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Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 1

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| 8:00 a.m. | Francois Haeringer † |
| 10:00 a.m. | Pro Populo |
| 12:00 noon | Christa Drummond † |

Monday, August 2

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| 9:00 a.m. | Domenica Turdo Maggiore † |
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Tuesday, August 3

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| 9:00 a.m. | Special Intention |
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Wednesday, August 4

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| 9:00 a.m. | Charles Jordan Jr. |
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Thursday, August 5

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| 9:00 a.m. | Lolita B. Cohn † |
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Friday, August 6

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| 9:00 a.m. | Joseph DiFernando † |
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Saturday, August 7

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| 9:00 a.m. | Nathanael Hale |
| 5:30 p.m. | William J. Hennessy Sr. † |

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc1 1: 2; 2: 21-23, Ps 90, Col 3: 1-5, 9-11, Lk 12: 13-21

Monday, Weekday in Ordinary Time

Jer 28: 1-17, Ps 119, Mt 14: 13-21

Tuesday, Weekday in Ordinary Time

Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22, Ps 102, Mt 14: 22-36

Wednesday, St. John Mary Vianney, Patron of Priests

Jer 31: 1-7 (Ps) Jer 31, Mt 15: 21-28

Thursday, Weekday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31: 31-34, Ps 51, Mt 16: 13-23

Friday, The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14, Ps 97, 2 Pt 1: 16-19, Lk 9: 28b-36

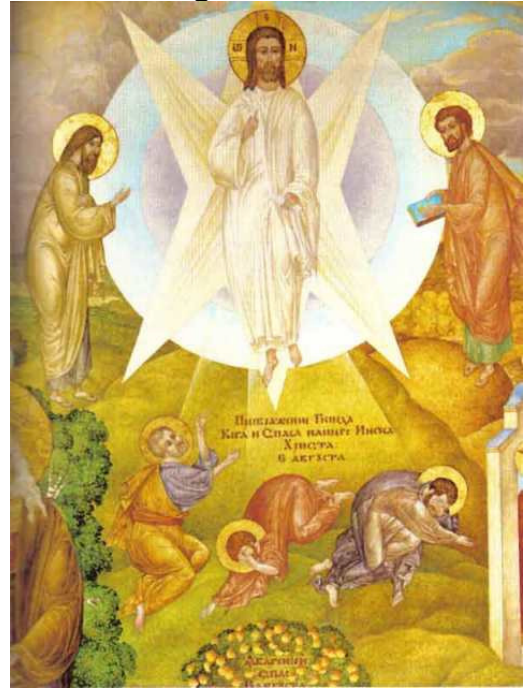
Saturday, First Saturday

Hb 1: 12-2: 4, Ps 9, Mt 17: 14-20

Parish Stewardship

Thank you for your generous offerings of July 24/25.
The regular collection brought in \$14,917 and the Poor Box yielded \$265.

The Transfiguration of the Lord



Transfigured in glory, the Son of Man has received kingship and dominion. He will come again in glory. This feast was inserted into the general calendar in 1457 by Pope Callistus, III to celebrate the defeat, announced in Rome on 6 August, of the Turks at Belgrade occurs forty days before the feast of the Triumph of the Cross..

The Transfiguration of Christ is the culmination point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting point, and His Ascension its end. This glorious event has been related in detail by St. Matthew (17: 1-6), St. Mark (9: 1-8) and St. Luke (9: 28-36), while St. Peter (2 Peter 1: 16-18) and St. John (1: 14), two of the privileged witnesses, make allusion to it.

About a week after His sojourn in Caesarea Philippi, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John and led them to a high mountain apart, where He was transfigured before their ravished eyes. St. Matthew and St. Mark express this phenomenon by the word *metemohothe* which the Vulgate renders *transfiguration* est. The Synoptics explain the true meaning of the word by adding "His face did shine as the sun, and His garments became white as snow." according to the Vulgate, or "as light," according to the Greek text.

This dazzling brightness, which emanated from His whole Body, was produced by an interior shining of His Divinity. False Judaism had rejected the Messiahs, and now true Judaism, represented by Moses and Elias, the Law and the Prophets, recognized and adored Him, while for the second time God, the Father proclaimed Him His only begotten and well-loved Son. By this glorious manifestation the Divine Master, who had just foretold His Passion to the Apostles and who spoke with Moses and Elias of the trials which awaited Him at Jerusalem, strengthened the faith of His three friends and prepared them for the terrible struggle of which they were to be witnesses in Gethsemane, by giving them a foretaste of the glory and heavenly delights to which we attain by suffering.

