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Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 9

8:00 a.m.	Mothers Day Triduum
10:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
12:00 noon	Mothers Day Triduum

Monday, May 10

9:00 a.m.	Mothers Day Triduum
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Tuesday, May 11

9:00 a.m.	Mothers Day Triduum
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Wednesday, May 12

9:00 a.m.	Victor and Jan Wouters †
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Thursday, May 13

9:00 a.m.	Marjorie Dolak
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Friday, May 14

9:00 a.m.	Julie des Rosiers
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Saturday, May 15

9:00 a.m.	.Brian and Maggie Radzik
5:30 p.m.	Christopher Shea †

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mothers Day

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29, Ps 67, Rv 21: 10-14, 22-23, Jn 14: 23-29

Monday, Octave of Easter

Acts 16: 11-15, Ps 149, Jn 15: 26-16: 4a

Tuesday, Octave of Easter

Acts 16: 22-34, Ps 138, Jn 16: 5-11

Wednesday, Octave of Easter

Acts 17: 15, 22 – 18: 1, Ps 148, Jn 16: 12-15

Thursday, Octave of Easter

Acts 17: 15, 22 – 18:1, Ps 148, Jn 16: 12-15

Friday, St. Matthias

Acts 1: 15-17, 20 – 26, Ps 113, Jn 15: 9-17

Saturday, Octave of Easter

Acts 18: 23-28, Ps 47, Jn 16: 23b-28

Parish Stewardship

Thank you for your generous offerings of May 1/2. The regular collection brought in \$15,147, and the Poor Box yielded \$ 749. The Poor Box offerings for the first week of each month will go to benefit *A Woman's Choice*.



The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Observed May 16th

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Acts 1:6-12

Jesus commissioned his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit.

Having ascended to his father amid cries of gladness, we are to be his witnesses, for we have been gifted with his Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Let us, therefore, live in a manner worthy of the call we have received.

The History

The observance of this feast is of great antiquity. Although no documentary evidence of it exists prior to the beginning of the fifth century, St. Augustine says that it is of Apostolic origin, and he speaks of it in a way that shows it was the universal observance of the Church long before his time. Frequent mention of it is made in the writings of St. John Chrysostom, St. Gregory of Nyssa, and in the Constitution of the Apostles. The Pilgrimage of Sylvia (*Peregrinatio Etheriae*) speaks of the vigil of this feast and of the feast itself, as they were kept in the church built over the grotto in Bethlehem in which Christ was born (Duchesne, *Christian Worship*, 491-515).

In the liturgy generally the day is meant to celebrate the completion of the work of our salvation, the pledge of our glorification with Christ, and His entry into heaven with our human nature glorified.



Pray for the Sick and Homebound of our Parish

Joshua Basile, Dianne Burrell, Tom Case, Bernadette Choo, Bernadette Hong Choo, Catherine Choo, Jonathan Choo, Bryan Cox, Dona Curry, Flora DeLeon, Betsabe deSoto, Marjorie Dolak, Eileen Drennan, Christa Drummond, Marilyn Flynn, Gerald Green, Brian Hack, Ed Kondracki, John Larounis, Carol McCarty, Susan McQuade, Peter Michalski, John Spencer, K.L. Sypal, Chick Wilson, Jan Wouters, Anthony Yantiss

Pray for Those Who have Fallen Asleep in Christ

James Anthony, Maryann Barron, Philip Calanchini, Joe Cassella, Peter Choo, John Connor, Moira Connor, Bill Corr, Br. David Eddy, George Gibson, Bill Hale, Carol Jones, Mary Elizabeth Jones, Joan Keller, Gloria Ross

Pray for our Armed Forces Personnel

Patrick Bouchoux, Jordan Bowren, Brendan Dunne, Mark Falcon, Christopher Frediani, Michael Holtz, Brian Horn, Kathleen Mahoney, 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 - We Need You!

Adoration has an opening that needs to be filled immediately 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.

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.

May 8/9 - Annual Pro Life Mothers' Day Rose Sale



this worthwhile cause.

The Pro-Life Committee will be selling roses in celebration of Mothers Day following all Masses this weekend. Proceeds of the sale will go to Mary's House of Hope, an ecumenical home for unwed mother' located in Purcellville. One of the bedrooms is dedicated to Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Please plan to support

The Ecumenical Council of Great Falls

When: Saturday, May 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Where: St. Francis Episcopal Church
9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls

Reservation deadline: *May 5th*

The Great Falls Ecumenical Council extends an invitation to the Parishioners of St. Catherine's of Siena to attend their Community Prayer Breakfast (cost \$10), hosted by St. Francis Episcopal Church. The homily will be delivered by the Rt. Rev. Shannon Sherwood Johnston, Episcopal Bishop of Virginia. The subject of his talk will be "*Rebuilding with Faith*". A flyer will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for further details. If you would like to attend please contact Martha Dillon @ 703-759-2035 or David Wilson, Sr. @ 703-404-1245 no later than May 5th.

