

Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, Weekday
6:30 Loria 25th Anniversary
9:00 Mary Ballard

Tuesday, Sept. 11, Weekday
6:30 Mary Francis Weil
9:00 Jeanette Kirby †

Wednesday, Sept. 12, Weekday; The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 Edward Dolan †
9:00 Sharon R. Christen †

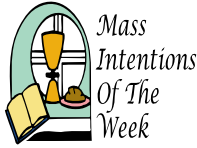
Thursday, Sept. 13, John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor of the church
6:30 The 514 Plane
9:00 Barbara Holmes †

Friday, Sept. 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
6:30 Helen Slavinkas †
9:00 Velma Harwood

Saturday, Sept. 15, Our Lady of Sorrows
8:15 Elke D'Amico
5:00 Paul Vartanian †

Sun., Sept. 16, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 Geraldine Shahin †
9:00 Manuel Fernandes Esteves †
10:30 Joseph Raymond Fialka †
12:00 People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of September 9, 2007
Sunday Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
Monday Col 1:24—2:3; Ps 62; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday Col 2:6-15; Ps 145; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday Col 3:1-11; Ps 145; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday Col 3:12-17; Ps 150; Lk 6:27-38
Friday Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Saturday 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 31; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35



From the Pastor

There has been a great deal of coverage in the media regarding Mother Teresa's (Blessed Teresa of Calcutta) letters she wrote to her confessor and spiritual director revealing a great interior struggle. The letters speak of her saying that she can't find Jesus and that God had abandoned her. This went on for 50 years. TV reporters and newspaper columnists are not expert in the lives of the saints nor spirituality. What Mother was going through is called the "dark night of the soul" a term coined by one of the saints who had experienced it, St. John of the Cross.

In the area we live in people are accustomed to the pomposity of politicians rather than the hyperbole of the saints. Saints because they, have in a way, experienced God more passionately than we have, compare themselves directly with God and thus they always come out bad in comparison. St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, called herself "the worst of sinners". They are not belittling themselves; they are comparing their goodness to Goodness itself.

One should also note that at the very start of Mother Teresa's vocation as foundress of the Missionaries of Charity, she was already a nun—a sister of Loretto teaching English in a high school for wealthy girls. Because of her failing health her order sent her to India to recuperate, and during the train ride she heard Jesus speak to her. This phenomenon is called a locution—when you distinctly hear the voice of God or a saint speaking but do not see them. It is all mental. Christ asked her to leave the order and found the Missionaries of Charity to help the poor in India. Mother refused and told Christ she was happy where she was.

Christ could not penetrate her stubbornness so he intensified the call by actually appearing to her along with the Blessed Virgin. Mother gave in but then asked our Lord why he had chosen her. Christ said, "Because you are the most incompetent person that I know".

Mother complied and had another vision, then the supernatural phenomena stopped and did not return. This brought on "the dark night of the soul". One must remember that a persons whole body and soul is affected by an apparition... it's like having a super-high. In every apparition once Christ or the saint has gone, they feel sad. St. Bernadette felt sad when her apparitions ended. So with Mother Teresa.

Imagine if someone you love who has died should return and visit you, how happy you would be. Then they would go away and you would be very sad especially if you did not see them again. So with Mother Teresa. Many miracles took place because of her while she was alive. She knew then but what she finally had to accept was that this Jesus whom she loved so much would not appear to her again. Through this struggle she learned to see him in the poorest of the poor and above all in the Holy Eucharist.

Please Pray For

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

A Letter from Father Alphonse Kaboré...

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On October 2, I will return to Rome to resume my studies and I am grateful to Father Franklyn McAfee for the opportunity to express, via this bulletin message, my gratitude to him and to all of you for the wonderful experience I have had this summer among you at the Church of St John the Beloved.

In Rome, I will continue my studies towards a Doctorate in Moral Theology at the Pontifical University of Holy Cross (Santa Croce). My diocese in Burkina Faso is able to provide some funding in support of my education, but the expenses far outweigh what my diocese is able to afford. Consequently, I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to your generosity by requesting your financial assistance in order that I may continue my education in Rome.

