



April 24, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Alleluia! The Lord Jesus Christ is risen! It is with great joy that I celebrate with you the Resurrection of Our Redeemer. Easter Sunday is more than just an ordinary feast; it is the day on which Jesus, Who died for you and for me, rose from the dead to bring each of us new and unending life.

When Mary Magdalene visited the tomb where Christ had been laid after the Crucifixion, she found that the stone sealing its entrance had been removed. Each of us has stones in our own lives, sealing off our hearts from more fully uniting with Our Lord. Perhaps the challenge of economic hardship distracts you from prayer or a deep wound from a troubled relationship makes you wary of trusting God or a continual struggle with a weakness or addiction keeps you from seeking divine assistance.

On this most solemn of all feasts, there is Good News. By His Resurrection, Christ has removed the stone in each of our lives as well! While challenges certainly are present in our lives, through the gift of God's grace, we are able to unite with Christ in prayer. This Easter, I ask you to join with me in trusting Our Lord more deeply because He desires to give us the strength needed to persevere in virtue and in a spirit of joyful, enduring hope.

In fact, the Risen Lord Jesus bestows on us as His Easter gift *joyful, enduring hope*. I share with you a reflection from a revered spiritual author, now deceased, Father Bede Jarrett, O.P. "...Thus, Easter not only helps us yearly to hope again, but further lays on us the obligation to hope. This is not only a counsel but a command; for hope is a virtue that must be practiced by all Christians. The foundation of hope is, no doubt, in God himself, but the stimulus to it will be found in the mystery of the Resurrection, showing that there is no cause so desperate, no defeat so apparently crushing, no condition so hopeless, to which, if God wills, triumph will not come" (cf. *Magnificat*, Vol. 13, No. 2, April 2011).

Yes, despite the stones or obstacles facing us, the Risen Lord Jesus has the power either to remove them completely or to enable us to cope with them and ultimately to be victorious. As you seek the Risen Lord, our Enduring Hope, particularly throughout this Easter season, know that you and your loved ones are in my daily prayers.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 24

6:30: Gino Carlotto (†)

9:00: Francis Maloney (†), 9:10: Floral Memorials,

11:00: Jean Depew (†), 11:10: Miguel Alcivar (†),

12:30: For the People

Monday, April 25

Haydee Capurro (†)

Tuesday, April 26

Alyssa Madison An (Birthday)

Wednesday, April 27

Michael & Evelyn Masoud (†)

Thursday, April 28

Jean Depew (†)

Friday, April 29

Sarah Ecklund

Saturday, April 30

Joan Krytusa (†), Randy Grohnke

Sunday, May 1

Fausta Angela Colantuono (†), Robert Marques Silva (B-day),

For the People, The Chehovin Family,

Jennie Marosek (†)



READINGS

- Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-42Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8.....Jn 20:1-9 or
Mt 28:1-10
- Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33.....Mt 28:8-15
- Tue: Acts 2:36-41.....Jn 20:1-18
- Wed: Acts 3:1-10.....Lk 24:13-35
- Thurs: Acts 3:11-26.....Lk 24:35-48
- Fri: Acts 4:1-12.....Jn 21:1-14
- Sat: Acts 4:13-21.....Mk 16:9-15
- Sun: Acts 2:42-47.....1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

PARISH LIFE

Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

With Fr. Stefan, I would like to wish each of you a very Blessed Easter. In the resurrection we see our future clearly. Just as Jesus was raised from the dead so will each of us. Not even death can hold back this reality. When our life is over we will rise up. As we will be lifted up, so work on lifting one another up as well. There are plenty of people in our lives that focus on the negative and easily find fault. That should not be us. Share your joy with one another and look for the good in others because they are destined to be raised up as well. God bless you and know that you are in our daily prayers.

In Christ through Mary,
Rev. James S. Barkett

Temporary Mass Schedule Change

There will be **NO 6:30 am Mass** at the Historic Church this week.

Adult Confirmation

Are you a baptized, practicing Catholic adult who has made First Communion but has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Interested? Adult Confirmation classes will begin on Monday, **May 2nd** and run for four consecutive weeks, meeting from 7:30 - 8:30 pm in the Apartment. For more information or to sign up call Fr. Stefan at 703-978-4141, x16.

Marriage Matters

Please join us for the next session of Marriage Matters: "Prioritizing the Fruits and Goods of Married Life" on Thursday, **April 28th**, in Farrell Hall. It will begin promptly at 7:30 pm and will continue until 9 pm. Each session stands alone. Come meet with other parish couples and deepen your spousal relationship.



