



CLUSTER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Among the nine Strategic Goals included in the North Anne Arundel County Cluster Recommendations (developed during the Cluster Planning Process and accepted for implementation by Bishop Rozanski), Goal #1 states:

“The Eucharist will be celebrated in each parish every weekend among the five parishes and during the week through a coordinated schedule to be distributed throughout the cluster.”

During the past year, the Cluster Pastoral Leaders (Father Michael DeAscanis, Father Bruce Jarboe, Father Dale Picarella, Mrs. Ann McDonald) along with the Cluster Coordinating Council have been working to create a Weekday Mass schedule coordinated among the five parishes.

While the planning activity has been preparing for the availability of only 3 full-time priests, our current situation allows for 4 priests to be available for Weekday Masses.

Below you will find a revised Weekday Mass Schedule that will serve the five parishes of North Anne Arundel County which will become effective **August 1, 2009**. The new schedule is designed to be attentive to a number of factors, including:

- Mass will be celebrated at least once at each parish location during the week
- 3 different Mass times are available each day, Monday through Friday, and 2 Mass options on Saturday
- The Mass times provide opportunity for early morning, mid-morning and evening schedules
- 3 Masses each day allows each priest 1 one off-day per week
- In addition to the scheduled Weekday Mass times, each priest will regularly be celebrating Funeral Masses, School Masses, Wedding Masses and other liturgical rites throughout the week, and several additional Masses each Weekend
- The consolidation of Masses from 36 to 21 each week results in an “interim phase” which reflects a less significant reduction than originally proposed in the Recommendations and which can be realistically supported until only 3 priests are available
- The desire for a revised schedule to be as easily understood and communicated as possible

As we prepare to implement our new, coordinated Cluster Weekday Mass Schedule, the Cluster Pastoral Leaders and Coordinating Council members recognize that there will be an expected period of adjustment that we will all experience together as this new arrangement becomes familiar to us all, but we are also confident that the revised schedule continues to make available the celebration of the Eucharist throughout the week – an important and valuable element in our Catholic spiritual life.

Weekday Mass Schedule		
6:30am	Monday – Friday	Holy Trinity
8:30am	Monday – Saturday	Holy Trinity
	Monday, Friday	Good Shepherd
	Tuesday, Saturday	Crucifixion
	Wednesday	St. Bernadette
6:30pm	Monday-Friday	St. Philip Neri
7:00pm	Wednesday – Spanish	Holy Trinity