

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 4
 Cissie Shaw (†), The Coleman Family,
 Sean Copeland (†), Nick Viccica,
 For the People, (HC) Anita Balint (†)

Monday, December 5
 Francisco Obieta (Birthday), Edward Gillespie (†)

Tuesday, December 6
 Jack & Mary Hoffman (†), Nancy Carrington (†)

Wednesday, December 7
 Brian Denny, Jim McCormick Family,
 Fausta Angela Colantuono (†)

Thursday, December 8
 For the People, Leigh Ann Marino (†), Raymond Kohler, Sr.

Friday, December 9
 Florence Bisbee (†), Nathan Pritikin (†)

Saturday, December 10
 Margaret Gahart (†), Cissie Shaw (†)

Sunday, December 11
 Robert Pitassi (†), Cissy Shaw (†),
 Iren Putstai (†), Anita Balint (†),
 Joanna Denny, (HC) Juliana Dacy (†)



READINGS

Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-112 Pt 3:8-14
 Mk 1:1-8

Mon: Is 35:1-10Lk 5:17-26

Tue: Is 40:1-11Mt 18:12-14

Wed: Is 40:25-31Mt 11:28-30

Thurs: Gn 3:9-15, 20.....Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
 Lk 1:26-38

Fri: Is 48:17-19Mt 11:16-19

Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11.....Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun: Is 61:1-2a, 10-111 Thes 5:16-24,
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

DONATIONS

Donations for the Week of November 13

Regular	\$27,456.61
Weekly Budget	\$29,000.00
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$1,543.39)
Capital Improvements	\$1,057.00
Samaritan Fund	\$875.34
Propagation of the Faith	\$20,348.44
Retired Religious	\$594.00
Holiday Fund	\$160.00

PARISH LIFE

Immaculate Conception Holy Day

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. The vigil Mass is 7 pm on **December 7th**; holy day Masses are 6:30 and 9:15 am and 7 pm. All of the Masses are held at the Worship Center.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

The Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated Friday, **December 9th**, at 7 pm in the Worship Center. A reception will follow in Farrell Hall. Please bring a dish to share. Music for Mass by Mariachi Los Amigos.

Women of St. Mary's

Our **December 12th** gathering will be a potluck dinner at the Historic Church Hall at 6:30 pm. "The Bluebells" trio will entertain. Call Joanne Neckel, 703-690-6013 or Barbara Stoetzer, 703-323-5511. Do come - bring a friend! If you would like to, please bring new women's underclothing to be donated to the Lamb Center.

Looking For The Perfect Christmas Tree?

Then come to the Knights of Columbus' Christmas Tree sale at the Historic Church and check out their fine selection of quality trees. Weekdays, 6 - 9 pm, Saturday, 9 am - 9 pm, Sunday, Noon - 8 pm. Remember, all profits go to charity.

Mailing Christmas Cards This Year?

How about sending religious cards? St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 8600 is selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards, keepsake ornaments and car magnets in Farrell Hall before and after weekend Masses.

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.

Volunteers Needed For Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition of a nine-day novena of Masses leading up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. The sixth night of Simbang Gabi will be at St. Mary's on Tuesday, **December 20th**, at 7 pm in the Worship Center. We are looking for volunteers to help in preparing for this special event. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Luisa Robinson at 703-323-5834, email luisarobinson@cox.net or Reggie Magalong at 703-509-6247, email giemags@hotmail.com.



December 4th, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Nowhere do we see more clearly Our Lord's special compassion for the poor than at Christmas. Together, we meditate on His entrance into the world as a helpless, poor and homeless baby born to a young mother and father. Our Savior became one of us in poverty and rags and he has a special place in His Sacred Heart for the poor and the vulnerable.

Next weekend, **December 10th and 11th**, at all Masses, each parish and mission will hold the annual second collection to support Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Catholic Charities occupies a special place in my heart, and I respectfully ask that you, to the extent you are able, make a *truly sacrificial gift* this year. Your gift to Catholic Charities will remain in the diocese and will help us serve everyone in need, regardless of their faith.