Communion and Blessings

A very common liturgical abuse of our times happens during the reception of Holy Communion when persons who cannot receive Communion nevertheless line up with their arms crossed over their chest, as a "message" to the priest that they want a blessing instead of Communion. This is liturgically incorrect on a number of levels. First and foremost, the time for Communion is the *time for Communion*. The Communion line is not, and should not be, the blessing line. Secondly, the liturgical actions of the priest during Mass are highly regulated, and quite specific of what to do and when to do it. The actions of a good liturgist may seem spontaneous, but they are not *and should not be*.

Unfortunately, owing to the confused time in which we live, some people are instructed to present themselves, arms crossed, before the priest at Communion time for a blessing. To make things even more confused, some people present themselves with crossed arms as a sign that they wish to receive on the tongue! Children who have not yet made their first Communion may come up with their parents who are receiving, but should not present themselves individually for a blessing. Others, who cannot receive, for whatever reason, should remain seated. The proper time for the blessing follows the prayer after Communion, which blessing all receive together.



Pray for the Sick and Homebound of our Parish

Joshua Basile, Ed Bubbosh, Dianne Burrell, Tom Case, Bryan Cox, Dona Curry, Flora DeLeon, Betsabe deSoto, Marjorie Dolak, Antonia Igllic-Dolenc, Eileen Drennan, Jim Drennan, Marilyn Flynn, Gerald Green, Brian Hack, Michael Keran, Ed Kondracki, John Larounis, Carol McCarty, Susan McQuade, Peter Michalski, Peggy Selton, K.L. Sypal, Chick Wilson, Anthony Yantiss

Pray for Those Who have Fallen Asleep in Christ

James Anthony, Peter Choo, John Connor, Moira Connor, Joseph DiFerdinando, Jean Driggers, Christa Drummond, Br. David Eddy, George Gibson, Eddie Guerrero, Francois Haeringer, Carol Jones, Joan Keller, Rector Craig Merkel, Jan Wouters

Pray for our Armed Forces Personnel

Patrick Bouchoux, Brendan Dunne, Mark Falcon, Christopher Frediani, Brian Horn, Josh Moore, Matthew O'Neil, Mathew Rowell, Justin Smallwood

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.

The Blessed Sacrament THIS IS MY BODY – THIS IS MY BLOOD

Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour

A Holy Hour is simply an hour set-aside totally for the Lord; an hour consecrated to God. It is a time to recollect our mind, heart and spirit in order to focus them on God and more specifically our Eucharistic Lord. 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.

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 every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

An Open Invitation From the Lord - We Need You!

Adoration has two openings that need to be filled immediately: *one from 11:00 a.m. – Noon and one from 11: p.m. – 12:00 a.m.* on Wednesdays. In addition, most of the hours of First Fridays have only one adorer. We would like at least two people. If you have considered attending adoration, consider this God's personal invitation. If you cannot commit to an hour every week, share the time with friends or family. For question and/or to sign up please contact Diane Cieslak 703-678-3919.



Men's Prayer Group

Gentlemen, feeling pulled to "pick up the pace" in your prayer life? Come join your silent prayers with ours in Adoration before the Blessed

Sacrament in support of our pastor, parish and school. Thursdays from 5:00 – 6:00 a.m. For further information: ksypal@yahoo.com.

Second Collection

The Diocesan Mission in the Dominican Republic

Next weekend's second collection will benefit the work of two priests from the Diocese of Arlington who serve as missionaries in the Dominican Republic, Fr. Murphy and Fr. O'Hare serve over 10,000 poor people in the rural frontier near the border of Haiti. Fr. Christopher Murphy, current pastor in the Dominican Republic will be speaking at all Masses. Please be generous!

Book Corner News

The **Big News** is that the book corner is now accepting credit cards!!!! We accept Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. The payment slips are in the basket with the envelopes. Complete the charge slip put it in the envelope and slips it under the RE office door when we are not in the RE office.

Office of Religious Education

Please Note: *The Office of Religious Education is closed on Thursdays and Fridays.* Email the office at reoffice@SaintCatherinesChurch.org for any information.



