

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

MONDAY 15th

Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
6:30 AM +Susan Adams
7:00 AM +Louis Weiners
8:45 AM +Joe & Vern Simpson

THURSDAY 18th

St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
6:30 AM +Jeannette & Olivia Niska
7:00 AM Patridge Family
8:45 AM Return to Health
7:30 PM Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY 16th

Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16
6:30 AM Kathy Shenkle
7:00 AM Dennis Toscano
8:45 AM Ken Hrechka
6:00 PM Essie Backus

FRIDAY 19th

St. Joseph
2Sm 7:4-5a,12-16,Rom 4:13-22,Mt 1:16-21
6:30 AM McCormick Family
7:00 AM Feliciano & Gloria Ayala
8:45 AM Margaret Dulaney

WEDNESDAY 17th

St. Patrick, bishop
Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
6:30 AM Marty Gendron
7:00 AM +Geri Williams
8:45 AM +Dorothy Kosloski

SATURDAY 20th

Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
7:00 AM +Michael Daley
8:45 AM +Patricia Spychaj
10:30 AM First Penance -
Celebrant's Intention

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14, Jn 8:1-11

SATURDAY 20th

5:30 PM +Santiago Lo Fr. Mullins

SUNDAY 21st

7:00 AM +Br. Joseph Pounds, O.F.M. Fr. Mullins
7:30 AM +Michael Evans Fr. Carrier
8:45 AM William Snider Fr. Idamor
10:30 AM +Evelyn Martin Fr. Mullins
12:30 PM +Marianna Czechowska Fr. Lamb
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Louis Fr. Mullins



Dear Parish Family,

Hopefully the last of the snow is behind us now, but you never know. A frequent question is, "Are you open when it snows?" That question can be answered in a couple of different ways. For the school and for the adoration chapel we follow Fairfax County schools. For the office, in accord with diocesan policy, we follow the Federal Government. As for Mass and confessions, we still have them at the same time no matter what. Even in the worst of the snow one or another of the priests was still able to burrow over to the Church and trek over to our good neighbors, the Poor Clares. We still have the Masses as we have the Mass intentions to fulfill and no matter how bad it gets there are still always at least a couple of hearty souls in the pews to keep us company.

Hopefully the Good Lord will send us plenty of sunshine to help us thaw out!

Your servant in Christ,
Fr. Mullins

FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

Lenten Bible Study: Monday, **March 15:** How the Psalms Reveal the Heart of Jesus, will be at 7:00 PM in the Church.

Join the St. Joseph Covenant Keepers and your fellow Parishioners on **Friday, March 19** at 6:15 p.m. for a soup supper in the school cafeteria. Stations of the Cross follow at 7:00 p.m. in the church.



Solemnity of Saint Joseph Celebration will take place on **Tuesday, March 16th**. Please join us for 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by a procession & potluck dinner in McClunn Hall. Please bring a dish that corresponds with your last name.

A-H: Side Dish I - P: Main Dish Q - Z: Dessert

*The Solemnity of St. Joseph is Friday, March 19th, but will be celebrated at St. Louis on Tuesday, March 16th this year.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS...

A very special welcome to our newest parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. James Bachtell, Mr. & Mrs. Damon Bosonac, Bruce McFetridge, Mr. & Mrs. Roderick Valerio, Mr. & Mrs. Redentor Pasia. 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 Vincent Patrick Foltz.



CONFESSIONS



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| Sunday, | March 14th | 10:00 -10:30 AM | All Priests |
| Monday, | March 15th | 9:15 AM Noon | |
| Tuesday, | March 16th | 9:15 AM | |
| Wednesday, | March 17th | 9:15 AM Noon 6:30- 8:00 PM | |
| Thursday, | March 18th | 9:15 AM | |
| Friday, | March 19th | 9:15 AM Noon | |
| Saturday, | March 20th | 9:15 AM 4:30 PM | |
| Sunday, | March 21st | 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

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| Offertory 36th Sunday, Fiscal Year 2010: | \$22,631.25 |
| YTD Total, Fiscal Year 2010: | \$880,608.27 |
| Offertory 36th Sunday, Fiscal Year 2009: | \$24,075.01 |
| YTD Total, Fiscal Year 2009: | \$934,368.07 |

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Humility must be the dominant virtue of an adorer. He adores Jesus far more humiliated in the Blessed Sacrament than at Bethlehem or during His mortal life. He serves the King of heaven and earth annihilated under the Sacred Species..." (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

Pancake Breakfast will be served by the Knights of Columbus after the 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses today in McClun Hall.