The state of the economy and the number of our fellow citizens who cannot find work have presented the diocese with many challenges. Homelessness and hunger are on the rise. As Catholic Charities continues to serve more and more communities across the diocese, it is clear that both the urban and rural areas are suffering. Catholic Charities must have the resources it needs to serve the diocese—and her parishes.

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal and annual Christmas collection account for 20% of Catholic Charities' operating budget, so you can imagine how important your gifts are to our ability to serve the poor. I also ask that you open your hearts and join me in praying for the many in great need. In considering ways you might help, please consider Our Lord's beautiful reminder in the Gospel of Matthew: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (*Matthew 25:40*).

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington



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. Registration is December 9th in the Preschool Office.

Property Maintenance Items Needed

St. Mary's is in need of a commercial backpack leaf blower (the one we had for 15 years stopped working) and a 14-foot A-frame ladder (to change light bulbs in the Worship Center). Please contact Rich Witter at 703-978-4141, x25.

Video Club Needs New Computer

The video club in Farrell Hall maintains its inventory on a Pentium II, Windows 98 PC that doesn't have a CD drive or USB port. Volunteers have a tough time remembering DOS commands! The club is in need of an upgraded PC to help with file maintenance. Do you have a PC that gets little use, one you just upgraded, or are you planning on upgrading for the Holidays? If so, please call or email Peter Gaulke at 703-323-5089, pgaulke60@aol.com. Oh, and the video club is still accepting DVD donations.

"Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." The celebration of the Eucharist does not end when we leave the church; we must carry out our eucharistic mission in daily life.

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LITURGY & MUSIC

Please Pray For The Sick

Ron Wester, Ashley Douglas, Maria Cabrera, Marianne Bright, Mary Viccica, Nicholas Viccica, Marianne Bright, Lenny Sarmiento, Amelia Sanares, Zachary Schuhart, Anthony Gentile, Joanne Benner, Bud Johnson, Pat Seiler, Menchie Ibay, Maggie Otal, Tonia and Lilly Morris, Violet LaBella, George Badovinac, Courtney Lenaburg, Robbie Pirhalla, Ann Maguire, Carmela DeChristopher, Capt. Mark Wise, Mason Shaffer, Mary Basile, Austin Ruby, and those in our book of prayers.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Amanda Guill & William Toler who were married at St. Mary's last weekend. Our parish family rejoices as you begin your vocation of love.



Baptism

We joyfully welcome into the Church
Maya Andrea McKnight, John Atticus Merlo,
Griffin Xavier Yesquen and Sadie Maria Yesquen.

Let us pray that we may be drawn into Christ's mission of renewal of the world to love, justice and peace.

Mass with Healing Service

Please join us for our monthly Saturday evening Mass with Healing Service on December 10th at 7 pm in the Worship Center. Praise and worship music begins at 6:30 pm.

Mass for the Healing of the Family Tree

Join us for the monthly Mass for the Healing of the Family Tree on December 12th at 7:30 pm in the Worship Center. Bring your family trees to be placed in the basket at the altar.

Christmas Ticket Distribution

Tickets will be distributed to registered parishioners on December 14th. You may begin lining up at 4 pm and tickets will be given out beginning at 6 pm. Both the 5 and 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Masses will be ticketed this year. You must have a ticket to be admitted to these Masses due to the numbers of people that want to attend. Fire marshal regulations limit the number of people the building can accommodate.

Visits to the Sick and Homebound

Parishioners who are ill or otherwise unable to attend Mass for a short or an extended period of time may have Holy Communion brought to them (at home, a group home or locations within our Parish boundaries) on Sundays by calling St. Mary's office at 703-978-4141. If no answer, leave a message including your name and number. In the event of a Sacramental emergency, contact the Duty Priest, 703-978-4141, x1.