The Knights of Columbus Padre Pio Council have graciously made this easy to do with a tax-deductible contribution made payable to **The Knights of Columbus, PO Box 647. Great Falls, VA, 22066.** The Knights will relay your donation to me in Rome in a timely fashion. Those who wish me to say Mass in Rome can send their requests through the Knights.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families and please do remember me in your prayers.

If you would like to keep in touch with me, this is my new address in the Eternal City,

Fr. Alphonse Kaboré
 Domus Internationalis "Paulus VI"
 Via della Scrofa, 70 - 00186 Roma, Italia
 E-mail: alkabo2000@yahoo.fr

In Our Parish



**Today's Second
 Collection
 Is for
 Religious Education**

COFFEE & DONUTS: The Order of Alhambra, Porto Caravan #104 in Arlington will be serving coffee and donuts **today after the 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am Masses** to show appreciation for the parish's support for their mission which serves the needs of the intellectually disabled children in our diocese.



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.

September 9th: the WORD returns to its regular hours this week, i.e., after all the Sunday Masses as well as Wednesday evenings during Confessions prior to the Novena, Thursday mornings and First Friday mornings.

School is open... come browse our selection of Catholic reading for your students.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:

Tues. - Fri. 11:00 am- 2:00 pm & Sat. 10:00 am-1:00 pm.
The Thrift Shop reopens this Tuesday, September 11 at 11:00 A.M.. Come see our fall fashions in clothing for the whole family as well as household items. We will be accepting donations of clean usable items during store hours. We are looking forward to seeing you. If you have any questions please call (703)356-7420. Thanks for you support.



SHARE SUNDAY: Next Sunday, September 16, we will have our monthly collection for those in need. A vehicle will be parked outside church to receive your donations. The food Pantry is experiencing a shortage in the following items: jelly (strawberry or grape), cooking oil sugar, canned fruit and fruit juices, laundry detergent, and paper products.

In addition, monetary donations will be used to assist families with emergency needs for rent, utilities, medical and dental bills. Please made checks payable to St. John Church with "Share" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support.



CELEBRATE THE BLESSED MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY:

Saturday, Sept. 8th after the 8:15 am Mass, the Legion of Mary will have a reception under the portico of the church in honor of the Blessed Mother's Birthday. There will be an opportunity after all Masses on Sept. 8 & 9 for St. John families to sign up to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in their home.

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.

Altar Server Schedule

Novena: Wednesday, September, 12, 2007

7:30 pm Potocki, Delvecchio, Hoernig

Saturday: September 15

8:15 am Coolige, James Eyer, Grady

5:00 pm **Vigil** Mullers, C. Katz, Mike Katz

Sunday Masses: September 16

7:30 am Sniezeks, Riordan

9:00 am Kearns, Earners, Giaimo

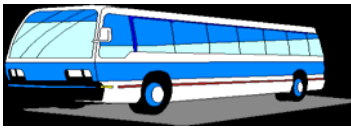
10:30 am Dixons, Eyers

12:00 pm B. Evans, Beattys, Delvecchio, McCauley, Defensor,
C. Evans



Altar Servers

ST. JOHN ACADEMY: Don't forget to help out your school by ordering all your Christmas Gift Wrap and accessories from Sally Foster using your packet or by going to www.sallyfoster.com. **Due Date: Sept. 14th.**



SENIORS: Don't forget... to sign up now for the trip to and the guided tour of the newly renovated

Baltimore Basilica. Thursday, October 11, 2007. Bus leaves SJB at 9:15 am, & returns by 4:30 pm. Guided tour of the Basilica following a \$25 million restoration. Lunch at the Baltimore's Brass Elephant in a restored 1850 building. Followed by time at the Walters Gallery which now features a special exhibition on French masterpieces. \$89 per person. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the church. Make check payable to Excursionaire, with "Seniors Trip" on the memo line, and leave in the parish office. Questions, call Ray Bergan, 703-288-0946.

