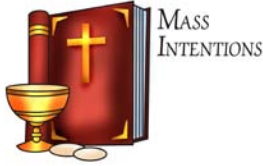


Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 22, 2009



Monday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of J. Bradley Kennedy
	9:00 a.m.	Peny Reloza✠
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
	9:00 a.m.	Colleen Wise✠
Ash Wednesday		
	7:30 a.m.	Special Intentions
	9:00 a.m.	Special Intentions
	6:30 p.m.	Special Intentions
	8:30 p.m.	Special Intentions
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
	9:00 a.m.	Maria Barcia✠
Friday	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
	7:00 p.m.	Maria Barcia✠
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
	5:00 p.m.	Mary M. Toigo✠
	7:00 p.m.	Margaret Gaimo✠
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Betty O'Leary✠
	9:00 a.m.	Erlinda Jalipa✠
	10:30 a.m.	Michelle Reynoldson✠
	12:15 p.m.	People of St. William of York
	5:00 p.m.	Basilja Jalipa✠

On Fridays during Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

✠Confession Schedule February 23rd – February 28th:

Tuesday:	9:30 a.m.
Thursday:	9:30 a.m.
Saturday:	9:30 a.m.
Saturday:	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*
Saturday:	6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

(* The penitent in the confessional at 4:30 p.m. will need to be the last confession heard.)

Sunday Collection for 2/15/09

Offertory:	\$13,225.00
Debt Collection:	\$ 4,822.00
Total:	\$18,047.00



Prayer Request...

Please keep everyone who is serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and their family members in your prayers.

Fr. Eric Albertson, John Allison, Ralph Allison, Caesar Camacho, Shawn Cunningham, Mike D'Eredita, Jason Freed, Richard Garver, Lt. Col. Richard G. de Guzman, Lt. Col. Tina Marie G. de Guzman, Jeff Hafner, Keirsten Hage, Maj. Pete Houtz, Ryan Kraft, Nicholas Kubick, Kent Larson, Michael Luther, Robert Mills, Timothy Noonan, Derek Rinaldo, Thomas Ryan, Christopher Schap, Justin Smarr, Daniel Stehm, Capt James Stoltz, Bobby Stone, Adam Stoyanac, Col. Rick Swengros, Capt. Richard Swengros, Chris Tolliver, Vincent Torney, Adam Wright, & Eric Wright.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen

Baptismal Preparation Class

The Baptismal Preparation Class for February will be held on Wednesday, March 4th & 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. The Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on Saturday, March 14th at 8:30 a.m. in the Brent Room. It is mandatory that all parents register with the parish office (659-1102) before the class.

Sunday Suppers

Everyone is invited to the Sunday Supper following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Join us in the parish center for a home-cooked meal.

Coffee and Donuts

The Ancient Order of Hibernians invite everyone to the parish center following all Sunday morning Masses for coffee and donuts.



Ash Wednesday, February 25th begins the season of Lent. Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 & 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 & 8:30 p.m. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Religious Education News

The date for first penance is:

Saturday Feb. 28th, 10:30 a.m.

Mrs. DeMonti, Mr. Connolly, Mr. & Mrs. McMormick,
Mr. & Mrs. Cournoyer, Mrs. Daigneau and Mrs. Greco

Looking for Geeks:

Fr. Magat is initiating a parish website committee to revamp and update our current website. If you are interested, please email Father Magat at fathermagat@gmail.com. The committee will have various sub-committees to handle different parts of the project.



Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday March 1st, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the parish center. Donating a pint of blood to someone who is desperately in need would be a wonderful offering during this sacrificial season of Lent. Please come and join your fellow parishioners in giving the "Gift of Life". Remember that a valid pictured ID is required prior to registration on that day. If you have any questions you may contact Kathleen or John Hannon at 720-1599.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

St. William of York PTO and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, General Meagher Division will be sponsoring the St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Saturday March 14th from 6 to 9 p.m. in the gym. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth. Advanced ticket sales only!!!! There will be dinner and entertainment for the whole family. For tickets and more information contact Bob Ghormley at (540) 752-9613.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Donations Needed

We are asking for your support for donations in the form of business ad space in our event program. Merchandise and services will also be accepted for door prizes that will be offered during the evening's festivities. We are both 501(3)C organizations and your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Contact Gillian Ramsel at 720-8954 for ad rates or for more info.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Volunteers Needed

If you would like to help with the St. Patrick's Day Celebration, please contact Patricia Davids at (540) 446-3814.

