

**Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, Weekday**

9:00 Maurice Kelliher †

**Tuesday, Feb. 20, Weekday**

6:30 Maria Silveira

9:00 Jerome Korneick †

**Wednesday, Feb. 21, Ash Wednesday**

6:30 Alma Lynch †

9:00 Jane Walsh †

**Thursday, Feb. 22, The Chair of Peter, Apostle**

6:30 Haque Family special intention

9:00 William Dillon †

**Fri. Feb. 23, Lenten Weekday; Polycarp, bishop, martyr**

6:30 Carol Kuhn †

9:00 Paul K. Walker

**Saturday, Feb. 24, Lenten Weekday**

8:15 Mary Campbell †

5:00 Jean Bassett †

**Sunday, Feb. 25, First Sunday of Lent**

7:30 Lona Brady †

9:00 Anne McCabe †

10:30 Maurice Kelliher †

12:00 People of the Parish



*Mass  
Intentions  
Of The  
Week*

**Readings for the Week of February 18, 2007**

Sunday	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
Monday	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32

**From the Pastor**

You may have noticed that at times in the sanctuary I hobble around and sometimes outside I am using a cane. About 18 years ago I suddenly developed a problem with 2 discs in my spine that for all purposes crippled me. Through therapy the discs restored and I could walk and stand without problem. Occasionally, however, they would come out but with less pain and they soon went back in. Last year I again had trouble with my herniated discs and the problem would not go away. It took so long to get the authorization from my insurance company for an MRI that when it was finally okayed the problem was gone. It has returned and it does not seem that it is going away without medical intervention. I am in the process of having it taken care of but at the moment it remains with me. It would be of great help to me if when approaching for Holy Communion that you would come near me so that I do not have to reach. My present condition and the pain that accompanies it are transient, they will go away. My heart goes out to all those especially our parishioners when pain will not go away. They live day to day with pain and bear it as Christ would have them bear it. We pray that Our Lady, Health of the Sick, be with them and alleviate their pain if it is the will of God.



**Please Pray For**

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| Ronald Bashion        | Muriel Jennings   | Lois Riscile      |
| Sonja &               | Mary Johnson      | Edelisa Samson    |
| Soraya Borghese       | Billee Jordan     | Margaret Serrao   |
| Esperanza Castillo    | Blanche Kane      | Leah Shannon      |
| Juan Chirino          | Kathleen Keane    | Barbara Skylell   |
| Michael Clarke        | Shirley Kelley    | Mary Spann        |
| Carol Coad            | Alice Koutsoumpas | Margaret Stimpfle |
| Vincent Corcoran      | Katherine Malcolm | Kimberly Strocka  |
| Edward Cotter         | John Malloy       | Eileen Sweeney    |
| Estelle Danielson     | Annette McGovern  | Raymond Vagli     |
| Marie Davalos         | Kaden T. Messing  | Mary Wilson       |
| John Delaney          | Ferenc Molnar     | Siegfried Wolf    |
| Lucille Dion          | Matthew Morgan    |                   |
| Denis Downey, Jr.     | Marilyn Middleton |                   |
| Bryan Downie          | Edmund Milauckas  |                   |
| Pam Dunne             | Nancy Miller      |                   |
| Marie Gillespie       | Monica Mizerek    |                   |
| Alex Hargenrader      | June Nage         |                   |
| Kathleen Harrington   | Ernest Oddono     |                   |
| Charles Harrison      | Kennedy O'Donnell |                   |
| Gary & Cindy Hogan    | John Ozimina      |                   |
| Laura Holleran        | Al Parsons        |                   |
| Maureen Hollingsworth | Joseph Riotto     |                   |

*Please let us know when you would like to be taken off the prayer list.  
Rectorry Staff*

**ASH**

**WEDNESDAY**

Lent begins this Week, on February 21st, Ash Wednesday. Ashes are a sacramental, not a sacrament, therefore anyone may receive ashes. Catholics and non-Catholic alike. Masses will be at 6:30am, 9:00am, 4:30pm and 7:30pm. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Begin this Friday, February 23rd and continue through Lent. 7:30 pm.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions February 2007**

**General:** That the goods of the earth, given by God for all men, may be used wisely and according to criteria of justice and solidarity.

**Mission:** That the fight against diseases and great epidemics in the Third World may find, in the spirit of solidarity, ever more generous collaboration on the part of the governments of all nations.



**Religious Education**

**NO CCD classes Sunday Feb. 18 or Monday Feb. 19 in observance of President's Day**

**In Our Parish**

**REWARDING APOSTOLATE TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH**

We are in need of volunteers to bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound of our parish **once a month** after the 9:00am and 10:30am Sunday Masses.

