

**Mon., August 6, 2007, The Transfiguration of the Lord**

6:30 Nancy Dietrich †  
9:00 Sr. Maryann Junos, M.M. †

**Tuesday, August 7, Weekday; Sixtus II, pope, martyr, and his companions, martyrs; Cajetan, priest**

6:30 Loretta McLeod  
9:00 Carol Van Hoomissen †

**Wednesday, August 8, Dominic, priest**

6:30 Rita Connor †  
9:00 Sr. Stephanie Kolnierzcyk, M.M. †



**Thu. Aug. 9, Weekday; Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr**

6:30 Mary Donovan †  
9:00 Fr. Christopher Beaudet †

**Friday, August 10, Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr**

6:30 Joseph Deegan †  
9:00 Ceclia Nowicki †

**Saturday, August 11, Clare, virgin**

8:15 Nancy Dietrich †  
5:00 John Duffner

**Sun., August 12, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 Geraldine Shahin †  
9:00 Alice & Jose Marques †  
10:30 Hugo & Beatrice Valdes  
12:00 People of the Parish

**Readings for the Week of August 5, 2007**

Sunday Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 95; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21  
Monday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36  
Tuesday Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14  
Wednesday Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106; Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95; Mt 16:13-23  
Friday 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112; Jn 12:24-26  
Saturday Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18; Mt 17:14-20



**Please Pray For**

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

**From the Pastor**

The history of the early liturgies is for the most part hidden in the fog of history. There were no printing presses; everything had to be copied by hand. Not everything was contained in these carefully written manuscripts, often the celebrant would extemporize amidst the structure of the rubrics.

For various reasons spontaneity began to die out in the celebration of Mass. Sacramentaries were written containing the prayers of the Mass. There were three principle ones, 1) the Leonine Sacramentary, 2) Gelasian Sacramentary, and 3) Gregorian. It was under Pope St. Gregory the Great (590 – 604) who reformed the Mass of his time composing many parts of the missal. He also gathered together the chants of the Church which are the Church's true folk music, and these chants took on his name, Gregorian Chant.

When Emperor Charlemagne wanted unity in his realm with regards to worship he wrote to Pope Adrian (781 – 791) and asked for the service-book of the Romans. Pope Adrian sent him the Sacramentary of Gregory the Great. This was the Pope's own missal and he took it wherever he went.

When Gregory the Great charged Augustine of Canterbury to evangelize Britain, he gave him the Roman Missal to use adding that he could add anything he thought would be proper. The Missal Romanum of Pope St. Gregory the Great is essentially the same missal of that of John XXIII which Pope Benedict has allowed the whole world to use once more. Benedict calls it the "usus Antiquior", "the more ancient rite". Some have suggested that the extraordinary form of the Roman Rite popularly called the Tridentine Mass be referred to as "the Divine Liturgy of Gregory the Great:

To be continued...

This Sunday is the annual mission appeal, please be generous.



**Please pray for the repose of the souls of our recently deceased parishioners, Myrtle Waite and Joseph Wysolmerski.**



## 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 as soon as 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.

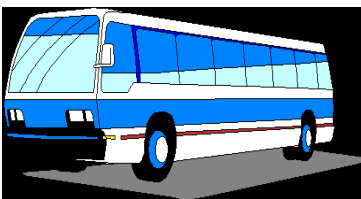
## In Our Parish



### WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH:

Mr. & Mrs. Jay C. Ghazal, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey B. Hales, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Mark A. Kufka, Mr. & Mrs. Erik Kitchen, Mr. & Mrs. William J. Mea, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Privitera and Jamie L. Taylor.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection today is for the world missions. Please be generous for this most worthy cause.



**SENIORS:** Our first trip of the Fall will be on Thursday, October 11, 2007, to the newly renovated Baltimore Basilica and the Walters Gallery. Lunch included. A sign-up sheet will be posted in late August in the Vestibule of the church. Bring your friends, Seniors or not. Sign up early. Questions? Call Ray Bergan, 703-288-0946.

Is your marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille can help, please call 703-351-7211 or go to our website ~ [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).



### 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 29:** Getting ready to leave on vacation? Don't neglect your faith while you are away! Stop by and pick up a Magnificat to follow along with daily prayers and Mass readings, or pick up a Bible or a rosary. Vacation is also a great time for spiritual reading. We have a great selection of inspirational reading on hand.

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

We are preparing to re-open on Tuesday, September 11. We will be taking donations of clean usable clothing and household goods on Mondays from 9:30 am till Noon starting on August 13. Volunteers needed: Have you recently retired, living in an empty nest or are the parent of a St. John student looking for something worthwhile to do while the kids are in school? The Thrift Shop would like to invite you to spend a few hours, one day a week or more, volunteering to help us carry on the spirit of our founders by contributing to our community with this charitable work. If you are interested please call Marie at (703)790-0688 or Marge at (703) 356-1830. Enjoy the remainder of the summer.



### SAVE THIS DATE...

Saturday, 6:00 pm, September 22, 2007 for the St. Peter Claver Dinner to benefit African Orphans with AIDS. More details to come.