Catechist Corner

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

Registration forms are now available for the 2010-2011 CCD classes. The forms are located on the bulletin board in-between the two RE offices. Deadline: August 1st

CCD Classes resume on *Monday, September 13, 2010*

CCD Needs Your Help for the 2010-2011 School Year

Mondays, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Teacher and Assistants needed for grades 1,3,4,5 & 6

Teachers *only* needed for grade 2

Mondays, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.

Assistants *only* needed for grades 3, 6, & 7

Teacher and Assistant needed for grade 5

Tuesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Assistants *only* needed for grades 3, 5, & 6

Teacher and assistant needed for grade 4

Please consider giving some time to the children of our parish. It is truly a rewarding experience in many ways!

Confirmation

September

7, 14, 21 Final classes from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

(Please note: changes in dates for these final classes).

Dinner will be served to all students.

17 Rehearsal **with sponsors**, 6:30 p.m.

24 Confirmation Mass

Bishop Loverde! Presiding at 7:30 p.m.



Catholic Youth Organization

Please see the CYO bulletin board for all upcoming events

Senior CYO – 8th – 12th grade

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

Junior CYO – 4th – 7th grades

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

Seniors

August

8, 15, 22, 29 Bowling 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



Over 50 Club

◆ *September 8 -9*

Atlantic City

Overnight at the Tropicana Casino. Include a buffet dinner, breakfast and a bonus package, plus a show if one is scheduled. The 9th is the Resorts Casino with another bonus. *The date might be changed to fit the show schedule.* \$149/dbl - 199/single.

◆ *September 11*

The Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre

In Lancaster. PA. The show is GEORGE M. with wonderful music and a professional cast. \$98.

◆ *September 20-24*

Fall Foliage Rocking Horse Ranch

In the Catskill Mountains. Staying at the Rocking Horse Ranch with all sit-down meals from the menu. Day and evening activities including side trips. Everything is located on one floor (great for seniors). \$623.

◆ *September 27-30*

Wildwood Seafood Feast

Includes: 3 nights accommodations, 3 full breakfasts and dinners that include a deluxe seafood buffet with an assortment of seafood and roast beef, a trip to Cape May, one day at the Tropicana Casino with bonus package, a visit to the Smithville Village, Washington Street Mall and more.\$329.

◆ *October 3*

Riverside Dinner Theatre

In Fredericksburg, VA. This beautiful theatre will present the show CHICAGO. A sit-down luncheon is included. \$89.

◆ *December 1*

Voices of Christmas

At the Living Water Theatre in Lancaster, PA. This is the final performance for this wonderful show, an exhilarating journey through the treasured traditions of Christmas. \$76.

◆ *December*

White House Tour

No date set yet.

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.



The Knights of Columbus News

Consider This Opportunity to Serve!

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

For information please contact Kevin Trissell at 703-464-8393 or trissellkofc@verizon.net.



The Women's Association News

All women of the parish are cordially invited to join and participate in our monthly activities and fellowship. We have great camaraderie and encourage you to come and be a part of our community. The Women's Association is looking for new members to enjoy the company of like-minded women by serving St. Catherine's of Siena Church in various ways. So, give it some thought and if you are interested in a break from your everyday routine or would like more information please contact Lynn at ghanlon@cox.net.



Siena Academy News

Mission Statement

Siena Academy is the parish school at St. Catherine of Siena. Its 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 and discoveries made by Dr. Maria Montessori in regard to the unique spiritual and developmental needs of the child from birth to adulthood.

Christ House Food Donation Drive

Please help St. Catherine's support the work of Catholic Charities. Please be so kind as to limit contributions to the following and to check the expiration dates.

canned items: meats (corned beef, spam, chicken, tuna, fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta, instant potatoes, macaroni & cheese kits. Labeled bins are placed in the Narthex of the Church. Gift cards from Giant or Safeway are another option that you might find more convenient. Please place gift cards in an envelope marked "Christ House" and place in the collection basket at Mass or drop off at the Parish Office.



In the Diocese & Other Events

Website: www.arlingtondiocese.org

Some white-collar jobs are more challenging than others

Annual Diocesan Altar Server Picnic

August 12 - Save the date!

