

Monday, May 7, 2007, Easter Weekday

6:30 Chris Bokowski
9:00 Alice Stephan Joyce †

Tuesday, May 8, Easter Weekday

6:30 Anne Jansen
9:00 Steven Hasty †

Wednesday, May 9, Easter Weekday

6:30 Christopher Menciano †
9:00 Rita R. Kirvan †

Thursday, May 10, Easter Weekday; Blessed Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i, priest

6:30 Rachael Erramouspe
9:00 Mr. & Mrs. James Applewhite & son Benjamin †

Friday, May 11, Easter Weekday

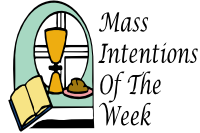
6:30 Joseph Coble
9:00 Louise Ogar

Saturday, May 12, Easter Weekday; Nereus & Achilles, martyrs; Pancras, martyr

8:15 Thomas Kemp †
5:00 James E. Feeney †

Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 Robert Middleton
9:00 The McBride Family
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Mother's Day Triduum



Readings for the Week of May 6, 2007

Sunday Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96; Jn 15:9-11
Friday Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21



Please Pray For

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

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

From the Pastor

On Friday, May 18 at 7:00 pm we will have the Parish May Crowning ceremony. This traditional ceremony for the entire parish will be conducted by the school and will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It will also feature a procession of flowers. You are invited to attend the May Crowning and to bring a flower to place before our Blessed Lady. Following the May Crowning we will have a retirement party for our beloved teacher Claire Hanley who is leaving her teacher position after 20 years of loving service. All are invited to attend and wish her well.

Mrs. Claire Hanley is the mother of 5 children and 8 grandchildren. Three of her own children graduated from St. John School. She and her husband joined the parish in 1973. Claire is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and a member of the Ladies of the Sacristy who faithfully clean our church each Saturday. Before coming to teach at St. John she taught High School biology in New Jersey. Later she taught 2 year old children. She has been the Pre-Kindergarten teacher at St. John School (Academy) since 1987. If your child graduated from St. John's school, they know Mrs. Hanley. Come wish her well. She will be retiring and taking care of her newest baby granddaughter.

Parish May Crowning: Friday, May 18 at 7 pm in the Church. All are invited.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions May 2007

General: That, following the example of the Virgin Mary, all Christians should allow themselves to be guided by the word of God and always remain attentive to the signs of the Lord in his own life. **Mission:** That in Mission territories there may be no lack of good and enlightened teachers in the major Seminaries and in the Institutes of consecrated life.



Religious Education

CCD First Communion Preparation Day May 10,
Parish Hall, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm.

In Our Parish



May 13, the Icon of Divine Mercy will be visiting our parish. **This icon will remain with us for one week, giving us the unique opportunity to pray together as a parish for the healing of families.** All families are encouraged to participate by taking one of the prayer cards and to unite their prayers with everyone in the diocese for peace and healing in families.



Parish Support

Next week:
Special Parish
Needs



OVER 50 CLUB: Contact a fellow 'senior' and invite them to join you at our Monday, May 21st barbecue luncheon. It will be the last get-together led by the **Ingrisanos**. Come say a big "thank you"

to them for all they have done for our club over the past years. Maureen Cyron from 'Excursionaire' will join us and tell us about some of the trips available for the 2007-2008 year. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am with our "fun lunch" following at noon in the parish hall. A sign-up sheet can be found in the church vestibule. Please leave a check for \$20.00 made payable to SJB with 'seniors' on the memo line in the parish office by Thursday, May 17. For information call Nancy Ingrisano at 703-356-5538.

SENIORS: Friday, May 18. Don't miss the trip to Stratford Hall, the 287 year old ancestral home of the Lee family, birth place of Robert E. Lee. It is one of the finest examples of Colonial architecture in the U.S. Sign up now in the church vestibule. Choose crab cake or fried chicken as main course for lunch. Bus leaves SJB at 9:00 am, returns by 6:00 pm. Leave a \$86 check made payable to Excursionaire with SJB Seniors Trip on the memo line in the parish office. For questions call Ray Bergan, 703-288-0946.

This weekend:

Sacred Art Show @ St. John's gym
Sat. May 5, 9am-7pm/Sun. May 6, 7:30 am-3pm
Paintings, icons, sculpture, manuscripts
Proceeds go towards purchase of robes for the
children's Treble Choir. Please come!



