

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 26
 Melissa Balint, Margaret Hartnett (†),
 Annette Sprague (†), For the People,
 Antoinette Celio (†)
Monday, December 27
 John Prochaska (†)
Tuesday, December 28
 Miguela R. Cuevas (†)
Wednesday, December 29
 Obela Family
Thursday, December 30
 Rich Witter (Birthday)
Friday, December 31
 Jun Santayane and Family
Saturday, January 1
 Fr. Larry Richards, Charles Harmon (†)
Sunday, January 2
 Bill Flanagan (†), John Prochaska (†),
 Margaret Hartnett (†), For the People,
 Dolores Lemieux

PARISH LIFE

Pastor's Corner...

My Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, I ask you to pass on this great blessing to those who might not believe. It might be a small gesture, i.e. opening a door, smiling at someone, letting someone get in front of you, but when you do it with a smile and in honor of our Lord, there is no telling what He will do with it; so pass it on this Christmas.

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Barkett

Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas from **December 24th through January 1st**. The Counseling Office will be open with Kathleen Scheg **December 28th - 30th**. You may contact her at 703-568-0525. Have a blessed Christmas!

Mass Schedule Changes

There will be no 5 pm Mass on Sunday, **December 26th**. There will be no weekday 6:30 am Mass at the Historic Church **December 27th through 31st**. We will have weekday Mass at 9:15 am at the Worship Center. Adoration on Monday will be after the 9:15 am Mass until confession ends. There will be no Adoration on Wednesday and Friday.

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, December 31st

11:00 pm Holy Hour at the Historic Church

Saturday, January 1st

Midnight Mass at the Historic Church

9:15 Mass at the Worship Center

This is not a holy day of obligation.



READINGS

Sun: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14.....Col 3:12-21
 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
 Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4.....Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Tue: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2.....Mt 2:13-18
 Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11.....Lk 2:22-35
 Thurs: 1 Jn 2:12-17.....Lk 2:36-40
 Fri: 1 Jn 2:18-21.....Jn 1:1-18
 Sat: Nm 6:22-27.....Gal 4:4-7
 Lk 2:16-21
 Sunday: Is 60: 1-6Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
 Mt 2:1-12

COLLECTIONS

Donations for the Week of December 12th

Regular	\$30,346.75
Weekly Budget	\$28,000.00
Over/(Under) Budget	\$2,346.75
Capital Improvements	\$1,800.00
Samaritan Fund	\$883.81
Holiday Fund	\$4,130.00
Catholic Charities	\$14,912.25
Heat	\$1,302.00
Christmas Floral Memorial	\$556.00



St. Mary's Blood Drive

St. Mary's will hold a Blood Drive this Sunday, **December 26**, from 7:45 am - 12:45 pm in Farrell Hall. Walk-ins are welcome. Please bring a photo ID.

St. Mary's Preschool Openings



Openings are available in the Teddy Bear 3-year-old class beginning in January. Classes will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 - 3 pm. Children must be 2 1/2 and potty trained. Please call the Preschool Office at 703-978-4141, x35.

St. Mary's Is a Tithing Parish

For I needed shelter for my family and you assisted me. Your donations to Sunday and holy day collections provide \$7,000 to Catholics for Housing, an organization that assists low-income families with obtaining housing. Thank you!

LITURGY & MUSIC**Please Pray For The Sick**

Catherine Allison, John O'Donnell, Joanne Benner, Peter Nielsen, Courtney Lenaburg, Christopher Redelman, Robbie Pirhalla, Ann Maguire, Barry Hobart, Carmela DeChristopher, Capt. Mark Wise, Mason Shaffer, 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.

**Baptisms**

We joyfully welcome into the Church
Jacob Lee Speegle and Joseph Pascal Tashjian, Jr.

New Years Eve

Please join us for the New Year's Eve Holy Hour and Midnight Mass at the Historic Church. The Holy Hour begins at 11 pm and then Mass begins at the stroke of midnight. It's a great way to begin the New Year.

Thank You Children's Choir Members!

Thank you to all of the Children's Choir Members for doing such a magnificent job with the Christmas Pageant! Also, a big thank you to Fr. Barkett, Fr. Stefan, and all the rest of our adult helpers who made the pageant a huge success once again! The Children's Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, **January 6, 2011**, at 5 pm in the music room down stairs. New members are welcome!

Save the Dates

January 1st	Saturday 9:15 am Mass with First Saturday Devotions
January 7th	All day/night Adoration with First Friday Holy Hour at 7:30 pm
January 8th	Mass with Healing Service at 7 pm
January 10th	Mass with of the Family Tree at 7:30 pm
January 24th	March for Life

Please join our St. Mary's community this week in praying that we will generously share with those who are in need of basic living necessities.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**Religious Education Classes Christmas Break**

Religious Education classes will resume Monday, **January 3rd**. May all our students enjoy a joyful Christmas with their families.

Welcoming Home Inactive Catholics**Landings**

A new Group Starts Tuesday, February 15th

What is Landings?

- ❖ A safe harbor or landing place for those considering coming home to full communion in the Church
- ❖ A small, supportive lay community in which returning and active Catholics explore faith together -- in an atmosphere of welcome, compassionate listening, and confidentiality
- ❖ An opportunity to pray and grow with other Catholics who are humbly trying to live their faith

What is the format?

- ❖ Participants meet weekly for 8-10 weeks on Tuesday evenings at St. Mary's from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., starting February 15th, 2011
- ❖ Includes prayer, sharing our spiritual journey stories, reflecting on different aspects of our Catholic faith, and a refreshment time for asking questions and making new friends.