These dedicated volunteers are known as "Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion" and this apostolate is among the most rewarding of all parish ministries. Through bringing Holy Communion and reading Holy Scripture to those most in need, you receive the special thanks and appreciation of the sick and suffering members of our parish family. Training at both the Diocesan and Parish levels is provided. We are happy to accommodate your personal schedule. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**OVER 50 CLUB:** See you tomorrow when we welcome Carole Herrick and Paul Snodgrass who will bring us up to date on the preparations for the celebration of the founding of the Jamestown settlement 400 years ago. For a late reservation please call Nancy Ingrisano at 703-356-5538.

**WOMENS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** Call a friend



and invite her to a special Day, a Day of Recollection which will take place on Thursday, March 8th at Marymount University. Fr. Gary Selin will lead us. The day begins with coffee at 9:15am in the beautiful Main House. It then continues with conferences, confession and a delicious lunch. Please sign up in the Church Vestibule and

leave a check for \$35, made payable to St. John the Beloved with "Day of Recollection" on the memo line, in the Parish Office no later than Thursday, March 1st. For further information or reservations, call Mary Elizabeth Bergan, 703-288-0946, and leave a message.



**News from "The Word"**

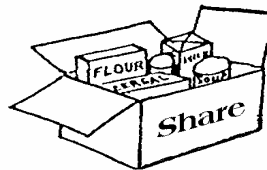
**St. John Parish Book & Gift Shop**

The WORD will be open on Wednesday evenings, Thursday mornings and Sundays after all the Masses.

**Sunday, Feb 18:** The WORD is closed today due to the holiday weekend. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The WORD carries many books which would make great spiritual reading during Lent. Please stop by and browse our selection.

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

**Tues. - Fri. 11:00 am- 2:00 pm & Sat. 10:00 am-1:00 pm.** We are currently accepting donations of winter clothing only. Thank you for your support. If you have questions... call 703-356-7420 during business hours.



**TODAY IS SHARE SUNDAY:**

Donations may be placed in the Share car or Share basket located in the church vestibule. There is a special need for laundry detergent. Monetary donations assist families with emergency needs for rent, utilities, medical and dental fees. Please make checks payable to St. John Church with "Share" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support.

**YOUNG ADULTS~AGES 21 - 40:** St. John's Gruppo

Frassati for Young Adults would like to invite you to... **Ice Skating** this evening, Sunday, February 18th, at 4:00pm at the Reston Town Center followed by our monthly **Rosary Dinner** at 7pm. Please contact Jaime Taylor (703-407-4403) for more information.



**REMEMBER:** Our offices are closed on Monday, February 19th, (President's Day) in observance of the Federal Holiday. There will be no 6:30 am Mass on that day.

**CATHOLIC PARENT FOUR-PART WORKSHOP:**

"Integrating Faith & the Science of Psychology in Parenting" with Donna Darbellay, Psy.D. will be presented in the parish hall the first four Thursdays the month of March. More details to come.

**THE DIVINE OFFICE "Lenten Practicum":**

Our own Father Gripshover will explain the mechanics of the Divine Office for the Lenten/Easter Season on February 24th at 9:30 am, in the Adult Education Room in the Cauwe Center. Join Father for a check-up or a refresher course. The Divine Office books will be available at the class.

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Novena/Mass:** February 21, 2007 **Ash Wednesday**  
 4:30 pm Check Schedule  
 7:30 pm Check Schedule  
**Friday:** **February 23, 2007**  
 7:30 pm **Stations of the Cross - Check Schedule**  
**Saturday:** **February 24, 2007**  
 8:15 am Nugents, Coolidge  
 5:00 pm **Vigil Russo, Quinn, Hogan, Hickey**  
**Sunday Masses: February 25, 2007**  
 7:30 am Kissinger, Myer, Riordan  
 9:00 am Hurley, Caron, McCauley, Gross  
 10:30 am Lorias, Jabbour  
 12:00 pm Crouch, Ogdod, Dixons, Hylton, Berry, Payne  
 Mehan



**St. John Youth Corner**

Senior Youth Group Website- [www.sjsyq.org](http://www.sjsyq.org)

**Senior Youth Group  
Ski Trip**

Saturday, March 3, 2007  
 Permission Slips due by  
 February 25th  
**Space is limited!**



**SAINT JOHN ACADEMY**



**School  
Registration**

Registration for the upcoming school year is now open to all parishioners. Out of parish (Catholic) registration will begin February 26 - March 2, 2007. Other faiths may register beginning on March 5, 2007.

