

## THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

### MONDAY 8th

St. John of God

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

6:30 AM +Asuncion V. Latagan

7:00 AM +Anita L. Halligan

8:45 AM Stephen & Samantha Caggiano

### THURSDAY 11th

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

6:30 AM +Walter A. Katakinski

7:00 AM +Guillermo Villamor

8:45 AM +Buckley Charlton

7:30 PM Celebrant's Intention

### TUESDAY 9th

St. Frances of Rome

Dn 3:25,34-43; Mt 18:21-35

6:30 AM +Al Tarabochia

7:00 AM +Gregoria Villamor

8:45 AM Mary Fones

### FRIDAY 12th

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

6:30 AM Jane Crackovich

7:00 AM +Baudouin Konahap

8:45 AM Hrechka Family

### WEDNESDAY 10th

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19

6:30 AM +Stanley Szemborski

7:00 AM Sylvia Tarabochia

8:45 AM +Cao Thi Nam

### SATURDAY 13th

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

7:00 AM +Donald Lopez

8:45 AM Return to Health

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jos 5:9a,10-12; 2Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

#### SATURDAY 13th

5:30 PM

+Caridad Delacruz

Fr. Carrier

#### SUNDAY 14th

7:00 AM

+Bert Taylor

Fr. Lamb

7:30 AM

+Walter Edmonds

Fr. Mullins

8:45 AM

Parishioners of St. Louis

Fr. Carrier

10:30 AM

+Kossi Djossou

Fr. Mullins

12:30 PM

+Alicia Ilalo Baum

Fr. Idamor

5:00 PM

+Panchita Maxwell

Fr. Mullins



Dear Parish Family,

Sacrifice is an integral part of the Lenten journey. Whether this means a greater custody of the senses such as less television, ipod or blackberry time; or watching what we eat (like freezing our Girl Scout cookies till Easter!) or being more judicious in our speech and our actions.

Part of the sacrifice is almsgiving and I wish to express my profound gratitude to everyone who has participated in our parish capital campaign. I know that in this challenging economic times the sacrifice can be especially challenging but the gifts we give are much needed and will help us to grow in holiness.

May this Lent be a time of great spiritual growth for all of us!

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. Mullins

## FOR THE LENTEN SEASON



**Lenten Bible Study:** The Passion and Death of Jesus As Foretold in the Old Testament, will take place on each Monday during Lent at 7:00 PM in the Church.

**March 15:** How the Psalms Reveal the Heart of Jesus

Join the following group & your fellow Parishioners each **Friday** before Stations of the Cross for a simple Lenten meal.

*School Cafeteria at 6:15 March 12 - Mother's Group*

*Stations of the Cross will be in the church at 7:00 PM each Friday.*

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS...

A very special welcome to our newest parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Almanzar, Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Roberts, Martin Irizamy, Jude Wiczorek, Mr. & Mrs. Heath Huff, Luz Canales, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Grogan, Mr. & Mrs. Mata, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Paton, Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Watson, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jolly, Angie Ibarraza, and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Stark. May each find their new spiritual home a place of joy and fellowship and may God bless all of our parishioners.



We welcome through the sacrament of baptism Tucker Julius Lloyd & Patrick Michael Martinez

**REMINDER:** March 14, next Sunday, will be when Daylight Savings Time Begins. Please change your clocks ahead one hour.



## CONFESSIONS

Sunday,	March 7th	10:00 -10:30 AM	All Priests
Monday,	March 8th	9:15 AM Noon	
Tuesday,	March 9th	9:15 AM	
Wednesday,	March 10th	9:15 AM Noon 6:30- 8:00 PM	
Thursday,	March 11th	9:15 AM	
Friday,	March 12th	9:15 AM Noon	
Saturday,	March 13th	9:15 AM 4:30 PM	
Sunday,	March 14th	10:00-10:30 AM	All Priests

*"For those who love Him, and after each fault come to ask pardon...Jesus trembles with joy" (St. Therese of Lisieux)*

### PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offertory 35th Sunday, Fiscal Year 2010:	\$25,197.00
YTD Total, Fiscal Year 2010:	\$857,903.02
Offertory 35th Sunday, Fiscal Year 2009:	\$27,328.82
YTD Total, Fiscal Year 2009:	\$910,228.06

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

*"Aside from the Blessed Virgin, Saint Joseph was the first and most perfect adorer of our Lord. Faith, humility, purity and love - these were the keynotes of his adoration..."*

*(St. Peter Julian Eymard)*



We are currently in need of adorers to fill the following hours: Monday 8-9 AM, Wednesday 10-11 AM, and Thursday 12-1 PM.