News from
"The Word"

St. John Parish Book & Gift Shop

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

Next weekend is Mother's Day, and the WORD will be closed so we can be pampered by our children and husbands! Stop by the WORD this week to pick up something special for Mom for her special day. We have books, rosaries, statues and other items which make beautiful gifts.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:

Tues. - Fri. 11:00 am- 2:00 pm & Sat. 10:00 am-1:00 pm.
This week we will be featuring Mens, slacks and suits ½ price. We will only be accepting Spring and Summer items. Thank you for your support. Questions? call (703) 356-7420 (business hours)

24th ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE: A FAMILY EVENT:

Saturday May 12th at 10:00 am. Come out to Paul VI High School to raise funds and increase awareness of **Catholic Charities' Pro-Life** efforts. This year's walk is dedicated to all mothers. Walkers, by their example and donations, reinforce the dignity of every individual from the moment of conception. Pick up a pamphlet in the church vestibule; registration can even be done on site. Choose life! Questions, Kurt Maggio, 703 848 0273.

BLOOD DRIVE: American Red Cross blood drive Sat. May 12 at St. Luke's Church in McLean. The Red Cross urgently needs donors to help save lives--- the donated blood is used locally. St. John the Beloved Knights of Columbus will cosponsor this. Please consider giving. All donors receive a Red Cross t-shirt. Sign up: tinyurl.com/y7x94r online. Or call Carlos Roberts at 703 237-8738, and he will sign you up. On behalf of all blood recipients, thank you!



THE WOMEN'S COUNCIL would like to thank the kind people who worked so hard to give the women of our parish a delightful, entertaining and


enriching afternoon during Sunday's Champagne/Tea Reception. We would specifically like to thank our Pastor, Fr. McAfee for his opening prayers, Amy Seebeck, Jen Morano, Katy Paige, Shannon McLaughlin, Angela Kennedy, JoEllen Murphy, Maureen Hamrick, Molly DeMarcellus, Mary Sue Himpler, Sheila Harrington, Kathleen Johnson, Ave Crawford and most especially Don Rasmussen. A special thanks to Mary Elizabeth Bergan whose presence and silver serving pieces contributed so much to the elegance of the occasion. We also send a special thank you to Art Bennett, who gave up Sunday Afternoon with his family to entertain and enlighten us. Watch the bulletin for more Women's

Altar Server Schedule


Novena/Mass: Wednesday, May 9, 2007
7:30 pm Hogan, Delvecchio, Hylton

Saturday: May 12
8:15 am B. Fisher, Mehigans
5:00 pm **Vigil** Schaumburg, Burelli, Hogan, Gross

Sunday Masses: May 13
7:30 am Tidwells, C. Earner
9:00 am Myer, Riordan, Girardi, Jabbour
10:30 am McGiffins, Jacob Eyer, James Eyer
12:00 pm Crouch, Moran, Manns, Stechschulte, Berry, Mehan



Altar Servers



St. John Youth Corner


Senior Youth Group Website— www.sjsyg.org

SENIOR YOUTH MEETING ~ TONIGHT

HighSchoolers: SUNDAY, May 6 ~
Topic: **"Idol Worship"** ~ Indoor Volleyball
Submarine sandwiches and Root beer floats
Come sign up for our Spring Charity Trip

SAINT JOHN ACADEMY

Saint John Academy is accepting applications for its 2007-2008 preschool class. Classes are held on Mon/Wed/Fri/ from 8am - noon. Saint John Academy's yearly session is August - early June. Please contact Tammy Di Benigno at (703) 356-7554 www.stjohncatholicmclean.org



Bring the FAMILY

ST. JOHN ACADEMY BOOK FAIR: St. John Library will be sponsoring its Spring Book Fair using Bookworm Plantation from Manassas. They have very high quality books and many of the summer reading list books will be included. The event will take place on **Monday, May 7 - Friday May 11** during school hours (8-4pm). Monday, May 7 will include a Family Event and the hours will be 3:00 - 4:45 pm. The Book Fair will close on Friday, May 11 at 11:00 am. Remember, books make great communion gifts!

RECYCLE used and unused cards, medals, rosaries. Especially appreciated are cards with Holy pictures. Mail to: Mr. Fred Harrison/3636-16th St. NW (B-821)/ Washington, DC or give these items to Helen or Louis Hargenrader. Thank you.


SEW & SEW FORTH will not meet **Mon. May 7.** We meet throughout the summer, so come join us!

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.

NOVENA PRAYERS & ROSARY:
the Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers and the Rosary begin at 7:10 p.m. The Eucharistic Holy Hour will follow immediately at 7:30 p.m. 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 sign up for a specific hour on the **Schedule of Adorers Roster** in the vestibule of the church.


