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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

There are many dates in the upcoming weeks and months that are available for Mass Intentions. Please contact the office to arrange for an intention and to get a Mass card.

**Sunday, December 20**

8:00 a.m. Kyle Ketchum  
10:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
12:00 Shelley Ketchum

**Monday, December 21**

9:00 a.m. Siena Academy Staff

**Tuesday, December 22**

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Cinquegrana

**Wednesday, December 23**

9:00 a.m. Barbara Marie Gorlinsky †

**Thursday, December 24**

9:00 a.m. Lucille Calderazzo †  
**5:30** p.m. Virginia Stimson †  
Midnight Pro Populo

**Friday, December 25 Christmas**

10:00 a.m. Maryellen Smith †  
12:00 a.m. John & Anna Ochs

**Saturday, December 26**

9:00 a.m. The Seippel Family  
5:30 p.m. Special Intention

**Pray for the Sick and Homebound of our Parish**

Elaine Elizabeth Abraham, Joshua Basile, Bryan Cox, Flora DeLeon, Betsabe de Soto, Marjorie Dolak, Christa Drummond, Larry Dublin, Marilyn Flynn, Jackie Fox, Danny Frey, Brian Hack, Elizabeth Hooten, Marjorie Horan, Carol McCarty, Susan McQuade, Canon Craig Merkel, Peter Milchalski, David Murphy, Fr. Paul Richardson, William Schrepel, Murray Schooner, Lien Shinta, John Spencer, Cris Ternisky, Abby Trepacz, Ana Laura Valdez, Anthony Yantiss, Dona Curry, Tom Case, Dianne Burrell, Joan Keller.

**Pray for Those Who have Fallen Asleep in Christ**

James Anthony, Maryann Barron, Philip Calanchini, Joe Cassella, Bill Corr, Joseph Dunne, Bill Hale, Mary Elizabeth Jones, Cynthia Randall, Victor Wouters, Marie Cattaro, Virginia Stimson.

**Pray for our Armed Forces Personnel**

Patrick Bouchoux, Jordan Bowren, Dane Doocy, Brendan Dunne, Mark Falcon, Christopher Frediani, Michael Holtz, Brian Horn, Kathleen Mahoney, Josh Moore, Matthew O'Neil, Mathew Rowell, Justin Smallwood



**Annual Christmas Open House**

- ❖ Father Drummond will be hosting the Parish Christmas Open House. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this annual event. The date to save is Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m., at the Rectory.

**Ring in the New Year with God**

- ❖ Eucharistic Holy Hour from 11 -12 New Year's Eve. Benediction at Midnight!

**READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday December 20 – 4th Sunday in Advent**

Mi 5:1-4a, Ps 80 Heb 10:5-10, Lk 1:39-45

**Monday December 21 – Weekday in Advent**

Sg 2:8-14, Ps 33, Lk 1:39-45

**Tuesday December 22 – Weekday in Advent**

1 Sm 1:24-28, (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8, Lk 1:46-56

**Wednesday December 23 – Weekday in Advent**

Mal 3:1-4,23-24, Ps 25, Lk 1:57-66

**Thursday December 24 – Weekday in Advent**

2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16, Ps 89, Lk 1:67-79

**Christmas Vigil**

Is 62:1-5, Ps 89, Acts 13:16-17,22-25, Mt 1:1-25

**Christmas Midnight Mass**

Is 9:1-6, Ps 96, Ti 2:11-14, Lk 2:1-14

**Christmas Day**

Is 52:7-10, Ps 98, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18

**Saturday December 26 – Stephen, First Martyr**

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59, Ps 31, Mt 10:17-22

**“Our” Seminarians**

Please keep our Seminarians in your prayers as they continue their studies. They would be more than happy to receive some encouraging words.

Deacon Mick Kelly / Brian McAllister (parishioner)  
Mount Saint Mary's Seminary  
16000 Old Emmitsburg Road  
Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797

Mike Isenberg / Nick Barnes  
North American College  
00120 Vatican City State  
Europe

## Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour

The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith, and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease. – *John Paul II*

To sign up for adoration or for information regarding adoration please contact Diane Cieslak 703.678.3919.

**24 hour Eucharistic Adoration** begins after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday and ends with reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:55 a.m. on Thursday.

**24 hour Eucharistic Adoration** also begins after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on every First Friday of the month and ends with reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:55 a.m. on Saturday.

**Holy Hour** is Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

**Please note no there is no Adoration or Holy Hour Wednesday December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

## The Blessed Sacrament

**THIS IS MY BODY – THIS IS MY BLOOD**



## The Knights of Columbus News

### Consider This Opportunity to Serve!

The Knights of Columbus are the largest Catholic Men fraternal organization – are you a Knight?

