

Mon, July 23, 2007, Weekday; Bridget of Sweden, religious

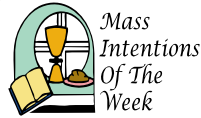
6:30 John Unger †
9:00 Mary Campbell †

Tuesday, July 24, Weekday; Sharbel Makhluif, priest

6:30 Patricia D. Commons †
9:00 Eileen Bridget Mullan †

Wednesday, July 25, James, apostle

6:30 Rev. James Searby
9:00 Michael Onufrychuk



Thu., July 26, Joachim & Anne, parents of the Virgin Mary

6:30 Ann Silveira Family
9:00 Anne McCabe †

Friday, July 27, Weekday

6:30 Salvatisha M. Davis
9:00 The Cernak Family

Saturday, July 28, Weekday; Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 Robert Lahm †
5:00 Alanna Lake †

Sun., July 29, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Leoncio Morillo †
9:00 Avelino Esteves †
10:30 Ralph De Maio †
12:00 People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of July 22, 2007

Sunday Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15; Col 1:24-28;
Lk 10:38-42
Monday Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday Ex 14:21—15:1; Ex 15:8-9, 10, 12, 17;
Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126; Ps 126; Mt 20:20-28
Thursday Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Ps 132;
Mt 13:10-17
Friday Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50; Mt 13:24-30



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| Albert & Marie Balint | Charles Harrison | Ernest Oddono |
| Ronald Bashion | Gary & Cindy Hogan | Al Parsons |
| William T. Berry | Laura Holleran | Joseph Riotto |
| Sonja & Soraya Borghese | Maureen Hollingsworth | Lois Riscile |
| Michelle Brewer | Muriel Jennings | Edelisa Samson |
| Esperanza Castillo | Mary Johnson | Margaret Serrao |
| Juan Chirino | Mimi Johnson | Leah Shannon |
| Michael Clarke | Billee Jordan | Sister Jeanine |
| Carol Coad | Blanche Kane | Sister Marion |
| Vincent Corcoran | Dede Kazunas | Barbara Skyell |
| Edward Cotter | Shirley Kelley | Mary Spann |
| Estelle Danielson | Alice Koutsoumpas | Margaret Stimpfle |
| Marie Davalos | Katherine Malcolm | Eileen Sweeney |
| Jessie Dillon | Annette McGovern | Raymond Vagli |
| Lucille Dion | Ferenc Molnar | Theresa Vartanian |
| Denis Downey, Jr. | Matthew Morgan | Graham Waite |
| Bryan Downie | Marilyn Middleton | Mary Ellen Waite |
| Pam Dunne | Edmund Milauckas | Mary Frances Weil |
| Phil Dunton | Nancy Miller | Joseph Wysolmerski |
| Marie Gillespie | Monica Mizerek | |
| Kathleen Harrington | June Nage | Call the Parish office for name removal. |
| Scott Harris | Fatima Neto | |
| | Lang Nguyen | |

CORRIAGENDA

In the last weekly Pastor's column, there were two misprints. 1) where it says "return of the Mass", it should read "reform of the Mass" 2) in the last paragraph, "guidance of the bishops should read "guidance of the bishop".

From the Pastor

The altar boy collection netted \$3,144.00. Many thanks to those who gave (I also contributed) and thanks to those who serve. Thanks also to Ann thunder.

As I promised several weeks ago, I will give a short history of the Mass. I came up with a different way of doing it... in Question & Answer form.

Question: It's obvious the first Mass was the Last Supper. Jesus and the Apostles shared a traditional meal. It was simple, a sharing of bread among friends. And they did not speak Latin, but Aramaic the language that was their own. Why then the new interpretation?

Answer: The first Mass was the Last Supper celebrated in the forthcoming shadow of the cross. But it was not simply a fraternal meal. It was a Passover Meal which meant it was a ritual meal with rubrics. Christ did not wing it, He did not create it as He went along. He submitted Himself to the tradition that was handed down to Him. He did not hold hands with the apostles when they prayed, this was too serious an event. It was Jewish Worship.

Christ preached in the common vernacular for Jews of His time, Aramaic. He prayed with His disciples in Aramaic, but when He stepped into formal Jewish worship, he used Hebrew. The Last Supper, the first Mass, was celebrated in the liturgical language of the Jews – Hebrew.

