

**Mass Intentions****Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent**

- 7:30 Msgr. James McMurtry †
 9:00 Carlos Manuel Vieira †
 10:30 Betty Berry †
 12:00 People of the Parish

Monday, March 8, St. John of God, Religious

- 6:30 Craig Kolash
 9:00 Nieves Tolete †
 7:30 Jocelyn Halisky

Tuesday, March 9, St. Francis of Rome, Religious

- 6:30 Michael & Mary Dolan †
 9:00 Betty Berry †

Wednesday, March 10, Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 Betty Berry †
 9:00 Lee Joseph Moraglis

Thursday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 Bill Bond †
 9:00 Rev. Paul Scalia

Friday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 Mary Broderick †
 9:00 Charlie McCabe †

Saturday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

- 8:15 Martha Puglia †
 5:00 Mary Ann Katz †

Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 Mr. & Mrs. Raphael D. Graves
 9:00 Jaaquina & João Magarinhos †
 10:30 Carlos Manuel Vieira †
 12:00 People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

- Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12;
 Lk 13:1-9
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Remember In Prayer**

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| Chessa Atkinson | Stanley Hollis | Kathryn Orf |
| Josh Carr | M/M Robert Hotung | Maureen O'Toole |
| Beth Castka | Janet Hughes | Brian Reyna |
| Edward Cotter | Mary Hyland | Concepcion Reyna |
| Josephine Celenza | Muriel Jennings | Vince Richards |
| Max Clark | Mimi Johnson | Fr. Paul Richardson |
| Vincent Corcoran | Rita Johnson | Joan Roperto |
| Ave Crawford | Michelle Lederman | Margaret Serrao |
| Edith Costello | Carolynne Letendre | Bob Sweeney |
| Elke & Blaine | Katherine Malcolm | Francis Thompson |
| D'Amico | Sue Mann | Jake Voytko |
| Estelle Danielson | Mary Map | Marianne Wall |
| Lucille Dion | Bob McJury | Helena Ward |
| Adm. Denis Downey | Nancy Miller | Louise Whyte |
| Frank Gettings | Ann Motta | Paul Woods |
| Rosemary Griffin | Michael Murphy | |
| Edward Hallinan, III | Ruth Murphy | |
| Velma Harwood | June Nage | |
| Chuck Heidel | James O'Brien | |

To add or delete from the list, call 703-356-7916 or email: Bulletin@stjohncatholicmclean.org

IN PRINCIPIO...*Practices of Prayer: Sacred Images*

Every advertiser knows that if he can lodge an image in your mind he stands a good chance of getting you to think about his product...then to desire his product...and finally to *buy* his product. Hence the ubiquity of advertising images – in magazines, newspapers, billboards, pop-up windows, etc. Many do not even have an accompanying text or audio. They do not need it. The image is enough to begin the process of thought...desire...and purchase.

There is no reason this same process cannot be applied also to holy things. Indeed, the Church's tradition of sacred art seeks to effect the same: to provoke thoughts of holy things...the desire for holy things...and the choice for holy things. Sacred images have had – from the beginning, even in the catacombs – an important place in Catholic prayer. So it should be for us: to have sacred images in our lives – paintings, statues, holy cards of our Lord, of our Lady, and of other saints. We should have these at home, of course, but also at work and even in the car.

Perhaps we shy away from sacred images because they can seem...well, *childish*, like a boy playing with toy soldiers or a girl with a doll. To have a little statue on your desk, or a holy card in your car – it might feel a little naïve and unsophisticated. What will people think? Weren't these images developed for the ignorant and uneducated? Such might be our thinking. But in fact we need these images simply because of who we are as children of God.

We need sacred images, first of all, because of how our minds work. Unlike the angels, we do not have a direct spiritual perception of God. We are embodied souls and need physical, material images to help us form a concept of God – so that then we can move to him in prayer more easily. The sacred images in our parish and in the Church's tradition convey to our minds certain truths about the Triune God, about our Lord's life on earth, and about the saints. It is easier for us to turn our mind to the truth of God when we have before our eyes a representation of that truth.

