

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 24

Dorothy McComiskey †, Kevin Evans †,
For the People, Mirtha Guardia †,
Debbie Bayless, (HC) Daniel Rose †

Monday, September 25

Don Morse Clark †, Fred Danzig †

Tuesday, September 26

David Clark (birthday), Alexander Zelinski †

Wednesday, September 27

Victor Schuster †, Natasha Powderly †

Thursday, September 28

Robert Milligan †, Ann Cullison †

Friday, September 29

Bob Metzger †, Carlos Otal III †

Saturday, September 30

Phyllis Crawford †, Sean Copeland †

Sunday, October 1

Elena Quartuccio (birthday), Fr. Don Greenhalgh (birthday)
Frances Casolaro †, For the People,
Lucy & Mike Lukacs, (HC) Odette O'Donnell †

READINGS

Sun: Is 55:6-9..... Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a
Mon: Ezr 1:1-6..... Lk 8:16-18
Tues: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20..... Lk 8:19-21
Wed: Ezr 9:5-9..... Lk 9:1-6
Thu: Hg 1:1-8..... Lk 9:7-9
Fri: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14..... Jn 1:47-51
Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a..... Lk 9:43b-45
Sun: Ez 18:25-28..... Phil 2:1-11
Mt 21:28-32

DONATIONS

Donations for the Week of September 10th

Sunday Collection	\$37,531.13
Building Fund	\$29,616.00
Capital Improvements	\$3,405.00
Religious Education	\$983.00
Additional Collections	
Samaritan Fund	\$1,431.75
Catholic University	\$139.00
Hurricane Harvey	\$22,213.74

Next weekend we will have a second collection to benefit those affected by Hurricane Irma. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the recovery efforts for those who were devastated by Hurricane Harvey. Your contributions will allow those who lost so much to sustain themselves with the basics while they seek to recover and rebuild their lives.

PARISH LIFE

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you or someone you know seeking a fuller relationship with Christ through Catholic teaching? Come journey with the RCIA program to a deeper faith life and full initiation into the Catholic faith through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. A welcome is extended to all those who are not baptized, those who are baptized in another Christian tradition and those baptized Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. For more information, please contact Father Barkett, 703-978-4141.

Widows Support Group

Please join us as we come together in Christian fellowship to share the stories of our loved ones as we walk an unexpected journey through grief. It does not matter if your spouse's death has been recent or many years, grief has no time frame. Please know that you are welcome to join us in the Apartment. You are not alone on this journey. As we gather together, with our hearts being shattered, may we become bonded as our hearts are mended, as we honor and remember those who have gone before us. We will meet on the first, second and fourth Monday of each month. Our first session is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 25th, at 5:00 PM. For more information please contact Joyce Johnson, MA, CT 703-455-7007.

Young Scout Faith & Fun Day - October 7th

12:45-4:45 at St. Raymond's Church

Honoring the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

This is an opportunity for youth in Trail Life, Camp Fire, Cub Scouts, American Heritage Girls and Girl Scouts, grades K-5th to participate in activities designed to stimulate and encourage their Catholic faith and conclude with Mass with Parents. Eat lunch prior to arrival. Cost is \$12 per scout. Light snacks provided. Registration deadline is Sept. 30th. Contact Michelle Huber at 703-323-1580 or michelle@hubertree.com for registration form and details.

Knights of Columbus "Helping Hands" Program

The Knights are committed to serving our parishioners and neighbors in need. Under our Helping Hands program, Council volunteers provide manpower to complete various projects around the home. Examples of the kind of support we have provided to our neighbors include painting rooms, trimming tree limbs, removing dead trees, constructing wheelchair ramps, clearing brush, and moving furniture. We will soon have a link established on the Council website to allow anyone to complete and submit an online form for review. In the interim, please contact our Helping Hands coordinator, Mr. Tim Hartle, either by e-mail to timhartle@gmail.com or by phone at 703-200-8375 to request Helping Hands support from the Knights of Columbus.

Gabriel Project Baby Shower Brunch!