**Year For Priests Spiritual Bouquet Cards Now Available:**

Mark the Year for Priests, declared by Pope Benedict, by making spiritual sacrifices for your priests! Simply fill out the Spiritual Bouquet prayer cards available at the entrance to the parish or online at www.arlingtondiocese.org. Please indicate on the card, the number of Masses, Rosaries, Acts of Kindness, etc., that you will offer for your priests, and return the bottom half of the card to the parish office, drop it in the basket at the back of the Church, or return it by mail. There is also a space on the back to write a personal note, if you so choose. As we offer continued support for our priests during this jubilee year, please consider taking part in this prayerful effort.

Car raffle tickets have been mailed to each family. 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 on March 20th and 21st. Thank you for your support!

United Community Ministries (UCM) Monthly Food Drive

Next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, March 20th and 21st, St. Louis will conduct its monthly food drive to help stock the shelves of UCM's **Food Pantry** and help feed the hungry in the Mount Vernon area. Last month, we collected over 1,300 lbs of groceries for UCM. We pray that this spirit of generosity and giving continues into March. Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin for additional information.

St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers 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. There will be no meeting on March 20, in lieu of the 12th 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 19th. 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.

School News!

Join St. Louis School after all the Masses this weekend (3/13 & 3/14) for our **Bake Sale & Used Uniform Sale** in McClun Hall.

Interested in great Catholic education for your child? St. Louis School is still accepting applications for the upcoming 2010 - 2011 school year. Please contact the school office (703-768-7732) for more information or stop by to pick up a registration packet today. We look forward to meeting you!

Save the Date!**St. Louis School Golf Tournament**

When: Monday, May 24, 2010

Tee Time: Shotgun Start 12:00 PM (check-in begins at 10:00 AM)

Where: Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria 22309

Format: Best Ball Tournament

Buffet dinner and prize reception following the tournament. In order to make the tournament an exciting, fun, and successful event, we will need sponsors, players, and volunteers. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about any of these areas. Please contact John Mirvish (703-799-1738 or jmirvish@jermprod.com) about the tournament and volunteering and Kevin Retcher (703-799-5626 / 703-201-6138 or [kevin@firstmeridianmortgage.com](http://www.kevin@firstmeridianmortgage.com)) about sponsorship opportunities. We hope to have a website containing additional information about the tournament up and running soon at www.golf4stlouis.com. Thanks for your support!

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). 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.

Saint Louis Montessori Atrium for children 3-6 years old

Saint Louis Atrium has a few spots open for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years old for the following atrium sessions: Saturday morning (10am-12noon) and Thursday afternoon (4pm-6pm). Registration forms are available in the rectory. For more information, please contact Maria Blazeovich at (703) 765-4421 ext. 29 or maria@saintlouisparish.org.



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





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**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CCD SCHEDULES FOR MARCH & APRIL

Mon: Mar. 15,22; Apr. 12,19,26 **NO CLASS: Mar. 29, Apr. 5**

Wed: Mar. 17,24; Apr. 14,21,28 **NO CLASS: Mar. 31, Apr. 7**

Holy Week: March 28-April 3;

Easter Sunday: April 4

CCD LENTEN CONFESSIONS If your child missed Lenten Confessions at CCD last week, please take advantage of the many scheduled opportunities to take them to Confession before Easter.

HOLY WEEK Teach your child the Paschal Mystery by taking them to Holy Week Services—from Palm Sunday to Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper and Altar of Repose, to once-a-year services on Good Friday to the great joy of celebrating Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. These liturgies reveal the heart of our Faith in Christ and in the power of His Cross to save us!

RCIC STUDENTS PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS

If your child is preparing to receive Sacraments on April 10, be sure that your child's documents are turned in to the RE Office by March 25, including Baptismal certificates and/or Sponsor Eligibility Forms for Godparents, Sponsors, or Proxies. Call if you have questions.