OVER 50 CLUB: St. John the Beloved Seniors: We would love to see you on Monday, Sept. 17, when we welcome the always popular "Lee Jammers" who are sure to play many old favorites. Mass is at 11:30am. Lunch follows at Noon in the Parish Hall. A sign-up sheet is in the church vestibule. Please leave a check for \$20 made payable to SJB, with "Seniors" on the memo line, in the parish office by Thursday, Sept. 13. For information call Gladys Brennan, 703-831-2546.



St. John Youth Corner

Senior Youth Group Website— www.sjsyg.org

NEXT SENIOR YOUTH MEETING
NEW SCHOOL YEAR KICK-OFF MEETING
Tonight, September 9th at 7:00 pm

COME GET REACQUAINTED WITH YOUR OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES!





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 1st Friday/1st 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.

A Message from our Bishop:

In response to the devastation of life from the 8.0 earthquake in Peru, Bishop Loverde asks all parishioners to consider a direct donation to **Catholic Relief Services**. CRS is rushing to assist the 85,000 people affected by the earthquake. Donations can be made online at www.crs.org or mailed to CRS, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD. 21203-7090. Please continue to keep those suffering in your prayers.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPT. 9, 2007	10	11	12	13	14	15
CCD PreK - K 10:30 - 11:30 am 	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	Jr. Legion of Mary 3:30 pm DR Rm	ADORATION Confessions 6:45 -7:15 pm Novena Prayers & Rosary 7:10 Eucharistic Holy Hour 7:30	Women's Council 6:30 pm DR Rm St. John Choir 7:30 pm		

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

Defending the Faith

TRUE PEACE

This week, we turn to a recent meditation given by His Holiness, Benedict XVI. Let us sit at the feet of our Shepherd, and seek wisdom in the words of the one whom God has chosen to lead his flock on earth.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
While he is on his way to Jerusalem, where death on a cross awaits him, Christ asked his disciples: "Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." And he adds: "[H]enceforth in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against her mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law" (Lk 12: 51-53).

Anyone who has even the slightest knowledge of Christ's Gospel knows that it is a message of peace par excellence; as St Paul wrote, Jesus himself "is our peace" (Eph 2: 14), the One who died and rose in order to pull down the wall of enmity and inaugurate the Kingdom of God which is love, joy and peace.

So how can his words be explained? To what was the Lord referring when he said he had come - according to St Luke's version - to bring "division" or - according to St Matthew's - the "sword" (Mt 10: 34)?

Christ's words mean that the peace he came to bring us is not synonymous with the mere absence of conflicts. On the contrary, Jesus' peace is the result of a constant battle against evil. The fight that Jesus is determined to support is not against human beings or human powers, but against Satan, the enemy of God and man.

Anyone who desires to resist this enemy by remaining faithful to God and to the good, must necessarily confront misunderstandings and sometimes real persecutions.

All, therefore, who intend to follow Jesus and to commit themselves without compromise to the truth, must know that they will encounter opposition and that in spite of themselves they will become a sign of division between people, even in their own families. In fact, love for one's parents is a holy commandment, but to be lived authentically it can never take precedence over love for God and love for Christ.

Thus, following in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus, in accordance with St Francis of Assisi's famous words, Christians become "instruments of peace;" not of a peace that is inconsistent and only apparent but one that is real, pursued with courage and tenacity in the daily commitment to overcome evil with good (cf. Rom 12: 21), paying in the flesh the price which this entails." (Benedict XVI, Angelus, August 19, 2007)

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

PRESENTS:

The Acts of the Apostles BIBLE STUDY

~ WITH ~

Sabatino Carnazzo

Have you ever wondered what happened after Jesus ascended into heaven? Have you ever wondered how the world was converted to Jesus Christ? Have you ever wondered what the early church was like?

Join us for this Bible study seminar on The Acts of the Apostles, and enter into the story of the ancient Christian world.

Tuesdays @ 7:30pm

September 18 -- October 23, 2007

Bring your Bible & a Friend!

