
 Mary Ellen Rubel (†), For the People,  
 (HC Masses) Robert Perez (†), Edith Stephano (†)

**Monday, December 28**  
 Virginia Mooradian (†)

**Tuesday, December 29**  
 Maryellen Rubel (†)

**Wednesday, December 30**  
 Jeannice Richards (†)

**Thursday, December 31**  
 Denny & Luz Villapando (†),  
 (7 pm) For the People

**Friday, January 1**  
 (HC Midnight Mass) Ralph & Elaine Fackler (†)  
 (9:15) Med Caigoy (†), (11) For the People

**Saturday, January 2**  
 Jeannice Richards (†), Robert Perez (†)

**Sunday, January 3**  
 Katherine Lehman (†), Walter Brown (†),  
 Maryellen Rubel (†), Jack McCole (†),  
 Rita Homberg (†)  
 (HC Masses) For the People, Robert Perez (†)

**PARISH LIFE**

**Pastors Corner...**

My Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Fathers Stefan and Ephrem and myself, I would like to thank all of you for the wonderful gifts and many prayers this Christmas season. Please be assured that you are always in our prayers.

In Christ through Mary,

Father Barkett

**Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 pm Vigil Mass at the Worship Center  
 11:00 pm Holy Hour at the Historic Church

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Midnight Mass at the Historic Church  
 9:15 and 11:00 am Masses at the Worship Center  
 The Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation.



**READINGS**

Sun: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28  
 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24  
 Lk 2:41-52

Mon: 1Jn 1:5--2:2.....Mt 2:13-18

Tue: 1Jn 2:3-11 .....Lk 2:22-35

Wed: 1Jn 2:12-17 .....Lk 2:36-40

Thurs: 1Jn 2:18-21 .....Jn 1:1-18

Fri: Nm 6:22-27 .....Gal 4:4-7  
 Jn 1:1-18

Sat: 1Jn 2:22-28 .....Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 .....Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
 Mt 2:1-12

**COLLECTIONS**

Collections for the week of December 13:

General	\$30,245.48
Capital Campaign	\$2,143.00
Samaritan Fund	\$1,513.52
Catholic Charities	\$9,625.67
Holiday Fund	\$3,140.00
Immaculate Conception	\$2,277.00

**Mass Schedule Changes**

There will be no 6:30 am daily Masses **December 28 through January 1**. There will be no 5 pm Youth Mass on **December 27**.

**Office Closed**

The Parish Center Office will be closed **December 28 - January 1**. There will be a weekend receptionist.



**St. Mary's Blood Drive**

St. Mary's will hold a Blood Drive this Sunday, **December 27**, from 7:45 am - 12:45 pm in Farrell Hall. Walk-ins are welcome. Please bring a photo ID.

**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 this 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 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.

**Spanish Class**

The Spanish Class **will not meet** on Saturday, **January 2**. Please join us on Saturday, **January 9** from 9 - 11 am in Room 8. We have new instructors and new students are always welcome. For more information, call Virginia, 703-273-6769.

**St. Mary's Preschool Openings**

St. Mary's Preschool has openings in their NEW afternoon Tuesday/Thursday Teddy Bear class (age 2-1/2 & up). Must be potty trained. Please call the Preschool at 703-978-4141, x35.

**Widow to Widow Thursday Group**

The Thursdays's night widow's group will hold its last meeting on **January 7** in memory of our loved ones. We will meet as usual in the Apartment at 4:30 pm.

**Congratulations to St. Mary's Scholars**

Congratulations to the St. Mary's parishioners and Paul VI Catholic High School First Quarter Honor Roll students: Alexandra Carlin, Kyle Johnson, John Kelley, Connor McAlevy and John Morrissey and Bishop Ireton First Quarter Honor Roll students Allison Wulff and Emily Masi.

**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 Fairfax FISH, Inc (For Immediate Sympathetic Help. FISH is an inter-faith organization that provides emergency food, shelter, transportation and other assistance to our neighbors when 'immediate' needs arise. For information about this ministry, call Joyce Gaul, 703-978-6967, or Edith Reinsel, 703-323-8089.

**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 January.

- General: That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.
- Missionary: That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

**Please Pray For The Sick**

Alex Green, Pat Seiler, Carmela DeChristopher, Lilly Morris, Madeline Badovinac, George Badovinac, 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.

**Please Pray For The Deceased**

Joan Raymond.

**Wedding Congratulations**

Congratulations to Alvine Ahodegnon & Damien Asseya who were married at St. Mary's last weekend. Our parish family rejoices as you begin your vocation of love.

