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Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 25

8:00 a.m.	Joseph Dolak †
10:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
12:00 noon	Stella Yarchuk

Monday, July 26

9:00 a.m.	Christa Drummond †
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Tuesday, July 27

9:00 a.m.	Bryan Cox
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Wednesday, July 28

9:00 a.m.	Madeline Daniels
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Thursday, July 29

9:00 a.m.	Laszlo Ispanky †
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Friday, July 30

9:00 a.m.	Jack Barker †
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Saturday, July 31

9:00 a.m.	Christa Drummond †
5:30 p.m.	James Messer †

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18: 20-32, Ps 138, Col 2: 12-14. Lk 11: 1-13

Monday, Weekday in Ordinary Time

Jer 13: 1-11, (Ps) Dn 32, Mt 13: 31-35

Tuesday, Weekday in Ordinary Time

Jer 14: 17-22, Ps 79, Mt 13: 36-43

Wednesday, Weekday in Ordinary Time

Jer 15: 10, 16-21, Ps 59, Mt 13: 44-46

Thursday, Weekday in Ordinary Time

Jer 18: 1-6, Ps 146, Jn 11: 19-27

Friday, Weekday in Ordinary Time

Jer 26: 1-9, Ps 69, Mt 13: 54-58

Saturday, Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 26, 11-16, 24, Ps 69, Mt 14: 1-12

Parish Stewardship

Thank you for your generous offerings of July 17/18.

The regular collection brought in \$14,365 and the Poor Box yielded \$442.

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.

First Fridays

The First Friday Devotions are a set of Roman Catholic devotions to especially recognize the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and through it offer reparations for sins. In the vision of Christ reported by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century, several promises were made to those people that practiced the First Fridays Devotions, one of which included final perseverance. According to the words of Christ through His apparitions to St. Mary Margaret Mary, there are several promises to those that practice the First Friday Devotions:

"In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour."

The devotion consists of several practices that are performed on the first Fridays of nine consecutive months. On these days, a person is to attend Holy Mass and receive communion. If the need arises in order to receive communion in a state of grace, a person should also make use of the Sacrament of Penance before attending Mass.

First Saturdays

The First Saturdays Devotion is a Roman Catholic practice which, according to the visionaries, has been recommended by the Blessed Virgin Mary in several visitations, notably Our Lady of Fátima. Catholics honor the Virgin on Saturdays because we believe that as the Mother of Jesus Christ she must have suffered a great deal and had much faith on Holy Saturday, before the Resurrection on Easter. Devotees of Fátima believe that the First Saturdays help to console the sorrows of God, Jesus and the Virgin Mary for the sins against her Immaculate Heart.

Any Catholic can practice the First Saturdays, alone or in a group. On the first Saturday of five successive months, one goes to confession, attends Saturday Mass and receives Holy Communion. Then the Rosary is recited. Then for at least fifteen minutes afterwards one should meditate on the Rosary's mysteries. During Communion one is to be visiting Jesus Christ, who, according to the doctrine of Transubstantiation, is physically present in the Eucharist.

The activities of the Five First Saturdays devotion are different from the same devotions on other days in that all should be done with the intention in the heart of making reparation to the Blessed Mother for blasphemies against her, her name and her holy initiatives.

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, 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, Maryann Barron, Peter Choo, John Connor, Moira Connor, Bill Corr, Joseph DiFerdinando, Jean Driggers, Christa Drummond, Br. David Eddy, George Gibson, Eddie Guerrero, Francois Haeringer, Carol Jones, Mary Elizabeth 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

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.

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.

Choir Benefit Concert.



Our Second Annual Choir Benefit Concert raised \$21,778.00. Thank you so much for your generosity. We are hoping to raise an addition \$3,222.00 for a grand total of \$25K. If you have not yet donated, you may do so by sending your donations to the church to the attention of the music program or you may pre-order a compact-disc

recording of the concert. Thank you so much, Dr. Kimberly Hess, Director of Music.

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

July

25 Bowling 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

27 Kings Dominion Trip: 7:30 a.m. Waiver required.

August

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

Juniors

July

30 Friday night bowling

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.



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.



In the Diocese & Other Events

Website: www.arlingtondiocese.org

Some white-collar jobs are more challenging than others

The Padre Pio Council of the Knights of Columbus holds their Business Meetings every first Tuesday and their Social Meetings on every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Membership is open to all Catholic men 18 years or older. Please join us in serving Fr. Drummond and the St. Catherine of Siena Parish. For further information contact Grand Knight, Kevin Trissell at 703-789-4639 or trissellkofc@verizon.net.

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.

