

Monday, February 26, 2007, Lenten Weekday

6:30 Dr. Joe Wisniewski †
9:00 Margaret Amorosi †

Tuesday, Feb. 27, Lenten Weekday

6:30 Marie Lane †
9:00 Carolyn Kuhn †

Wednesday, Feb. 28, Lenten Weekday

6:30 Frank Anastasio †
9:00 Maurice Kelliher †

Thursday, March 1, Lenten Weekday

6:30 Carol Kuhn †
9:00 William Portnoy

Friday, March 2, Lenten Weekday

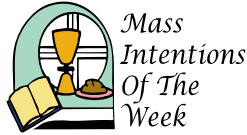
6:30 Baby Giulio
9:00 Marty Enghauser †

Sat. March 3, Lenten Weekday, Katharine Drexel, virgin

8:15 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Klein †
5:00 William Lash III, William Lash IV

Sunday, March 4, Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 Paul Tripp †
9:00 Marques Family †
10:30 John Child †
12:00 People of the Parish



Readings for the Week of February 25, 2007

Sunday	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Monday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48

From the Pastor



Congratulations, we are already more than 30% near our parish goal for the BLA (Bishop's Lenten Appeal). Remember to make a pledge (I made mine). This weekend we are doing the In-Pew Pledges for those who somehow may have not received a BLA pledge form in the mail.

We have started our Lenten journey. You are encouraged to attend one of the Stations of the Cross, either on Thursdays at 2:15 pm with the school or on Friday evenings at 7:30 pm in the church.

On Saturday March 3 following the 8:15 am First Saturday devotion there will be a meeting in the Adult Education room for anybody interested in learning more about the Lay Missionaries of Charity. We meet on the first Saturday of every month here at St. John's. The Lay Missionaries is the lay branch of the worldwide religious community founded by Mother Teresa. I am the Spiritual Director of the local chapter as well as the National Spiritual Director for the U.S. Coming to the meeting does not commit you to anything. It is called a "Come and See" meeting. We welcome you to join us.



Please Pray For

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| Ronald Bashion | Maureen Hollingsworth | Lois Riscile |
| Sonja & | Muriel Jennings | Edelisa Samson |
| Soraya Borghese | Mary Johnson | Margaret Serrao |
| Nancy Burke | Billee Jordan | Leah Shannon |
| Esperanza Castillo | Blanche Kane | Barbara Skylell |
| Juan Chirino | Kathleen Keane | Mary Spann |
| Michael Clarke | Shirley Kelley | Margaret Stimpfle |
| Carol Coad | Alice Koutsoumpas | Kimberly Strocka |
| Vincent Corcoran | Katherine Malcolm | Eileen Sweeney |
| Edward Cotter | John Malloy | Raymond Vagli |
| Estelle Danielson | Annette McGovern | Mary Wilson |
| Marie Davalos | Ferenc Molnar | Siegfried Wolf |
| John Delaney | Matthew Morgan | |
| Lucille Dion | Marilyn Middleton | |
| Denis Downey, Jr. | Edmund Milauckas | |
| Bryan Downie | Nancy Miller | |
| Pam Dunne | Monica Mizerek | |
| Marie Gillespie | June Nage | |
| Alex Hargenrader | Ernest Oddono | |
| Kathleen Harrington | Kennedy O'Donnell | |
| Charles Harrison | John Ozimina | |
| Gary & Cindy Hogan | Al Parsons | |
| Laura Holleran | Joseph Riotto | |

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

VOCATION PRAYER:

Mary of Nazareth,
*in your maternal care of your children,
please obtain for all those discerning their vocation,
the objective knowledge and spiritual insight
necessary for recognizing the invitation of your Son to
love and serve Him and His Church. Amen*

**Be With Me,
Lord, When I
Am In Trouble.**



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

Donna Darbellay, Psy.D., will be presenting: **Catholic Parent Workshop: Integrating Faith and the Science of Psychology in Parenting** on Thursdays March 1, 8, 15, & 22 in the Parish Hall at 7:30 pm. March 1 topic: An Overview of Parenting Styles and Child Development.

In Our Parish



1ST. FRIDAY/1ST. SATURDAY (24-HR) Eucharistic Adoration: After the 9:00 am Mass on Friday, until the 8:15 am Saturday Mass followed by First Saturday Devotions as requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

ADORERS ARE NEEDED EVERY FIRST FRIDAY and First Saturday of each month for Eucharistic Adoration. Contact Ann Thunder (703-442-0668) if you are able to spend an hour

with our Lord or sign up for a specific hour on the **Schedule of Adorers Roster** in the vestibule of the Church.

LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY (LMC): "Come and See" Informational Meeting will be held after the 8:15am 1st. Saturday Mass on March 3rd. The LMC is the Lay branch of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. They give whole hearted service to the poorest of the poor beginning with their own families. Remaining in the heart of the world, the LMC's consecrate the world to God through living according to the spirituality of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. Father McAfee, our pastor, is their National Spiritual Director. Come and See!



Guest Speaker: Mrs. Olive Dawson from Dublin, Ireland

Topic: "THE MERCIFUL MOTHER" Wednesday, Feb. 28th in the Parish Hall (after the Holy Hour)

Mrs. Olive Dawson will speak on the messages of Our Lady given to a visionary in Dublin, Ireland. Since 1988, Our Lady, under the title "**The Merciful Mother**" has been appearing to the visionary and has instructed that a book containing these messages be given to all her children throughout the world. The book has been printed with Ecclesiastical Permission and will be distributed at the talk.

Through special graces, Mrs. Dawson lives only on the Eucharist, taking neither food nor water since 1999. She requires little sleep and has boundless energy. Mrs. Dawson speaks with the permission and approval of her bishop in Kent, England and her spiritual director. All are welcome.



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.

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. During this time we are asked by the Church to increase our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Many families have developed traditions which they observe during the Lent and Easter season, and The WORD carries books about Catholic customs and traditions. 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. 703-356-7420 Questions.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: There will be a second collection taken up this weekend for Black & Indian Missions. Please be generous.



OVER 50 CLUB:

Seniors are invited to come and welcome the Arlington Songfellows on Monday, March 19. This group of entertainers is sure to sing one of your favorite tunes. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am with lunch following at Noon in the parish hall. Please sign up on sheet in the church Vestibule and leave a check for \$20.00 made payable to S.J.B. with "seniors" on the memo line in the parish office by Thursday, March 1. For information please call Nancy Ingrisano at 703-356-5538.



WOMENS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION:

Sign up now...don't miss your chance to attend a Day of Recollection which will take place on Thursday, March 8 at Marymount University. Fr. Gary Selin will lead us. We begin with coffee at 9:15 am in the beautiful Main House. Then 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 1. For information or reservations, please call Mary Elizabeth Bergen at 703-288-0946, and leave a message.

ST. JOHN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL is planning a Founder's Day dinner the evening of March 29 at the Parish Hall for Knights and their families. The dinner will be in honor of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, who founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Please contact Dr. Kurt Maggio at 703-848-0273 if you and you family are interesting in attending, as we need to plan early for this event. Dinner should start around 6:00 pm.

Altar Server Schedule

Novena/Mass: February 28, 2007
7:30 pm Riordan, P. Loria, Stechschulte

Saturday: March 3, 2007
8:15 am C. & Joe Beatty, Crnkovich
5:00 pm Vigil Kennedys, Bello, Burelli

Sunday Masses: March 4, 2007
7:30 am Nugents, J. McCoy
9:00 am Guillen, Girardi, Clark, Schuman
10:30 am Himpler, Zehnder, S. Earner, Payne
12:00 pm Defensor, Manns, Alligood, Lunde, Oeler, Tata



School Registration

SAINT JOHN ACADEMY

Registration for the upcoming school year 2007/2008 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. Call the school registrar for information or to register your child. 703-356-7554.

FULL-TIME MATH TEACHER: St. John Academy is in need of a full-time Middle School Math teacher. If you are interested in this position, please call the school office at 703-356-7554.

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.

INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY: A Catholic website exists for those struggling to overcome addiction to Internet pornography. St. Joseph Covenant Keepers maintains this website for men, spouses, and family members. Please go to <http://familylifecenter.net/strugglewithporn.asp> Also check out the "Breaking Free" booklet in our parish bookrack. This aids men to attain sexual purity.



St. John Youth Corner

Senior Youth Group Website- www.sjsyq.org



Saturday, March 3, 2007
Permission Slips due: Feb. 25
Space is limited!

Next Youth Group meeting:
Sunday, Mar. 4, 2007



WEDNESDAYS NOVENA PRAYERS

& ROSARY: The Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers & Rosary begin at 7:10 pm The Eucharistic Holy Hour follows immediately at 7:30 pm. All parishioners are encouraged to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and pray to the Blessed Mother for world peace and conversion of hearts.




