



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 16, Saint Stephen of Hungary

6:30 Alo Karnbrock †

9:00 Stanley Smith †

7:30 Marie Balint

Tuesday, August 17, Weekday

6:30 Marie Spiewak

9:00 Timothy Girard Conrady †

Wednesday, August 18, Weekday

6:30 Albert Balint

9:00 Anne Elizabeth Conrady †

Thursday, August 19, Saint John Eudes, priest

6:30 Kurt Maggio

9:00 Stanley R. Smith †

Friday, August 20, Saint Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church

6:30 Florence Rose Murphy †

9:00 Fr. Franklyn McAfee

Saturday, August 21, Saint Pius X, pope

8:15 Fr. Paul Scalia

5:00 Hilda Briggeman †

Sunday, August 22, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Elizabeth Warchot †

9:00 Joaquina & Joao Magarinhos †

10:30 Fred R. Wall †

12:00 People of the Parish

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

August 2010

The Unemployed and the Homeless: That those who are without work or homeless or who are otherwise in serious need may find understanding and welcome, as well as concrete help in overcoming their difficulties.

Victims of Discrimination, Hunger and Forced Emigration Missionary: That the Church may be a "home" for all people, ready to open its doors to any who are suffering from racial or religious discrimination, hunger, or wars forcing them to emigrate to other countries.

IN PRINCIPIO...

Veils that reveal: Vessels of life

In Catholic liturgy we find several different veils: the chalice veil, the ciborium veil, and the tabernacle veil. What they have in common, of course, is that they veil the vessels of life – specifically, the life of Christ in the Eucharist. We place a veil over the chalice, which holds the Precious Blood of Christ. We place a veil over the ciborium, which holds the consecrated Hosts. In our tradition and still in many churches today we veil the tabernacle, the place where we reserve the Eucharist. We do not veil these vessels because they are unattractive or forbidden to our sight. Rather, in each instance we use the veil to reveal something profound – *this vessel is sacred... life is within.*

Another veil communicates the same message: the veil worn by women, in particular religious sisters and nuns. The veil of a woman religious reveals that she is different. She has been set aside, chosen, consecrated to be a bride of Christ. Her body has been given over in a spousal union with Christ and to exercise a spiritual maternity. It says of her, *this vessel is sacred... life is within.*

What is true about women religious in a unique manner holds true for all women in a broader sense. In short, a woman's body possesses a sanctity that a man's does not. (And this is why some women wear the "chapel veil" or "mantilla" in church.) God has given man and woman a power that He has not given to the angels: to procreate, to cooperate with Him in the creation of new life. And it is within and by means of the woman's body that God accomplishes this. G. K. Chesterton once confessed that this astounding dignity granted to women and not to men made him reconsider the equality of the sexes...

But consider how unkind the modern world has been to woman's body. Advertisers use her body for everything. Pornographers practice an even more wicked abuse...and sometimes the line between advertisers and pornographers is not clear. Women's magazines seem to foster in women a discomfort with their own bodies – a cruelty to their own readers.

Woman has likewise suffered disproportionately from biotechnology. Our so-called "advances" have blinded us to the extraordinary event of conception and therefore of her body. Now we can "create" life in a petri dish or by way of cloning. When we do not want life, we eliminate the possibility by contraception and sterilization – or the life itself by abortion. The bearer of the resulting damage (physical, emotional, and spiritual) is typically the woman.

In short, we have forgotten the significance of the veil. On this feast we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary *body and soul* into heaven. It calls attention to the dignity of her body in particular. And it should occasion our increased reverence for woman's body – and our rejection of all those assaults on her dignity. Here is a modern opportunity for chivalry – for men to defend what is good, noble, true, and beautiful in defending the dignity of woman. Here is an opportunity to learn from the veil we see so often covering our Lady, revealing the infinite Treasure she bears.

– Fr. Paul Scalia



Religious Education

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED: Have you ever thought of doing the Lord's work by teaching his children? You have the potential to transform a life. Christ is the reason for our CCD program and the model for our CCD faculty. We need teachers who love children and are excited about passing on the one true Faith.