Save the Dates

December 16th: Christmas Pageant, 7:30 pm, WC

December 19th: Advent Penance Service, 7:30 pm WC



Understanding the New Translation of the Roman Missal

My Catholic Faith Delivered

St. Mary's has partnered with *My Catholic Faith Delivered* to provide training on the new translation of the Roman Missal. This online course is provided to all parishioners, courtesy of St. Mary's. Each of the lessons can be completed in about 15 minutes.

To register for the course:

- Go to www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com
- Click on the SIGN-UP button in the top right of your browser.
- Type in your name, email address, the coupon code below and sign in.
- Click on the My Curriculum button to see the course on the left side.
- Click on the New Translation and then one of the lessons.
- Finally click on the Start Lesson button to begin.

St. Mary's Coupon Code: **1065-MC-NI-TT00**

All 0s in the code are the numeral zero.

If you have any questions or problems related to the course, please call *My Catholic Faith Delivered* toll-free at 1-866-981-8964 or email them at supportmycatholicfaithdelivered.com.

St. Mary of Sorrows Annual



Children's Christmas Party
 Saturday December 10, 2011
 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 Parish Center, Farrell Hall



*All Children from
 St. Mary's Parish & Neighborhood,
 St Mary's Pre-school, and Foster Care.
 Ages Nursery through 4th Grade *

You are invited to join us at St. Mary's for an afternoon of Christmas joy and fun. There will be special Christmas items to make, games to play, Christmas stories to hear, and hot dogs and drinks for the children and their parents. This is a time to join in the fun of the holiday with your children in the art of making and decorating holiday items. And, there will be a special visit from Santa Claus!



Parents are required to stay and take part in this special
children's holiday event.

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 8600,
 St. Mary of Sorrows Squire Roses and Squires Leadership Circles.
 This program is managed exclusively by the Squire Roses and Squires.*

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

St. Mary's Cursillo Christmas Ultreya Pot Luck
Share a Dish - Share a Blessing Sunday, **December 4th**, 4 pm at the home of Sam & Sandy Dominick. Contact sandy@tsandt.com or 703-830-4708 for directions and what to bring to share.

St. Mary's Men's Ministry

St. Mary's Men's Ministry will meet next Saturday, **December 10th**, 7:30 - 9 am, at the Old Church Hall. We get excited about Scripture! Please join us. Refreshments.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Email: briank@stmaryofsorrows.org

Sunday, December 4th, XLT with Guest Speaker

After Mass and dinner, we'll have our first XLT of the year. XLT stands for EXALT, and it is a time of Eucharistic Adoration with music and a short talk by Allison McGinley. Allison will share about the ups-and-downs of her own faith journey.



White House Ornaments



& Entertainment Books

White House Ornaments (\$20) and Entertainment Books (\$30) are available after all weekend Masses. They

will also be 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.

Monday, December 5th: 4-G →

A Bible Study on the Gospel of John (7 - 8:30 pm)

We are offering a Bible study on the Gospel of John. John's Gospel can seem overwhelming at times, but a closer look reveals an incredibly up-close glimpse into the person of Jesus Christ. If you want to learn more about Scripture and grow closer to God, this is for you.

Wednesday, December 7th, Boys' and Girls' CLC

Come join the faith sharing groups that really get in-depth with the faith.
Boys: Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9:15 pm, meeting outside
Girls: Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9 pm in the Apartment.

Next Sunday, December 11th

Homecoming (and RECONCILIATION)

After Mass and dinner, we'll have a night all about the restoration and forgiveness that God offers us in Reconciliation. We won't just talk about forgiveness, we'll also have a chance to experience and encounter forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a great way to get ready for Christmas!

Sunday, December 18th

Sideburn Idol Talent Show (6 - 8:30 pm)

All parishioners are invited to attend and participate in our annual Talent Show. Join us for a potluck dinner (please bring a dish to share) and then come celebrate the ridiculously talented teens (and adults) that we have here at St. Mary's.