ADORERS ARE NEEDED EVERY WEDNESDAY, and every First Friday and First Saturday of every month for Eucharistic Adoration. Contact Ann Thunder @703-442-0668 if you are able to spend an hour with our Lord or sign up for a specific hour on the ***Schedule of Adorers Roster*** in the vestibule of the church.



Congratulations to parishioners **Brenda & Barry Royden** and **Jayne & Pat Kearns** who celebrate their 25th anniversaries March 6.

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.

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS: Because of you, this bulletin is furnished to our parish without charge. We hope that our kind sponsors renew their ads, and if others are interested in placing a new ad please call Diocesan Publications at 1-800-233-8200.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DATE Feb. 25, 2007	26	27	28	March 1	First Friday	First Saturday
CCD PreK - K 10:30 - 11:30 am First Sunday of Lent 	Sew & So Forth 9:45 am DR Rm CCD Gr. 1,2,3 4:30 - 5:30 pm Legion of Mary 7:30 pm DR Rm	CCD Gr. 1 - 8 7:00 - 8:00 pm 	ADORATION Confessions 6:45 -7:15 pm Novena Prayers & Rosary 7:10 Eucharistic Holy Hour 7:30	RCIA 7:00 pm St. John Choir 7:30 pm Parenting Workshop 7:30 pm PH	ADORATION 7:30 pm	LMC Meeting After 8:15am Mass Jr. Legion of Mary 10:00 am DR Rm
						

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

Dying with God

Now is the Time . . .

Having been anointed with holy ashes, we now fix our gaze upon the cross of the Son of God, and guided by the light of the paschal fire, we begin our preparation for the Resurrection of the Savior of the World. As we considered last week, no one will reach the hoped-for day of the Resurrection, who has not first willingly entered into the tomb. If you seek to rise with Christ, you must first die with him.

But how are we to accomplish this spiritual death? The answer is simple, and yet so hard for our fallen nature; we must die to our own human desires; we must renounce the enticement of the body, that having willingly accepted the death which our first parents dealt to all of mankind, we may begin to live the life of God. This is why the Lenten fast is so important. Throughout the year we condition ourselves to follow the demands of the flesh, we eat when we are hungry, we sleep when we are tired, and we may curse when we are angry. This constant assent to the demands of the body has a spiritual effect. Instead of the soul (intellect and will) ruling our lower passions, we become enslaved to the tyranny of the flesh. Far from being able to choose rightly about the good things God has given to us, we become like animals, going after everything that gives us pleasure. For this reason, our Holy Mother Church sets before us the forty day journey of Lent. In this season we seek to become masters of our lives once again, taking control of our lower passions so that we may focus upon higher goods. How difficult it is! As anyone who has taken the fast with all seriousness knows, to deny the body its most basic urges exposes the real war between the body and the soul. This war is the war of the cross, and we will either win or we will lose; there can be no in-between. Either we will have mastered our desires, after the forty days of Lent, in such a way as to willingly accept death upon the cross of Christ and burial with him in the tomb, or we will renounce him as the Savior, and turn instead to the worship of the body. Therefore, over the next few weeks, let us turn our attention to the spiritual life, turn our thoughts to the wise men of the Church, and prepare our souls for the Resurrection of God.

Let us begin our Lenten meditation with an exhortation from Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church.

Now is the time in which the souls of all men should be stirred with greater fervor towards spiritual perfection, and inspired with greater confidence: now when the return of that day on which we were

redeemed invites us once more to the fulfillment of all our sacred duties, so that purified in body and soul we may celebrate the supreme Mystery of the Passion of Our Lord . . . Accordingly, with great solicitude has this divine means been given us, so that these forty days of reflection may assist us to restore the purity of our souls, and so that during them we may, by good works, make satisfaction for our past sins, and by devout mortification, purge ourselves of them.

As we are therefore beginning this sacred season, dedicated to the purification of the soul, let us be careful to fulfill the Apostolic command that "we cleanse ourselves from all defilements of the flesh and of the spirit," (2 Cor 7:2) so that restraining the conflict that exists between the one and the other substance, the soul, which in the Providence of God is meant to be the ruler of the body, may regain the dignity of its rightful authority.

We must then so moderate our rightful use of food that our other desires may be subject to the same rule. For this is also a time for gentleness and patience, a time of peace and serenity, in which having put away all stains of evil doing, we strive after steadfastness in what is good.