St. John the Beloved is looking for enthusiastic, well-formed catechists to be head teachers and aides for the coming school year (2010/2011). We have openings for Head teachers in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades and aides in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th grades. Head teachers must have prior experience. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Laura Pennefather, Director of Religious Education at 703-356-5275 or lpennefather@stjohncatholicmclean.org.



Parish News

SHARE: This weekend, August 14/15th is Share Sunday. A vehicle will be parked outside the church during all the Masses to receive your contributions. Please make checks payable to St. John Church with "Share" on the memo line. We thank you for your continued support.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES WHO REGISTERED IN THE MONTH OF JULY: Mr. and Mrs. James Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Marko Broz and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Herbert.

FOURTH SATURDAY WITNESS AND PRAYER: The fourth Saturday of every month St. John the Beloved pro-life group goes to the abortion clinic in Falls Church to pray for an end to abortion and witness to the right to life. Consider giving your time to this simple yet powerful effort to establish a culture of life. The group leaves after the 815 Mass and directions will be provided at that time. Come, witness and pray on behalf of those who have no voice.



News from
"The Word"

St. John Parish Book & Gift Shop

The WORD will be closed for the months of July and August. Have a great summer! See you in September!

SEW & SO FORTHS: Sew and So Forths is our parish sewing group and we invite new members to join us on Mondays after Mass. We meet in the Dodi Reagan room. We will also be glad to accept items you have made for baby layettes if you cannot attend our Monday meetings. Call Gladys Brennan at 703-821-2547 for more information. Come join us!

COFFEE & DONUTS: We will have Coffee and Donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses, it is being hosted by St. John Mothers Group this week. Join us!

CONTRIBUTIONS: For your convenience sign up for the Faith Direct Offertory program. www.faithdirect.net our code: VA77

FAREWELL TO OUR SEMINARIAN LUKE DUNDON:

Please join your fellow parishioners for coffee and donuts in the parish hall next Sunday, August 22 to bid farewell of to our seminarian Luke Dundon. Luke will be returning to Rome to complete his studies for the priesthood and will be ordained to the transitional diaconate in October. He will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Arlington on June 11, 2011. Many thanks, Luke, for your dedicated and prayerful service to the priests and parish this summer!



PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Robert Louis Shortley



In Our Diocese

NEXT ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 9th: Call 703-425-0100 to register. The meeting is held on Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at 5294 Lyngate Ct., Burke, VA 22015. This presentation will cover Catholic Charities Domestic, International, Interstate and Parental Placement Adoption Programs with emphasis on the home study, placement and supervision of Children as well as resources from which to adopt and local adoptive parent support groups.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WORK?: Christians Are Networking (“CAN”) is a Catholic Charities-sponsored ministry that assists people who unemployed or under-employed. CAN provides free professional career counseling – including resume reviews and practice job interviews – and opportunities to network with other professionals. Join us Thursday evenings, from 7- 9 p.m. at the St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, 4650 Taney Ave. in Alexandria. For more info, contact Elizabeth Lucas at (703) 683-7704 or elizabeth22305@verizon.net or Bill Hummel at (703) 830-5467, hummel830@cox.net.

RETIRED SENIOR AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

Volunteer for the time and activities that best fit into your schedule. We will match your talents, interests and availability with meaningful volunteer opportunities For more information, please Bill Kelly at wkelly@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3841

St. John Youth Corner

Youth Group will be starting in the fall. Get Ready for:

- Prayer and adoration
- BBQ and field days
- Apologetics and pizza nights
- Bible studies at Chesterbrook Starbucks
- Open gym nights with cheese and chocolate fondues
- Outdoor activities: hiking, whitewater rafting, paintball, skiing
- Volunteering in the community

Contact sebastienjansen@yahoo.com to submit your ideas or if you have questions.

If you are interested in WorkCamp or World Youth Day, PLEASE contact me as soon as possible. There will be early deadlines for these two activities.