Graduating this Year?



We are looking for the names and schools of all our high school and college graduates. All graduating students are encouraged to submit their names and school for a special (June 20th) bulletin insert to recognize their accomplishments. Please forward your information to the Bulletin Editor (enter the word "**BULLETIN**" in the subject line) via st.catherineofsiena@priest.com no later than June 6th.

SAVE THE DATE – June 2nd



The St. Catherine of Siena Choir will perform Mozart's Vespers, K. 339, for our second annual benefit concert on Wednesday evening, June

2, at 7:30 p.m. In addition, soprano, Danielle Talamantes will perform Mozart's solo motet, Exsultate Jubilate, K. 165, and organist, Kimberly Hess, will perform Haydn's Organ Concerto in C Major, Hob. XVIII:1. Please save the date!

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.

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,

Please Do Not Park on the Grass



We have spent a great deal of money repairing the asphalt at the Church as well as planting new grass. Parking on the grass not only damages the grass but the edges of the asphalt as well. More to the point: *it is a violation of the posted Fire Lanes.* There are plenty of

parking spaces for all, but yes, if you are late you will have to walk a few more feet. Arrive five minutes early and there will be no extra walking. If you see someone parking on the grass, please ask them to move; this is your Church. We do not want to have to resort to towing the offenders. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.

Open Registration

Siena Academy is now accepting applications for new students for the 2010-2011 school years. Our Toddler Program is for children ages 18 months to 3 years of age. Our Children's House environment is for children ages 3-6 years old. Our Elementary environment is for children ages 6-12. For more information, please call the Siena Academy office at 703-759-4129.



Over 50 Club

- ◆ *May 10 – 14* Trapp Family Lodge. We stop at Lake George on the way up and back, then 2 nights at the Lodge with magnificent scenery. Visit the famous Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Stowe Village, Ben & Jerry's. \$40.
- ◆ *May 21-* The National Harbor. Motor coach will take us to the pier in Alexandria where we'll board the water taxi to the harbor. Spend the day shopping, have lunch and tour the beautiful area. Returning around 5:00 p.m. \$49.
- ◆ *June 1* – Day trip with Father Drummond to Mt. St. Mary's City. Lunch included and tour. Visit the Old State House and Port Tobacco, also the Carmelite Monastery (first convent in the Nation) they make rosaries from dried roses. Do not miss this wonderful trip. \$99.
- ◆ *August 1 – 14* England, Scotland and Wales. Call for information.
- ◆ *September 8 -9* Atlantic City overnight staying at the Tropicana Casino. 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.
- ◆ *October 16 – 20* Cruise to Bermuda – Leaving from the Baltimore Harbor, on *The Enchantment of the Sea*. Motor coach from St. Thomas à Becket Catholic Church. Only a few openings left. Range: \$837.50 - \$1,117.30. 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

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 Class Calendar

May

10,11 All classes in session
17,18 All classes in session
24,25 Final classes

First Holy Communion

14 First Holy Communion Practice at 6:00 p.m.
15 First Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

September

8,15,22,29 Final Confirmation classes

October

TBA Confirmation



Catholic Youth Organization

Please see the CYO bulletin board for all upcoming events

Senior CYO – 8th – 12th grades

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.

We Need Your Help!



The Week of Graces is scheduled for the week of July 12th. Children between the ages of 5-11 are welcome to participate. We are in need of volunteers to:

- 1 People to purchase, assemble and make crafts before July 12th.
 - 2 People (adults & teenagers) to teach in the classrooms
 - 3 Someone in charge of purchasing and snacks daily
- If you can help, please call the Office of Religious Education at 703-759-3530.

Adult Bible Study

The Apocalypse of St. John the Divine – Christ Will Come Again!

Beginning March 24th through May 26th, Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00 am
Join us as we study the last book of the Holy Bible, the mysterious and poetic book of Revelation. Through this Bible study, you will become familiar and comfortable with a book that confuses and frightens many. You will learn more about the Mass. You will learn more about the Holy Spirit and his Holy Church. You will learn about God's messengers to us, His Holy Angels. And you will learn about the great Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary. And mostly, you will learn more about Jesus Christ and the heavenly palace that awaits us. "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth . . . God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more."

