



**Mass Intentions  
Of The Week**

**Mon., Mar. 20, 2006, Joseph, husband of the Virgin Mary**

6:30 Special Intention †  
9:00 James Veglatte †

**Tuesday, March 21, Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Special Intention  
9:00 Antonio Dias †

**Wednesday, March 22, Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Nicola Guglielmo  
9:00 Thomas Aquinas Duval †

**Thurs., Mar. 23, Lenten Weekday, Toribio de Mongrovejo, bishop**

6:30 Stewart and Stanley Dorick †  
9:00 Frances Hannon †

**Friday, March 24, Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Mary De Santi †  
9:00 Mary Campbell †

**Saturday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:15 Kate Giaimo  
5:00 Michael Sweeney †

**Sunday, March 26, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 Peg Reardon  
9:00 Anne McCabe †  
10:45 People of the Parish  
12:30 Manuel Fernandes Esteves †

**Readings for the Week of March 19, 2006**

**Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19;  
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25  
**Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 42—43; Rom 4:13,  
16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
**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:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10;  
Jn 3:14-21

**Pope's Prayer Intentions March 2006**

**General:** Young People: That young people who are searching for the meaning of life may be understood, respected and accompanied with patience and love.  
**Missionary:** Missionary Collaboration: That throughout the Church there may grow an awareness which favors the collaboration and exchange of those who work in the missions.

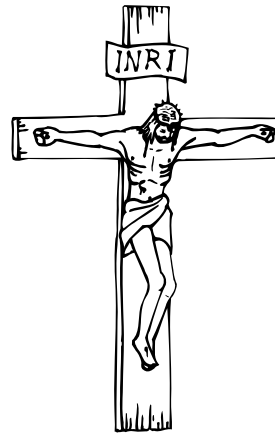
Margaret Amorosi  
Ronald Bashion  
Toni Burger  
Harry Clarke  
Michael Clarke  
Polly Cedar  
Vincent Corcoran  
Edward Cotter  
Marie Davalos  
Lucille Dion  
Denis Downey, Jr.  
Pam Dunne  
Maria Esteves  
Michael Francis  
Delores Frazier  
Charles Galligan

Pacita Gonzaga  
Alex Hargenrader  
Kathleen Harrington  
Charles Harrison  
Gary & Cindy Hogan  
Laura Holleran  
Maureen Hollingsworth  
Mary Johnson  
Billee Jordan  
Blanche Kane  
John Long  
Katherine Malcolm  
Lou McGuinness  
Edward McGrath  
Nancy Miller  
Matthew Morgan

Monica Mizerek  
Rita Mughir  
Ernest Oddono  
Joseph Riotto  
Lois Riscile  
John Ronan  
Edelisa Samson  
Martin Schaffer  
Barbara Skyllell  
Mary Spann  
Margaret Serrao  
Margaret Stimpfle

Please let the bulletin secretary know when names can be removed. Thank you.

**From the Pastor**



One of the major and sacred objects in the church building is the sanctuary cross. That cross is to remind us all of the central importance of the cross to our salvation, in fact without it we would not have been redeemed. The cross is controversial--specifically the crucifix is even more so. The cross, St. Paul tells us, is scandal to the Jews and folly to the Gentiles, and even among Christians the cross with a body on it--which is the crucifixion--is anathema to some.

In the wake of the Council when the liturgical gurus began to destroy the sacred nature of our church (another thing not commanded by the Council), we were told the crucifix was too negative. So some churches removed their crosses and put in its place a figure of the resurrected Christ. Pope Pius XII had warned against this back in the 1940s, emphasizing that the cross with a suffering Christ on it indicated the sacrificial nature of the Mass. When the new addition of the Roman missal was issued in 2000 by Pope John Paul, it ordered there to be a cross with a suffering Christ on it hanging in the sanctuary.

Pope Benedict wrote, when he was a Cardinal, that the sanctuary or altar cross should be large enough so the people can look upon it during Mass. Participants at Mass are not to look at the priest, nor the altar, nor the tabernacle, but the cross except at specific moments (the elevation of the host and chalice, the host at the "Behold the Lamb of God", etc). When facing the altar (as the priest does on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) both priest and assembly look at the cross.

To enoble the sanctuary cross more I will be replacing it with one that is larger and decorated on both sides. The present cross will be hung in the entrance of the school. The new crucifix was given by the late Bill Schilling in honor of his wife, Bertha.

Lord, You Have The Words  
Of Everlasting Life.

In Memoriam



**Stop Turning  
My FATHER'S  
House Into A  
Market Place.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF  
SULVESTRE LEONGSON & CLAUDE CARPENTER**



**Religious Education**

**LENTEN LECTURE SERIES 2006:** Steve Weidenkopf, the former director of the Office of Marriage & Family Life for Archbishop Chaput in Denver, will be giving a six-week Lenten Lecture Series entitled: *“Epic - A Journey through Church History”*. This week’s lecture, Thursday, March 23, is entitled: ***Protestors, Defenders & the Catholic Reformation (1500-1700)***. Please plan to join us in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm for this fascinating time-line of our cultural heritage as Catholics.