Second, we need such images because we are in fact children. A statue or a card is not childish but *childlike*. It is not "make believe" but genuine belief. We are indeed small in relation to God and so should not be surprised that we need little, childlike helps to be lifted up to him.

Finally, sacred images remind us of the *personal* nature of our Catholic Faith. We believe in three Divine Persons and have a relationship with them. By extension we have a real union with angels and the entire communion of saints. These persons (Divine, angelic, and human) are not an idea, opinion, or theory. They are a reality. By depicting them in devotional art, we remind ourselves that our Lord (for example) has a real human face, that our Lady is a real mother for whom we should have real affection. The images literally put a human face on the theology. And by that they deepen our affection and devotion.

Make sure that your surroundings are graced (literally) by such images – a crucifix, an image of our Lady, of St. Joseph and other saints. They reveal that our lives are the Lord's and to be lived in union with him and the saints. They manifest his gentle authority over our entire lives. These help to draw our thoughts and affections upwards, not just to sacred things but also to sacred persons, to those with whom we desire to rejoice for eternity.

– Fr. Paul Scalia



Announcements

VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ALERT:

Legislation that would establish income tax credits for individuals and businesses who donate to scholarship foundations has been approved by the Virginia House of Delegates and is now before the Virginia Senate (HB 599). Our parish school, Saint John Academy, is in the district of Senator Janet Howell who serves on the Senate Committee on Finance. Call 804-698-7532 or e-mail district32@senate.virginia.gov, as soon as possible, asking her to vote in favor of HB 599.

THANK YOU: Regis Brett, Eagle Scout Candidate, thanks all St. John parishioners for their generous support. In a letter dated February 21st, he said, "I would like to thank all the parishioners for supporting my Eagle Scout Project. Through your generous support, I will be able to plant shrubbery along with building the benches for the Dominican Retreat Center in McLean."

ANSWER OUR LADY'S CALL TO PRAYER: Next weekend, March 13/14, members of the Legion of Mary will be in front of the church after all Masses to take your reservation to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home for a week. Must live within 5 miles of St. John the Beloved Church.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: During Lent all the Catholic churches across the Diocese of Arlington will have the Sacrament of Penance available every Wednesday from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. If you have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. More information is available by visiting www.the-light-is-on.org.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY: Next Sunday, March 14th, the second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services.

FIRST EUCHARIST MEETING FOR PARENTS: There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 10th, at 7:30pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Hall for the parents of **all** (Private school, Homeschool, SJA & CCD) children receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion this May at St. John the Beloved. Father Paul Scalia, our Pastor will speak on the "Theology of the Eucharist". Parents must attend.

SUNDAY LENTEN SERIES BEGINS: Fr. Poumade's Lenten Series entitled "Modern Technology & Morality" begins tonight, Sunday, March 7th at 7:00pm in the Adult Education Center.



News from
"The Word"

St. John Parish Book & Gift Shop

This is the Third Sunday of Lent. Our featured book this week for Lent is "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. This is a classic of Christian literature and an entertaining read as well, and at 25% off the already low price is also a great bargain.

The Word is open on Wednesday evenings, Friday mornings, and Sundays after all the Masses.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:

Tues. - Fri. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm & Sat. 10:00 am-1:00 pm
Come in and see our fine selection of Men's & Women's Spring clothing & accessories. We are having a **1/2 price sale** in the Children's Dept. Donations of clean clothing and household items are being accepted. Thank you for your support. Questions, call 703-356-7420 during business hours.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA): Thank you to all who have already donated to the BLA. If you have not done so thus far, please consider donating to help support Catholic Charities and the other ministries of the diocese that serve tens of thousands of people each year. Any amount you are able to give can help those in need. For your convenience, you will find BLA envelopes in the church vestibule of the church.