Lenten Soup Supper

Every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, different organizations of the parish will sponsor a Soup Supper in the center from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Join us for a sacrificial meal of homemade soups and a sandwich for a small donation, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

Critical Respect Life Alert:

Virginia's legislature is debating three bills to boost state biotechnology investment. While saying they are not interested in using the legislation to pursue life-destructive research, biotech organizations have repeatedly resisted including bioethical safeguards. It is critical that provisions be included in all three bills to make sure they do not become vehicles for state sponsorship of embryo-destructive research or research on aborted babies.

The Virginia Catholic Conference, which is the legislative advocacy office of Arlington Bishop Paul Loverde and Richmond Bishop Francis DiLorenzo, has prepared an alert to provide parishioners throughout the Commonwealth a very easy way to play a role in this critical debate. To let your state Delegate and Senator know of your strong support for bioethical protections to uphold the sanctity of life, please visit the Conference's website, www.vacatholic.org. At the top of the site is a link to an alert that includes a pre-written message that could be sent "as is" or edited to suit your own style. Upon clicking "Send Message," your message would be automatically routed to your own Delegate and Senator in the Virginia General Assembly (through a system that uses your residential address to determine your House and Senate districts).

Taking action takes just a minute or two and provides very important input to those who represent you. Please act on the alert between now and February 28th and encourage many others to do so as well.

Project Rachel Parish Promoter Workshop

Project Rachel will be holding a promoter workshop on Saturday, February 28th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Hannon Hall at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church in Alexandria. Project Rachel is looking for volunteer "Rachel Promoters" to assist us with awareness and education through brochures, flyers, bulletin announcements and other ways to spread the message of hope and healing in your parish community. Come and learn how you can help share the message of Hope, Healing and Mercy to those affected by abortion. For more information please call Jo at (703) 841-2504 or email: projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Hibernians Coffee and Donuts (Center)

8:45 a.m. R.E. Class

9:45 a.m. Choir (Brent Room)

10:45 a.m. R.E. Class

11:30 a.m. Youth Basketball (Gym)

1:30 p.m. Baptism (Church)

6:00 p.m. Sunday Supper (Center)

6:30 p.m. Adult Ed (Brent Room)

6:30 p.m. R.E. Class

6:45 p.m. Youth Group (Gym)

7:00 p.m. Venture Crew (K of C Hall)

Monday, February 23

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art Room)

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (K of C Hall)

Tuesday, February 24

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic (Brent Room)

9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)

9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers (Brent Room)

1:00 p.m. Senior Brian Train (Brent Room)

5:00 p.m. Baseball (Gym)

Wednesday, February 25

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Hour Prayer Group (Brent Room)

6:00 p.m. Choir (Brent Room)

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym)

7:30 p.m. Knight of Columbus Meeting (K of C Hall)

Thursday, February 26

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic (Brent Room)

9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)

5:00 p.m. Baseball (Gym)

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Art Room)

7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Brent Room)

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Center)

Friday, February 27

9:00 a.m. Health and Wellness Fair (School Lobby)

5:00 p.m. Soup Supper (Center)

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, February 28

9:30 a.m. Confessions (Church)

11:00 a.m. First Penance (Church)

12:00 p.m. Baseball (Gym)

3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)

5:45 p.m. Spanish Choir (Brent Room)

6:30 p.m. Spanish Confessions (Church)

St. Raphael Ministry

Calling All Seniors: 'BROWN BAG' your RXs and stop by St. Raphael Ministry Tuesday morning February 24th from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. during the Blood Pressure Clinic. Registered nurses will be on duty to assist you with medication organization and provide helpful information on safe RX scheduling at home. **Free** weekly RX distribution containers will be available.

Adoption Information Meeting

You are invited to attend an adoption information meeting on Saturday, March 7th at 10:00 a.m. at: Fredericksburg District Office of Catholic Charities 305 Hanson Avenue Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401. The presentation will cover Catholic Charities Domestic, International, Interstate and Parental Placement Adoption Programs with emphasis on the home study, placement and supervision of children as well as resources from which to adopt and local adoptive parent support groups. Please call (540) 371-1124 to pre-register. There is no charge for this meeting.

Survivor Peer Support Group

The monthly peer support group for survivors of clergy abuse and others affected by the abuse will meet on February 25th at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Tysons-Pimmit Hills Regional Library, 7684 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA. This group is co-sponsored by Voice of the Faithful-Northern Virginia affiliate and meets on the last Wednesday of every month. Free. Confidential. No registration required. For information or directions, contact Ellen Radday at (703) 538-6128.