**ADULT EDUCATION SERIES/ DEAL HUDSON SERIES:** The next talk given by Mr. Hudson will be on Monday, March 27 at 7:00 pm in the Adult Ed Room and is entitled *“Why the Religious Left Can’t Win”*.

***In Our Parish***



**ST. JOHN PILGRIM VIRGIN, OUR LADY OF FATIMA** needs your help to bring her Son to the world. Answer her call to pray the rosary daily as a family, or if you are single, with friends. This weekend, March 18 and 19 after all the Masses, families and individuals may honor her request by choosing a week to host the Pilgrim Virgin. Do not miss this opportunity. Look for members of the Legion of Mary after all the Masses outside the church and sign up to have the statue in your home.



**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION** next week. Supports victims of natural disasters, gives agricultural assistance, and promotes global justice and peace.

**OVER 50 CLUB:** See you tomorrow when Master Police Officer Tom Black joins us to speak about *“Senior Safety”*. For information or late reservations, call Nancy Ingrisano at 703-356-5538.

**SENIORS:** You still have time to sign up for the day trip to the John Paul II Center and the Franciscan Monastery, two fascinating Catholic sites. The date is Tues., March 28 and costs \$67 per person. Lunch is included at Kelly’s Ellis Island Pub. Leave check, payable to Excursionaire, in the Parish office. Bus leaves 9:00 am, returns by 4:00 pm. The sign-up sheet with lunch choices is in the church vestibule.

**MCLEAN CURSILLO ULTREYA** meets Tuesday, March 21, 7:30 pm at the home of Bill and Helen Burgess, 1726 Susquehannock Drive, McLean. All are most welcome! Learn more about the Cursillo method of spiritual enrichment through piety, study, and action in addition to good food and fellowship. Please join us! Questions? Contact Mark Clemente 703-847-1575.



**News from  
“The Word”**

**St. John Parish Book & Gift Shop**

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

Today is the traditional date for the feast of St. Joseph. The WORD has statues and books about this great saint. Try **Joseph the Silent** for your Lenten reading.

**THRIFT SHOP NEWS——Quality at Bargain Prices:**

Tuesday - Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm & Saturday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
This week Household goods and Children’s clothing, toys and accessories will be **half price**. We have a DSL modem available if anyone is interested. Several children’s items are featured: 3 box set Harry Potter Legos \$19.04, Betty Boop purse \$1, Barbie doll group \$5, Disney VHS videos \$1 each, Creepy Crawler oven set \$3, Mickey’s farm board game \$3, Clue Jr. game \$2. Thank you for your support. Questions? Please call (703) 356-7420 during business hours.



**ST. JOHN SCHOOL LIBRARY USED CHILDREN’S BOOK SALE** will be held on

March 23 & 24, 11:30 to 12:30 pm and March 23 from 3:00 to 3:30 pm. Hardcover books are 50 cents and Paperbacks are 25 cents. Come early for best selection.



**SAVE THE DATE!** K4J (Kids for Jesus)

Vacation Bible School will be held at St. John’s July 24 - July 28, 9:00 am -12:00 noon. The theme will be *Circus of Stars: SPOTLIGHT ON THE FATHER* and will

feature fun activities to help learn more about our Catholic faith and put virtue into practice. Children age 4 to grade 4 welcome. Info: Bev Hoernig 703 821-1155.



**SHARE SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, March 26,

we will have our monthly collection for Share and a vehicle will be parked outside church to receive your donations. The Food room is completely out of laundry detergent, cooking oil, sugar, mayonnaise and paper grocery bags, so these items would be most appreciated.

Monetary donations will assist families with emergency needs for rent, utilities, medical and dental bills. Please make checks payable to St. John Church with *“Share”* on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support.

**TAI CHI REMINDER:** Many who practice Tai Chi (Taiji), including those in St. John parish, claim that it gives them a sense of well-being, decreased feelings of stress, more energy, and improved balance. We invite you to join us at 7:00 am following the 6:30 Mass in the Gym on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Wear casual, comfortable clothing. We welcome beginners. Questions: call 703-821-8286 or [richard.gramann@verizon.net](mailto:richard.gramann@verizon.net)



**Wed. March 22, 2006 Benediction, Mass**

7:00 pm Jav Arevalo, C. Dixon, H. Dixon

**Fri. March 24, Stations of the Cross**

7:30 pm Moran, Caron, J. McGiffin

**Saturday, March 25**

8:15 am J. Ludwick, R. Ludwick, Oeler

5:00 pm **Vigil** Riordan, Bre. & Bri. Murphy, Bennett

**Sunday Masses, March 26**

7:30 am Duffey, C. Dixon, H. Dixon

9:00 am Nakamura, Giaimo, Buckley, Sullivan

10:45 am C. Beatty, J. Beatty, Mehan, T. Berry,  
Jim Beatty, Brady, John Beatty, C. Evans

12:30 pm A. Knise, P. Knise, N. Knise, Quinn



**MOTHERS GROUP EVENTS:** 1. Weds.

Mar. 22/Our Lady of Bethesda/Mom's Reflection/Two talks & confession and

Mass: *Making Lent Count*/Babysitting available for fee. 2.