Sunday, October 1st in Farrell Hall



All St. Mary of Sorrows parishioners are invited to join us for our 7th annual Gabriel Project Baby Shower Brunch after all morning Masses. Please bring a baby item to support the Gabriel Project and enjoy fellowship and delicious food!



Please email Martha Mellor at smosgabrielproject@gmail.com or call (703)323-3674 if you are interested in helping with the brunch.

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

The St. Mary's Womens' Group and the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rosary Makers invite all members of the Parish to participate in a Living Rosary following the 9:15am Mass on Saturday, October 7th. Afterwards, a brunch will be served. If you have any questions, please call Arlene Fitzpatrick at 703-323-9775, Susana Honeycutt at 703-250-5155 or Isolda Harrell at 703-764-0320.

LITURGY & MUSIC

Please Pray for the Sick

Roger Sachse, Zachary Wilson, Irene Sabo, Edward Connolly, Mary Connolly, Mary Ann Fleming, Patricia Ifft, Virginia MacLauchlan, Dave Anderson, Lisa Anderson, Diane Anderson, Steve Bruce, Christine Seebold, Matthew Menton, Walt Kleiman, Carol McGruff, John Esser, Tiffany Banules, Raymond Remeika, Peg Telesca, Presentation Novales, Ellen Neifert, Lilly Morris, Lamar Melton, Patricia Jaison, Lucy Sembach, John Moar, Gerard Maurer, Assunta Day, Christina Vloet, Pat Seiler, Peter Tompkins, Joline Unpingco, Julie Adkins, Larry Leidtke, Toni Morris, George Bonina Jr., Tom Copeland, Joanie Evans, Lynn Jones, Austin Ruby, and those in our book of prayers.

Friday Holy Hour

Friday, **September 29th** at 7:30pm the regular Holy Hour will be at the Worship Center during the visit of the United Nations Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Please come to spend time with our Lord through quiet prayer and reflection before His presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Visit of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, the United Nations Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting St. Mary's on **September 29th -October 1st**. Judy Studer, caretaker of the statue of Our Lady, will be speaking after the following Masses: 9:15am Saturday, **September 30th**, 5pm Saturday, 9am Sunday, **October 1st**, 12:30pm Sunday and 5pm Sunday. Judy will also have rosaries and medals from Fatima available for purchase.

Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosk

Be sure to check out the kiosk for the CD: "*An Invitation to Consider the Catholic Faith*" by our very own Fr. Peffley. It is a great tool for evangelization!

Diocesan Pilgrimage

Plan to join Bishop Burbidge in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. on Saturday, **October 14th**. Call Mary McKay, 703-978-4141, ext 112, if you are willing to offer a ride or need a ride. For details on the day see the Diocesan website <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanpilgrimage/>

Rosary Leaders

Each weekend there are many opportunities to lead the rosary before Mass. A step-by-step guide is available if you have never led the rosary before. Sign up is easy. From the St. Mary of Sorrows website-stmaryofsorrows.org, click the WebLinks tab, and then the Rosary Leader Sign Up. If you have questions, please call Mary McKay at 703-978-4141, x112, or email marym@stmaryofsorrows.org. Thank you to all who have been faithful volunteers in this service.

Ushers Needed - Usher Meeting

New and experienced Ushers, please meet in the Worship Center at 7:30pm on Monday, **October 16th**. If you looking for a way to participate more actively at St. Mary's or gain service hours, please consider ushering during Sunday Masses. We are looking for few more ushers for all Masses, particularly 11:00am; plus a few people to serve as substitutes. Ushers are a vital part of every Mass. Ushers typically serve at one Mass per month, the same weekend every month, and families are welcome to serve together. This vital ministry provides an opportunity to be a welcoming presence to those who come to Mass. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Joe Osborne at 703-250-8332 or saintmarysushers@cox.net.

We pray that we will be inspired by Saint Mother Teresa's example to help when we know someone is suffering from a lack of life's necessities or from poverty of spirit.

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 on Sundays by calling St. Mary's at 703-978-4141. If no answer, leave a message including your name and number. In the event of a Sacramental emergency, please contact the Duty Priest at 703-978-4141, x1.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Monday Evening Bible Study

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible," will be held in room 8L, on **September 24th** due to the Clothing Drive occupying Farrell Hall!