Question: Are the roots of the Mass in Jewish ritual?

Answer: The Mass as we know it found its birth in the ritual meal of the Jews as well as in their Synagogue service. The early Christians were all Jews and they continued to attend synagogue on the Sabbath. Then they would return home and celebrate the Eucharist. The Eucharistic Meal was presided over by a priest who said the words of consecration and then distributed Holy Communion. This situation did not last long, for the Jews soon expelled the Christians from the synagogue. The Christians then appended the synagogue service to this liturgy and it became the liturgy of the word and the Eucharistic Meal became the liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Synagogue Service comprised readings from the Law and the Prophets, then a homily was given on these readings. Then followed intercessory prayers and a kiss of peace. We can see in our present day liturgy of the word, the basic structure of the synagogue service. There also was a long prayer that had been recited in the temple with animal sacrifices. It was said in the synagogue service even though the sacrifice did not take place. This prayer of thanksgiving was the forerunner of our Canon or Eucharistic Prayer.



Religious Education

CCD REGISTRATION FORMS: Last month the Religious Education Office mailed out registration forms to all families enrolled last year. We would appreciate it if you would please send your completed forms in by the end of July, if possible. This greatly facilitates planning for the new school year.

WANTED: A FEW GOOD TEACHERS! The St. John Religious Education Office is still looking for enthusiastic, well-formed catechists for the 2007/2008 school year. If you enjoy working with children and are excited about passing on the faith, please contact Laura Pennefather. We are looking for a Monday afternoon head teacher and an aide for second grade, and on Tuesday evening, we need head teachers and aides for first and fourth grades. God bless you for your gift of time and talent! *If you know a parishioner you would like to recommend for one of the open positions, please call the RE office.

In Our Parish



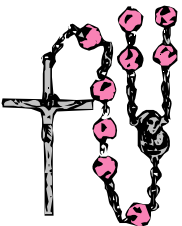
Gifts for God

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ~ SENIOR CITIZENS:

The Virginia Department of Social Services' Cooling Assistance program helps eligible seniors, 60 and older faced with health emergencies because of extreme heat. Information: 703-751-2766.



WANTED: "Rosary Makers for the Cause of Our Blessed Mother"... Respond to the call of Our Lady. The need for rosaries around the world is urgent. Call Our Lady's Rosary Makers at 502-9681434 or 502-9681477 to order a beginner's kit which allows you to make 50 cord rosaries and comes with instructions.



News from
"The Word"

St. John Parish Book & Gift Shop

The WORD is open on Wednesday evenings 6:45-7:30 pm, and Sundays after the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses

July 22: Reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church for a few minutes each day is a great way to become better acquainted with our Catholic Faith. The WORD carries both the Catechism, as well as the Compendium of the Catechism, which is compact and written in a very appealing question and answer format.



Please consider offering your services as an usher at one of our Masses. Please contact Greg Le Sage at 703-738-4576 or email him at lesagegp@gmail.com.

QUO VADIS DAYS: All high school young men in the Diocese of Arlington are invited to Quo Vadis Days Camp for young Catholic men to deepen their faith, learn more about the priesthood, and to better discern God's call in their lives. The camp which costs \$50, will be at Mount St. Mary's Seminary July 29 - August 2, 2007. Contact Fr. Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514 or email him at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

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

PRESENTS...

SUMMORUM PONTIFICUM

"The most beautiful thing this side of heaven"

Join us for Thursday evening discussions on the Motu Proprio on the Traditional Roman Rite!