**5-CAR RAFFLE:** All Saints Church in Manassas has invited St. John's to participate in their 5-car raffle. Proceeds will support the athletic program at St. John Academy. Prizes include five 2007 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Pontiac G5, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility and a Honda Odyssey Van). A \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win any one of the five vehicles. Other cash prizes total \$20,000. \$3.00 of the \$5.00 ticket price goes to the Academy. Please support St. John Academy's Athletic Program. Tickets and Information will be mailed to your home.



**CONTRIBUTIONS:** To make contributing to St. John more convenient for our parishioners we can automatically debit your checking or savings account (EFT) from your own bank, or you may pay monthly with a credit card. You may come by the parish office to fill out forms to start this process.



**DONATE YOUR OLD CELLULAR PHONES:**

Families of St. John... please consider donating your old cellular phones to CALL TO PROTECT®. This Campaign collects wireless phones to benefit survivors of domestic violence.

Proceeds from the sale of phones help fund agencies that fight domestic violence and are also used to support the education efforts of the Wireless Foundation. The National Coalition against Domestic Violence partnered with The Wireless Foundation to create the CALL TO PROTECT program. The lifeline provided by donated phones has literally saved lives over the course of their partnership. **Please drop off your old cell phone in the CALL TO PROTECT box located in the Word Bookstore during the month of February.** Questions? Carl Katz @ 703-237-0660.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DATE Feb. 18, 2007	19	20	21 ASH WEDNESDAY	22	23	24
No CCD PreK - K	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>NO 6:30 Mass</b> <u>Sew &amp; So Forth</u> 9:45 am DR Rm <u>No CCD Gr. 1,2,3</u> <u>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 pm DR Rm	<b>CCD Gr. 1 - 8</b> 7:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>ASH</b> <b>WEDNESDAY</b>  Masses: 6:30 am 9:00 am, 4:30 pm & 7:30 pm	<u>RCIA</u> 7:00 pm  <u>St. John Choir</u> 7:30 pm	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> <b>7:30 pm</b>	<u>Jr. Legion of Mary</u> 10:00 am DR Rm

*From St. John's Office of Evangelization ...*

**DEFENDING THE FAITH**

**DYING WITH GOD**

WHERE DID ALL THE TIME GO?

In today's production oriented society, it is not uncommon to hear our fellow laborers exclaim at the end of a long and exhausting work day, "Where did the day go?" At the end of the calendar year, it has become commonplace to hear our fellow citizens say "Where did the year go?" And when Christmas and Easter arrive each year, it is unfortunately all too common to hear our brethren in Christ say, "Where did Advent and Lent go?" Will it happen that at the end of our lives, we will echo these sad sentiments to our children, and say with tears in our eyes, "Where did my life go?" Let it not be so with us! With only a few days remaining before Lent, let us begin our reflection upon this most solemn season, in order that this Lent may be for us the journey of our lives. Why does the Church impose this season of repentance? Why do the followers of Jesus make acts of reparation for forty days? To answer these questions properly, we must again return to the story of salvation history, and consider our own lives in light of God's grand plan for mankind.

Recall that in the beginning, God placed man in a paradise of delight and offered him participation in his own divine life. However, man listened not to the life-giving words of the Creator, but accepted the words of death from the mouth of the Serpent, who flattered them with the thought of achieving eternal life apart from God. To their bitter sorrow, the pair discovered the lie of the devil, and rather than eternal life, they found only death. It is from this act of disobedience that all of mankind became inheritors of a nature divorced from divinity, receiving a nature joined not to God, as was the plan in the beginning, but rather, a nature disfigured by sin and yoked to death.

It is for this reason that the Son of God was born of the Virgin, and died upon the cross. The Word of God, Creator of the World, could not stand to see his creation bound to death, and thus he took to himself human nature, reuniting God and man in the person of Jesus. With that human nature, God entered into death, being crucified upon the cross, and buried in the tomb. With that human nature, God burst asunder the bars of Hades, and gave life back to mankind, for just as when light enters into darkness and darkness is no more, so when Life enters death, death is destroyed. Hell "took a body, and met God face to face. At the death of Christ, as Saint John Chrysostom explained in his famous Easter sermon,

Hell "took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen." In other words, the Devil grasped what he thought was mortal, and discovered immortality, and in that act, the grip of death upon mankind was destroyed.

Each one of us, inheritors of a nature joined to death, now has hope, for our Savior has walked our nature forth from the tomb. But that is not the end of the story. If we are to escape eternal death and be freed from the curse of Adam, we must become partakers of Christ; we must somehow enter into the mystery of Christ's resurrection. This is where Lent fits into the picture. Lent is our journey to the day of the resurrection. Lent is, for us, a time to be united completely to Christ, in order that when he walks forth from the tomb on the glorious day of Easter Sunday, we might walk with him. However, one event must of necessity stand in the way of that day, for no one comes forth from the tomb who has not first entered into it. It is now our challenge to become so united to Christ during the forty days of Lent, that when the day of the crucifixion is before us, we, like the good thief, may willingly die with God, in order that we may also live with him. No one will rise on Easter morning, who has not first been nailed to the cross with Jesus.