If you have ever felt overwhelmed and confused by the names, places and events of the Old Testament, this 8-part study (30 minute sessions) provides the easiest way to understand the Bible and makes the complex simple. It will help you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get "the big picture." Classes will be held on Monday evenings, at 7:00pm from **Sept. 18th through Oct. 30th** in Farrell Hall. For more details and to register for the class please contact Aida Willis at aidaw@stmaryofsorrows.org.

ST. MARY'S PRESCHOOL

St. Mary's Preschool Registration For 2017 - 2018 School Year



We still have a few openings in our Tuesday and Thursday morning 3-year-old program. Interested families need to call Miss Michelle in the Preschool Office, 703-978-4557 to make an appointment for a tour.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K - 6th

New Religious Ed Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 11:30am-6:30pm; Wednesday: 9:00am-5:00pm or by appointment. Friday – closed. If you have any questions about registration, please contact Aida Willis (aidaw@stmaryofsorrows.org, 703-978-4141, x129).

MAGNIFIKIDS!

MagnifiKid! There is still time to renew your subscription or purchase a new one! To see a sample, visit the Rel. Ed. Lobby. We'll be ordering year-long subscriptions for interested families. Subscription rates are \$16.00 for 12 months. Please leave your name and contact information and check made to St Mary of Sorrows, drop off in the RE office or front office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 7th - 8th

Junior High Youth Ministry

Email: maddyL@stmaryofsorrows.org

Monday Meet-Up

Join us this Monday after school in Farrell Hall from 3:00-4:00 pm. All 7th-8th graders are invited! We will have snacks, play games, and build up our Christian community. Bring your friends - all are welcome!

IGNITE Kickoff! - October 7

IGNITE is our once a month youth group gathering for 6-8th grade students. Join us in Farrell Hall, 6:00-8:00pm on **October 7th** for our kickoff. We will play crazy fall carnival games, and have a bonfire, so bring your friends! Every month at IGNITE we have dinner together, play awesome games, and grow in our faith through small group scripture study. We can't wait to see you there!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

SNL: Come & See (Clothing Drive)

Sunday, September 24th from 5-8:15pm in Farrell Hall

This week at our Sunday Night Live we are helping out with the Clothing Drive! We will have Mass, followed by dinner, we will then help sort clothes, have a short talk and small groups. All High School students are invited to join us!

LEAD Team

Tuesday September 26th at 7 p.m.

LEAD Team provides an opportunity for development and formation of Catholic leadership skills, deepening of one's prayer life and living an intentional and lively relationship with Christ. Our next meeting is on **September 26th**. All High School students invited!

Lectors & Ushers

We are looking for teens in grades 9-12 to serve as Lectors & Ushers at our 5:00pm Mass on Sunday for the 2017-2018 year. If you are interested (we provide training!) please contact Mark!

Any questions? Contact Mark at marks@stmaryofsorrows.org

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Samaritan Fund

"The Samaritan acts with true mercy: he binds up that man's wounds, takes him to an inn, takes care of him personally, and provides for his care. All this teaches us that compassion, love, is not a vague sentiment, but means taking care of the other even

paying for him. It means compromising oneself, taking all the necessary steps so as to “approach” the other to the point of identifying with him: “you shall love your neighbor as yourself”. This is the Lord’s Commandment.” Pope Francis.

Clothing Drive 2017

Calling all volunteers to Saint Mary’s annual clothing drive! You’re needed from Sunday to Wednesday, **September 24th to September 28th**. This is a great opportunity to meet and work with new parishioners on a very worthwhile project. No experience is necessary. There will be lots of clothes to organize, sort and pack for distribution to needy people. We’ll help you get started!!

Today is Brown Bag Sunday

Please take a bag with you after Mass and return it next Sunday with as many items listed as you can donate to help those in our community who are victims of food insecurity. Also, please plan to help re-stock the pantry on **October 1st**, beginning at 1:20pm. Why not make it a one-hour family service project?