EMAIL BRIAN IF YOU WANT TO PERFORM IN THE TALENT SHOW.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH

Email: perryr@stmaryofsorrows.org

Tuesday, December 6th

TIME OUT TUESDAY (2:30 - 4:30 pm)

Every Tuesday afternoon, come join your friends after school for ping pong, video games, junk food, and lots of fun. Don't miss it!

Friday, December 9th

Laser Tag @ Shadowland (7 - 9 pm)

Don't you want to crush your friends and youth ministers in a friendly game of Laser Tag? Come join us at Shadowland in Chantilly for a chance to do just that. This will be a night of Laser Tag like no other. We'll all meet there at 7 and get picked up after we're done at 9. Make sure to bring \$15 to cover your games plus some extra money if you plan to buy food or play in the arcade. See you at Shadowland!!

FAMILY LIFE

Shoebox Christmas For Those Less Fortunate

St. Mary's Squires and Squire Roses are collecting shoe box gifts for the less fortunate. Bring your to Farrell Hall after 4 pm Saturday, **December 10th**, or Sunday, **December 11th**, until 12:30 pm. We will have a designated drop area in Farrell Hall.

Fill up a shoe box for the Northern Virginia Training Center for people with special needs, the BARN in Manassas, and other families not on the Christmas gift programs sponsored by St. Mary's Church. They represent people who fall in the shadows of poverty and near poverty that we hear about but rarely see. All charities this year will be in Northern Virginia.

Suggested items include: hats, gloves, socks, underwear, and other clothing items that can fit in a shoebox. You may also want to complete the box with a toothbrush, tooth paste, lotion, deodorant, or other personal hygiene items. Place your items in a shoebox, wrap and tape a note on top noting the gender and approximate age level (i.e. baby, preteen boy or girl, teenager girl or boy, adult male or female). Wrapping paper, additional shoe boxes or items noted above would be appreciated and we will make up additional gift boxes.

For the LAMB Center, we are told they are in need of laundry and cleaning supplies, paper products, cups, plastic cutlery, Ramen noodle type soups, powdered drinks, apples and cookies.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring an Essay Contest to all Catholic students in public, private or parochial schools grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 during the current school year. The theme of the essay contest is "The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society." The Knights of Columbus would like to encourage the youth to participate in this contest, and as an incentive, certificates and awards for essays will be given as follows: First Place Winner \$200, Second Place Winner \$150, Third Place Winner \$100. All other winners will receive a voucher for a free pancake Breakfast at the Historic Church Hall. Essay forms are located on the table in the Parish Center foyer. Essays are due by **January 21, 2012**, and can be turned in at St. Mary's Office. If you have any questions about this please call Stephen Morales 703-606-9670 or email sam10724johnpl@yahoo.com

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Samaritan Fund

Many of our neighbors are in great need of our help with rent, utilities, and other basic necessities. Please continue to donate to the Samaritan Fund in the collection boxes, or give a check to the parish receptionist.



Christmas 2011

Many volunteers will be needed next week to collect, wrap and deliver Christmas gifts and food in the following categories:

- Help collect and sort gifts - **December 10th** (4:30 – 6:30 pm)
December 11th (7:30 am – 6 pm)
 - Shop for additional gifts – **December 11th** (beginning at 7 am)
December 12th (beginning at 9 am)
 - Wrap Gifts - **December 12th and 13th** ...
... (3:30 – 8:30 pm)
 - Deliver Christmas Dinners And Gifts - ...
...**December 17th** (beginning at 9 am)
- To sign up, email mikrut4@verizon.net or carolm@stmaryofsorrows.org, or call Carol Mayfield at 703-978-4141, x19.