Online Seminars from The Catholic Distance University

Plant the seeds of understanding this Lent with the online seminar Liturgical Readings for Lent February 23rd – March 16th. The season of Lent is a time for growing in an understanding of oneself in the Church and for service to society at large. This three-week seminar draws on the spiritual riches of the Scripture readings that will be proclaimed on the Sundays in Lent to show how each person can walk to the foot of the Cross, joining the Church in its great mission to the world. Upcoming seminars: St Augustine, March 16th – April 6th; More Letters of St. Paul, April 20th – May 11th. To learn more, visit CDU at www.cdu.edu, call 1-888-254-4238 ext. 700 or email admissions@cdu.edu.

Natural Family Planning Series

The Spring series will be taught on Saturday, March 21st, April 18th and May 16th @ St. William of York Catholic Church starting at 7 p.m. in the Brent Room. The cost of the series is \$135 which covers all materials. Assistance is available to couples with financial hardship. Previously enrolled couples are invited to any of the classes for a free refresher. **Pre-registration is**

required. Please contact the teaching couple, Mike and Stacie Ferry to pre-register at (540) 373-8617 or mferry8@cox.net. Please go to our website for a

schedule of classes
www.geocities.com/va_battlefield_ccl/.



February 22, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin on Ash Wednesday our annual Lenten pilgrimage, that “itinerary of more intense spiritual training” (cf. *Message of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI for Lent 2009*), we invite Saint Paul, during this Jubilee Year dedicated to him, to accompany us as our teacher and guide. Indeed, Saint Paul urges us: “...we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain...Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor 6: 1-2). The “now” of which he speaks is the season of Lent.

Saint Paul also points to prayer, fasting and almsgiving, reminding us to incorporate these three principal works of Lent into our daily living as we seek to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel” (cf. Liturgy for Ash Wednesday) throughout the forty days of our Lenten pilgrimage towards Easter. Moreover, in his *Message for Lent 2009*, Our Holy Father focuses his “reflections especially on the value and meaning of fasting.”

We find ourselves this Lent in the midst of an economic situation the likes of which we have not experienced since the 1930s. Pope Benedict XVI reminds us in his reflections on fasting that “voluntary fasting enables us to grow in the spirit of the Good Samaritan, who bends low and goes to the help of his suffering brother” (cf. *Deus Caritas Est*, 15). Through fasting or other similar acts of self-denial, we would then have more resources to share with those in greater need than ourselves. Imagine, for example, what would happen if we gave up buying lunch and instead brought from home a more simple fare. The money saved could help feed those who are truly experiencing deprivation of one kind or another. Each one of us can find specific ways by which to practice the self-denial of fasting, which then leads to the life-giving support of almsgiving, deeds of mercy.

Yes, the purpose of our annual Lenten pilgrimage and retreat is to unite us more closely to God and, through Him, with one another. What separates us is sin, our freely-willed lack of love for God, others and ourselves, expressed in a variety of ways. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came precisely for the forgiveness of sins and that forgiveness we experience in a most personal and real way when we are reconciled to Christ and to the Church in the Sacrament of Penance. There, through the instrumentality of the ordained priest, who represents both Christ and the Church, both of whom have been offended by our sins, and who has been given power by Christ to forgive sin (cf. John 20: 22-23), we encounter Divine Mercy and are truly forgiven.

I urge every member of our diocesan family to receive the Sacrament of Penance during our Lenten pilgrimage. A complete list of Confession schedules, the Act of Contrition, Examinations of Conscience and resources including the Holy Father’s Lenten Message for 2009, can be found at www.arlingtondiocese.org. I especially encourage anyone who has not received this sacrament in a long time to come back home to Jesus and to the Community of His Disciples, the Church. Do not be afraid! We have been waiting for you to return home. As we are told in the Scriptures, “Come back to me with all your heart” (Joel 2:12).

With Saint Paul as our teacher and guide, let us journey together through Lent: praying, fasting, giving alms and experiencing God’s reconciling love in the Sacrament of Penance. “May every family and Christian community use well this time of Lent, therefore, to cast aside all that distracts the spirit and grow in whatever nourishes the soul, moving it to love of God and neighbor” (cf. *Message of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI for Lent 2009*).

I join you on our Lenten pilgrimage with prayer, fasting, almsgiving, receiving the Sacrament of Penance and asking Saint Paul’s intercession.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington