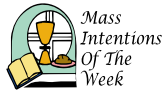


Monday, Sept. 17, 2007 Weekday; Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor

6:30 Walter Silveira, Jr.

9:00 Josephine Van Heusen †



Tuesday, Sept. 18, Weekday

6:30 Richard Shaw †

9:00 Rita Brady †

Wed., Sept. 19, Weekday; Januarius, bishop, martyr

6:30 Dorothy Shaw †

9:00 Edwin Kennett †

Thur. Sept. 20, Andrew Kim Taegon, priest, martyr, & Paul chong Hasang, martyr & their companions, martyrs

6:30 Paul Vartanian †

9:00 Jerry Sorensen †

Friday, Sept. 21, MATTHEW, apostle, evangelist

6:30 Stanley Curley †

9:00 Les Gallagher †

Saturday, Sept. 22, Weekday; Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 Towey Family

5:00 Paul Vartanian †

Sun., Sept. 23, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Aurestela Franco Quiste

9:00 Amelia & Adriano Fernandes †

10:30 David & Philip Snyder †

12:00 People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2007

Sunday Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:36-50

Friday Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100; Lk 8:4-15

From the Pastor

On Saturday, October 13 there will be a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in DC. Bishop Loverde will be leading it and will be the celebrant at the Mass. Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of Milwaukee will be the guest speaker in the morning service. Please make plans to join the Bishop. I will also be there for part of the day.

Danny McGiffin, a parishioner, altar server and a senior in high school is becoming an Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project he has chosen to fix up the path in the woods that goes to the former convent and erect Stations of the Cross there. It is customary to solicit funds for this worthy project. The stations cost \$2,000. So he is looking for any help he can get. It will be a great asset both to us (who own the property, snakes and all) and to those who go on retreat at the Youth Apostle center next door. **Donations can be sent to the church office or dropped in the collection basket with the note "For Eagle Project" on the memo line.

Thank you for helping a fine young man and a great organization.



** Please put the donation in a white envelope with "FOR EAGLE PROJECT" on the outside of the envelope so that the funds may be directed toward this worthy project. Thank you. Bulletin Editor

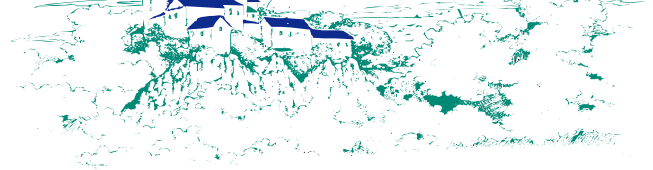


Please Pray For

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| William T. Berry | Laura Holleran | Al Parsons |
| Sonja & Soraya Borghese | Maureen Hollingsworth | Mary Pistorino |
| Michelle Brewer | Muriel Jennings | Elia Priestley |
| William Carnazzo | Mary Johnson | Joseph Riotto |
| Esperanza Castillo | Mimi Johnson | Lois Riscile |
| Juan Chirino | Billee Jordan | Edelisa Samson |
| Michael Clarke | Blanche Kane | Margaret Serrao |
| Carol Coad | Dede Kazunas | Leah Shannon |
| Vincent Corcoran | Shirley Kelley | Sister Jeanine |
| Edward Cotter | Col. James J. Kelly | Sister Marion |
| Estelle Danielson | Alice Koutsoumpas | Barbara Skytell |
| Marie Davalos | Katherine Malcolm | Mary Spann |
| Jessie Dillon | Lou McGuinness | Margaret Stimpfle |
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| Pam Dunne | Marilyn Middleton | Graham Waite |
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| Kathleen Harrington | Monica Mizerek | |
| Scott Harris | June Nage | |
| Charles Harrison | Fatima Neto | |
| | Lang Nguyen | |

Please let the parish office know when you can be removed from this list.

There will be JOY in heaven over one sinner who does Penance.



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.



Religious Education

OPEN HOUSE FOR PARENTS Tues. Sept. 18 for Tuesday night grades 1-8. CCD for these students begins next week, Tues. Sept. 25.

In Our Parish



OVER 50 CLUB: See you tomorrow at our monthly Mass and luncheon. We will welcome the "Lee Jammers" and enjoy an afternoon of old favorite melodies. For a late reservation, please call Gladys Brennan at 703-831-2547*. *(correct number)

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. Lunch at the Baltimore's Brass Elephant, 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.



OCTOBER 13, 2007 Bishop Loverde invites you to join him in a diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Sat. Oct. 13 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Come! Participate! Reflect! ***"Our Lady of Fatima, Open Our Hearts to Christ"*** is the theme. Confession times are available and there will be tours through various chapels throughout the Shrine. This spiritual day culminates in Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Loverde. Information: 703-753-6700.



RCIA begins Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00 pm.

IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marge Kremidas.



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.

Our featured book this week is Blessed Mother Teresa's new book which details her spiritual struggles as she work in Calcutta. We have a limited supply so stop by and pick up your copy today!

THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:

Tues. - Fri. 11:00 am- 2:00 pm & Sat. 10:00 am-1:00 pm. **Someone has generously donated a Mitsubishi 55-inch HDTV Model 1080 Integrated which will be on sale for \$500 or best offer by September 21st. Call Marie @ (703)-790-0688 if you are interested.** Come see our fall fashions in clothing for the whole family. We will be accepting donations of **clean and usable** items during store hours. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions call during business hours (703) 356-7420.



CURSILLO PICNIC: The McLean Ultreya is hosting their annual picnic at the home of Sandy Goody (6625 Tucker Ave., McLean) on Saturday Sept. 29 at 4:00 pm.

Please come join us for food and Christian fellowship. For more information: Call Mark Clemente at 703-847-1575.



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH:

Mr. & Mrs. John F. Kraus, Mr. & Mrs. Philip W. Walker, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Reynolds, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen M. McLaughlin, Ms. Maria Esther Martinez, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ritchy, Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Pakaluk, Mr. William H. Knasel, Mr. & Mrs. Brendan T. Daly, Ms. Susan D. Ohnmacht, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Kaczor, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Isacco, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Stephen S. Peterson, Mr. Robert H. Bye, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Hendrickson, Mr. & Mrs. Sean Kerr, Mr. & Mrs. R. Daniel Keating, Ms. Ann Thai, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ball.

BIBLE STUDY & LECTURES:

The Acts of the Apostles

Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm Sept. 18 - Oct. 23

Blood of the Martyrs~Seed of the Church

With Dr. Paul Thigpen

Thursday, Sept. 27, 7:00 pm

666, Mark of the Beast & Who Really Will be Left Behind....

Monday, Oct. 8 @ 7:30 pm

Altar Server Schedule

Novena/Mass: Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007

7:30 pm Sniezeks, Kissinger

Saturday: Sept. 22

8:15 am C. Earner, P. Loria, C. Beatty

5:00 pm **Vigil** Jabbour, Hogan, Hickey, Gross

Sunday Masses:

7:30 am Baban, C. Earner, Lunde

9:00 am Himpler, Matt Katz, Murry, Knise

10:30 am Quinn, Arevalo, Wunderlich, Pacious

12:00 pm Mann, Mann, Moran, D. Kennedy, Berry, Oeler,
Mann, G. Kennedy



Altar Servers



Please welcome the following children recently baptized: **Camryn Elizabeth Crispin, Rafael Francisco Bello, Max Flynn Sabio, Michael John Crnkovich, Samuel Raymond Carter, Grace Dorothea Malone, James Robert Haley,**

Elliot Loud James, Avery Merin Speros, Matthew Robert Nakamoto, Avery Joseph Christen, Zachary James Speroni, Raul Dominick Marinello, Kenny Joseph Marinello, Margaret Agnes MacDonald, Cynthia Anne Gunnerson, Joan Lorie Audet, Emily Frances O'Bryan, James Douglas Cuthbertson, Alan Lichliter, Brian Lichliter, Victoria Zimin, Victoria Anne Stanton, Katharine Zuber, Lauren Zuber, Rosalinde Grace Purganan-lames, Erika Sydney Friel.



CONTRIBUTIONS: For convenience you can pay by ACH or credit card. Come to the office for details.



ST. PETER CLAVER DINNER: Come to farewell Fr. Alphonse at the dinner Sat. at 6:00 pm. We have a new Burkina Faso Project in Fr. Alphonse's country. Thanks to people like you who donate, help can be given to so many people. Storytelling, Silent auction, Dance and Song will entertain you. Call 703-447-0487 for information. See you there!



St. John Youth Corner

Senior Youth Group Website- www.sjsyq.org

NEXT SENIOR YOUTH MEETING ~ SUNDAY, October 7th, at 7:00 pm

All high school students are welcome to attend. Bring a friend and enjoy BBQ Chicken and a discussion on "The Devil".



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 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.