COLLECTIONS

Donations for the Week of April 10

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| Regular | \$28,555.55 |
| Weekly Budget | \$28,000.00 |
| Over/(Under) Budget | \$555.55 |
| Capital Improvements | \$1,215.00 |
| Samaritan Fund | \$1,276.91 |
| Japan Disaster Relief | \$1,231.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$2,057.70 |

Fiscal Year to Date Sunday Giving

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| March 2011 | |
| Sunday Collection | \$140,186.12 |
| Monthly Budget | \$121,333.33 |
| Over/(Under) Budget | \$18,852.79 |
| FY through March 2011 | |
| Sunday Collection | \$1,241,344.82 |
| YTD Budget | \$1,091,999.97 |
| Over/(Under) | \$149,344.85 |

March 2011 Parish Giving

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$24,184.00 |
| Capital Improvements | \$732.00 |
| Samaritan Fund | \$401.65 |
| Holy Day | \$25.00 |
| Central & Eastern Europe | \$243.00 |
| Black & Indian Missions | \$278.00 |
| Arlington Catholic Herald | \$54.00 |

Spring Gift Sale

Presented by St. Mary's Boutique Ladies

Saturday, April 30th

4:30 -- 6:30 pm

&

Sunday, May 1st

8:00 am -- 2 pm



St. Mary of Sorrows Church

Farrell Hall

For information call Lou at 703-426-8092

All profits go to the Church

Preschool Openings For September



St. Mary's Preschool is a Diocesan School committed to the development of the whole child: social, emotional, intellectual, physical, creative, and spiritual. There are a few openings in both the 3 and 4-year-old programs for September. Please contact the Preschool Office at 703-978-4141, x35 for further information.

Car Raffle Update

Thanks to all those who have donated their time, talents and money toward the success of our 5-car raffle. If you do not wish to participate, you can help by returning the tickets you received in the mail. The state of Virginia gaming division requires we track all tickets that were dispensed. The final deadline for ticket returns is **May 2, 2011**. The drawings begin at 1 pm on Saturday, **May 14th**, at the All Saints Parish Festival, Manassas.

Scholarships

Forms for the St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Scholarships, the Kelly Elizabeth Baker Memorial Scholarship, the John F. Devaney Scholarship, and the Amigos en Cristo † Friends in Christ Scholarships are available at the Parish Center office. Applications and related materials must be received not later than **May 15, 2011**.

St. Mary's Is a Tithing Parish

"Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching."

Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions.

Thanks to your donations to Sunday and holy day collections, our parish provides \$1,500 to Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke, an interfaith community that assists older adults in our community in living with dignity and purpose. To learn more, please call Kim Moden, 703-250-6065.

LITURGY & MUSIC

Please Pray For The Sick

Maggie Otal, Daniel Ullrich, Catherine Campbell, Carolyn Lisle, Meg Uhlman, Dennis Halpin, Clifford Kottman, Duane Zieg, Matt Sweet, Diane Linklaeter, Connor Matthew Dominic, Bernadette Arico, Chester Schuler, Ron Wester, Joanne Benner, Karen Hauck, Pat Seiler, Lena Restivo, Tonia and Lilly Morris, Violet LaBella, George and Madeline Badovinac, Courtney Lenaburg, Christopher Redelman, Robbie Pirhalla, Ann Maguire, Carmela DeChristopher, Capt. Mark Wise, Mason Shaffer, Mary Basile, Austin Ruby, and those in our book of prayers.



Baptisms

We joyfully welcome into the Church
Adelyn Stephany Harrington.

Wednesday Evening Confessions

There will be no Wednesday evening confessions this week in the Worship Center.

Anointing After the 12:30 Mass

On the last Sunday of every month, and even though it's Easter, the celebrant of the 12:30 pm Sunday Mass will anoint "any baptized Catholic who is enduring the effects of illness or old age, or may be undergoing a major medical procedure." Directly after Mass, stay in the Worship Center and sit in the front row. Father will return to administer the sacrament after he greets the people in the foyer.

Confessions After Masses

Confessions will be offered after every Sunday Mass on the last weekend of the month, which includes the Saturday Vigil, **April 30th**.

Divine Mercy Novena

The First Day of the Divine Mercy Novena will be recited after Morning Prayer on Good Friday, **April 22nd**, in the Worship Center. The Second day, Holy Saturday, it will be prayed after Morning Prayer. The third day is Easter Sunday and it will not be recited in common at St. Mary's; you will have to do this on your own. The remainder of the Novena will be prayed after the weekday 9:15 am Mass, ending on Saturday, **April 30th**.