\$11,000+ RAISED IN CAR RAFFLE for our St. John Academy. Thank you to all who purchased tickets. Jose Guillen from our parish won \$100. All winners are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.



The Saint John Institute of Catholic Culture . . .

The Reform of the Reform?
A Liturgical Debate: Reform or Return?
Saturday, May 12, 9:30-10:30 am
St. John the Beloved Church
With Fr. Thomas Kocik,
priest, Diocese of Fall River, MA.
Author of *Apostolic Succession in an Ecumenical Context*

St. John's Office of Evangelization @ 703-504-8733

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 6, 2007	7	8	9	10	11	12
CCD PreK - K 10:30 - 11:30 am Sacred Art Show 7:30am-3pm BULLETIN DEADLINE: FRIDAY, TEN (10) DAYS BEFORE THE BULLETIN DATE. Thank you!	NO Sew & So Forth today 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 Seminar 7:30 pm Dr. Marshner	ADORATION Confessions 6:45 -7:15 pm Novena Prayers & Rosary 7:10 Eucharistic Holy Hour 7:30 Bible Study 8:15	St. John Choir 7:30 pm CCD Preparation Day 8:30 am Bible Study @ Starbucks 7:30		Jr. Legion of Mary 10:00 am DR Rm First Communion

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

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Who is He? (part III)

In the past two weekly columns, we have considered the divinity of Jesus Christ. In the first week, from a logical perspective, with the aid of C.S. Lewis' 'Liar, Lunatic, or Lord' argument, and in the second week, from the evidence provided in the Sacred Scriptures (cf. Jn 8:58, 9:30, 10:33, 20:27-29, 1:1). After observing that the Scriptures provide ample and explicit evidence for the divinity of Our Lord, we turn this week to some passages in the Bible that are not so clear. In apparent contradiction to the passages quoted last week, the passages that we will consider below seem to indicate that Jesus is not divine at all! It is texts such as these that the Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and other modern-day Arian heretics will twist to their own destruction (cf. 2 Pet 3:16). Unfortunately, by the misuse of these passages, countless Catholics have been dragged out of the True Church.

Among the passages most often cited against Christians as evidence against Jesus' divine origin is found in the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel of John. In the midst of his famous farewell discourse, Jesus states, "You heard me say to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I" (Jn 14:28). How is it, the unbelievers ask, that if Jesus is God and the Father is God, that the Father is said to be greater than the Son?

Again, in support of their heresy, Jehovah's Witnesses and others will turn to the Gospel of Luke, where we read that the child Jesus "increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man" (Lk 2:52). And in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus, speaking about the end of the world, states "But of that day and of that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Mk 13:32). Again, the unbelievers ask, how is it possible that a divine person, namely Jesus, can grow in knowledge, and is said to lack knowledge about the end of the world?

With such evidence, what is a Catholic to do? With such evidence, can a Catholic remain a Catholic? With such evidence, a multitude of Catholics have been ripped from the bosom of the Church! Ironically, it is with this same evidence from the Sacred Scriptures that the Catholic Church has historically taught the greatest mystery of Faith, namely the Incarnation of God. And it is in light of this historic and authentic Christian interpretation, that these apparently difficult passages are to be understood.

Let us recall one of the most important principles of biblical studies, that the Sacred Text must be read in context. A text without a context is no text at all! Having last week considered a few of the passages that explicitly confirm the divinity of Jesus Christ, this week we witness, in the above quotations, a few texts which explicitly refer to his humanity. Remember, Jesus Christ is the Incarnate Word; he is both born of God from all eternity, and born of the Blessed Virgin Mary during the reign of Caesar Augustus two thousand years ago.

As we read in Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians, "Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men" (Phil 2:5-7). The mystery of the Incarnation is a mystery filled with humility, for Christ Jesus, being the only-begotten Son of the Father, True God of True God from all eternity, became man for our sake, willingly taking upon himself the limits of the flesh in order to grant to our humanity the wonders of divinity (2 Pet 1:4). For, as the Sacred Scriptures state, in becoming man he became like us in all things save sin (Heb 4:15).

Rather than the above quoted passages being evidence *against* Our Lord's divinity, the texts referenced above are evidence *for* his humanity. Taken together with the scriptures quoted last week, they clearly and explicitly confirm that Jesus Christ is both God and man.

Let us turn, then, to Our Divine Lord and humbly bow before God who "emptied himself, taking on the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men," for, as the Holy Scriptures declare, "In him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (Col 2:9). To him be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Saint John Institute of Catholic Culture . . .