*If you can take one of these hours or would like to sign up to spend an hour each week with our Lord, please call Princess at 703-778-2727*

**Attention all women of the parish!** There will be a **Women's Morning of Recollection on Sat, March 13** in the School Cafeteria & Church from 8:45-12 Noon. This will be a Lenten themed retreat. This Morning of Recollection will include Mass, Breakfast, 2 Talks, one by Fr. Mullins and the other by our DRE, Mrs. Carol Jones, and quiet time for meditation and Confession. This event will be hosted by the parish Council of Catholic Women. Cost is free, donations will be accepted. You do not have to RSVP to attend, but please RSVP if you can by Wed, Mar 10 to Mary Claire Hayes at 703-336-3524 or [mcalmeter@hotmail.com](mailto:mcalmeter@hotmail.com).

**CHOOSE Life** 40-DAY PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL—from February 17 through March 28. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the two clinics virtually side-by-side in The Alexandria Medical & Professional Plaza at 2839 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA, for one or more hours during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Heide Seward at [hwseward@verizon.net](mailto:hwseward@verizon.net). To sign up online, go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com/alexandria/>; click on "Vigil Schedule" at the top, or go to <http://vigilcalendar.com/alexandria> directly. This will take you to the login page. Once you are verified you can login anytime and sign up for hours on the calendar, and you will be sent an automatic reminder the day before via email.

**Car raffle** tickets have been mailed to each family. You should receive them soon! We are participating with All Saints; a more generous venture than purchasing a vehicle on our own and each purchaser has a chance to win five cars! This makes "selling" more of an opportunity. You may sell the tickets or purchase them yourself. Also, tickets will be on sale in the rectory starting Monday, as well as after all Masses March 20th and 21st. Thank you for your support!

**JUST** A Ministry of Prayer and Reconciliation - As part of the Diocese's Lenten initiative, "The Light is on for You," we are making a commitment to pray in a special way for family members, friends, colleagues and neighbors who are alienated from the Church or who are inactive in the practice of their faith. Join us in praying at the church on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to ask that the grace of reconciliation can bring lasting peace to our hearts, homes, and communities.

**School News!**

**New Registrations for the 2010 - 2011 School Year - St. Louis School** is accepting applications for new students. If you missed our open house and would like more information about the great Catholic education here at St. Louis, please contact the school office at 703-768-7732.

**ATTENTION MEN**

**St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers.** *"As iron sharpens iron, so man sharpens his fellow man."* Proverbs 27:17. The intent of the St. Joseph's

Covenant Keepers is to bring together Catholic men, single or married, under the patronage of St. Joseph, to grow in the image of Christ and to strengthen our families and community. We normally meet every other Monday night from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the St. Louis Library with a separate meeting every other Saturday morning from 7:00am to 8:30am in Walsh Hall. There will be no meeting on March 20, in lieu of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Joseph's Day of Recollection at St. John the Beloved. The meeting scheduled for **Monday, March 15** will be moved to **Tuesday, March 16** for a celebration in honor of St. Joseph's Feast Day on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with a communal Mass at 6:00pm followed by a pot luck dinner in McClun Hall directly afterwards. Any questions contact Leo McCormick at 202-213-1789.

**The 12th Annual St. Joseph Day of Recollection for married and engaged men**, hosted and directed by Fr. Paul Scalia at St. John the Beloved in McLean, will occur **Saturday, March 20** from 9:30am to 2:00pm, beginning in the Parish Hall. Pre-registration is required to ensure sufficient information packets and food (lunch provided) are available. Register by sending a check for \$25 (payable to WAY) to: Angela Smith, 5673 Lonesome Dove Ct., Clifton, VA 20124. Direct any question to Robin Maas: [robinmaas@verizon.net](mailto:robinmaas@verizon.net).

**Catholic Diocese of Arlington's 2010 Men's Conference!**

On **Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** the Office for Family Life will host a Men's Conference at St. Joseph's Banquet Hall in Herndon. The conference will be an opportunity for men of the Diocese to recommit themselves to living out their faith in their daily lives, be inspired by Catholic speakers, and gather together with their brothers in Christ. Confirmed speakers include: Capt. Guy Gruters, Air Force fighter pilot in Vietnam and P.O.W. from 1967-1973; Catholic Congressman Chris Smith; and Fr. Paul Scalia, pastor of St. John the Beloved Parish. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Loverde. To attend, register now at [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org)! At this time, no on-site registrations will be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Tom O'Neill at [familylife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:familylife@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2550.