Divine Mercy Sunday



Please mark your calendars for this beautiful Holy Hour on the Feast of Divine Mercy, Sunday, **May 1st**. We will begin directly after the 12:30 pm Mass by exposing our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on the altar. The rosary and chaplet will be prayed during the Holy Hour. Confessions will be offered for a short time during the Holy Hour. This has been an annual event at St. Mary's for the last few years and many have found it to be very healing.

Ushers Wanted

Are you looking for a way to participate in the Mass with your family, maybe even gain service hours? We are looking for a few more ushers for all Masses, and a few people available for substitutions. Ushers serve one Mass per month, the same weekend every month. This is a vital ministry and an opportunity to participate in the Mass. We will plan to hold training in May. If you are interested, please contact Joe Osborne at 703-250-8332 or saintmarysushers@cox.net.

From the Deacon's Desk:

Changes in the Revised Roman Missal: incarnate of the Virgin Mary is a change from born of the Virgin Mary which we recite in the Creed. It emphasizes that the humanity of Jesus was present from the moment of His conception and not just at His birth.

KIDS' STUFF SALE

We welcome donations of gently used children's items, such as:

- clothing (infant–size 14)
- baby gear
- toys
- furniture
- picture books
- maternity items
- parenting books
- nursing items

**Please bring donations to Farrell Hall
May 7th - 13th (Sunday - Friday)**

We are unable to accept donations before 6 pm, Sunday, May 7th



SHOP THE SALE

(and tell your friends!)

Saturday, May 14, 2011

Farrell Hall

8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

(1/2 price after 12:00)

Proceeds from the sale support the **St. Mary's Mothers' Group**. Items not sold will be donated to local charities. Questions? Call Patty at 703-426-9191.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Is There More to Life?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The Alpha course is an effective tool for awakening faith in people who are on the fringe of parish life, faithful Catholics and those outside the faith. Alpha is for EVERYONE! From people simply interested in investigating Christianity to devout Catholics looking to brush up on the basics and find a new dimension of their faith. The Alpha course meets once per week for 7 weeks, and includes a one-day retreat. At each session, people enjoy great food, laughter and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about life or God is seen as too simple or too hostile. The format is a community dinner followed by a presentation and concluding with small group discussions. Groups meet in homes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at 7 pm starting the week of **May 9th**. The one-day retreat will be held on a Saturday after **May 23rd**. Sign up after Mass in Farrell Hall **April 30th - May 1st**; or call/email Barbara Mahiques: 703-690-2503, b.mahiq@verizon.net.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth

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

April 24th: EASTER

(no youth ministry activities)

Sunday we will not have the 5 pm Mass. We will be taking the night off so you can all spend time with your families.

Boys' and Girls' CLC

Come join the faith sharing groups that really get in-depth with the faith.

Boys: Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:15 pm, meeting outside

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

Next Sunday, May 1st

Mass and SNL: Confirmation Celebration

Great food, water balloon launching, and ping pong. Bring a friend or twenty. This one's gonna be crazy.

Junior High School Youth

Email: NateS@stmaryofsorrows.org
703-978-4141, x70

Happy Easter! – No JH Activities

We hope everyone has a great Easter celebration today. There will be no JH activities this week, but we will start back up with Going Deeper on Monday, **May 2nd**.

FAMILY LIFE

Developmental Lacrosse Clinic

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a developmental lacrosse clinic for six (6) through eight (8) year old boys and girls. The clinic will be held in Fairfax Station. Clinic dates are Saturday afternoons, **April 30th, May 7th, 14th, 21th, and June 18th**, from 4:15 - 5:15 pm. Cost \$75. Proceeds go towards Knights of Columbus charitable activities. Now accepting sign-ups. For more information please go to www.gmacfadden.com/trinitylacrosse, or call 703-250-4074.

Counseling Services at St. Mary's

St. Mary of Sorrows Counseling Center offers counseling, personal growth, healing and transformation within the context of Christian values. Please contact Kathleen E. Scheg, JD, LCPC, NCC at 703-568-0525 or Mary Ellen Ruff, LPC, ATR-BC at 703-303-4983.

Soccer Donations

New and used soccer items are being collected as a part of the US Soccer Foundation's Passback Program. If you have any cleats, balls, clothing such as jerseys, socks, etc. (logos, team names and #'s are great), goalkeeper stuff, warm-ups, referee stuff, bags, water bottles, cones, pennies, etc., please put them in the box in Farrell Hall. Donations will be accepted through the month of May. If you have large donations please call Charlotte Clark, 703-425-8998. Thank you!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Samaritan Fund

This week you assisted a family with their utility bill. Please remember those in need by contributing to our Samaritan Fund. Large or small donations 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.