July 26 ~ Summorum Pontificum

Fr. Franklyn M. McAfee, D.D., Pastor

August 2 ~ Study of the "Tridentine Mass"

Office of Evangelization

August 9 ~ Practicum: How to attend The

Traditional Mass

Office of Evangelization



Altar Server Schedule

Daily Mass Monday, July 23, 2007

9:00 am Tidwells

Daily Mass Tuesday, July 24

9:00 am Oeler

Daily Mass Wednesday, July 25

9:00 am Potocki, D. Kennedy

Novena/Mass: Wednesday,

7:30 pm MCAuley, Lunde

Daily Mass Thursday, July 26

9:00 am Berry

Daily Mass Friday, July 27

9:00 am P. Pacious

Saturday, July 28

8:15 am Sniezeks

5:00 pm **Vigil** Girardi, Arevalos

Sunday Masses, July 29

7:30 am Hylton, O'Donnell, D'Ermes

9:00 am Kearns's Guillen

10:30 am Joe Beatty, C. Beatty, Himpler

12:00 pm Payne, G. & D. Kennedy, B. Evans, Mehigans,
Glover, C. Evans



Altar Servers



St. John Youth Corner

Senior Youth Group Website- www.sisyq.org

~NEXT SENIOR YOUTH MEETING~

Next Youth Group Meeting - August 4th @ 7:00 PM - come for Mexican Tamales, Water Balloon War, and much more!

~Rising Freshmen Welcome!~

**HE WHO DOES JUSTICE
♦♦♦♦♦ WILL LIVE ♦♦♦♦♦
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.**



SAINT JOHN ACADEMY

Your child deserves the best education you can provide.



St. John Academy, with its rich 50 year history, provides children in pre-school through eighth grade with a classic Catholic education rooted in a rich tradition of academic excellence and spiritual formation reflected in the school's motto, "Faith, Knowledge, and Joy" - the three virtues that epitomize the Academy's approach to education. Through **Faith**, children learn to look beyond themselves. **Knowledge** denotes the curriculum, which educates the intellect, the body, and the soul. **Joy** completes the mission of St. John Academy, rooted in the Christian understanding that true happiness is found through self-sacrifice, charity and service to others.

St. John Academy still has a few openings in all but the second and fifth grades. You may register your children by calling the Academy at 703-356-7554.

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BIBLICAL APOLOGETICS

~with~


**SEBASTIAN CARNAZZO, MA
(PHD CANDIDATE)**

TUESDAY'S @ 7:30 PM

This Tuesday...

JULY 24 - THE BIBLE VS THE BIBLE ALONE

**Questions: Sabatino Carnazzo
St. John's Office of Evangelization
703-504-8733**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY 22, 2007	23	24	25	26	27	28
	<u>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 pm DR Rm	<u>Jr. Legion of Mary</u> 3:30 pm DR Rm	ADORATION <u>Confessions</u> 6:45 -7:15 pm <u>Novena Prayers & Rosary</u> 7:10 <u>Eucharistic Holy Hour</u> 7:30	<u>St. John Choir</u> 7:30 pm		

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

DEFENDING THE FAITH SUMMORUM PONTIFICUM (part II)

As we considered last week, Saint Paul teaches the faithful in his letter to the Thessalonians, "Stand firm and hold fast to the traditions which you were taught" (2 Thess 2:15). Adherence to tradition is important to Saint Paul, and to Catholics throughout the centuries, because it is by way of tradition that we receive from our fathers the authentic faith which was given to the first Christians by Jesus Christ. Further, this divine faith given to the Apostles, handed down to their successors, and received by us today, is expressed and lived out by the Church when she prays, thus the ancient adage, *lex orandi, lex credendi*, "the law of prayer is the law of faith." In other words, when the Catholic Church worships her Lord, or for that matter, when anyone worships the god whom they profess, they, by the nature of their action, express what it is that they believe.

When the Catholic Church worships God in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, she professes her belief in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one in essence and undivided, she proclaims the saving death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord, and she announces the second coming of the Word when all will be judged. By every gesture, by every word, the faith which we hold dear is professed in the presence of God and of the whole of creation. When a priest genuflects and the faithful kneel at the consecration of the host, the belief in the true presence is proclaimed. When Christians bow their heads or make the sign of the cross at the name of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, belief in the incarnation is announced. And when the faithful raise their voices in hymnody to the Father of all, their faith in the efficacy of baptism is reaffirmed. It is no small matter, then, when prayers are changed or gestures skipped, for when the law of prayer is changed, that which was held as true from the beginning is suddenly called into question. Thus the quotation from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, with which we concluded last week's column, "For this reason no sacramental rite may be modified or manipulated at the will of the minister or the community. Even the supreme authority in the Church may not change the liturgy arbitrarily, but only in obedience of faith and with respect for the mysteries of the liturgy" (CCC 1125).