Hypothermia 2012

Our Hypothermia 2012 organization is well under way, but there are still a number of unfilled key volunteer opportunities for you to work with experienced parishioner mentors. If you feel called to participate in this ministry to homeless Fairfax County residents during the week of **January 15th**, please contact Mary Jo O'Connell or Anita Keeler, stmaryshypo2012@gmail.com, or Carol Mayfield, 703-978-4141, x19. Opportunities for volunteer sign-ups will also be available between weekend Masses in December.

Giving Thanks



Many thanks to all who helped with our Thanksgiving Dinner outreach, including those who contributed food and funds, the young people and their parents who carried and sorted the food, the ladies and gentlemen who packaged 200+ dinners, and all who delivered those dinners to our Fairfax County neighbors.

JustFaith Engaging Spirituality Workshop

For the second year an Engaging Spirituality program will be presented at Saint Mary of Sorrows. To learn more about this unique adult spiritual formation program, plan on attending an informational workshop on Saturday afternoon at 2 pm, **December 10th**. Rooted in the Catholic tradition, small group (6- 10) participants prayerfully listen and share the teachings of renowned spiritual masters and learn to better integrate their prayer life with their active life.

In addition to gaining spiritual vision, the weekly program helps adults to actively engage the world with the power and wisdom that comes from a stronger prayer and Gospel centered spirituality. The program will also serve to deepen your sacrament life and sacredness of daily life. There is no charge for the Wednesday morning, six-month program that begins in January.



Brown Bag Sunday Christmas 2011 Dinner Collection December 10th – 11th

A Complete Dinner Will Contain the Following:

- White Potatoes ~ Gravy ~ Sweet Potatoes
 - Marshmallows ~ Stuffing Mix ~ Biscuit Mix
 - Cranberry Sauce ~ Canned Yellow and Green Vegetables
 - Foil Roasting Pan ~ Pie Filling and Pie Shell
or Cake Mix and Frosting or Brownie or Cookie Mix
- A check to cover the cost of a turkey gift card. Please make the check payable to Saint Mary's Church, with "Holiday Fund" in the memo line and give it to the receptionist.

For our many Hispanic friends, please consider bringing the following items they might especially enjoy with their Christmas meal:

- Rice ~ Dry Beans (pinto, black or red)
 - Herdez (red or green sauce) ~ Chili Powder ~ Garlic
 - Jalapenos ~ Cumin Seasoning ~ Salsa
 - Stewed Tomatoes ~ Canned Squash
- Please use regular size bags and double bag the food.**

Please plan to help deliver food and Christmas gifts on **December 17th**, from 9 am to noon. This is a terrific opportunity for youth who need service hours! Call Bunny Kowalski, 703-425-6002.

Saint Mary of Sorrows

HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION MINISTRY

January 15-21, 2012
Offering Hospitality to Our Homeless Neighbors
“Welcoming Your Help”

“The Fruit of Love Is Service” Mother Teresa

Beginning Sunday evening, January 15, 2012, through Sunday morning, January 22, St. Mary’s is offering shelter, food, and fellowship to some of our most vulnerable neighbors. We will be joined in dinner service by Christ Presbyterian Church.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Dec. 3-4, 10-11 Sign up after Masses to volunteer.
Sat. Jan 7 Volunteer Orientation-Farrell Hall
 (9:00 am – 12:00)
Jan. 8 Brown Bag Sunday

If you would like to visit a community serving before St. Mary’s, please contact Mary Jo O’Connell or Anita Keeler.

Jan. 1-7 Emmanuel Lutheran, Vienna
 Jan. 1-7 St. Andrews Episcopal, Burke

Jan. 8-14 Pender UMC, Fairfax
 Jan. 8-14 King of Kings Lutheran, Fairfax

“For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat;
 I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink;
 I was a stranger, and you invited me in.” MATTHEW 25

Think about how so many of our homilies and readings lately have been about serving others and helping those less fortunate than us. This is your chance to reach out and help.