Volunteer Opportunity

Just Neighbors Ministry (www.justneighbors.org) is a local ministry supported by St. Mary’s tithing funds that provides immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees in Northern Virginia. Just Neighbors is seeking volunteers to serve at its upcoming community clinics in Annandale. Volunteers will work with staff attorneys to interview clients from around the world and assist with their immigration applications. Volunteers do not need foreign language skills or legal experience, although Spanish is helpful. Clinics will be held at 5:30pm on Tuesdays **Oct. 17th, Nov. 14th and Dec. 12th**. Anyone interested in volunteering or learning more can contact Just Neighbors volunteer coordinator, Linda Lacy: Linda@justneighbors.org or 703-979-1240.

Coming Events

Mark Your Calendars and Check the Website,
www.stmaryofsorrows.org, for updates!

- Clothing Drive – September 23rd – September 27th
- Food Pantry Re-Stocking – October 1st
- Tithing Fund Application Deadline – October 31st
- Financial Literacy Workshop – November 14th
- Fall Harvest Food Collection – November 19th.

HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE

The Shepherd’s Center of Fairfax-Burke

will hold its Family Fun Bingo event on Saturday, **September 30**, 1:00-3:00pm (doors open at 12:30pm) at the Parish Center Gym, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. All proceeds benefit SCFB and its work for area seniors. Tickets, at \$10.00 each, include two bingo cards that can be played for the entire event, beverages and snacks. Additional cards may be purchased on-site at \$1.00 per card per

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	24	Simple Gifts	6:45am	MR
		Diaper Collection	7:30am	Foyer
		Clothing Drive	9:00am	FH
		Girl Scout Meeting	4:00pm	OSMH
		Youth Ministry	5:00pm	FH
Mon	25	Clothing Drive	9:00am	FH
		Mothers’ Group	10:00am	OSMH
		JH Monday Meet-up	3:00pm	FH(F)
		Widows’ Group	5:00pm	Apt
		Adult Ed Bible Study	7:00pm	8L
		Campaign Reception	7:00pm	OSMH
		ACOA/ACDF	7:30pm	UR
Tues	26	Clothing Drive	9:00am	FH
		Lord Teach Me to Pray	9:45am	UR
		Boutique	10:00am	FH(B)
		Campaign Reception	12:00pm	OSMH
		YM Lead Team Meeting	7:00pm	FH(F)
		Knights of Columbus	7:00pm	OSMH
		Bells of St. Mary’s	7:30pm	MR
Wed	27	Clothing Drive	9:00am	FH
		AA	10:00am	OSMH
		Lord Teach Me to Pray	10:00am	8L
		Lord Teach Me to Pray	10:00am	7L
		Children’s Choir	5:00pm	WC
		RCIA	7:00pm	UR
		Joyful Noise	7:15pm	WC
		Legion of Mary	7:15pm	6L
		Logs of Fire Prayer Group	7:30pm	Chapel
		SMOS Choir & Orchestra	7:30pm	MR
		Boys CLC	8:15pm	FH
Thu	28	Prayer Ministry	10:00am	HC
		New Spirit Singers	7:30pm	WC
		Core Life Transformation	7:30pm	UR
		Boy Scout Troop 697	7:30pm	OSMH
		Marian Singers	7:30pm	MR
		Baptism Class	7:30pm	8L
		Girls CLC	8:15pm	FH
Fri	29			
Sat	30	Spanish Class	10:00am	5L
		Marriage Enrichment Day	8:00am	FH
Sun	1	Simple Gifts	6:45am	MR
		AOH	1:00pm	OSMH
		Youth Ministry	5:00pm	FH

game.

To purchase tickets, please call Lisa Carroll at (703) 426-2824 or Kim Moden (703) 250-6065. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Bishop O’Connell High School Open House - Sunday, October 15th, 1-4 PM

Bishop O’Connell High School is hosting an Open House, where families are invited to learn more about the Catholic high school experience. Visit renovated science labs, learn more about the curriculum, meet teachers, administrators and coaches, and chat with current students. No RSVP necessary. Presentation begins at 1:00pm in the auditorium. For more information, visit www.bishopoconnell.org or call 703-237-1433. Bishop O’Connell High School is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.