Weds., Mar. 29/ Dolly Madison Library story time/10:30 am with picnic lunch to follow. RSVP [Jenmorano@aol.com](mailto:Jenmorano@aol.com) 3.

Fri. April 21/Guest Speaker Art Bennett. Call Jen for information at 703-849-9550.

**WELCOME**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS:** Mr. James Brady, Mr. & Mrs. George Biolsi, Mr. & Mrs. John Carr, Mrs. Soraya Chovil, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pagnotta, Mr. & Mrs. David Sweet, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Loadwick, Ms. Diane Darcey, Ms. Claire Fields, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fraser, Mr. & Mrs. Juan Aguilar, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Bellay, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Capace.

**SALT (SOCIAL ACTION LINKING TOGETHER):** Annual forum to discuss Richmond General Assembly Session and to respond to social justice and human services needs in Virginia will be Sat., April 1, 9 - 11:00 am at St. Charles Church in Arlington. Questions: [jhorejsi@cox.net](mailto:jhorejsi@cox.net)



**St. John Youth Corner**

Website: [www.sjsyg.org](http://www.sjsyg.org)  
Sebastien Jansen, Youth Director

[sebastienjansen@yahoo.com](mailto:sebastienjansen@yahoo.com) 703-356-0536

**Senior Youth Group:** Today March 19, our Sunday meeting will be at the Caron's house starting at 7:00 pm. Carlie Dixon will address John-Paul II's *Theology of the Body* and its message for high school students. Please call Patsy Caron if you intend on going: 703 757 0013.

**Junior Youth Group:** We will be going to play "laser tag" this coming March 26 at 2:30 pm until late afternoon. Forms are due March 20 and are on the website.

**WorkCamp:** Lenten Spiritual exercises: We encourage all families to partake in the Wednesday adoration at St. John's Catholic Church. Your prayers are greatly appreciated. We still need **three Minivans**.

**Car Raffle:** Thanks to all those who have returned their raffle tickets. **We have raised nearly \$7000. Thank you so much for your contributions.** The last day to buy tickets is April 24th.



**Rice Bowls** There will be rice bowls in the vestibule of the Church today and this week. Please take one to help our world wide poverty. **Please Return All Rice Bowls To The Parish Office. Thank You.**

**In Our Area**

**CATHOLIC TEACHING & REALITIES OF THE AMERICAN DEATH PENALTY:** This event takes place Sat. March 25 at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. Mass is at 9:00 am followed by the program. RSVP to Sr. Connie 703-841-3832 or [cparcasio@ccda.net](mailto:cparcasio@ccda.net) This is sponsored by Catholic Charities.

**INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY:** There exists a Catholic website that contains helpful information for those struggling to overcome addiction to Internet pornography. The website is maintained by St. Joseph Covenant Keepers, a Catholic organization for men, particularly for husbands and fathers. There are also resources for spouses and family members: <http://familylifecenter.net>

**ST. ANSELM'S ABBEY SCHOOL:** Openings for boys grades 6 - 12. Contact [admissions@saintanselms.org](mailto:admissions@saintanselms.org)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>March 19, 2006</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<u>CCD PreK - K</u> 10:45 - 11:45 am	<u>Sew &amp; So Forth</u> 9:45 am DR Room	<u>CCD Gr. 1 - 9</u> 7:00 - 8:00 pm	<u>Confessions</u> 6:30 pm	<u>Brownies</u> 3 - 4:30 pm Ad Ed	<u>Stations of the Cross</u> 7:30 pm	<u>Jr. Legion of Mary</u> 10:00 am DR Rm
<u>Scouts</u> 6:30 pm Gym	<u>Seniors</u> Mass & Lunch		<u>Novena Prayers &amp; Benediction</u> 7:00 pm	<u>RCIA</u> 7:00 pm		
<u>Senior Youth Group</u> 7:00 pm	<u>CCD Gr. 1,2,3</u> 4:30-5:30 pm		<u>Mass</u> 7:30 pm	<u>Lenten Lecture</u> 7pm PH		
	<u>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 pm DR Rm		<u>Family Choir</u> 7:30 pm	<u>St. John Choir</u> 7:30 pm		