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

RCIA CLASS NOW FORMING: Interested in joining the Catholic Church? The 2008 class is now forming. For more information, please contact St. John's Office of Evangelization at 703-504-8733.



ADULT CONFIRMATION:

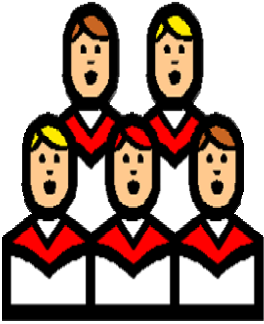
Did you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when you were younger? If not, did you know that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are a necessary part of the Christian life? If you would

like to be confirmed this coming Easter, please call the Office of Evangelization.

In Our Area

From the Music Desk...

Music Column will return next week.



SINGERS ARE NEEDED FOR 10:30 MASS:

Volunteers who enjoy singing and can read music are needed for the SATB choir that is forming now. Please contact the music office if you are interested in auditioning for the choir. 703-356-3639 or email dlangee@yahoo.com.

SUZUKI VIOLIN PROGRAM: Available to all parish children ages 3 and up, the program, provided by the organization Music Kids, is designed to be fun and engaging for the students, while at the same time providing them with high quality instruction. Registration is on a first come first serve basis beginning this month. You can fill out an information request online at www.musickidsdc.com, or email them for more information at answers@musickidsdc.com, or call them directly at 202-210-7377.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Join us for a fun, educational, two-day workshop on singing and learning about Gregorian Chant that will leave you inspired, spiritually uplifted, and ready for the renewal of the great Roman Catholic musical tradition: November 9-10, 2007. The workshop, which runs from Friday afternoon through Saturday evening culminates in a 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday where participants will sing what they have learned. It is important that participants attend the full workshop as the fundamentals will be taught on Friday. A reception for participants follows the Vigil Mass on Saturday. The parish office has a brochure for more information or go to www.church-music.org and click on EVENTS. You may also call David Lang at 703-356-3629 or email Elizabeth Poel, Workshop Coordinator at chantwork@earthlink.net. (Free on-site childcare) **Pre-registration is required and space is limited.**



ST. LEO SCHOOL ALUMNI: The 50th anniversary is coming up beginning Oct. 6th. Register at www.saintleothegreatschool.org/alumni.htm; where you will find our alumni database.

REGISTRATION: MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS
Were you married in either 1957 or 1982 so that you will be celebrating your Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee this year? Then contact the St. John's parish office (703-356-7916) to register for the "2007 Marriage Jubilee Mass". Mass will be celebrated at 2:30 pm on October 21st, at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. The parish office must submit all registrations to the diocese by this Friday, September 14, 2007. Don't delay!!!

EWTN & PILGRIMAGE: A trip is planned to Alabama to visit EWTN and a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery. The trip is Oct. 23-25 and the cost is \$420. This includes airfare, lodging, in-city transportation and a chance to be a part of live TV audience on an EWTN show. For information please call Mrs. Maria Ibar at 703-798-4129.

HEALING SERVICE: In October of 2005, the Diocese of Arlington began a series of Prayer Services for Healing of victims/survivors of sexual abuse celebrated by Rev. Mealey, Vicar General for Administration. The prayer service includes a survivor's sharing of their sexual abuse and efforts to heal. The next prayer service is Sat. Sept. 15 at 10:00 am at St. Agnes Parish in Arlington. A reception follows the service.

PILGRIMAGE: Mark your calendar for the 2007 Diocesan Pilgrimage, **Sat. Oct. 13** from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine in DC. The theme is "**Our Lady of Fatima, Open Our Hearts to Christ!**". This is the 90th anniversary of the final apparition at Fatima. For further information call Fr. Peffley at Holy Trinity, 703-753-6700.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions September 2007
General: That the ecumenical assembly of Sibiu in Rumania may contribute to the growth of unity among all Christians, for whom the Lord prayed at the Last Supper.
Mission: That following Christ joyfully, all missionaries may know how to overcome the difficulties they meet in everyday life.