Please sign up after Masses on **Dec. 3 - 4 and Dec. 10 - 11**.
 OR go to the following online sign-up page:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/stmarys13>

We need 200 volunteers, prayer, food, and money!

- Liturgy and Prayer, for our guests, this ministry, and prevention and ending of homelessness
- Evening Activities
- Overnight volunteers
- Opening Setup & Guest/Volunteer Registration
- Dinner Support (Setup/Table Service, Cleanup)
- Breakfast Support (Food prep, cleanup)
- Lunch support (food donations for bagged lunches)
- Safety & Security
- Transportation -- Van Drivers and Riders/Helpers
- Closing & Cleaning (Guest Departure, Cleaning)
- Emergency Volunteer Pickup (4-wheel-drive owners)
- Emergency Food Providers (people who live close who could drop off food in case of snow emergency)
- Shelter Set-up on Jan. 15.
- Shelter Closing on Jan. 21.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY

January 8, 2012

In addition to food for the St. Mary’s pantry, we are collecting the following items for the Hypothermia Response Ministry:

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| Heavy paper plates | Nutritious snacks |
| Small paper plates | Hot chocolate |
| Hot/cold cups (8 oz) | Bottled water |
| Plastic cutlery | Powdered drinks |
| Napkins | Ground decaf coffee |
| Toothbrushes | Disposable razors |
| Travel size: Soap, shaving cream, toothpaste | |

Money – to help purchase:

- Bus passes
- Food
- Dinnerware (disposable)
- Metro passes
- Hygiene items

Checks payable to “St. Mary of Sorrows,” with memo line, “Hypothermia Prevention”

Contact Us: For general Hypothermia Shelter information please contact Anita Keeler, StMarysHypo2012@gmail.com or Mary Jo O’Connell, 703-250-1564.

Please contact these Coordinators for specific areas/nights:

- Prayer and liturgical support: Cathy Wester, cathyw@stmaryofsorrows.org or 703-978-4141, ext 22;
- Food-related volunteer service: Lucy Schleibaum, lucys5959@yahoo.com 703-323-0345;
- Safety and Security: Tom McGrath tmcgrath26@verizon.net, 703-250-6850 or Jim Jackson, JamesJJackson12@aol.com, 703-239-2626;
- For maintenance and cleanup, Pete Puerling pnpuerling@aol.com, 703-266-0253;
- For activities, Anita Keeler Stmaryshypo2012@gmail.com, 571-426-5477 (Position open...please help!);
- For transportation, Mary Jo O’Connell, StMarysHypo2012@gmail.com, 703-250-1564 (Position open, please help!).

Sun., Jan. 15 Joe Fleming, jgflemingdds@verizon.net, 703-591-7713

Mon., Jan. 16 Bob & Jane Gibson, janiebob@juno.com, 703-273-7911

Tues., Jan. 17 Colleen Woodard, cwoodard@fed-tech.com, 703-967-3559

Wed., Jan. 18 Pat Lowther plowther@cox.net, 703-913-2824

Thurs., Jan. 19 Pat White, rprjwhite@aol.com, 703-273-8438

Fri., Jan. 20 Bill Forster, wforster1@cox.net 703-591-2377

Sat., Jan. 21 Carlos Otal, otalii@hotmail.com, 703-323-9366

HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE

22nd Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

The 22nd Annual National Night of Prayer for Life at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More will start at 9 pm Thursday, **December 8th**, until 1 am Friday, **December 9th**. Join us for 4 hours, 2 hours, or for any length of time. In addition to Adoration, the 20 decades of the Rosary, and the Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed. Confession will also be available. Father Jason Weber will be leading us in the vigil. For more information, please call Gertrude Creed at 703-920-0622.