FEED THE HUNGRY! Need is greatest now when children who rely on free breakfasts and lunches at school are home for the summer. Catholic Charities needs all kinds of volunteer groups, to conduct food drives to restock our pantries at Christ House in Alexandria and our satellite office in Leesburg. We provide food throughout the 21 counties in the Diocese and we are in desperate need of nonperishable food. Please email Sally O’Dwyer at sodwyer@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3838 for information. Downloadable tips and information on how to run a successful food drive are on our website at www.ccda.net.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21
	<u>Sew & So Forth</u> 9:45 am DR Rm <u>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 pm DR Rm <u>Low TLM</u> 7:30		<u>ADORATION</u> <u>Confessions</u> 6:45 -7:15 pm <u>Novena Prayers & Rosary</u> 7:00 <u>Eucharistic Holy Hour</u> 7:30	<u>Jr. Legion of Mary</u> 3:30 pm DR Rm		



August 15th
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Body and Soul into Heaven

“For which reason, after we have poured forth prayers of supplication again and again to God, and have invoked the light of the Spirit of Truth, for the glory of Almighty God who has lavished his special affection upon the Virgin Mary, for the honor of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages and the Victor over sin and death, for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the entire Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma:

that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

Hence if anyone, which God forbid, should dare willfully to deny or to call into doubt that which we have defined, let him know that he has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith.”

Pope Pius XII

Institute of Catholic Culture
www.SJICC

Swords Around the Cross: Catholic Ireland & the Nine Years War

Presenter: Dr. Timothy O'Donnell, STD

Time: Tues., Aug. 24, 31 @ 7:30 pm

Location: St. Ambrose Catholic Church; 3829 Woodburn Rd.; Annandale, 22003

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Vocation Prayer

Lord God, we thank You for the gift of life and ask Your continued blessing upon us. Please help us all to know, love and serve You each day through our faithfulness to our vocations. May all those You are now calling to the priesthood or consecrated life, answer You with hearts ready to make Your will their own.

Amen.

“He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.”

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Might the Lord be favoring you with an invitation to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Bashista at the Diocese (703) 841-2514 or email: [bbashista@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:bbashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

**PRAYER LIST UPDATE:** Parishioners are invited to submit their family members or friends to our prayer list; but we would like to keep it current and accurate. Starting September 1st we will be keeping names on the list for one month unless otherwise notified. Again we encourage prayers for our fellow parishioners and their loved ones, so if a name is removed that still needs prayers please call us so that they can be put back on the list. If you are requesting prayers for someone outside your family, they must specifically request that you do so.



**Remember In Prayer**

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| Chessa Atkinson       | Carolynne Letendre                                     |
| Polly Baughn          | Katherine Malcolm                                      |
| Josh Carr             | Susan Mann                                             |
| Beth Castka           | Mary Map                                               |
| Edward Cotter         | Olivia McFadden                                        |
| Josephine Celenza     | Bob McJury                                             |
| Max Clark             | Nancy Miller                                           |
| Vincent Corcoran      | Ann Motta                                              |
| Edith Costello        | Michael Murphy                                         |
| Elke & Blaine D'Amico | Ruth Murphy                                            |
| Lucille Dion          | June Nage                                              |
| Adm. Denis Downey     | James O'Brien                                          |
| Frank Gettings        | Kathryn Orf                                            |
| Marie Gillespie       | Maureen O'Toole                                        |
| William Hayle         | Brian Reyna                                            |
| Edward Hallinan, III  | Concepcion Reyna                                       |
| Velma Harwood         | Vince Richards                                         |
| Chuck Heidel          | Joan Roperto                                           |
| Stanley Hollis        | Margaret Serrao                                        |
| M/M Robert Hotung     | Jane Schneider                                         |
| Mary Hyland           | Estela Scully                                          |
| Muriel Jennings       | Bob Sweeney                                            |
| Rita Johnson          | Helena Ward                                            |
| Carl Klunk            | Louise Whyte                                           |
| Angela Kovacev        | <b>Please call 703-356-7916 to add or be taken off</b> |
| Michelle Lederman     |                                                        |



Pray for our loved ones serving our country especially: Jos. B. Clem, LT Doesen, CPT Federigan, 1LT Haig, MAJ Kramlich, CPT Larson, LT Hoover, James Ness, Richard Pluta, Mathew Scalia, LT JG Schroyer, Susan Swaitek Kimberly Templer, Michael Templer and Michael Yamamoto. Call 703-356-7916 if you would like your loved one included in this prayer column.