Adam to Jesus Bible Study

Thursdays @ 7:30 pm April 19 - May 31
Meeting at Chesterbrook Starbucks/ Bring your Bible!

Gospel of St. John Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 8:15 pm April 18 - June 27
St. John the Beloved Church, McLean

Declaring the Truth/ Dr. William Marshner

Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm May 1, 8, 15, 22/ St. John Church

The Reform of the Reform?/ with Fr. Kocik

Sat. May 12, 9:30 - 10:30 am @ St. John

St. John Office of Evangelization 703-504-8733

From the Music Desk...

The First Annual **Sacred Art Show** is going on in the gym **Saturday, May 5th and Sunday May 6th** in the school gymnasium. Please stop by, enjoy some wine and cheese, and check out the beautiful artwork. Remember... a percentage of all sales will be allocated for the purchase of brand new choir robes for our Saint John Academy Treble Choir! The curator, Father Jacob Danner, will be present and is one of very few in the US licensed to represent the Vatican Library Collection. Thank you to all who have helped so far to bring this wonderful event to fruition.

By now, you have noticed the beautiful pews in the choir area. This completes the uniform look of the church inside. Of course, all are welcome to sit in this area when a choir is not singing. However, be aware that ministers of the Holy Mass are busy at work in this particular area, and distractions such as talking, whispering, rowdy youngsters, or crying babies make it more difficult for priests to preach, lectors to read, cantors to sing, and organists to play. Please be considerate of the ministers when choosing a place to sit. And, wherever you sit (even in the cry room) always be considerate of your neighbor when it comes to talking or making any unnecessary noise during Mass. Don't forget your cell phones and pagers too!!

Musically yours,
David B. Lang,
Master of Music

From this week's readings:

 will praise your name forever,
MY KING AND MY GOD.



In Our Area

VOCATION RETREAT: The Capuchin Franciscan Friars invite single Catholic men ages 18 - 35 who are seeking their calling in life and considering Priesthood or religious life to come to a retreat on May 18 - 20 at St. Francis Renewal Center in Wilmington, DE. Email: Capuchinlife@aol.com or 201-863-3871 website: www.capuchinfriars.org

WANTED: COMPUTERS FOR REFUGEE KIDS: Drop off used laptops, CPUs, software programs, printers, etc. at 80 North Glebe Road, Diocesan Center, to help a refugee child succeed. The Virginia Refugee Student Achievement Project assists refugee students improve academically. Pentium 3 or higher working computers are needed. For more information call 703-841-3871.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Mon. May 7: "Act Like a Man" with Rev. Paul Scalia. On Draft at Pat Troy's Ireland's Own in Old Town Alexandria. Happy hour 'til 7:30 pm. Talk at 7:30 pm. Bring ID, must be 21 years old. Food fun & fellowship for the 20s & 30s age group who have questions about the Catholic faith. 703-841-2550.

GABRIEL PROJECT: Gabriel Project of Arlington is seeking Spanish-speaking volunteers. For more information, kindly contact Sarah LaPierre at (703) 841-2755.

CDU ONLINE SEMINAR: with Dr. Robert Miller May 14 - June 4. The Old Testament prophets as insightful guides to moral theology for the modern Christian will be the topic. Enroll www.cdu.edu Catechists & teachers receive discounts.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR SERIOUSLY ILL: Dominican Retreat House May 25-27. Free of charge. Register by May 14. 703-356-4243.

CAMP ST. CHARLES, a Catholic Over-night Summer camp, will have a Last Chance Open House today, 11 to 4pm. See our website: www.campstcharles.com or call 301-934-8799. This camp in southern Maryland has been ongoing for 55 years and is run by the Salvatorian Fathers & Brothers and Lay Salvatorians.

SURVIVING DEPRESSION: Sr. Kathryn Hermes, FSP will speak on A Catholic Approach to Surviving Depression at Blessed Sacrament Church in Alexandria on Monday, May. 14 following the 7pm Mass.(7:30). More info: 703-998-6100.

CAC: Catholic Alumni Club of Washington DC has over 300 single Catholics who meet regularly for social, religious, and service related activities. Sat., May 19 at 8:30 pm they will have a dance at the K of C Hall in Silver Spring, MD. Call 703-768-4242. Sun., May 20 will be *Singles Sunday* with a 3:00 pm Mass at Old St. John's Church in Silver Spring, followed by dinner at the K of C Hall. Call 301-874-4640. www.dcsinglecatholicpro.org