Book Corner News

For Catholics, confession is a most important part of our faith and our lives. But some of still might have some questions about confession. In Russell Shaw's book, *Why We Need Confession*, we learn that the fallen nature of man and tendency toward sin is a reality that has lost credibility of late. But for John Henry Cardinal Newman "Original sin became to me almost as certain as that the world exists, as the existence of God." Far from being the breaking of arbitrary and external laws, the author shows us that sin damages not only our relationship with God, but affects the deep bonds of charity and grace linking us with others. Because of this, sin prevents us from developing our full humanity and living as true daughters and sons of God. Only through the sacrament of reconciliation can one retain the harmony of life and grace lost by sin. For happiness can be found solely in the struggle against sin. The rewards of true repentance and sorrow are life, but, as St. Paul tells us, "the wages of sin are death." *Why We Need Confession* is available on the bookshelf for \$9.00.

SUMMERTIME ADORATION

Don't forget Jesus
In the
Blessed Sacrament
During the Summer Months
While we are on vacation
Jesus remains in the tabernacle
Awaiting our visits
Remember to stop during the day
And visit with Him
Even if only for a few minutes

Adoration
Thanksgiving
Repentance
Petition

The Over Fifty Club of St. Catherine of Siena



Extending an invitation for any Senior to join our Social Club. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in Bishop Justs Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There are interesting speakers, trips, special luncheons and a fun social time to meet new people. We also have a social bridge group that meets the 1st Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Single's or couples are warmly welcomed. For more information contact Mary Ann at 703-404-8677, or Madeline at 703-759-2605.

A Warm Welcome to Newcomers

If you are a visitor who regularly attends Mass at St. Catherine's, it is very important we know who you are! Please fill out a simple card at the Parish Office that will allow us to serve you better. Being on the rolls of St. Catherine gives you a few benefits. Mainly, the Priests get to know their flock by name, essential in times of illness or death and for receiving some of the Sacraments. By using offertory envelopes with your name on them we can provide year-end tax information that is unavailable to those who place checks or cash in the collection. Year-end proof of donations will be required on tax returns.

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.theholyrosetary.org to learn how to pray the Holy Rosary.



In the Diocese & Other Events

Website: www.arlingtondiocese.org

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Loving God, you call all who believe in You to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ, Your Son. Call from among us more men and women who will serve You as religious. By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of Your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

To live the Gospel . . . to make a difference . . . Are you being called to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life? Call the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514.

Diocesan Retired Priests

Next Week's second collection is for our diocesan retired priests. This collection aids in caring for our retired priests who have served so faithfully over the years. Currently there are 14 retired priests who served our diocese and an additional 21 diocesan priests who are anticipated to retire within the next 10 years. During this *Year for Priests*, please consider donating to this special collection. Thank you for your support.

A Ministry to Traveling Catholics Home or Abroad

To locate a Catholic Church while traveling at home or abroad visit www.masstimes.org. You will find information/directions on the closest Catholic Church to your destination, along with Mass and Confession times. This Website also offers links to an on-line reference library of: The Day's Readings, Bible, Catechism, U.S. Bishops & Diocese, Saint of the Day, Daily Prayer, Life Ways, Sing Your Praises, Vatican Website, Vatican Library, Vatican Museums and Catholic News.

Televised Sunday Masses

The Sunday TV Mass, on air for over 55 years in the Washington metropolitan area is broadcast on Channel WDCW 50 from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Prayer for the Holy Father

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to Your shepherd, Pope Benedict XVI, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build Your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Office of Victim Assistance Coordinator

"We so desire that you will experience healing and a new beginning," "We carry you in our prayers to the Lord and ask Him to heal you as He alone can." In 2004, Bishop Loverde began a series of diocesan-sponsored Masses to pray for healing of victims/survivors of sexual abuse. The following year, the Diocese of Arlington began a series of Prayer Services for healing for victims/survivors of sexual abuse celebrated by Rev. Mark Mealey, O.S.F.S., Vicar General for Administration. The Prayer Services include a survivor's sharing of his/her journey towards greater healing from sexual abuse. Both the Masses and Prayer Services are followed by a reception.

Mass

Tuesday, June 8 - Mass at 7:30 p.m.
St. Theresa, 21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia
Bishop Paul S. Loverde to preside.

Victim Assistance Coordinators

Diocese of Arlington

Patricia Mudd, ACSW

Confidential phone number is (703) 841-2530

E-mail is p.mudd@arlingtondiocese.org

or

Kathryn Kramer, LCSW

Confidential phone number is (703) 841-2759

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If you are a victim/survivor of child sexual abuse and wish to report an allegation of abuse by clergy, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Arlington, please call Patricia Mudd or Kathryn Kramer.