CCD CLASSES ASSIGNED TO DIFFERENT ROOMS

Due to the roof problems in the JP II Building, CCD students in Gr. 7, 8, & HS now attend classes in the Main School. These changes will probably remain in place for the rest of the school year.

NEW CCD DISMISSAL PROCEDURES PHASED-IN

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we work to ensure the safety and security of every child in CCD! Remember to come to the classroom each week to sign out each child; students not picked up at the classroom door will wait in the School Office to be signed out. *Parents must park & escort students to & from 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.

CONFIRMATION 2010 (8TH GR.) DEADLINES

Next Project: Apologetics Report, Apr. 14.

CONFIRMATION 2011 (7TH GR.) DEADLINES

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

RCIA SCHEDULE Plan to attend the Scrutinies Mar. 14 & 21—with special readings at 10:30am Mass for RCIA. Also reserve Sat., Apr. 3, for Noon Rehearsal & 7:30-11:00pm for Easter Vigil Mass.

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

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

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

**Nominations For Outstanding Young Man and
Outstanding Young Woman of the Year**

The Mount Vernon Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased once again to request nominations for Outstanding Young Man of the Year and Outstanding Young Woman of the Year. Each 1st place winner will receive a \$1250 college scholarship. The 2d place winners will receive \$500 each, and the 3rd place winners each receive \$250.

Nominees must:

- Be graduating from high school in 2010
- Be a practicing Catholic
- Be a member of either Saint Louis or Good Shepherd Parish

Selection criteria include:

- Outstanding contributions made by nominee
- Academic excellence
- Civic, religious, and/or school-related Involvement
- Participation in extracurricular activities
- Special achievements, awards, and/or recognition received
- Participation with his/her family in performing any of the above

Please submit a written nomination for each candidate that addresses the six selection criteria listed above. Up to three letters of recommendation from teachers, clergy, and friends may also be included. Copies of certificates, photos, and other backup material are also welcome.

Written nominations and any supporting documents MUST be received at the Council office by 5:00 PM Friday, March 31. We regret that we cannot consider late submissions. Please mail or hand-carry your nomination packets to:

*Knights of Columbus
Mount Vernon Council
8592 Richmond Highway
Alexandria, VA 22309*

Silent Men's Retreat March 26-28, 2010

Join the men of St. Louis, Good Shepherd, St. Lawrence, and other local parishes for a weekend silent retreat at Loyola Retreat House located 35 miles south of Washington, on the Potomac River, in Faulkner, MD. The 2010 theme is "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." Why do we pray? How is it best done? In this retreat we look to Jesus for insight and instruction in this most fundamental aspect of our Christian lives. The three-day retreat that begins on Friday with an orientation at 6:45 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM and concludes with lunch on Sunday at 12:30 PM. Mass is offered each day and time will be made available each day for prayer, personal reflection, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The suggested offering for the weekend is \$225.00 (\$110 deposit required with reservation). Contact Jim McCracken, 703-960-4546 for more information.

"St. Joseph observed silence of patience, in all his trials seeking consolation only from our Lord and in the thought that he was suffering for Christ..." (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

IN THE AREA**CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT – Matt Maher LIVE!!**

Nominee of Five Dove Awards, Christian Singer and Songwriter Matt Maher will be performing LIVE on Friday, **April 23, 2010** at the Hilton Memorial Chapel in Dumfries, VA. Tickets are \$15 each or \$10 for groups of four or more. To purchase tickets, go to www.itickets.com. This concert will benefit St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School. To listen to Matt Maher, go to www.mattmahermusic.com.

Abortion Recovery Retreat for Women: The next *Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat* is scheduled for **April 30 – May 2, 2010**. These retreats are a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken from abortion. They offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where you can express, reconcile and release painful post-abortion emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more info or to register, please call Project Rachel **(703) 841-2504 / 888-456-HOPE** or email: projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org.

40-DAY PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL - through March 28th
The 40 Days for Life Campaign is a national effort to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils. Everyone can help in some way. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Heide Seward at hwseward@verizon.net

SICK FRIENDS & RELATIVES

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