The 2010 Annual Picnic for Altar Servers will be held at Lake Fairfax Park on Thursday, August 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mount Saint Mary's University

The American Chesterton Society invites you to join us for our 29th annual conference from August 5 - 7. Our theme this year is "What's Wrong with the World". This will be our first conference held east of the Mississippi in near-by Emmitsburg, MD. Join us for a talk, a day or the entire weekend. Great Location! Great Talks! Great Arguments! Great Fun!
www.chesterton.org or 1-952-831-3096

Young Adults Mass and Social with Bishop Loverde

All young adults are invited to our 4th annual Young Adult Mass with Bishop Loverde! It will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria on Sunday, August 1 at 7 p.m. This Mass is a wonderful opportunity to pray with our Bishop, other diocesan priests and young adults from throughout our diocese! Bring your friends! More information is available on the Young Adult Ministry homepage at

www.arlingtondiocese.org/yam/young_adult.php.

Young Adult Silent Retreat – August 13-15

Please join Father J.D. Jaffe and other young adults for a summer silent retreat - "Our Call to Joy" - August 13-15 at the Dominican Retreat house (7103 Old Dominion Drive) in beautiful McLean! A 50% deposit is requested with registration. The cost is \$225. Please contact Kateri Schmidt at (703) 841-2549 to reserve your spot. Please make checks payable to "The Catholic Diocese of Arlington" with YAM Summer Retreat in the memo line. Mail to: The Catholic Diocese of Arlington, P.O. Box 1960, Merrifield, VA 22116-1960. This retreat is for all young adults - married or single.

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

Getting Married?

Have you started your Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana) yet? Part of your requirement is to attend a Conference for the Engaged. They fill up quickly, so please sign up a few months in advance! For more information please call the Office for Family Life at (703) 841-2550 or visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/marriage_engaged.php. Before registering, please get approval from your marriage prep priest or deacon.

THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER



The Chair of St. Peter St. Peter's Basilica, Rome

*Continued from bulletin of July 25
In conclusion*

St. Gregory the Great carried out extensive alterations between 594 and 604, placing an altar over the tomb, but leaving a shaft through which objects might be lowered to touch the tomb for the veneration of pilgrims. During a Saracen raid in 846 much of the basilica and tomb were plundered, although the actual grave was not penetrated. It was soon after, probably, that the skull was removed and placed, together with that of St. Paul, in the Lateran, where they still remain. To prevent further vandalism the tomb shaft was filled up and the crypt sealed.

In 1503, work was begun to construct the modern basilica which was built over the tomb without disturbing it. During construction some attempts were made to reach the tomb, but were abandoned, it is now clear, before reaching the actual grave. The discoveries of 1940-51, however, successively penetrated the various layers and reached the actual site of the original grave of St. Peter. Here were found bones, all belonging to the same person, "an elderly and vigorous man," with the skull missing.

The cautious archeologists will affirm no more than that these bones were believed to have been those of St. Peter by those who detached the skull for preservation during Valerian's persecution in the third century. In view of the continuous record up to that time of Christian devotion to the tomb, we believe that this ought to be enough to satisfy any reasonable man.

We may conclude, then, that not only St. Peter's authority and spirit, but even the relics of his body, have remained in Rome. Nature and grace have conspired to justify the Latin inscription on the dome of St. Peter's Basilica, towering some 400 feet above the once simple earthen grave: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and I will give you the keys of heaven."

As Greek declined in the Mediterranean world and Latin became the common tongue, the first translations of the Bible were in the Latin language. Hence, it is natural for us to consider also the way in which this critical passage was translated into Latin by Jerome (Rome, 383/384 AD).

*et ego dico tibi quia tu es Petrus et
and I say to you because you are Peter and
super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam
Upon this rock I will build my church.*

Mt 16:19-20

I will give you (singular) the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

The Roman Catholic Church has infallibly defined the interpretation of Matthew 16

The Council of Ephesus, 431 AD

No one doubts, in fact, it is obvious to all ages that the holy and most Blessed Peter, head and Prince of the Apostles, the pillar of faith, and the foundation of the Catholic Church, received the keys of the kingdom from our Lord Jesus Christ, the savior and redeemer of the human race.

First Vatican Council, 1870, the First Dogmatic Constitution of the Church of Christ, Chapter 2

Therefore if anyone says that the blessed Apostle Peter was not constituted by Christ the Lord as the Prince of all the Apostles and the visible head of the whole Church militant, or that he received immediately and directly from Jesus Christ our Lord only a primacy of honor and not a true and proper primacy of jurisdiction: anathema sit.

Christ continues with the conferral of the "keys" which appears to be a clear statement of a position of leadership authority.