"It's A Wonderful Life"

"Into every life a little angel should fall..." This holiday season experience the dazzling theatrical musical of Frank Capra's *"It's a Wonderful Life"* presented by the Bishop O'Connell High School drama department, **December 9th - 10th** at 7:30 pm and **December 11th** at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for students and senior citizens. Bishop O'Connell is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington. Reserve early by calling the box office at 703-237-1448. For more information, visit www.bishopoconnell.org/theatre.

Coping With the Holidays After the Death of A Loved One

After a loved one has died, the holidays can be painful reminders of loss. You can take steps, however, to bring new meaning to this time of year. On Thursday, **December 8th**, at 7:30 pm Haven of Northern Virginia will offer strategies and ideas for reinventing the holidays. Registration is required. Call 703-941-7000, email havenofnova@verizon.net or visit 222.havenofnova.org.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	04	Coffee, Doughnuts & Bagels	8:00am	FH/OSMH
		AOH	12:30pm	OSMH
		Brownies	2:00pm	Apt.
Mon	05	Widow to Widow	5:30pm	
		Core Counseling	7:00pm	UR
		Cub Scouts	7:00pm	OSMH
Tues	06	OLPH Rosary Makers	10:30am	6L
		Italian Class	6:30pm	Apt.
		Knights of Columbus	7:00pm	OSMH
		Bell Choir	7:30pm	MR
		Landings	7:30pm	8L
		Legion of Mary	8:15pm	6L
Wed	07	Italian Heritage Society	7:00pm	OSMH
		RCIA	7:00pm	UR
		Vigil Mass	7:00pm	WC
Thu	08	Compassionate Friends	7:30pm	OSMH
		Holy Day Masses	6:30, 9:15am	WC
		Spanish Class	9:30am	8L
		St. Mary's Mother's Group	10:00am	OSMH
		Quest	10:00am	Apt.
		Children's Choir	4:30pm	MR
		Italian Class	6:30pm	Apt.
		Fun Bunch	6:30pm	7L
		Holy Day Mass	7:00pm	WC
		Core Transformation	7:00pm	UR
		Boy Scouts Troop 697	7:30pm	OSMH
Fri	09	Virgin of Guadalupe Mass	7:00pm	WC
Sat	10	Men's Ministry	7:30pm	OSMH
		Squire Roses	9:00am	UR
		Spanish Class	9:00am	8L
		Baptisms	10:30am	WC
		Children's Christmas Party	12:00pm	FH
		Engaging Spirituality Workshop	2:00pm	8L
		Spaghetti Dinner	6:00pm	FH
		Mass & Healing Service	7:00pm	WC
		Sun	11	Pancake Breakfast
		Compassionate Friends	7:00pm	HC/OSMH

Prime Time Single Catholics

PTSC is open to all single Catholics, 40 and older, who have never married, are widowed, or are divorced with a Church annulment. December 2011 events include:

Dec. 3, Sat., 6 pm, Christmas Party in Arlington, call Bob 703-549-7366;

Dec. 4, Sun. 2:30 pm, Dance at Glen Echo Park in Glen Echo, MD., call Pat 703-527-3455;

Dec. 10, Sat., 8 am, Laying Wreaths at Arlington Cemetery, call Ann 703-476-3975;

Dec. 11, Sun., 5 pm, Dinner at Joe Theisman's in Alexandria, call Tom, 703-313-8333;

Dec. 18, Sun., 5 pm, Dance at the Elks Lodge in Fairfax, call Jack, 703-971-8665;

Dec. 31, Sat., 6:45 pm, New Year's Eve Party at Knights of Columbus in Arlington, call Tom, 703-313-8333.

Anyone with questions about PTSC may call Jack Emery, 703-971-8665, for more information.

Parish Profile

Look for St. Mary's Parish featured in the Catholic Herald Dec. 15.

Featuring:

- An inside look at what makes our parish unique, including a chat with the pastor, parish priests, staff or parishioners.
- Quick parish facts with contact info, Mass schedule and the parish website.
- Expanded coverage online at catholicherald.com: look for additional photos and links to other parish stories and events.

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