**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.



### THE SEW & SEW FORTHS,

under the umbrella of St. John's Women's Council, is a group that meets every Monday morning to make items from infant layettes for unwed mothers to beautiful Christmas decorations and ornaments for the Council's annual Christmas boutique. Next meeting: Monday August 6th. Information: Call Gladys Brennan 703-831-2547

**Daily Mass Monday, August 6, 2007**  
9:00 am Grady

**Daily Mass Tuesday, August 7**  
9:00 am Kissinger

**Daily Mass Wednesday, August 8**  
9:00 am Mehigans


**Novena/Mass:** Wednesday, August 9  
7:30 pm Stetchschulte, Fisher

**Daily Mass Thursday, August 10**  
9:00 am Schuman, Baban

**Daily Mass Friday, August 11**  
9:00 am Potocki

**Saturday: August 12**  
8:15 am Gross, Berry  
5:00 pm **Vigil** Earners, Fisher

**Sunday Masses: August 13**  
7:30 am Lunde, Baban, C. Beatty  
9:00 am Zehnder, Guillen, Wunderlich  
10:30 am Pacious, Arevalo, Crouch  
12:00 pm Manns, D. & G. Kennedy, Gross, Schuman  
Stetchschulte



**Altar Servers**



**St. John Youth Corner**

**~NEXT SENIOR YOUTH MEETING ~**  
Sunday - August 5th @ 7:00 PM -  
Come for Mexican Tamales,  
Water Balloon War, and much more!

**~Rising Freshmen Welcome!~**



**SAINT JOHN ACADEMY**

Your child deserves the best education for mind, body and soul 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.

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 this Thursday evening ...

**August 9 ~ Practicum: How to attend The Traditional Mass**



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Tuesday evening seminar series on the Catechism of the Catholic Church!

**CATECHISM 101**

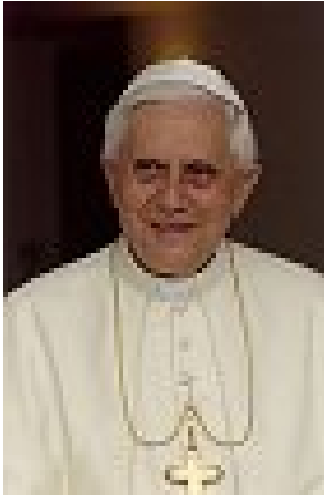
**August 7, 14, 21 & 28**

Bring your bible and Catechism!  
For more information: [www.sjicc.com](http://www.sjicc.com)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 5, 2007	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<u>Sew &amp; So Forth</u> 9:45 am DR Rm  <u>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 pm DR Rm	<u>Jr. Legion of Mary</u> 3:30 pm DR Rm	<b>ADORATION</b> <u>Confessions</u> 6:45 -7:15 pm <u>Novena Prayers &amp; Rosary</u> 7:10 <u>Eucharistic Holy Hour</u> 7:30	<u>St. John Choir</u> 7:30 pm		<u>Confessions</u> 3:30 pm
					<b>AVOID GREED IN ALL ITS FORMS.</b> 	

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

## SUMMORUM PONTIFICUM (part IV)



Concluding last week's column with a quotation from the then Cardinal Ratzinger, we learned of some problems with the introduction of the New Mass. Among these problems, Ratzinger noted that the liturgy which had, until then, been the product of development from the earliest days of the Church was replaced, in the aftermath of Vatican II, with a liturgy which appeared to be "the product of erudite work

and juridical authority."<sup>1</sup> By imposing this new missal, and setting it against the one that had known continuous use throughout the centuries, Ratzinger states, "the impression had to emerge that liturgy is something 'made,' not something given in advance but something lying within our own power of decision."<sup>2</sup> In his preface to Monsignor Klaus Gamber's book, *The Reform of the Roman Liturgy*, Ratzinger clearly outlines the problem of what happened to the liturgy after the Council, "In the place of liturgy as the fruit of development came fabricated liturgy. We abandoned the organic, living process of growth and development over centuries, and replaced it—as in a manufacturing process—with a fabrication, a banal on-the-spot product."<sup>3</sup> Please note that what the Cardinal is condemning in the above quotations is not the idea of liturgical reform, but that of liturgical revolution. The real problem that the Cardinal sees with such a revolution is not simply on the level of liturgical expression but rather on the level of theological revelation. As we noted in the first two columns of this series, when the law of prayer is changed, the change calls into question what, until then, was held as true (*lex orandi, lex credendi*).

By 'demolishing the old liturgy and building a new one,'<sup>4</sup> that which the Catholic Church held as divinely revealed from the beginning, was suddenly called into question. Those members of our parishes that lived through the years following the Second Vatican Council will remember this vividly.

Not only did the sixties and seventies bring in sweeping liturgical change for the Catholic Church, but in many places, what had been taught as doctrine in years past was replaced with a 'new theology.'

Thus the Cardinal states, "I am convinced that the crisis in the Church that we are experiencing today is to a large extent due to the disintegration of the liturgy, which at times has even come to be conceived of *etsi Deus non daretur*: in that it is a matter of indifference whether or not God exists and whether or not he speaks to us and hears us."<sup>5</sup> Notice that what the Cardinal sees as the real problem facing the Church today is not simply the liturgical crisis, but a theological crisis (an 'indifference [as to] whether or not God exists') to which the liturgical crisis has lead. *Lex orandi, lex credendi*; the rule of prayer is the rule of belief!