It is for the above stated reason, that the law of prayer is the law of belief, that our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, with the promulgation of the Apostolic Letter, *Summorum Pontificum*, has restored the ancient use of the Mass to the Catholic Church.



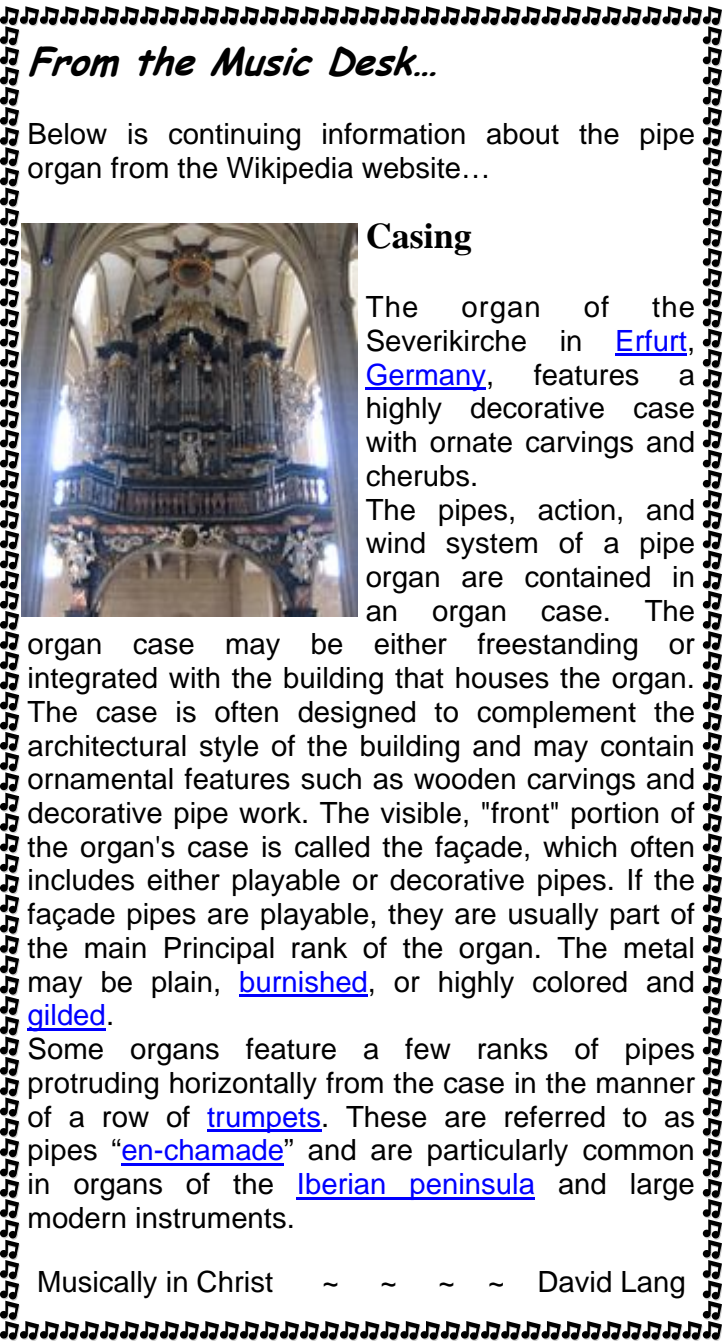
This ancient expression of worship, commonly called the Tridentine Mass, which the older generation of our parishes will remember from childhood, and which many of the younger generation have discovered as a precious jewel of their religion, is a Mass of extreme importance for the integrity of the Faith. For in this Mass we find the expression of faith as it was held from the earliest days

