



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 23, Saint Rose of Lima, virgin

6:30 Lucille Calderazzo †
 9:00 William Hungate †
 7:30 Edward Driscoll †

Tuesday, August 24, Saint Bartholomew, apostle

6:30 Justin O'Donnell †
 9:00 Mary Campbell †

Wednesday, August 25, Saint Louis of France; Saint Joseph Calasanz, priest

6:30 Harry Devonge †
 9:00 Maria Silveira

Thursday, August 26, Weekday

6:30 David Shank
 9:00 Cory Scott

Friday, August 27, Saint Monica

6:30 Katherine Sweeney †
 9:00 Intentions of the Doyle Family

Saturday, August 28, Saint Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church

8:15 Pro Life Intention: Unwed Fathers
 5:00 Adele Garmirian

Sunday, August 29, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Dorothy Kleoppel †
 9:00 Manuel Fernandes Esteves †
 10:30 Stanley Smith †
 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...

The Pill at 50: Unheeded Warnings

The press made a big deal of the Pill's 50th anniversary last May. With no irony intended, the major media outlets reported that the Pill – that drug that prevents a woman from becoming a mother – turned 50-years-old on...Mother's Day. Most news reports nodded perfunctorily to some possible/maybe/potential bad effects of the Pill, and then proceeded apace with praise for this drug. The Pill has indeed changed an entire way of life – but not for the good.

The Church has always condemned contraception. Already in the New Testament St. Paul condemns "pharmakeia" (cf. Gal 5:19-21) – a word that refers to the ancient potions used as birth control. Such was the constant teaching of *all* Christians for centuries. Not until science made contraception more accessible and effective did other Christians begin to change their teaching. (Alas, an example of science determining morality instead of the reverse.) In 1930 the Anglicans first permitted the use of contraception, and other denominations followed. But the Catholic Church resisted. In his 1931 encyclical *Casti Conubii*, Pope Pius XI restated the Church's constant teaching. Paul VI reaffirmed it in 1968 with *Humanae Vitae*.

So as the rest of society rejoices over the Pill's 50th the Church looks like a colossal killjoy. We cannot rejoice in this tragic anniversary. But it does provide an opportunity to recall the Church's teaching and reflect soberly on the Pill's effects. A good starting point would be Paul VI's prophetic words about "the consequences of methods of artificial birth control."

1. A "wide and easy a road would thus be opened up towards conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morality."
2. "[M]an, growing used to the employment of anti-conceptive practices, may finally lose respect for the woman and, no longer caring for her physical and psychological equilibrium, may come to the point of considering her as a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment..."
3. "[A] dangerous weapon would thus be placed in the hands of those public authorities who take no heed of moral exigencies. Who could blame a government for applying to the solution of the problems of the community those means acknowledged to be licit for married couples in the solution of a family problem?"
4. "[T]he mission of generating life [would be] exposed to the arbitrary will of men."

Any observer of society will admit that these have come true. Since 1968 we have seen (1) greater conjugal infidelity and a general lowering of morality; (2) a greater disrespect for woman and indeed the view of her as a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment; (3) forced contraception by governments (most especially in China – but do we think that nationalized health care will *not* pressure the use of contraception when it could save money?); and (4) that by *in vitro* and cloning the transmission of human life has indeed fallen to the arbitrary will of man.

We do not want to argue that contraception is wrong simply because it had bad results. Contraception is bad *in itself*. But the bad results and the fulfilled prophecies of Paul VI should give us pause on this anniversary and prompt us to return with a new appreciation to the Church's teaching.

– Fr. Paul Scalia



Religious Education

ARE YOU OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Instruction in the Catholic Faith is offered in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program. This program is directed toward those intending to enter the Roman Catholic Church but is also open to any adult interested in learning about the Catholic Faith.

RCIA classes will be on Wednesdays from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Room starting from September 22 through May 18th. All classes are taught by Fr. Scalia and Fr. Poumade. The primary texts are Catholic Christianity by Peter Kreeft and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which can be purchased at “The Word” Bookstore.