In such a state, what is to be done? Some have attempted to solve the crisis by simply returning to the old liturgy, and praying that the storm will pass. Others have accepted what has happened as normal, and have invariably found themselves denying truths which they had been taught as children. Still others, like the Holy Father, have known that the 'storm' is the result of a fallen world in which the Church of God has been placed to bring the word of Salvation. In the midst of this battle for truth, the Pope, a true shepherd of his people, has called for "a new Liturgical Movement, which will call to life the real heritage of the Second Vatican Council."<sup>6</sup> However, as the Pope also states in his preface to Msgr. Gamber's book, "One cannot manufacture a liturgical movement . . . but one can help contribute to its development by striving to reassimilate the spirit of the liturgy and by defending publicly what one has thus received."<sup>7</sup> Again, please note, the new liturgical movement that Pope Benedict sees as the answer to the storm that has besieged the Church for the past forty years is not the manufacturing of another liturgy. Rather, it is a living movement which 'holds fast to the traditions which we have received' (2 Thess 2:15), while looking forward into a world which must receive anew the message of Christ; a message which is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

With the background outlined above, one can clearly see the reason for the Pope's issuance of the Apostolic Letter, *Summorum Pontificum*. By recognizing the freedom to celebrate the ancient liturgy, the Holy Father has not only preserved a beautiful heritage of the Catholic Church, but more importantly, he, as supreme guardian of the faith, has ensured that that faith given to the Apostles and handed on from generation to generation, will be transmitted without defect for ages to come. Viva il Papa!

Notes 1, 2, 4, 5, & 6, Ratzinger, *Milestones: Memoirs 1927-1977*, Ignatius Press, 1998. 146-147).

Notes 3 & 7, Ratzinger, Preface to the French Edition, Klaus Gamber, *The Reform of the Roman Liturgy*.

*From the Music Desk...*

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

Renaissance and Baroque periods



The Baroque organ of the [Oude Kerk](#) in [Amsterdam](#), [The Netherlands](#)

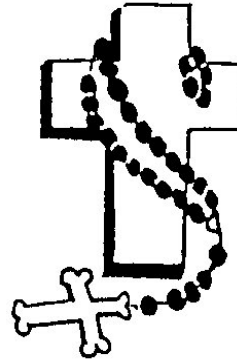
During the [Renaissance](#) and [Baroque](#) periods, the organ became capable of creating numerous unique and imitative tonal colours. The development of pipe organs varied considerably across Europe, partly related to changing political climates. In northern Europe, the organ developed into a large

instrument with several divisions. Independent pedal divisions were increasingly common, and string-scale flue pipes were featured in German organs by builders such as the [Silbermann](#) family. The divisions of the organ were clearly grouped into sections and readily discernible by the case design. Twentieth-century musicologists labelled this style the *Werkprinzip*. In France, the French Classical organ was popular. This style of organ building was articulated by [Dom Bédos de Celles](#) in his treatise, *L'art du facteur d'orgues* (The Art of Organ Building). In England, there was little development of the pipe organ during the [Commonwealth](#) period, and many organs were destroyed. During [The Restoration](#), many organ builders (particularly [Renatus Harris](#) and "[Father](#)" [Bernard Smith](#)) returned from mainland Europe with new ideas concerning organ design. English organs evolved from small one- or two-manual instruments to organs with three or more divisions disposed in the French manner and including grander reeds and mixtures. The echo division began to be enclosed in the early eighteenth century, and in 1712, Abraham Jordan claimed his "swelling organ" at [St Magnus-the-Martyr](#) to be a new invention. The swell box was common in English organs of the eighteenth century, but it did not spread to the continent until the nineteenth century.

Musically yours,  
David B. Lang,  
Master of Music

**ARE YOU PLANNING A FAMILY VACATION?**

[masstimes.org](#) is an invaluable resource when planning your itinerary for your summer vacation. You may look up Mass times by area code, zip code or even a town in a foreign country. Call the parish office if you do not have a computer. We will be happy to access the site for you.



**NOVENA PRAYERS AND THE MOST HOLY 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 NEEDED EVERY WEDNESDAY**, and every First Friday/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.

*In Our Area*

**ARLINGTON DIOCESE CURSILLO ULTREYA:**

The Arlington Diocese Cursillo community will meet on Saturday night, August 11th at St. John Neumann Parish Center in Reston, VA. All are welcome! Learn more about the Cursillo method of spiritual enrichment through piety, study, and action. We'll have song, a witness talk, fellowship and good food. Join us! Information: Call Mark Clemente 703-847-1575.

*If today you hear HIS voice,  
Harden not your hearts.*



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

**General:** That all those who are going through moments of inner difficulty and trial may find in Christ the light and support which leads them to discover authentic happiness.  
**Mission:** That the Church in China may bear witness to ever greater inner cohesion and may manifest her effective and visible communion with Peter's Successor.