UPDATES: FOR 7TH GRADE PARENTS

Private Catholic School Parents, i.e. The Heights, Oakcrest, etc. of 7th Graders who intend to have their child receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. John next fall as 8th graders should have registered in the St. John Religious Education Program. If you have not done so, call the Religious Education Office at 703-356-5275 or email lpennefather@stjohncatholicmclean.org to register or to make arrangements to pick up the St. John Confirmation Handbook. If you delay, your child can not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Please see below for mandatory Parent's Confirmation Meeting.**

All parents of St. John the Beloved 7th graders (SJA, CCD, Homeschool & private schools) who have candidates preparing for Confirmation are required to attend the "Confirmation Meeting for Parents" on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 from 7:30 - 8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Our Pastor, Father Scalia, will be giving a Theology Class for the parents on the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Altar Servers

Monday, March 8, 2010

7:30pm – **SPECIAL SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, March 10

7:30pm-HH Dolans

Friday, March 12, Stations of the Cross

7:30pm Cermak, Dolans

Saturday, March 13

8:15am J. Himpler, Burke

5:00pm **Vigil** Grady, Hogan, Lonczak, McCauley

Sunday, March 14

7:30am Gagliardos, McCormack

9:00am Earner, Jabbour, Leo, Schuman

Steiner-Robles, Vargas

10:30am Beaver, Crouch, Eyers, Myers

12:00pm Bayers, Manaker, Smedberg

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED CLASSICS BOOK CLUB:

Each third Saturday, after 8:15am Mass, the St. John's Classics Book Club will meet at the Chesterbrook Starbucks to discuss the book of the month. The book for March is "Brideshead Revisited" by Evelyn Waugh. Come to the Adult Education Rm, sip Starbucks coffee and talk to others who share your love of classic reading. We hope to see you on March 20th. Please contact Laura Pennefather for information: lpennfather@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

COURAGE: This group meets regularly to offer fraternal, moral and spiritual support for those who experience same-sex attractions and desire to live chaste lives according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Meetings, where confidentiality is strictly maintained, are for men and women. For more information, contact Courage@arlingtondiocese.org or visit: <http://couragec.net/index.htm>.

IN MEMORIAM:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Modesto Robles, Jr.

St. John Senior Youth Group

Next Event: "Starbucks Bible Night"

This Tuesday, March 9th, 7:00pm
Bring a friend!

Please contact Sebastien Jansen, Youth Director, at sebastienjansen@yahoo.com with any questions.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE: Natural Family Planning builds strong families. It is medically safe, morally acceptable, and highly effective. Share the responsibility and grow more in love with your spouse. A three-part course takes place at St. James Catholic Church, 905 Park Ave., Falls Church, VA 22046, in Heller Hall on Saturday, March 13th, April 10th and May 8th from 2:00pm - 4:30pm. For more information, contact Stephen and Susan Baumert at 703-652-4637 or nfp@stjamescatholic.org. Online class registration is available at <http://www.ccli.org>.

ST. JOHN PARISHIONER HONORED: St. John parishioner, Dr. Irma Frank, Associate Dean for International Programs at Georgetown University, School of Medicine, will be honored at the 2010 Spanish Catholic Center Gala on Saturday, March 13th, 2010 at the Organization of American States, Hall of the Americas, Washington, DC, by the Spanish Catholic Center which is part of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington. Dr. Frank is one of this year's three honorees who are being honored for their tireless work on behalf of the Spanish Catholic Center's neediest.