**Operation Rice Bowl:** *Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities. Pick up your rice bowl in the vestibule.*



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**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CCD SCHEDULES FOR MARCH &  
APRIL**

**Mon:** Mar. 8,15,22; Apr. 12,19,26 **NO CLASS: Mar. 29, Apr. 5**  
**Wed:** Mar. 10,17,24; Apr. 14,21,28 **NO CLASS: Mar. 31, Apr. 7**  
*Lenten Confessions in Grades 3-HS: March 8 & 10*

**CCD LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

This coming week all CCD Students in Grades 3-HS will be invited to receive God's graces in the Sacrament of Penance during CCD class times. Extra priests will be on hand to assist, so hopefully every student will have the joy of receiving God's forgiveness as part of their Lenten preparations for Easter. Please review the Rite of Penance and the Act of Contrition with your child at home.

**CCD CLASSES ASSIGNED TO DIFFERENT ROOMS**

Due to the roof problems in the John Paul II Jr. High Building, CCD students in Gr. 7, 8, & HS, as well as a few other classes, have been reassigned to classrooms in the Main School. These changes will probably be in place for the rest of the school year. For this reason, no students will dismiss from the Cafeteria but from the classroom to which they are now assigned.

**NEW CCD DISMISSAL PROCEDURES PHASED-IN**

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we work to better ensure the safety and security of every child in CCD! Remember to come to the classroom each week to sign out each child in CCD. Students not picked up at their classroom door will wait in the School Office to be signed out. *Parents must park & escort students to & from their classrooms. CCD access to the School is through the Main Entrance only; please do not enter or leave the Building through other doors.*

**PARENT MEETING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

If you have a child scheduled to receive First Holy Communion this Spring (CCD, St. Louis School, or homeschooled) and you missed the mandatory Feb. 23rd Parent Meeting, come by the Parish Office to pick up your informational packet with your child's schedule.

**REPORT CARDS: PLEASE SIGN & RETURN**

If you have not yet returned your child's "Report of Progress" card, please sign and return it to your child's teacher this week. *Thank you!*

**CONFIRMATION 2010 (8TH GR.) DEADLINES**

*Next Project: Apotheosis Report, Apr. 14.*

**CONFIRMATION 2011 (7TH GR.) DEADLINES**

*Next Project: Mass Project Essays, due Apr. 28.*

**RCIA SCHEDULE** *Participants: Plan to attend the Scrutinies—special Rites in preparation for Initiation—with special readings at 10:30am Mass on March 7, 14, 21. Also reserve Saturday, April 3, at Noon for Rehearsal and 7:30-11:00pm for Easter Vigil Mass.*

**Monday Classes: 7:30-9:00pm**  
**Class: Mar. 8,15,22,29; Apr. 12, 19, 26**  
**No Class: April 5**

**Sunday Program: 10:30am Mass**  
**Class: Mar. 7, 14, 21, 30**  
**No Sunday Classes after Easter Vigil**

*Carol Anne Jones, DRE: email carolanne@saintlouisparish.org*

**Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy** is a lay outreach ministry which promotes Perpetual Adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the dying, as brought to the world through the revelations granted to the Church through Saint Faustina Kowalska. Members are encouraged to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and to help people to become sensitive to the gift and beauty of all life, the preborn, the rejected, the lonely, the disabled, the elderly and the dying. Currently the members of the Cenacle prepare and serve meals at the Route One Community Kitchen (ROCK) which is located at the Elks Lodge on Richmond Highway. The Cenacle meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 9:45 A.M. to read and discuss Saint Faustina's Diary, excerpts from the Bible, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Contacts: Marita McCollum 703-768-3967 or Fran Raven 703-768-5295.

**United Community Ministries Food Drive**

**Thank You So Very, Very Much!! United Community Ministries (UCM)** would like to thank those St. Louis parishioners who participated in our February 2010 Food Drive. More than **1,300 lbs** of groceries were donated to UCM's **Food Pantry**. Your continued generosity enables UCM to "feed the hungry" in the Mount Vernon area. The next UCM Food Drive will take place **Saturday and Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**. We again are asking each St. Louis family to donate at least one bag of dry goods (pasta, rice, cereal, crackers, mac & cheese) and/or canned goods (fruit, veggies, soup, meat, fish, pasta sauce). Cash contributions also are welcome. If you have any questions about the food drive or UCM's **Food Pantry**, please contact Marvin Spychaj at 703-380-2970 or E-mail him at [marvinspychaj@msn.com](mailto:marvinspychaj@msn.com).

**Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Knights of Columbus**

Plan to celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** with the Mount Vernon Knights of Columbus on **Saturday, March 13, 2010**, at the Columbian Hall, 8592 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA. Doors open at 6:00 PM. A traditional Irish buffet dinner including corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, soda bread, salad and dessert will be served beginning at 6:45 PM, followed by live entertainment featuring Irish musicians Neil Foley and Patrick Farrell and the O'Neill-James Irish Dancers. There will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$25.00 per person if reserved or purchased before March 10<sup>th</sup>; after March 10<sup>th</sup>, tickets are \$35.00 per person. Free baby sitting will be available. For information or to reserve your tickets, please call 703-360-1964, ext 1, Wednesday through Friday. See you all there!!!!

**Sick and Homebound:** If you know of someone in need of the Sacraments who is homebound or hospitalized, call the Rectory Office.

Please pray for the deceased members of our Parish family.

**Prayer Line:** If you are in need of prayer and would welcome the support of our parish family, our Prayer Line is available to you. Please call Amy at 703-765-0761



**Please pray for the deceased:** Al Tarabochia, Segundo Delacruz, Lucy Strobel, Reuben Koeller, Catherine Cilinski, and Geraldine Williams.

*St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, please pray for them. Amen.*

**IN THE AREA**

**Witness to Hope and Healing: An Evening about God's Mercy** on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria, Virginia. An evening on the miracle of God's mercy with a talk by Fr. Robert Ruskamp, a witness by a woman healed in God's mercy, to be followed by Q&A. [www.arlingtondiocese.org/rachel](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/rachel). **FREE materials** are available upon request, including "After Abortion: God Offers Forgiveness, Healing and Hope – A Prayer Booklet for Women" recently published by The Word Among Us. Please contact our office at (703) 841-2755 for more information and to request our free resources.

**March 6-7, 2010** "Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." Marriage erodes when we take each other for granted. Hear more about the choices to love that keep marriage strong. The next local **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is May 14-16. 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>.

**Paul VI Catholic High School:** Close Up for Prospective Students and Parents – Looking for smaller classes and a greater sense of community for your child. Please come and explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education on March 10, 2010 at 7:00PM at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax. For more details contact: [ehanley@paulvi.net](mailto:ehanley@paulvi.net)

**SICK FRIENDS & RELATIVES**

Gustavo Arenas	Imelda Howard	Adelfa Penagos
Essie Backus	David Hsu	Frank Perka
Barbara Banis	R.K. Innocencio, Jr.	Peter Phan
Jason Banis	Dan Jenkins	Chris Renehan
Jocelyn Barra	Mary Jones	Kyle Renean
Marjorie Bautz	Peter Kamara Kaiti	Lloyd Richardson
Mauricio Bazan	Kappner	Sue Rieman
Lilly Beltran	Richard Koslow	Gabrielle Rodgers
Tony Bernardo	Melinda Kramer	Yvonne Rodriquez
Margaret Bishop	Pam Kramer	Joe Ryan
Peggy Burley	Irma Lamarra	Laura Mae Scudder
Agnes Campbell	Joan Layman	Deborah Schrenzel
Patricia Campbell	Philomena Luckey	Ginny Schwartz
Salvatore Caramagno	John Madigan	Gigi Sere
John Chang	Claire Marzullo	Virginia Sere
Ashely Charlton	Vincente Mattia	Eileen Steinway
Maria Chau	Joseph McCarthy	Lucy Strobel
Lenna Chawick	McConnell Family	Chela Sullivan
Catherine Chua	Barbara McCue	Winifred Sullivan
Judith Coates	Walter McMahan	SylviaTarabochia
Pat DiGeorge	Mary Meyers	Helmer Umanzor
Blanche Druker	Randy Meyers	Charles Upperman
K.C. Dufrain	Shelley Meyers	Lynn Webb
Mary Dugan	David Milne	Don Williams
Joanne Donahue	Alfred Monro	Francine Willis
Margaret Dulaney	Maria Monroy	Corey Wincek
Mary Ann Gomez	Earl & Mary Moore	Eligius Woli
Howard Glienke	Betsy Niezgoda	
Ruth Greathouse	Mary Northrop	
Regina Giuseppi	Maureen O'Brien	
EJ Hampton	Dorothy O'Donnell	
Christine Hayes	John O'Donnell	
Ray High	Cindy Peed	