With only forty days to make our journey, let us begin now to prepare, so that at the end of Lent we may not say "Where did all the time go?" but rather, "Christ is risen, and I have risen with him!" Let us make it our goal that through fasting, confession, penance, and almsgiving, we may accept willingly the death that our first parents dealt to all of mankind, in order that we may be counted among those who, on the glorious day of the resurrection, will rise with Christ, and live with him forever.

*The Saint John Institute of Catholic Culture ...*  
(St. John's Adult Ed Program)

PRESENTS:

**EDEN TO EDEN**

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

THE GARDEN, THE TEMPLE & THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Tuesdays of Lent @ 7:30 PM – March 6, 13, 20, 27

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**DIVINE OFFICE**

(LITURGY OF THE HOURS)

~ **LENT PRACTICUM** ~

W/ FR. GRIPHOVER

Saturday, Feb. 24 @ 9:30 AM

Q? – Call St. John's Office of Evangelization @ 703-504-8733

**Choir** *From the Music Desk...*

**Palm Sunday**, the sixth Sunday of Lent, begins the liturgical designation called Holy Week. Many composers throughout history have been inspired by the events in the life of our Lord. But his crucifixion, death, and resurrection have inspired some of the most beautiful music ever written. On Palm Sunday, traditional hymns such as Hosanna to the Son of David, All Glory, Laud, and Honor, and O Sacred Head are standard. Palm Sunday Mass would not be the same without these memorable tunes and texts. As you remember from year to year, the entire Passion is read from one of the gospels. At the 12:00 Noon Mass, this narrative will actually be sung by three vocalists. The musical setting of the Mass Ordinaries will be from Arvo Part's pen. His "Missa Syllabica" is both poignant and reflective.

Below are a couple of websites with history and information about Palm Sunday.

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/11432b.htm> or  
<http://www.billpetro.com/HolidayHistory/hol/easter/palm.html>

**Tenebrae**, Latin for "shadows," is the service of darkness that is celebrated during Holy Week, usually on Wednesday. This meaningful event is characterized by full light at the beginning of the service that gradually becomes dimmer until the end when everyone in the church leaves in silence and darkness. Music includes appropriate motets and psalmody with the pinnacle being the beautifully chanted Lamentations of Jeremiah. One mustn't forget the "earthquake" that also occurs as part of this service.

If you are interested in learning more about Tenebrae and the Lamentations of Jeremiah, please check out the links below.

<http://www.medieval.org/emfaq/misc/lamentations.htm>  
<http://www.sistersofcarmel.com/tenebrae.php>

See you next week to discuss Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Musically in Christ,  
Director Lang



## In Our Area

### **FORUM ON TEENAGE SUBSTANCE ABUSE:**

Catholic Charities upcoming free forum entitled "Teenage Substance Abuse: What Parents Should Know" will be held in the cafeteria of St. Thomas More Cathedral School, 105 N. Thomas Street in Arlington, Virginia on March 15, 2007 from 7:30 - 9:00pm. RSVP to Carol at 703-841-2531.

**LENTEN PRO-LIFE PRAYER:** Priests for Life invite us to join Christians around the world in saying this Lenten prayer each day... "*Father of all mercy, we thank you for this season of grace light. We know that sin has blinded us. Draw us ever closer to you, in prayer and penance. Give all your people a clearer understanding of the profound dignity of every human life, including the children in the womb. As we prepare to celebrate the death and Resurrection of Christ, strengthen our joy in the fact that life has already conquered death. As we prepare to renew the promises of our own Baptism this Easter, grant that we may live more faithfully as the children of God and the People of Life. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.*" Visit their site... [www.PrayerCampaign.org](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org) for further information.

### **CALLING ALL SINGLE CATHOLICS OVER 40:**

Prime Time Single Catholics of Northern Virginia (PTSC) invites you to a Valentine Dance, Saturday, February 24, 2007 at Lyon Village Community House, Lee Highway and Highland Street, Arlington, Virginia. \$10.00 Admission, includes dancing, light refreshment and FUN, FUN, FUN! Questions: Mary Lou at 703-924-3879, or John at 703-313-0259.

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008 PILGRIMAGE:**

The Office of Youth Ministry is sponsoring a 10 day pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, July 13 - 22, 2008 for 16 - 35 year olds. Price for trip will include all transportation, taxes, fees, simple accommodations, WYD fee, and almost all meals. Exact price will depend upon airfare but will be approximately \$2,200. Pre-trip option to Melbourne is also being planned. More details: 703-841-2559.

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