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Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 29†

8:00 a.m. Evelyn E. LaPlante †
 10:00 a.m. Pro Populo
 12:00 noon Mary Ann Bydlon

Monday, August 30

9:00 a.m. Bill Corr †

Tuesday, August 31

9:00 a.m. Marguerite Sarkis †

Wednesday, September 1

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Thursday, September 2

9:00 a.m. Catherine Dunne †

Friday, September 3

9:00 a.m. Helen Bugglin †

Saturday, September 4

9:00 a.m. Claire Duyer †
 5:30 p.m. John Grommesh

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 22nd^d Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29, Ps 68,
 Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24a, Lk 14: 1, 7-14

Monday, Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 2: 1-5, Ps 119, Lk 4: 16-30

Tuesday, Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 2: 10b-16, Ps 145, Lk 4: 31-37

Wednesday, Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 3: 1-9, Ps 33, Lk 4: 38-44

Thursday, Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 3: 18-23, Ps 24, Lk 5: 1-11

Friday, First Friday

1 Cor 4: 1-5, Ps 37, Lk 5: 33-39

Saturday, First Saturday

1 Cor 4: 6b-15, Ps 145, Lk 6: 1-5

Parish Stewardship

Thank you for your generous offerings of August 21/22. The regular collection brought in \$12,089 and the Poor Box yielded \$619.

Faith Direct Contributions

Contributions for the month of August are \$15,166. Those interested in contributing automatically through Faith Direct please go to www.faithdirect.net St. Catherine CODE is VA129.

St Gregory the Great September 3rd Feast Day

**Early Church Father and Doctor of the Church
Born at Rome about 540 – Died 12 March 604**

Pope Saint Gregory I, commonly known as St. Gregory the Great, was one of the most fascinating of early Church leaders. Son of a Roman Senator, Saint Gregory was born in Rome around 540 AD and, following his father's footsteps, embarked upon a political career. He rose through the ranks of civil service and eventually became Prefect (mayor) of the city of Rome. At that point, Gregory discerned a call to deeper life with God so he promptly gave away his wealth to the poor and entered the monastery of St. Andrew (ca. 574) where he ultimately became abbot (585). The Pope, recognizing his talent, and named him as one of the seven deacons of Rome and then sent him on a diplomatic mission as papal legate to the imperial city of Constantinople where he remained for five years. Upon the death of the pope in 590, St. Gregory was elected to succeed him, the first monk ever elected as the Successor of Peter. This man who wanted nothing else but to be a simple monk had to undergo a profound interior struggle before accepting this election as the will of God.

Immediately he set to work putting in order the affairs of a Church and society in chaos. Like his predecessor Pope Leo the Great, he negotiated a "separate peace" with the invading barbarians, in this case the Lombards (592-3). In light of the powerlessness of the Byzantine emperor in the West, he took over civic as well as spiritual leadership of Italy, appointing governors of the various Italian cities. He, who had spent his own wealth to relieve the suffering of the poor, did much the same with the resources of the church. He insisted on Papal primacy, and took the initiative in evangelization, sending monks from his former monastery led by Augustine to convert the Angles of Britain.

His abundant writings are more practical and spiritual than doctrinal or theoretical. His "*Liber Regulae Pastoralis*" (592 ca) sets the standard of what a bishop should be. His "*Dialogues*" recounts the life of his master, St. Benedict, and other saints of the period. His "*Moralia in Job*" is a commentary on the book of Job according to the literal, moral, and spiritual senses of Scripture. Very devoted to the liturgy, Gregory promoted sacred music and to this day the plain-song that comes down to us from this era is known as "Gregorian Chant." Gregory, who died in 604 AD, is known as one of the four greatest Latin-speaking Fathers and Doctors of the Church. He is one of the few men in the history of the Church whose name is customarily followed by "*the Great*." His liturgical memorial is on September 3, the anniversary of his consecration as bishop of Rome and successor of St. Peter. His favorite title for this exalted office was "servant of the servants of God."

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 Iglic-Dolenc, Eileen Drennan, Jim Drennan, Marilyn Flynn, Gerald Green, Brian Hack, John Larounis, Susan McQuade, Peter Michalski, William Schrepel, 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, Ed Kondracki, Michael Keran, 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

Parish Registration

We welcome you to our Parish Community and invite you to call or register in person at the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Adorers Are Needed

An Open Invitation From the Lord

Please prayerfully consider His call!

We need adorers on the following days and times:

Wednesday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

First Fridays: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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.

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.

St. Catherine of Siena Rosary Prayer Group



Our Rosary Prayer Group meets in the Church on the 2nd of every month at 5:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. We pray all four Mysteries of the Holy Rosary for the conversion of unbelievers. We cordially invite you to join us. For further information please call Nancy Tanner at 703-757-0045.

Opus Dei Recollection



A priest of the Opus Dei prelature presents an “Evening of Recollection” for women on the 3rd Monday of each month from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. in the Church. The schedule for “Evenings of Recollection” for men may be obtained by visiting Website: restonstudycenter.org. For further information call 703-689-3433.

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

CCD Classes

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

High School CCD has been moved from Monday evenings to Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. The first class will be held on October 6th.

CCD Needs Your Help for the 2010-2011 School Year
Please consider giving some time to the children of our parish. It is truly a rewarding experience in many ways!



Mondays 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Teacher and Assistants needed for
Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Mondays, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.

Assistants needed for

Grades 3, 6, & 7

Teacher and Assistant needed for

Grade 5

Tuesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Assistants needed for

Grades 3, 5, & 6

Teacher and Assistant needed for

Grade 4

Confirmation

September

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

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.

Interview schedule with Father Drummond is posted in the Narthex. Please sign up!



Over 50 Club

◆ *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.