No matter what the reasons or how long you have been away, please consider *Landings* for yourself, or tell a loved one or friend about it. For more information and to **REGISTER** call:

Sandy Dominick: 703-830-4708 sandy@tsandt.com

Pilar Jones 703-679-7454 ronsgalinva@yahoo.com

or use the form below to leave your name and number at the parish office.

I would like more information about the Landings program. Please call me at the number below.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

YOUTH MINISTRY**High School Youth**

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

Junior High Youth

Email: NateS@stmaryofsorrows.org
www.smosyouth.org

Youth Ministry Is Taking A Break For Christmas Our Spring Kickoff will be on Sunday, January 9th

It's going to be unreal. Seriously.

But until then, have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH**The History of the Catholic Church**

Registration for the free DVD study of *The History of the Catholic Church* is available by contacting Lucys5959@yahoo.com or 703-323-0345. Your choice of two classes will be available either 10 am in Farrell or 7 pm on **January 6th, February 3rd & 17th, March 3rd & 17th and April 7th**. Pre-ordered dinners will be available in the evenings at a minimal cost.

Do You Have Extra Coats?



Please search your closets,
think generously,
and bring
any and all
winter jackets and
winter coats
you and your family
are not using
to our 2011 Coat Drive.

In January 2010, Saint Mary's parishioners donated 481 coats and jackets that were distributed throughout the Washington Metropolitan Area. This year we will extend the drive for a full week, so that we may help even more needy people to stay warm this winter. Please bring your unused coats and jackets to the foyer of the Worship Center and leave them in the specially marked box during the week of **January 3rd through 9th**.

If you have questions or would like to assist with this project, please call Sandy Donlon, 703-266-2266 or Laura Poms, 703-323-9531.

FAMILY LIFE

Low Self-Esteem? Relationship Problems?

Codependent Patterns? A six week educational-counseling series for Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families/Adult Children of Alcoholics begins at St. Mary's on **January 24th (no class February 14th)**. Call Kathleen Scheg, JD, LCPC, NCC at 703-568-0525. The fee is \$195.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Samaritan Fund

Please remember those who are financially needy in your Christmas giving. Donations to the Samaritan Fund will be used to assist with rent and utility payments, and other basic necessities for those less fortunate in our community. Large or small amounts may be placed in the collection box in the foyer of the Worship Center. If you prefer, you may write a check to Saint Mary's with 'Samaritan Fund' in the memo line, and leave it in the Parish Office.

Winter Coat Collection Coming January 3rd - 9th

Please search your closets, think generously, and bring any winter coats that you are not using to the coat collection during the week of January 3rd - 9th. This is a way for you to help keep someone warm this winter. Remember: we are collecting only coats. Other seasonal clothing donations may be taken to the FISH clothes closet at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St., Fairfax, 9:30-noon on Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month. FISH is an ecumenical group that St. Mary's supports through the tithing funds and with volunteers. It provides food, clothing and financial assistance to needy people in our neighborhood.

A Very Special Request As 2010 Comes to a Close!

Our Bhutanese refugee family continues to struggle to become financially independent in this country but there is progress to report! Great gains have been made in their English skills and they are becoming much more confident in their abilities to successfully live completely new lives here in our area. If you can help, please make a check payable to Saint Mary's with "Family Assistance" in the memo line and turn it into the parish receptionist. Many thanks and Happy New Year!

End-of-the-Year Car Donations

The following organizations can put your old car to good use: The Car Ministry, 703-841-2531 gives donated cars to low-income families who need transportation to jobs and education programs. Catholic Charities, 703-841-2531, x53, gives vehicles to people who need them, but accepts only vehicles that are in good condition. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), 703-779-7534, accepts vehicles. Your donated car can help fund programs to educate young people about the dangers of alcohol.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	26	Blood Drive	7:45am	FH
Mon	27	Office Closed		
Tues	28	Office Closed		
Wed	29	Office Closed		
Thu	30	Office Closed		
Fri	31	Holy Hour	11:00pm	HC
		Office Closed		
Sat	01	Midnight Mass	12:00am	HC
		Office Closed		
Sun	02			

We Need You!

We still need volunteers for St. Mary's Hypothermia Prevention Week, **January 16th - 22nd**. Please volunteer for 3 - 4 hours setting up, greeting and assisting guests, helping with safety and security, or in transporting guests. Volunteer on our website, www.stmaryofsorrows.org or call Tom Petersik, 703-323-5272.

Religious Articles Collection

We are collecting small, easy-to-carry religious objects for our Hypothermia Week guests. If you have new or gently used Bibles, rosaries, prayer books or cards that you would like to donate, please place them in the designated box in the foyer.

HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE


DIocese OF ARLINGTON OFFICE OF VOCATIONS
Invites everyone to join us at our...

Annual
Seminarian Hoops Challenge
Basketball Game

Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Pope John Paul the Great High School Gymnasium
 17700 Dominican Drive, Dumfries, VA 22026
(Turn off Jefferson Davis Hwy.-U.S.1 onto River Heritage Rd.; Travel 1.7 miles to Dominican Dr.)



9:00 a.m. Mass (Pope John Paul the Great H.S. Gym #1)
 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Warm-Ups & Opening Prayer
 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon Basketball Game
DIocese OF ARLINGTON SEMINARIANS
 -vs-
QUO VADIS HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG MEN
 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Break for Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Presentation of the Trophy & Closing

For more information contact:
Office of Vocations
(703) 841-2514
vocations@arlingtondiocese.org