

AUGUST 15, 2010

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

“He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.” Might the Lord be favoring you with an invitation to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Bashista (703) 841-2514, or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 14

VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

6:00pm **Mary Catherine Smith †**

Sunday, August 15

ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

7:30am **Mimi Lamarche †**

9:00am **Francis Niland**

10:30am **Parents of Betty Danley**

12:00n **Parishioners**

1:30pm **The Michael Lehr Family**

5:00pm **Elden Kasper †**

Monday, August 16 Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

9:00am **Ray Kalbacher †**

Tuesday, August 17 Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

9:00am **Teresa deNaranjo †**

Wednesday, August 18 Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

9:00am **William DeLost †**

Thursday, August 19 Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

9:00am **The Haythorn Family**

Friday, August 20 Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

9:00am **Nick DeShullo †**

Saturday, August 21 Ez 43:1-7b; Mt 23:1-12

9:00am **Thomas Mansfield †**

6:00pm **Claire McCormack †**

Sunday, August 22

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

7:30am **Ray Kalbacher †**

9:00am **Charles Ford**

10:30am **Michael LaCavita †**

12:00n **Ralph Rollins †**

1:30pm **Leon White †**

5:00pm **Parishioners**

† = May their souls rest in peace

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Parish Budget Requirement – \$ 17,500

AUGUST 7-8

Offertory – \$ 17,198.³⁷

Fr. Patrick's Home of Hope – \$25,783.¹⁹

**includes Church Offertory Collection and Faith Direct Funds*

ST. PATRICK PARISH FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 25

Your help is needed!

Please contact the rectory to volunteer

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

Visit the parish website www.saintpatrickparish.org
for the parish registration form, calendar, and current events

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS The next class will be on Tuesday, August 17 at 7:30pm. Please contact the rectory to register.

ENGAGED COUPLES Please contact the rectory at least six months before your desired wedding date.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES Contact the rectory if you have been asked to be a sponsor/godparent and require a Sponsorship Certificate.

BIBLE STUDY

Kathy Smith 785-1768

Study of the Book of Revelation - Second and fourth Wednesdays

BOOK STUDY

Religious Education Office 785-7857

Ralph Martin's book: The Fulfillment of All Desire. Alternating Thursdays

CURSILLO

Mary Lou McGonigle 972-4673

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

Ethel Malley 785-4753

Meet 1st Tuesday after the 9am Mass to discuss St Faustina's diaries.

ROSARY AT CARRIAGE HILL

Judy Lamasure 548-8740

Offer an hour on Friday mornings from 10-11am to assist in saying the rosary with the residents of Carriage Hill Nursing Home

SPIRITUALITY

Religious Education Office 785-7857

A study of: The Collected Works of St. John of the Cross - Mondays at 10am

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Bill Halpin 972-5903

Gen. Thomas Meagher Division supports Catholic charities and invites men of Irish descent to join the oldest Irish-Catholic organization in the world

FOOD DRIVE St. Patrick Parish holds a food drive on the second weekend of every month. Non-perishable food may be dropped off outside the front of the church. **The next food drive will be conducted on September 11-12**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – BATTLEFIELD COUNCIL

GRAND KNIGHT

Joe McEuen 972-2054

LADIES AUXILIARY

Grace McEuen 972-2054

MARTHA'S CARING HANDS

Parish Office 785-5299

A service providing funeral receptions in our parish hall. Please call the office if you need this service. Donations gratefully accepted to support this service!

PROLIFE ACTION

Parish Office 785-5299

Join a group of parishioners who pray outside the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Washington, DC every Saturday morning. Vans leave Costco at 7am and return by noon.

SERVANTS FOR SENIORS

John / Mary Jane Solomon 972-8915

Call if you need assistance with transportation, meals, yard work, errands, shopping, administrative assistance, etc. Please call if you can assist.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Meets on the first Saturday of each month after the 8am Mass and on the third Thursday at 7pm. Meetings are held in the St. Matthew Activity Center. All are welcome.

USHERS

Greg Gordon 786-0488 or dggordo@netzero.com

VISITATION APOSTLES

Parish Office 785-5299

Please call if you know a member of our Parish, homebound or in a nursing home, who would like to be visited or taken the Eucharist

The Gift Shop in the parish hall is open on Sunday mornings from after the 7:30am Mass until noon, and after the 9:00am Mass on Thursdays and by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Opportunity for Confession during Holy Hour
7:30-8:30pm on Thursday evening**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OFFICE 785-7857

REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL

Registration is required for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Registration is needed for Pre-K, K, 1 thru 8th, Confirmation (9th grade), high school, and home schoolers. The forms for registration are available in this week's bulletin, in the back of Church and on the door of the Religious Education Office. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office

Please be sure to read the entire registration form

TEACHERS

One sure way to grow in your Catholic faith is to teach it! The Religious Education program is in need of teachers, aides, and volunteers for the 10-11 school year. We need teachers for Sunday, Pre-K and all the grades from 1st thru Confirmation in the 9th grade. Except for the pre-k, all the other classes are held on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. If you have any inclination or desire, and a love for the faith, this office will help you grow in understanding of the faith. We will offer several study programs to help you increase your faith and your ability to teach. If you are interested in teaching, aiding, or volunteering, please call the Religious Education Office

If you are interested in teaching, aiding, or volunteering for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please call the Religious Education Office at 785-7857.