Please contact Laura Pennefather in the Religious Education Office for a copy of the syllabus and more information: lpennefather@stjohncatholicmclean.org

CCD TEACHERS STILL NEEDED

There is still one opening for a 4th grade head teacher and a 4th grade aide in the CCD program. Aides are needed in grades 1, 2 and 3. Head teachers should have taught before. Aides do not need previous experience. For more info please contact Laura Pennefather in the Religious Education Office at 703-356-5275 or at lpennefather@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 12.

CCD teachers will be commissioned as catechists by taking the Oath of Fidelity during the 10:30 AM Mass. Monday & Tuesday teachers are encouraged to attend this Mass and to meet in the Parish Hall for Coffee & Donuts. People may register for CCD classes after the 10:30 Mass in the Rel. Ed. Office 703-356-5275.

CCD OPEN HOUSE FOR PARENTS

Fr. Scalia will give a talk to CCD parents, “Passing on the Faith to Your Children”, in the Parish Hall on Tues., Sept. 7, from 7–8:00 PM. Parents may pick up books & schedules, plus meet teachers. CCD registrations will also be accepted in the Religious Education Office.

Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation at St. John the Beloved are two-year programs. Children must be enrolled in formal religious instruction for the two years prior to reception of the Sacrament, usually first and second grades for First Penance/First Eucharist and seventh and eighth grades for Confirmation.



Parish News

SAVE THE DATE FOR PETER CLAVER SOCIETY

Come join us on Saturday, October 2nd, following the 5 PM Mass, for the St. Peter Claver Society's annual fund-raising gala for orphans in Africa. Besides dinner, drinks, African dancers and music, there will be both open and silent auctions. Tickets go on sale after Masses - September 18-19 and 25-26 .

FOURTH SATURDAY WITNESS & PRAYER

Saturday, August 28th, the St. John's Pro-life Group will go 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. Directions will be provided before the group departs for the facility after the 8:15 AM Mass. Come witness and pray on behalf of those who have no voice.

COFFEE & DONUTS - HELP NEEDED

Currently, starting in Sept. 2010, the Coffee & Donut Activity does not have a parish group committed to host on the 2nd Sunday of each month for the 2010/2011 year. If any parish group or groups can assist (volunteer) as hosts for C & D on this Sunday each month, please contact Louis Hargenrader at (703) 356-2512.

Thanks to the members of the Thrift Shop and St. John Cursillo for hosting last Sunday.

HOLY LAND CARVINGS

Following the masses on Saturday, August 28th and Sunday, August 29th wood carvings from the Holy Land available for sale in the Parish Hall. Each item in this collection has a unique beauty because it is individually crafted by hand.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS – "QUALITY ITEMS AT BARGAIN PRICES"

On September 14 the shop will be starting its 50th year of operation. We are in need of volunteers to work 3 hours a month helping to continue the spirit of our founders. Parents of St. John Academy may use Thrift Shop hours toward their volunteer obligation. If you wish to volunteer or want more information please call Marie (703)790-0688 or Marge at(703) 893-8795. Thank you for your support. Thrift Shop hours of operation are: Mondays Closed, Tues.-Fri. 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM & Sat 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.



News from
"The Word"

St. John Parish Book & Gift Shop

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

NEXT WEEK THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION FOR SCHOOL SUPPORT This money goes for various programs in our parish school. St. John Academy has been chosen as a **Blue Ribbon school**. We appreciate your financial support in helping to keep our school at its academic best.

ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY FOR DADS The St. Joseph Society is a group of dads in the parish that get together monthly for prayer, discussion, and fellowship. If interested, call Fr. Scalia: 703-356-7916.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS If you have information you would like shared in our bulletin you may call the parish office at (703)356-7916 or email: Bulletin@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

IN APPRECIATION Peggy Tofalo, a long time parishioner at St. John the Beloved, has for the past twenty years been a resident of the Vinson Hall Retirement Community here in McLean. During those twenty years, she has generously undertaken responsibility for organizing the Saturday Masses for the many Roman Catholics who reside at Vinson Hall. Peggy recently retired from that position, and she does so with the sincere gratitude from all who know her and have been the recipients of her tireless devotion to the Catholics at Vinson Hall.