Be you certain, Dearly Beloved, that the devil, the enemy of all virtue, will look with envy upon these pious practices, to which we trust you freely give yourself; and he will bring against them all the force of his malice, so that from piety itself he may weave snares against piety: so that those he could not destroy through despair he will seek to undo through vain glory. Whose purpose will that most wicked enemy not dare to attack? Whose self denial does he not seek to undo, when . . . he attempted his deceits even against the Savior of the World? Let us therefore, Dearly Beloved, be watchful against the deceits of the devil, not alone against the enticement of gluttony, but even in our very purpose of fasting.

Enter then with pious devotion upon these holy days of Lent; and prepare for yourselves the works of mercy, that you may merit the Divine Mercy. Extinguish the fires of anger, wipe away all hate . . . give way to each other in the simplicity of true humility." Let offenses be forgiven. Let harshness be changed to mildness, disdain to gentleness, discord into peace . . . so that our fasting may be pleasing to God. To Him we shall offer a true sacrifice of self denial and devotion if we keep ourselves from all iniquity; being helped in all things by Almighty God, Who with the Son and Holy Spirit is One in Divinity, One in Majesty, unto ages of ages. Amen.

(exerpts from a sermon of P. St. Leo the Great)

From the Music Desk...

Holy Thursday, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, is the beginning of what the Church calls the Triduum (three days). Many people are under the impression that Lent ends with Easter Sunday. It actually ends at dusk on Holy Thursday. No where in the entire world is a regular parish Mass held during the day on Holy Thursday; only one Mass in the evening. Another special rite of this liturgy is the washing of feet. This signifies the service to which we are all called. "Go and do as I have done."

On Holy Thursday, you will hear a magnificent Gloria at the beginning of Mass. This will be the first time in all of Lent that the Gloria has been sung. After this, the organ is silenced until the Gloria at the Easter Vigil. Bells are rung to bring special significance to this proclamation. Additional music will reflect the aspects of "service" and the Holy Eucharist. For more information, please go to the following sites:

<http://www.nativity.org/Triduum.html>

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/10068a.htm>

The **Good Friday** rites center around the reading of the Passion of Jesus. This service does not stand alone; it is a continuation of what began on Holy Thursday. The priest prostrates himself as a sign of utter humility before God. During the Liturgy of the Word, the Passion of Christ is proclaimed. We listen and remember how Jesus suffered and died for our sins. After the Passion we are reminded that there are many people in the world who need our prayers, and so in our role as priestly people we pray a more lengthy and elaborate form of the General Intercessions.

Then a cross, the symbol of our salvation, is brought forward for us to venerate. The veneration of the cross is a practice unique to Good Friday. It is our opportunity to humble ourselves before the awesome saving action of Christ. We approach the cross and acknowledge its power in a number of ways. We can genuflect before the cross, kiss it, kneel before it, touch it with our hand, or stand before it and say a short prayer. The method we choose to show our respect is our own choice. After veneration we participate in a simple reception of the Eucharist and then leave church again in silence to continue our prayer and fasting at home and to return on Saturday evening for the Easter Vigil.

A musical highlight for the Good Friday service at Saint John will be the stunningly beautiful choral piece "Miserere Mei" by Gregori Allegri. This piece is frequently recorded. Good Friday links:

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/06643a.htm>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Good_Friday

See you next week to discuss Holy Saturday.

Musically in Christ,

Director Lang

In Our Area

2007 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: Celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Marian apparition at Fatima, the 2007 Diocesan Pilgrimage is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 13, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Bishop Loverde has appointed Rev. Francis J. Peffley, Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish to lead the Pilgrimage. Please mark your calendar for this special Pilgrimage of reflection and prayer.

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETINGS: Catholic Charities will hold informational meetings on March 15, April 19, May 17, and June 21, 2007 in Burke, VA from 6:00 - 8:00pm. The 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. We are especially seeking African/American and interracial couples interested in adopting. Registration Fee: \$20.00. To register please call 703-425-0100.

NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES: The next class is at St. Leo in Fairfax on Sun., March 4, 2007 at 2:00 pm. To register, contact Lawrence & Mary Kapp at 703-866-5532 or lawrence.kapp@verizon.net.



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LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

"Prayer & the Spiritual Life" ~Thurs., March 1, 7:30 pm
Bishop O'Connell HS Chapel ~ 703-237-1441

"Jesus, the Beatitudes & Me" ~ Sat. March 17
8:30 am - 2:00 pm ~ Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
www.oblates.org or call 703-938-2828

CDU online seminars:

"Four Pillars of the Catholic Faith" ~ Feb. 26 - March 26 &
"Deus Caritas Est: Pope Benedict's Encyclical on Christian Love"
from March 12 - April 2

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