THE HOLY INNOCENTS HOME SCHOOL GROUP

...is the Catholic home school support group for the greater Fredericksburg area. If you are home schooling and would like more information on our activities and membership, please contact Theresa Rousseau at prolife1986@yahoo.com or 540-785-2297

MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS

Are you celebrating a Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this Year? Were you married in 1960 or 1985? Then join Bishop Loverde for the 2010 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, October 24 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Contact the parish office to register no later than September 24.

PREGNANT - NEED HELP?

Birthright of Fredericksburg 371-6119

Catholic Charities-United Way #6404 371-1124

Nurturing Network 1-800-TNN-4MOM

Rappahannock Pregnancy Help Center 370-1800

Paul Stefan Homes of VA www.paulstefanhome.org

(Combined Federal Campaign # 47774)

New members are welcome!

Join the Choir for a Season

TO PREPARE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Fall rehearsals for the choirs who sing at the 5pm and 10:30am Sunday Masses will begin the week of September 12.

The next rehearsal for the Psalm 23 Choir who assists at Funerals will be on Friday, September 24.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Youth in grades 2-12 are invited to join the choir who will sing for the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will be from 6:30-7:30pm each Wednesday evening beginning October 6. The ability to read music is not required, but the ability to read is. The choir is limited to 40 participants and registration is required.

To join a choir, please contact Maureen McClure at music@saintpatrickparish.org or leave a message at the parish office at 785-5299.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE IN TROUBLE?

Retrouvaille can help, please call (703) 351-7211 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

PRAISE GOD WITH THE GIFT OF FLOWERS

Contributions of flowers for the Altar can be made in remembrance of a loved one's birthday, anniversary, or any occasion you wish. Wedding parties are also encouraged to gift their flowers to the church.

Please call Pat Lovett (786-8600) or Linda Lindenauer (972-8083) for further information

ABORTION RECOVERY RETREATS FOR WOMEN

An "Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer and Healing will take place on Saturday, September 18 and a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat is scheduled for October 15-17. 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-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more info or to register, please call Project Rachel (703) 841-2504 or (888) 456-HOPE or email projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org

CATHOLIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Catholic Heritage Festival, Saturday, October 2 from 11am to 4pm at Bull Run Regional Park in Centreville. Celebrate with fellow Catholics of all ages and nationalities from across the Diocese with Mass, great food, games, music, sporting events, dancing and more. Celebrate the oneness of our faith at Arlington's second diocesan-wide Catholic Heritage Festival.

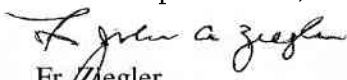
Dear friends in Christ:

The Feast of the Queenship of Mary was instituted by Encyclical Letter (*Ad Caeli Reginam*) on October 11, 1954 by His Holiness Pope Pius XII (who was recently declared venerable by Pope Benedict XVI). The feast day was originally observed on May 31 but has now been transferred to August 22, the octave day of the Assumption. In his own words, Pope Pius XII: "ordained that on this day a consecration of the human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary be renewed, cherishing the hope that through such consecration a new era might begin, joyous in Christian peace and the triumph of religion."

In accordance with the Holy Father's directive, this same prayer of consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be recited by the celebrant, together with all the faithful present, five minutes prior to the beginning of each Mass on Sunday, August 22nd. Copies of the prayer will be available in the Church that day.

Thank you for your continued prayers to Our Lady as we all turn to her for her special protection and help in these days. Through this consecration prayer and through our continued dedication to praying fervently the Holy Rosary, may we hasten the day of peace which she has promised us in the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

Ad Iesum per Mariam,



Fr. Ziegler

PAPAL BLESSINGS

The Catholic Church offers blessings from the Holy Father for special occasions such as Baptisms, Confirmations, marriages, and anniversaries. These blessings come in the form of certificates with the name(s) inscribed. Many people treasure these certificates as important symbols of sacraments and special occasions.

For information on how to request a Papal Blessing, including the available options and cost of the certificates, visit the diocesan website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/worship/papal_blessings.php Please be aware that the process of obtaining a Papal Blessing may take three months or more.

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Having completed the course of her earthly life, Mary's complete person, both body and soul, was taken into heavenly glory. In other words, her Assumption means that she already enjoys what all Christians hope to receive at the resurrection of the body.

FROM THE CATECHISM

ARTICLE 9: "I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH "

Paragraph 6. Mary - Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church

⁹⁶⁵ After her Son's Ascension, Mary "aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers."⁵⁰⁶ In her association with the apostles and several women, "we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation."⁵⁰⁷

... also in her Assumption

⁹⁶⁶ "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."⁵⁰⁸ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.⁵⁰⁹

... she is our Mother in the order of grace

⁹⁶⁷ By her complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity. Thus she is a "preeminent and . . . wholly unique member of the Church"; indeed, she is the "exemplary realization" (typus)⁵¹⁰ of the Church.

⁹⁶⁸ Her role in relation to the Church and to all humanity goes still further. "In a wholly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope, and burning charity in the Savior's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a mother to us in the order of grace."⁵¹¹

⁹⁶⁹ "This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace continues uninterruptedly from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation . . . Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix."⁵¹²

⁹⁷⁰ "Mary's function as mother of men in no way obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows its power. But the Blessed Virgin's salutary influence on men . . . flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on his mediation, depends entirely on it, and draws all its power from it."⁵¹³ "No creature could ever be counted along with the Incarnate Word and Redeemer; but just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in various ways both by his ministers and the faithful, and as the one goodness of God is radiated in different ways among his creatures, so also the unique mediation of the Redeemer does not exclude but rather gives rise to a manifold cooperation which is but a sharing in this one source."⁵¹⁴