St. John Youth Corner

Meet your Youth Director after the 9:00 and 10:30 AM Masses on Sunday, September 19.

Youth Group will be starting Sunday, Sept. 19, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. We will be having our BBQ kick off and welcome back meeting.

- 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
- 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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
The Lord is waiting for you

Please see Weekly Calendar in bulletin for Adoration times or call the Sacristan in the parish office

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 22	AUGUST 23	AUGUST 24	AUGUST 25	AUGUST 27	AUGUST 28	AUGUST 29
	<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		ADORATION <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		

From the Music Desk...

Greetings! Hope you are enjoying your summer. Speaking of summer, this is a good time for YOU to join the music program at Saint John the Beloved. Check out the opportunities below:

The 10:30 Sunday Mass Choir. If you enjoy singing and have a general knowledge of reading music, I hope you will consider this opportunity to serve! Many aspects of vocal training will be taught and repertoire will be chosen from different sources and sung in various languages including Latin. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings. An audition is encouraged.

The 12:00 Latin Choir. This is a highly specialized and skillful group. If you have studied voice professionally and/or have an extensive musical background, consider joining this choir. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings. Audition is required.

If you play an instrument, consider this an opportunity to serve. Audition is required.

Assistance with administrative tasks is ALWAYS needed in the music office. If you can help with filing music, computer tasks, making xerox copies, etc., please call or write. (This is the real "saintly" work!)

With participation comes a solid commitment on your part to be dedicated and faithful to the group you have chosen. If you are interested in any of the above opportunities and are willing to commit, email me at dlangee@yahoo.com or call 703-356-3639.

Join us!!

Musically,
David Lang



In Our Diocese

SENIOR WOMEN RETREAT Are you seeking a deeper spirituality? Experience the opportunity for spiritual refreshment at Retreat for Senior Women on September 3rd - 5th. Dominican Retreat is in McLean, VA. Sister Carolyn Krebs will guide us on this weekend retreat. Come and experience the spiritual renewal! For reservations or more information call Joan Kick at 703-250-4971 or Dominican Retreat at 703-356-4243

18th INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING: HEALING, HOPE AND MERCY, OCTOBER 3-11, 2010 You can participate in many ways in your local parish communities to include: fasting, attending daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, praying the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplets, and Confession. ***“Certain evil spirits can only be driven out by Prayer and Fasting” (Mark9:29)***

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.

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“Make straight paths for your feet.” If you believe in the Giver of the call, you can hope to be true to it. Will you follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Bashista at the Diocese at (703) 841-2514 or contact by email: [b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

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 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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**Pope Benedict XVI & Pope Celestine V: The Scandal of Secularism**

**Presenter:** Robert Moynihan, PhD

**Time:** Sun., Aug. 29 @ 7:30 pm

**Location:**

Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church  
 46639 Algonkian Pkwy.  
 Potomac Falls, 20165

**More Information:**

Www.SJICC.com or 703-504-8733

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**Remember In Prayer**

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| Chessa Atkinson      | Katherine Malcolm |
| Polly Baughn         | Susan Mann        |
| Josh Carr            | Mary Map          |
| Beth Castka          | Olivia McFadden   |
| Edward Cotter        | Bob McJury        |
| Josephine Celenza    | Nancy Miller      |
| Max Clark            | Ann Motta         |
| Vincent Corcoran     | Michael Murphy    |
| Edith Costello       | Ruth Murphy       |
| Elke D'Amico         | June Nage         |
| Lucille Dion         | James O'Brien     |
| Adm. Denis Downey    | Kathryn Orf       |
| Frank Gettings       | Maureen O'Toole   |
| Marie Gillespie      | 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         | Sr. Eby Talastas  |
| Carl Klunk           | Helena Ward       |
| Angela Kovacev       | Louise Whyte      |
| Michelle Lederman    |                   |
| Carolynne Letendre   |                   |
| Joy Lupoletti        |                   |
- Please call 703-356-7916 to add or be taken off.**

**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.



**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, Matthew Scalia, LT JG Schroyer, Kimberly Templer, Michael Templer and Michael Yamamoto.  
**Call 703-356-7916 if you would like your loved one included in this prayer column.**