of the Church. As Pope Benedict confirms in this Apostolic Letter, it is this Mass that was the expression of the faith in Rome during the reign of Pope Gregory the Great in the first millennium of Christianity; it was this Mass that Pope Pius V renewed in the midst of the Protestant Revolution; and it is this Mass that the fathers of the Second Vatican Council celebrated while meeting under the great dome of the Vatican. In essence, it was this Mass that was the constant expression of faith from the earliest days of the Church. Thus, as the Pope expressed to the bishops of the world in explaining the importance of the *Motu Proprio*, "In the history of the liturgy there is growth and progress, but no rupture. What earlier generations held as sacred, remains sacred and great for us too, and it cannot be all of a sudden entirely forbidden or even considered harmful" (*Papal Explanatory Letter to the Bishops regarding the Apostolic Letter Summorum Pontificum*, par 10). Thus, the Holy Father states unequivocally that this ancient expression of prayer "has never been abrogated," for the simple reason that the faith which the Catholic Church holds can never be abrogated. It is the eternal faith in the eternal and unchanging God. Thus, the Mass of the Catholic Church, though it may be renewed and grow organically in order to give a clearer expression of the faith which it proclaims, though it may be enriched with and ornamented by the faithful devotion of the Christian people, it can never be substantially changed. *Lex orandi, lex credendi*. The Faith is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions July 2007

General: That all citizens, individually and in groups, may be enabled to participate actively in the life and management of the common good.

Mission: That, aware of their own missionary duty, all Christians may actively help all those engaged in the evangelization of peoples.



From the Music Desk...

Below is continuing information about the pipe organ from the Wikipedia website...



Casing

The organ of the Severikirche in [Erfurt, Germany](#), features a highly decorative case with ornate carvings and cherubs.

The pipes, action, and wind system of a pipe organ are contained in an organ case. The

organ case may be either freestanding or integrated with the building that houses the organ. The case is often designed to complement the architectural style of the building and may contain ornamental features such as wooden carvings and decorative pipe work. The visible, "front" portion of the organ's case is called the façade, which often includes either playable or decorative pipes. If the façade pipes are playable, they are usually part of the main Principal rank of the organ. The metal may be plain, [burnished](#), or highly colored and [gilded](#).

Some organs feature a few ranks of pipes protruding horizontally from the case in the manner of a row of [trumpets](#). These are referred to as pipes "[en-chamade](#)" and are particularly common in organs of the [Iberian peninsula](#) and large modern instruments.

Musically in Christ ~ ~ ~ David Lang

In Our Area

A SPECIAL NOTE TO NEW GMU STUDENTS from Father Peter Nassetta... "If you will be a new student at George Mason University this Fall, check out our website www.gmu.edu/org/ccm/ or facebook me or email me pnasett@gmu.edu!

Don't forget... All college students and recent high school grads are welcome to attend Summer Thursday Night Gatherings at 7pm at George Mason's Catholic Campus Ministry, 4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax or call 703-425-0022 for information or directions. It's a great way to meet college students from different schools!

ST. LEO'S FIRST SATURDAY: Join us August 4, for an evening of praise, worship, adoration and music by VISION. 7:00-8:30pm at St. Leo's Church in Fairfax, 3700 Old Lee Highway.

CATHOLIC BOYS LEADERSHIP CAMP: For ages 6-10, this day camp runs from 9:00am-2:00pm August 13-17, 2007 at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center in Bethesda, MD and is sponsored by the Leadership Training Program. Daily activities include Mass, virtue formation talks, sports and team activities. Please contact Danny Flynn, Regional Director, at dflynn@arcol.org or call him at 301-365-7614 for more information or to register.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Vinson Hall Corporation is a non-profit Continuing Care Retirement Community comprised of three different residences: 1) Vinson Hall houses residents who are independent in their activities of daily living, 2) Arleigh Burke Pavilion offers assisted-living and nursing care accommodations, and 3) The Sylvestry provides an assisted-living home for individuals with memory impairment. There are varied volunteer opportunities within our community, from helping consign/sell items in the Vinson hall "Treasure Shop", to playing a musical instrument, working in the gardens, being a one-on-one companion to a resident (i.e., reading to them, helping them write letters, knitting or playing cards), teaching them computer skills, and an array of other activities that help our resident population with an average age of 86 years. Needs abound. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Deanna Shoob, Volunteer Coordinator, at 703-970-3715 or email her at deannas@vinsonhall.org.



HEALING RETREAT: The next Rachel's Vineyard weekend for healing after an abortion is scheduled for October 19-21. Offered in both English and Spanish, the retreats are a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. They offer a supportive, confidential

and non-judgmental environment where you can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information, please contact us by phone at 703-729-7998, or email at projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org.