This past year, services were provided by the Center to more than 80,000 immigrants/refugees as they transition and build a new life in North America. For information on how you can help call 202-772-4334.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS: Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Czarniecki, Dr. Ellida Yngente, Mr. & Mrs. Sean Riordan, Mr. & Mrs. Sean Mullin, Ms. Zenaida Ross, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Mallarkey, Mrs. Jocelyn Pettit, Mrs. Rene Jeffress, and Mr. Peter Dunton.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13
3rd Sunday of Lent "Modern Technology & Morality" 7:00pm Adult	Sew & So Forth 9:45am DR Rm Legion of Mary 7:30pm DR Rm 7:30pm TLM	Sr. Youth Group "Starbucks Bible Study" 7:00pm	ADORATION Confessions 6:30 - 8:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour 7:30pm Parish Choir 7:30pm Parent's 1st. Eucharist Meeting 7:30pm PH	Jr. Legion of Mary 3:30pm DR Rm Women's Council 7:00pm DR Rm St. Gregory Choir :30pm	School Stations of the Cross 2:15pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm	Confessions: 8:45 - 9:15am 3:30 - 4:30pm

CAR RAFFLE: Car raffle tickets have been mailed to each family. We are participating with All Saints; a more generous venture than purchasing a vehicle on our own and each purchaser has a chance to win one of the five cars! This makes “selling” at work or to family and friends easy – just show them the ticket – it will sell itself! If you have not received tickets or you would like more tickets, email Patrick Quest at pquest@stjohnacademy.org. If you do not want the tickets, please mail them back in the self addressed envelope. Thank you.

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**From the Music Desk...**

Article by Father Christopher Smith  
Published April 23, 2009

“What Are the Eight Myths About Church Music?  
Dispelling eight myths about church music:”

Myth 6. The church does not have her own hymnal.

The Graduale Romanum is the official hymnal for the Roman Rite. It contains Latin chants for the entrance, the Psalm and Gospel acclamation, the Offertory and Communion, which are collectively called the Propers of the Mass, for every Mass of the year.

They also provide Latin chants for Lord have Mercy, Glory to God, the Creed, Holy, Holy, Holy and Lamb of God, collectively called the Ordinary of the Mass. Music at Mass should always refer to these texts.

What is called Gregorian Chant is the music proper to the Roman Rite and is the church’s own composition. Much of the music sung since ancient times was gathered by Pope St. Gregory the Great in the sixth century, and the church has amplified the texts from time to time.

The monks of Solesmes have done several critical editions of this hymnal, including one which can be used for the reformed liturgy. Pastors and musicians may provide for other music at Mass, and even develop other hymnals, but Gregorian chant has, as Vatican II tells us, pride of place in the liturgy. The Graduale Romanum is an indispensable tool for the church musician.

*Continued next week...*

**David Lang,  
Master of Music**



**LENTEN SACRED ART LECTURE SERIES:** Art Historian, Nora Hammerman, who currently teaches “Art and Catechesis” at the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College is presenting a Lenten Series on Sacred Art every Thursday in March at 7:00pm - 8:00pm, in the Adult Education Room of the Cauwe Center.

Next in the series, entitled “Last Supper, 1300 - 1600” will be presented on March 11th. “The Catholic Faith gives a far richer understanding of Leonardo da Vinci’s celebrated “Last Supper” mural in the church of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan than today’s popular conspiracy theories. In this talk, Leonardo’s masterwork is seen in the tradition of 200 years of depictions of The Last Supper by Florentine artists before him, and in the light of the debate about the Eucharist that was taking place in his lifetime”. -NH

Ms. Hammerman has also taught at the University of Virginia and Shenandoah University. She is the author of more than 100 articles on sacred art and music published in the diocesan newspapers of Arlington, Los Angeles, Boston, Baltimore and Fort Worth, as well as in “Our Sunday Visitor” and “The Art Quarterly”.

**SENIORS:** On Monday, March 15th, we welcome back the “Arlington Songfellows”. Their selection of tunes are sure to please you. Mass is at 11:30am. Lunch will follow in the Parish Hall. A sign-up sheet can be found in the church vestibule. Please leave a check for \$20.00 made payable to St. John the Beloved with “Seniors” on the memo line in the parish office by Thursday, March 11th. See you there!