Volunteers Needed to Help Save Lives

A Woman's Choice Crisis Pregnancy Center in Falls Church is in need of volunteers, English speaking and Bilingual. The only requirement is that one is morally supportive of Humana Vitae and can give 3 to 4 hours of time each week. We have positions available for Counselors, Receptionists, & Translators. Training is provided. The rewards are priceless. We are also looking for people who can help with storage & sorting of off-season clothing. This can be done at your home. For more information, please call Jennifer Richards @ 703-538-4305 or email: awclife@vacoxmail.com.

Mount Saint Mary's University

Dates: August 5 - 7

The American Chesterton Society invites you to join us for our 29th annual conference.

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

Mission Trip to Mexico

Hi, I am Sam Weber a parishioner at St. Catherine's, I am 16 years old, and this July I will be on a three week service project in Mexico to help the needy. While there, we will be teaching poor children and building a room in the church so that the children can have catechism classes there. In order to do this we need donations so that we can buy teaching and building supplies. It would be greatly appreciated if you could make any donation towards this mission. The mission trip is run by Youth Service International, which is run by Opus Dei. Any donations will be tax deductible. Checks can be made out to Youth Service International and sent to my home at 11107 Hollybrook Ct. Oakton, VA. 22124. Thank you for your generosity.

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.



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.



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

Continued from bulletin of July 18 —

SAFETY OF PETER

Indeed, the content of this Gospel reflects St. Peter's humble and practical character. Here "the words and actions of Christ, without any set order" are presented "according to the needs of his subject" (Eusebius, History, III, 15).

Very likely, 1 Peter was written in Rome, and 2 Peter also, if indeed, the Apostle was the actual author. In these years, he may have been residing in the house of the layman, Pudens, for St. Paul in his second captivity at Rome sent greetings from "Pudens, Linus . . ." (2 Tim 4:21). If Linus was St. Peter's vicar we know he was his successor and Pudens his host, this juxtaposition is understandable.

Here too, tradition places St. Peter's second chair (of authority), and to symbolize this, Bernini encased a chair in bronze and set it in the apse behind the great main altar of St. Peter's in the Vatican. The establishment of Peter's chair of authority in Rome is celebrated every year as a Catholic feast on February 22.

The first imperial persecution, that of Nero, broke out in 64 when the Christians were falsely blamed for a fire that began in the shops about the Circus Maximus. The Christians took care to protect St. Peter, possibly inducing him to flee from the city. This may be the origin of the venerable Quo Vadis legend according to which Peter received a vision of Christ on the Appian Way that indicated to him that his martyrdom was at hand (St. Ambrose, Against Auxentius, 13).

In any event, Christian tradition has it that St. Peter was well aware that the time of his death was not far off. (2 Pet 1:14). The traditional date for the martyrdom of Sts. Peter and Paul is June 29, 67 A.D. This is not certain, but recent archeological discoveries indicate that St. Peter's martyrdom took place nearer 67 than the 64 that some scholars have been proposing. The Alexandrian scholar Origen (d. 256) is the first to report that St. Peter "was crucified head downward, for he had asked that he might suffer in this way" (Eusebius, History, III, 1).

The place is pointed out as Vatican Hill, "at the Neronian Circus, between the two goal posts, and near the obelisk" (Acts of Peter, cited by Barnes, St. Peter in Rome, 97). The foundations of this Neronian building have not yet been discovered, but there is good reason to believe that this account is substantially accurate, though the obelisk was later moved to its present site before St. Peter's by Sixtus V during the sixteenth century.

PETER'S TOMB

In a work issued in 1959, Father Kirschbaum, a member of the archeological commission excavating under the basilica during the 1940's, has given a summary of the findings. These are in brief that it is reasonably certain that the place where St. Peter was buried has been discovered. According to historical records, supplemented by these new discoveries, this is the "history" of the tomb. The Christians buried the Apostle's body in a simple grave on the southern slope of Vatican Hill and covered it with a few brick slabs. Soon other graves were made near that of St. Peter, and these have been recently discovered. Their existence and inscriptions on the wall make clear that from the very first St. Peter's tomb was a place of pilgrimage so that there was uninterrupted Christian veneration and observation of this spot.

About the middle of the second century the grave was marked by a simple monumental slab, the "trophy" mentioned by Father Gaius about 200. During Valerian's persecution, when Christian cemeteries were closed for the first time, St. Peter's relics, but probably only the skull, were moved to a more secure place on the Via Appia. They were returned in the fourth century when Constantine began the first basilica over St. Peter's tomb. To this end he went to great labor and expense to fill up piles on the sloping Vatican Hill to provide a level foundation. This is why St. Peter's tomb is at a considerably lower level than the floor of the Basilica of Constantine and its modern replacement.

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