Alleluia!

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Like Mary Magdalene, share Jesus' life with all those around you by telling someone you know about what happened at Church this weekend. In addition, tell people about the work that Catholic Relief Services is doing on our behalf throughout the world, and invite them to become a part of this work by contributing to Operation Rice Bowl. As soon as possible, please bring Lenten Rice Bowls to the Operation Rice Bowl collection box in the foyer of the Worship Center. Thank you to all for participating!

Easter Basket Thank You

The annual Easter basket project was a big success this year. Thanks to all who participated by bringing in treats, toys and baskets. A special thanks to the children and adults who volunteered their time to assemble the beautiful baskets. We provided 816 baskets to local programs for needy children and other residents.

April Improve A Home Project

The St. Mary of Sorrows Knights of Columbus Council 8600
needs skilled and unskilled volunteers

to help upgrade the homes
of county residents in need of an assist.

The council identifies the homes, buys supplies,
delivers lunch, and marshals parishioner-power.

We have slots for lots of volunteers from
spreading mulch to painting, to light carpentry.

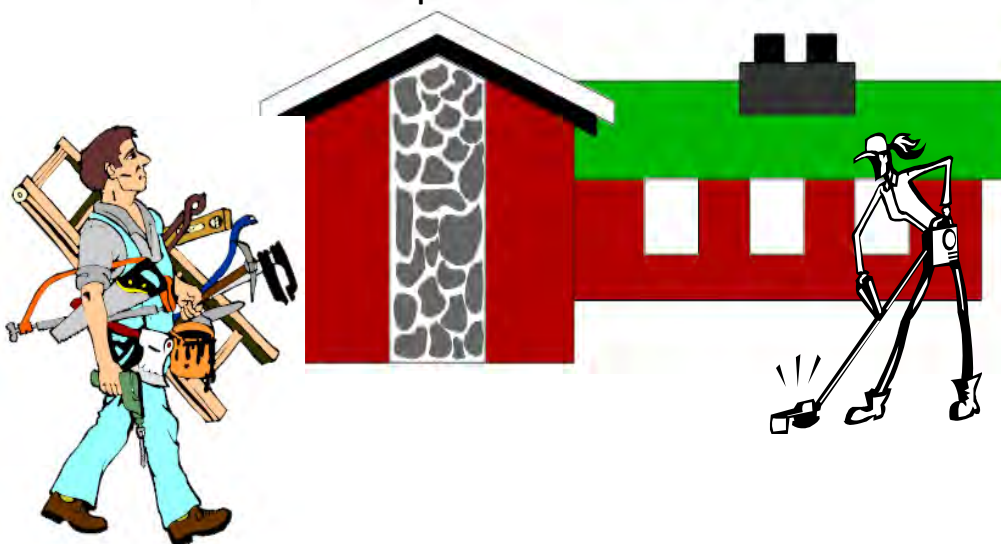
This project is a corporal work of mercy for which **SERVICE
HOURS CREDIT** is available. The time commitment is about 6

hours on **Saturday April 30, 2011** starting 7:30 AM.

Please sign up at www.kofc8600.org , click on the "April
Improve-A-Home (AIAH) Project" header or "signup" links;
or email genemolinelli@gmail.com;

or call Gene at 703-250-4150

with your name, phone, # of volunteers in your party, and any
special skills.



Lenten Soup Suppers

Thank you to all who participated in the Lenten soup suppers. This year's programs were informative and challenging. We could not have done it without all you wonderful soup-makers and your delicious creations! Special thanks also to those who helped set up, serve and clean up, and for all who donated to the soup supper collections. The total amounts collected during the six-week series will be announced later.

Successful Martha's Table Sandwich Collection

We made 550 sandwiches for Martha's Table to feed the homeless. Thank you for your service to those considered by too many as the least among us. Remember that you can make sandwiches for Martha's Table on the fourth Sunday of each month.

How You Can Help Make a Difference with the Fr. Jack Davis Mission in Chimbote, Peru

Come to a gathering on **May 3rd** in Farrell Hall at 7:30 to participate in the introduction of the Sr. Peggy Byrne Volunteer Council, to view a new DVD on the mission, to learn about current mission needs, to receive details on joining a Saint Mary's October trip to Chimbote and other volunteer opportunities. Contact Bill Seiler at 703-978-0242 or pbseiler@verizon.net for further details.

KAIROS For Men - Cookies Needed

"I came for the cookies, but I found love and Jesus."

Be a part of the flame that draws souls to Christ. Bake cookies for the KAIROS prison retreat beginning **April 27th**. This gift of love requires many cookies. Please follow prison specific rules. Cookies **MUST BE** Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Molasses, or Sugar (no sprinkles on top), soft and not crumbly, 2" in diameter and packaged 12 to a quart-size, Ziploc bag. Label each bag. Place your cookies in the box in Farrell Hall. Last pickup will be 11 am, **April 26th**. For questions or a recipe, visit the KAIROS web site - <http://www.kairosprisonministry.org/> and click on KAIROS Kookies or call Jim Bayne, 703-978-3167 or Charlie Hoover, 703-978-5086.

25 "Prison Aftercare Backpacks" Needed

25 "Prison Aftercare Backpacks" are needed for men and women being released from jail after completing their sentences for non violent offenses. See the parish website or contact Pat Holliday for more information at 703-978-2155 or phholliday@yahoo.com, since only a small number have been requested. Thanks!!

HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE

International Dance and Music Festival

Saturday, **April 30th**, 7 - 10 pm. Celebrate diversity and raise money for the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF), Centreville Worker Center. CIF sponsored event will be held at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Rd., Centreville. No cost for admission. Donations gratefully accepted. Snacks and Guatemalan craft sale. For information: info@centrevilleimmigrationforum.org or centrevilleimmigrationforum.org

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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|------|----|--|---------|--------|
| Sun | 24 | Easter Sunday | | |
| Mon | 25 | GMU Catholic Campus Ministry | 7:00pm | 7L |
| | | ACOA-ACDF | 7:30pm | UR |
| | | Legion of Mary | 8:15pm | 6L |
| Tues | 26 | Cursillo Prayer Group | 9:45am | 8L |
| | | Boutique | 10:00am | FH(B) |
| | | Knights of Columbus | 7:00pm | OSMH |
| | | Pastoral Council | 7:15pm | UR |
| | | Italian Language Class | 7:30pm | 6L |
| | | Landings | 7:30pm | Apt. |
| Wed | 27 | Engaging Spirituality | 10:00am | 7 & 8L |
| | | AA | 10:00am | OSMH |
| | | Italian Heritage Society | 7:00pm | FH |
| | | Charismatic Prayer Group | 7:30pm | BSC |
| | | RCIA | 7:30pm | UR |
| | | Joyful Noise | 7:30pm | WC |
| Thu | 28 | Spanish Class | 10:00am | 8L |
| | | Mothers' Group | 10:00am | OSMH |
| | | Quest | 10:00am | Apt. |
| | | Children's Choir | 5:00pm | MR |
| | | Italian Language Class | 7:00pm | 6L |
| | | Marriage Matters | 7:30pm | WC/FH |
| | | Marian Singers | 7:30pm | MR |
| | | Boy Scout Troop 697 | 7:30pm | OSMH |
| Fri | 29 | Just Faith Group | 7:00pm | 8L |
| Sat | 30 | K of C Christmas in April | 7:30am | FH |
| | | Spanish Class | 9:00am | 8L |
| | | Catholic Charities Volunteer Recognition | 9:30am | FH |
| | | Intercessors of the Lamb | 10:00am | 7L |
| | | Baptisms | 10:30am | WC |
| | | Children's Choir Pizza Party | 6:00pm | OSMH |
| Sun | 01 | Coffee & Doughnuts | 8:00am | FH |
| | | Boutique Spring Sale | 8:00am | FH |
| | | AOH | 12:30pm | OSMH |

Share Your Gifts With the Poor

Your talents in service to the materially poor are sorely needed – for example, employment assistance, tutoring, food assistance, money management, health access, handy-man, grant writing, or admin assistance. Volunteer two days per week and grow spiritually through the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) with spiritual reflection, group sharing, and retreats. Contact IVC/Northern Virginia Regional Director Patty Holley at 703-352-4140, nova@ivcusa.org, and visit www.ivcusa.org.

Fundraiser for Clann Mhor

The Father William Corby Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians is sponsoring a fundraiser for Clann Mhor, a non-profit research group studying the history of hundreds of Irish Immigrants who built the Virginia Blue Ridge Railroad during the 1850's. These Irish Laborers dug and blasted 4 tunnels through the Blue Ridge Mts. near Croset, Va. for the first RR line west of the Blue Ridge. The funds are needed to build a Memorial Sculpture to them and fund archeological digs to locate graves, etc. The fundraiser will take place on **May 1st** from 1 - 5 pm at The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub, Rte. 123 and North St., Fairfax City. Local Irish musicians, a Step Dance School, Ceili, Set Dancing & Singing Circle Performances, and Door prizes. \$10 at door. Children under 16 free.