**CLOTHES COLLECTION:** The St. John’s Pro-Life Group has been working with “A Woman’s Choice”, a pro-life pregnancy center in Falls Church. They are looking for winter clothes for children in sizes from 18 months to 6X. Also, they can always use Maternity clothes of all sizes. Please contact Katie Gorka by emailing her at [kcg@westminster-institute.org](mailto:kcg@westminster-institute.org) if you have clothes or other items (in good condition) you would like to donate. Thank you!

**PONTIFICAL SOLEMN HIGH MASS:** There will be a Pontifical Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin) honoring Pope Benedict, XVI on the 5th Anniversary of his Pontificate at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Upper Church, High Altar, on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 1:00pm. The celebrant, from the Vatican, for this most special occasion will be Dario Cardinal Castrillón Hoyos.

**Events & Opportunities****CAMP ST. CHARLES HOLDS OPEN HOUSES:**

Camp St. Charles which is fully accredited with the American Camp Association and certified by the State of Maryland is an over-night Summer Camp where your children can experience two fun filled weeks, close by, for a reasonable price. The Camp has been run by the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers and Lay Salvatorians for over 57 years. We are located two hours from Northern Virginia and offer a "dry run" weekend called the Parent-Child Weekend to see if we are a good fit for your child/children. Our open houses are 11:00am - 4:00pm on March 7, April 10 & May 1. For directions or more information, please call us at 301-934-8799 or visit: [www.campstcharles.com](http://www.campstcharles.com).

**NEW DATE ~ "OPTIONS" FOR HIGH SCHOOL:**

Join us for an Open House and learn more about the "Options" Program at Paul VI Catholic High School on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00pm. The Options Program serves students with intellectual disabilities and significant learning disabilities. A primary goal for each student is to be as fully integrated as possible into the total life of the school community. For more information on the Paul VI Catholic High School Options Program or to register for the Open House, contact Mrs. Chris Desmarais at 703-352-0925, ext. 333 or you may visit our website at [www.paulvi.net/academics/departments/options](http://www.paulvi.net/academics/departments/options). The Options Program is now accepting applications for the academic year 2010/2011. Space is limited!

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT:** The retreat will be held March 26 - 28, 2010. We encourage all single men in our parish, ages 17 - 55, who are interested in the priesthood or religious life to call the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514 to register.

**WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT:** The retreat will be held April 9 -11, 2010. We encourage all single women in our parish, ages 17 - 40, who are interested in finding out more about the consecrated religious life of sisters and nuns to call the Office of Vocations at the above number to register.

**MARCH HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

World Economy ~ General: That the world economy may be managed according to the principles of justice and equity, taking account of the real needs of peoples, especially the poorest. The Churches in Africa ~ Missionary: That the Churches in Africa may be signs and instruments of reconciliation and justice in every part of that continent.

*Institute of Catholic Culture Presents:*

**Lives of the Apostolic Fathers**

Sabatino Carnazzo

**Tuesdays, March 16, & 23 @ 7:30pm**

**EVENT LOCATION:**

St. Michael Catholic Church  
7401 St. Michael's Lane  
Annandale, VA 22003

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**True Justice & the Mercy of God:  
An Introduction to the Cardinal Virtues**

Rev. Daniel Hanley

**Saturday, March 13 @ 7:30pm**

**EVENT LOCATION:**

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
3700 Old Lee Highway  
Fairfax, VA 22030

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**True Faith & the Unknown:  
An Introduction to Theological Virtues**

Rev. Andrew Fisher

**Saturday, March 20 @ 7:30pm**

**EVENT LOCATION:**

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
3700 Old Lee Highway  
Fairfax, VA 22030

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**Living the Virtuous Life  
Challenging the Modern Culture**

Rev. Paul D. Scalia

**Saturday, March 27 @ 7:30pm**

**EVENT LOCATION:**

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
3700 Old Lee Highway  
Fairfax, VA 22030

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**More Information:** [www.SJICC.com](http://www.SJICC.com) or 703-504-8733

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