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◆ *April 30 – May 14*

Taking Reservations Now

Riverboat trip to Ancient Egypt. This promises to be a fantastic trip. Call for flyer and information.

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.

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.



Siena Academy News

“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”

Douay-Rheim Catholic Bible – Mark 10:14

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.

Dear St. Catherine of Siena Parishioners,

As the staff prepares to welcome the students and parents at Siena, Academy we ask for your prayers for blessings on this school year. We seek the intercession of Christ as the Good Shepherd, Mary, Seat of Wisdom, St. Michael as our protector, and St. Catherine of Siena as our patron.

It is with gratitude and much congratulations that we inform you that three of the staff received their AMI (Association Montessori International) certification this summer. Senora Benedict graduated from the Montessori Institute of North Texas with her Primary (ages 3 to 6) Teacher Certificate. Mrs. Hencken and Mrs. Gholson received their Elementary (ages 6 to 12) Diploma from The Washington Montessori Institute at Loyola University Maryland. We thank them for the many sacrifices, hard work, and valuable time that it took to accomplish this great achievement over the past three summers. We are also very appreciative of the parish supporting the on going training of our staff enabling them to meet the parish needs of a strong Catholic Montessori school.

THANK YOU!

I look forward to keeping you informed about the happenings at Siena Academy wanting you to realize how important it is to me to feel the Spiritual strength of the parish community. I thank Father Drummond for his support and confidence and look forward to a year filled with many graces.

God bless you!

Sister Janet Siepker, F.S.E., Head of School



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.

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.

St. Catherine of Siena Website

For everything you ever wanted to know about St. Catherine of Siena Parish, but forgot to ask during office hours, you may visit the parish Website at www.saintcatherineschurch.org.

Daily Rosary



The Rosary, a “summary of the Gospel”, is a wonderful way to have daily contact with Mary, the Mother of the Lord. Visit www.theholyrosetry.org to learn how to pray the Holy Rosary.



Diocese & Other Events

Website: www.arlingtondiocese.org

Some white-collar jobs are more challenging than others

“An attentive ear is the desire of the wise.” Is your prayer attentive to the wisdom of Christ? Is He inviting you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Brian Bashista (703) 841-2514, or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

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*.

Struggling with Same-Sex Attraction?

Courage is an apostolate that assists individuals experiencing same-sex attractions to live chaste lives according to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Meetings in the Diocese of Arlington are for men and women, and strict confidentiality is maintained. For more information, contact Courage@arlingtondiocese.org or visit <http://couragerc.net/index.htm>.

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

Donate a Used Car to Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Car Ministry program needs used cars to donate to poor, elderly, and developmentally disabled persons to help them hold down jobs, shop, and transport their families as needed. We currently have more than 20 people waiting to receive a car. If you have a car in working condition that you wish to donate to Catholic Charities, call Harry Burke at (703) 841-2531, ext.12. The car will be given to a needy person (it will not be sold). Your donation is tax deductible.

Prayer Service for Victims of Sexual Abuse Sept. 11

The Office of Victim Assistance invites victims/survivors of sexual abuse and the entire Catholic community to join us at a Prayer Service to pray for healing for those who have been sexually abused. The Prayer Service will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 10 a.m. at St. Ambrose Church, 3829 Woodburn Road in Annandale. For more information, please visit our website www.arlingtondiocese.org, or contact the Victim Assistance Coordinators, Pat Mudd at (703) 841-2530 or Kathryn Kramer at (703) 841-2759. All calls are confidential.

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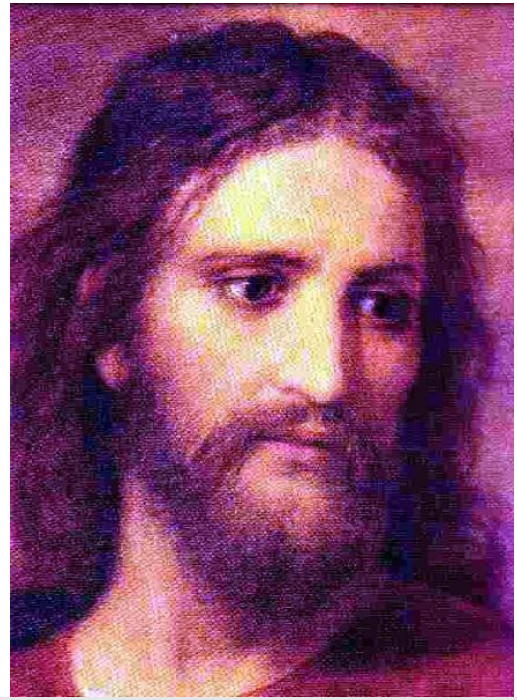
St. John Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests

"When we receive Holy Communion, we experience something extraordinary - a joy, a fragrance, a well being that thrills the whole body and causes it to exalt."

"If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy."

"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us."

"When we have been to Holy Communion, the balm of love envelops the soul as the flower envelops the bee."



Christ Jesus

God's Final And Complete Word (65-66)

"Mediator and Fullness of All Revelation"

God has said everything in his Word "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son." Christ, the Son of God made man, is the Father's one, perfect, and unsurpassable Word. In Him He has said everything; there will be no other word than this one.

- *St. John of the Cross, among others commented strikingly on Hebrews 1:1-2*

In giving us His Son, His only Word (for he possesses no other), He spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word – and He has no more to say ... because what He spoke before to the prophets in parts, He has now spoken all at once by giving us the All who is His Son. Any person questioning God or desiring some vision or revelation would be guilty not only of foolish behavior but also of offending Him, by not fixing his eyes entirely upon Christ and by living with the desire for some other novelty.

- *From the Second Edition of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (65)*