**First Friday and First Saturday**

**January 1 and 2** are First Friday and First Saturday. We will not be having Adoration or a 7:30 pm Taize Holy Hour. Please see the Holy Day Mass schedule. Saturday Devotions will follow Saturday morning Mass.

**Help Wanted**

Do you like to do laundry and iron? The altar guild needs some extra hands to help with the laundering of the corporals, purificators and small finger towels. This is a ministry that is done on your own but is very essential to the daily liturgies here at St. Mary's. We need devoted, reliable people. If you are interested, please call Cathy Wester at 703-978-4141 x22.

**Thank You St. Mary's Children's Choir**

*Thank You*

Thank you to the Children's Choir members who did such a fine job at the pageant and did a great job at the Mass on Christmas Eve. We will begin rehearsal again on **January 7** at 5 pm in the Music Room. We would be happy to accept new members at this time. Please call 703-978-4141, x21 for further information.

**Save the Date**

The "March for Life" is on Friday, **January 22**.

**Save the Dates**

Father Stefan will be presenting a series of three talks on the "Priesthood" **January 25, February 1 and 8**. Watch the bulletin for details.

**YOUTH MINISTRY****High School Youth**

Email: [briank@stmaryofsorrows.org](mailto:briank@stmaryofsorrows.org)  
703-978-4141, x11

Check out our new website: [www.smosyouth.org](http://www.smosyouth.org)

**Christmas Break**

High School Youth Ministry will be taking a break for Christmas from our Sunday night activities. Our Spring Kick-Off for High School will be on Sunday, **January 10**. We will be praying that you and your families have a blessed Christmas season.

**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.

**Junior High Youth**

Email: [jhyouth@stmaryofsorrows.org](mailto:jhyouth@stmaryofsorrows.org)

**See You In January**

Junior High Youth Ministry has wrapped up for the year. Thanks so much for a great Fall semester. Updates for next year's events can be found at [www.smosyouth.org](http://www.smosyouth.org) or you can receive email updates from [NateS@StMaryOfSorrrows.org](mailto:NateS@StMaryOfSorrrows.org). We hope you all have a Happy New Year.

**St. Mary's Gift Cards**

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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION****Religious Education Classes Christmas Break**

Religious Education classes will not meet from December 16 through January 3. All classes resume Monday, January 4.

**FAMILY LIFE****Mothers' Group**

The Mothers' Group that meets on Thursdays at 10 am at the Historic Church Hall will not meet on December 31. We hope you will join us on January 7.

**PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY****Samaritan Fund**

This week your donations assisted a woman who lost her job and has been using her savings to supplement her unemployment benefits. Due to the decrease in income, she had fallen behind in her electric bill. Please continue to donate to the Samaritan fund in the collection box or baskets, or give a check to the parish receptionist.

**A Huge Thank You!**

Thanks to all who contributed to our Christmas outreach this year, including all those who brought gifts and food and those who shared so generously of their time by assisting with sign-ups, check-ins and delivery to our neighbors. We could not have done it without every single one of you!

**Parish Social Ministry Committee Meeting**

Monday, January 4, 7:30 pm, in the Music Room

All parishioners are welcome!

**Do You Have Extra Coats?**

Please search your closets, think generously, and bring any winter jackets coats that are not being worn to the coat collection before Mass on **January 9 - 10**. This is a way for you to help keep a child or adult warm this winter.

Remember: we are collecting only coats and only on **January 9 - 10**. Other seasonal clothing donations may be taken to the FISH clothes closet at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main Street, Fairfax.

**Are You 50 or Better?**

Come to the Lunch N' Life sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, **January 21**, 12 - 2pm, at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax. The program will be presented by Phyllis Verhalen performing as Abigail Adams in historic costume. Seating is limited. For reservations, call Faye Quesenberry, 703-620-0161, by **January 14**. The cost is \$8.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office, 703-323-4788.

**Please Help With The Current Needs Of Our Bhutanese Refugee Family!**

Our refugee family is learning all about the American home and life in the USA and they have made tremendous progress in acclimating to our culture in the short time they have been here. Donations of warm clothing are still needed in small sizes; sizes are posted on the parish website at [stmaryofsorrows.org](http://stmaryofsorrows.org). Financial contributions to help with rent and utilities are also requested as well as gift cards for personal clothing items including shoes/boots. Please make checks payable to St Mary's with "Family Assistance" in the memo line and give checks/gift cards to the parish receptionist. Thanks!

**HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE****Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your own faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? We invite you to volunteer as a docent or receptionist at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. We are also in need of volunteer nurses and doctors to assist at large events at the Shrine. Anyone interested please contact Sister Miriam, R.S.M. at the Basilica, 202-526-8300, x 111 or [smm@bnsic.org](mailto:smm@bnsic.org).

Please join our St. Mary's community this week in praying that we will generously assist our neighbors in need, so they will be able to live in dignity and independence.

**Interested In Adopting?**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington will hold Adoption Information Meetings at 5294 Lyngate Court in Burke. The meetings will be from 6:30 - 8:30 pm on **January 14, February 11, and March 11**. The presentation will cover Catholic Charities' Domestic, International, Interstate and Parental Placement Adoption Programs with emphasis on the home study, placement and supervision of children as well as adoption resources. Please call 703-425-0100 to register as space is limited.

**Employment Opportunities**

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is currently recruiting for available positions in our Central Administrative Office in Arlington. At the Diocese of Arlington, we are enriching the experience of following your faith through the commitment and exceptional performance of our most valuable resource: our employees. We are seeking innovative individuals with the talent, ability, and energy to excel with us. Visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org) for additional details about vacant positions.

**Unemployed? Under-Employed? We CAN Help!**

Christians are Networking ("CAN") is a group of job-seekers who network with professionals who offer free career counseling, advice on resumes and practice interviews. Whether you're looking for your first job or an executive position, all are welcome. Bring a resume, even if it's a work in progress. Join us every Thursday evening, from 7 to 9 pm at the St. Martin De Porres Senior Center, 4650 Taney Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304. For more details, contact Elizabeth Lucas, 703-683-7704, [elizabeth22305@verizon.net](mailto:elizabeth22305@verizon.net), or Bill Hummel, 703-830-5467, [hummel830@cox.net](mailto:hummel830@cox.net).

**Join Our Diocesan Community Online**

Diocesan Church news and events are updated daily online! Stay informed by reading Bishop's homilies, listening to podcasts, watching video and accessing the diocesan calendar at [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org). You can also join the over 1,000 people who follow the Diocese of Arlington on Twitter and Facebook. Find us at [www.twitter.com/arlingtonchurch](http://www.twitter.com/arlingtonchurch) and [facebook.com/arlingtondiocese](http://facebook.com/arlingtondiocese).

**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](mailto:ccbball2010@yahoo.com) or call 703-937-3988.

**"He gave power to become children of God."**

If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, call Father Brian Bashista, 703-841-2514, or write: [b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Sun	27	Blood Drive Coffee & Doughnuts	7:45am 8:00am	FH(B) FH/OSMH
Mon	28			
Tues	29	Knights of Columbus	7:00pm	OSMH
Wed	30	AA	10:00am	OSMH
Thu	31	Holy Hour to begin the New Year	11:00pm	WC
Fri	01	Midnight Mass	12:00am	WC
Sat	02			
Sun	03	Coffee & Doughnuts AOH	8:00am 1:00pm	FH/OSMH OSMH

**Education • Parish • Service**

Do you hunger to understand your Catholic faith? Do you have plenty of questions, but not enough answers? Enroll in Education • Parish • Service, which is offering Speaking God's Word: The Prophets, a study of the Old Testament prophets, and The Prophetic Mission of Today's Church, Wednesdays, **January 6 - 27** at 10:30 am, at St. Ann Church, 5300 N. 10th St., Arlington; and This We Believe, an introduction to the study of theology, drawing on the Creed and Catechism of the Catholic Church, Tuesdays, **January 5 - 26**, at 7 pm, EPS classroom, campus of Trinity (Washington) University, 125 Michigan Ave., NE. To register, contact Gregory Byrne at [byrneg@trinitydc.edu](mailto:byrneg@trinitydc.edu) or 202-884-9031. EPS offers courses in Scripture, theology, Church history, Catholic social teaching, as well as opportunities for spiritual growth through liturgy, prayer and theological reflection. It operates with the blessing of the bishop in each of the dioceses it serves. For details and information about additional upcoming EPS courses, see <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is **February 19 - 21, 2010**. Early registration is highly recommended, as dates fill up quickly. For more information call John and Lorie Scali, 703-631-5289 or visit <http://wwme-nova.org/>.

**Help After Abortion**

Are you experiencing feelings of shame, guilt, regret and sadness? Have you lost a child to abortion? Contact Project Rachel post-abortion healing ministry for confidential referrals to trained clergy, professional counselors, retreats and/or aftercare gatherings at 703-841-2504 or [www.arlingtondiocese.org/rachel](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/rachel).