For information please contact Kevin Trissell at 703.464.8393 or [trissellkojc@verizon.net](mailto:trissellkojc@verizon.net)



## Over 50 Group

### 2010 Trips

◆ *March 5* – “Philadelphia Flower Show: – The theme is Passport To The World, which takes you on a breathtaking floral trip around the world: India, The Netherlands,

◆ *April 14* – Sight & Sound in Lancaster will present its newest show “Joseph” the inspiring journey and restoration of his family especially important in today’s world. Sound track with 14 original songs, 30 foot high Egyptian palace on a 300 foot stage that wraps around three sides of the audience. A wonderful buffet at Miller’s included. Do not miss this outstanding show \$89 complete.

Membership in the Club is not required to travel with us! Please call the following for more information and/or registration. Mary Ann at 703.404.8677 or Connie at 703.759.2939



## Office of Religious Education

“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it” – Proverbs 22:6

*The Office of Religious Education is closed on Fridays*

## Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

### CCD Class Calendar

#### December

21,22 All classes in session

28,29 No classes

#### January

4,5 All classes in session

11,12 All classes in session

18 No Monday classes

19 All Tuesday classes in session

25,26 All classes in session

### Other Important Dates

#### February

20 First Penance at 9:00 a.m.

#### March

13 Boys retreat for Holy Sacrament of Confirmation

20 Girls retreat for Holy Sacrament of Confirmation

#### May

15 Mass of First Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.



## Catholic Youth Organization

Please see the CYO bulletin board for all upcoming events

**Senior CYO** – 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Meetings on the first Sunday of the month 6–8 p.m.

**Junior CYO** – 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grades

Meetings on the first Friday of the month 6-8 p.m.

### 2009 – 2010 Adult Bible Study Series

**Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**We will meet in Bishop Justs Hall**

Bring a Bible; bring a friend; save a soul! A light breakfast will be served.

#### January 2010

The Epistles of St. John & Pope Benedict’s “God is Love”

#### Spring 2010

Revelation, The Apocalypse of St. John



## Siena Academy News

### Mission Statement

Our mission is to give glory to God and to assist parents in the role as primary educators of their children by offering specially prepared environments founded upon the principles made by Dr. Maria Montessori..

### eScrip

Do you shop online for Christmas presents?

If so, please support Siena Academy (ID number: 500003075) by using the eScrip Online Mall. Shop at over 1,000 of your favorite online merchants and earn up to 16% for Siena Academy. Enroll with [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), click on Online Mall logo at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and then shop at your favorite brand name store and automatically donate to our group. Vendors include eBay, Nordstrom, Barnes and Noble, The Home Depot, Toys R Us, Disney among others.

### Recycle Your Old Cell Phones

Do you have old laptops, ipods, or cell phones? Printer toner cartridges or inkjet cartridges? You can donate these at the conveniently located eScrip bin in the Narthex of the Church. Please make sure the laptops are bootable and have the power cords with them if we want to get credit. Accessories such as external drives are not needed or accepted. Thanks for your support! If there are questions please contact Betsye Richardson at [betsyer@verizon.net](mailto:betsyer@verizon.net).

## Bereavement Support Group



St. Catherine of Siena Bereavement Support Group invites you to join us on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Padre Pio Hall in a discussion of coping with our losses through the holidays. Any questions please call Nancy Tanner 703-757-0045

Parish Office will be closed:

December 24, 25 & January 1, 2010

New Year Mass Schedule  
Solemnity Blessed Virgin Mary,  
The Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil – December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30  
Holy Hour – December 31<sup>st</sup> 11 p.m.  
Benediction – December 31<sup>st</sup> 12 p.m.

New Year's Day – January 1, 2010  
Mass – 10 a.m. & 12 noon

## United Way/Combined Federal Campaign

Let your workplace giving support the services of Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese of Arlington. Select United Way #8055 or CFC #24770 as your designated charity when you make your donations. Catholic Charities serves 21 counties in northern Virginia through a soup kitchen, Christ House on Wheels food delivery program, counseling, homeless shelter, adoption program, senior center, and other programs ([www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)).

## Help After Abortion

Are you experiencing feelings of shame, guilt, regret and sadness? Have you lost a child to abortion? Contact Project Rachel post-abortion healing ministry for confidential referrals to trained clergy, professional counselors, retreats and/or aftercare gatherings at (703) 841-2504 or [www.arlingtondiocese.org/rachel](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/rachel).

## THANK YOU

The Nicaragua Committee and Monsignor Urbina from Our Sister Parish in Nicaragua says to St. Catherine's of Siena "Thank you very much for the \$1000 donation from our poor box. He said that they will have a very good meal for the children's feeding center this Christmas."



### In the Diocese & Other Events

Website: [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org)

"Some white-collar jobs are just more challenging than others"

Please pray for Bishop Loverde,  
Fr. Drummond and all of our Priests

### From the Office of Vocations

Are you seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine" your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Call Father Brian Bashista (703) 841-2514, or write: [b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).