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is held at St. Agnes Parish in Arlington. If you are in our neighborhood, you are welcome to join us in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

CHURCH WEBSITE:

www.stjohncatholicmclean.org

Information on groups at our church, Events that take place, Bulletins online, Schedules. Check us out. Please email rmessing@stjohncatholicmclean.org if you have comments.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept. 16, 2007	17	18	19	20	21	22
Catechetical Sunday CCD PreK - K 10:30 - 11:30 am 12:30 talk on Cross @ Holy Transfiguration Ch.	<u>Sew & So Forth</u> 9:45 am DR Rm SENIOR LUNCH <u>CCD Gr. 1,2,3</u> 4:30 - 5:30 pm <u>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 pm DR Rm	Parents OPEN HOUSE CCD Gr. 1 - 8, fr.7 - 8 pm <u>Jr. Legion of Mary</u> 3:30 pm DR Rm <u>Bible Study</u> 7:30 pm	ADORATION <u>Confessions</u> 6:45 - 7:15 pm <u>Novena Prayers & Rosary</u> 7:10 <u>Eucharistic Holy Hour</u> 7:30 <u>RCIA</u> 7:00 pm	<u>St. John Choir</u> 7:30 pm	 My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.	St. Peter Claver dinner 6:00 pm

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

“CALL NO MAN FATHER”

In the Gospel of Matthew, we read our Lord's admonition, "Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven" (Matt 23:9). And yet, as we know well, men who have been ordained to the sacramental priesthood in the Catholic Church are commonly called "father," and even claim the title themselves. This apparent rejection of our Lord's teaching has caused many good people to leave the Catholic Church in search of "Bible Churches" that strictly follow the "pure Gospel" of Jesus. Is the common Catholic practice of calling priests "father" a contradiction of the Gospel message, as many Protestants claim? The answer is simply, "NO!" As we have often observed in past columns, in order to understand difficult Bible passages, we must first discover the context of the passage in question. Remember that a text without a context is no text at all!

In the Old Testament, Joseph, the son of Israel, who found himself sold into slavery in Egypt, tells his brothers, "God . . . has made me a father to Pharaoh" (Gen 45:8). Likewise, the righteous Job explains, "I was a father to the poor" (Job 29:16). And the Prophet Elisha cried out to his spiritual father Elijah, "My father, my father," as Elijah was swept up in a whirlwind of fire, and taken to his heavenly home (2 Kgs 2:12).

In the New Testament, the Apostle Peter refers to his disciple Mark as "my son Mark" (1 Pet 5:13), indicating Peter's own spiritual fatherhood. Again, in his first epistle, the beloved disciple John, who leaned upon our Lord's breast at the Last Supper, calls his faithful flock, "My little children" (1 Jn 1:21). And Saint Paul, in his first letter to the community in Corinth, teaches, "For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you then, be imitators of me"(1 Cor 4:15-16).

It is clear from the passages quoted above that the common Protestant objection, based upon our Lord's words in the Gospel of Matthew, finds no support in the rest of the Bible. What then does our Lord mean by his admonition, "Call no man father?" Again, context is the key. In the twenty-third chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, our Lord is vehemently preaching against the Jewish authorities who claim honor for themselves, and yet live a life of sin. "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do,

for they preach, but do not practice" (Matt 23:1-5). "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! . . . Woe to you, blind guides" (Matt 23:13,16).

What our Lord is fervently preaching against in this passage is clear: those who sit upon the throne of holiness, and yet live a life far from God; men that we would today call "empty suits." Clearly our Lord is using hyperbole, as a way to stress his message. If Jesus is to be taken literally here, as many Fundamentalist Protestants understand him, then we must forbid the use of the title father, even from our earthly fathers. If this restriction were enforced for even one generation, our concept of fatherhood would be emptied of its meaning. Consequently, the concept of God's fatherhood would in turn become meaningless to us; a result which Jesus never intended.

Ultimately, what we must understand from our Lord's teaching, "Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven," is that all true fatherhood is derived from God's fatherhood. Anyone on this earth who is acclaimed with the title "father," must first seek to become worthy of the title by his union with the divine archetype, God himself. Thus, Saint Paul can openly claim the title of father for himself because he has become a "father in Christ through the Gospel." Therefore, he can rightly instruct his disciple to imitate him, for in imitating him, his disciples become imitators of God.

As faithful followers of Christ and adherents of the authentic Christian message, Catholics are right to look to their priests as spiritual fathers, just as the disciples of Saints Peter, Paul, and John did in their day. Let us always pray for our priests, specially called by God to be images on earth of our Father who is in heaven, that they may always live lives worthy of their exalted title.

The Saint John Institute of Catholic Culture . . .
 PRESENTS:
The Acts of the Apostles Bible Study
 Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm Sept. 18 - Oct. 23
 Bring your Bible and Bring a friend!
 Q? - Call St. John's Office of Evangelization @
 703-504-8733 or www.sjiicc.com

The Blood of the Martyrs, Seed of the
Church with Dr. Paul Thigpen
 Thurs. Sept. 27 @ 7:00 pm

From the Music Desk...



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. If you have done so already, please call us once again so that we have all the information. 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.**

David Lang

Check out our church website at:

www.stjohncatholicmclean.org

Click on Church/ then Liturgy/ then Music for the latest updates on our church music programs. Under EVENTS are other Music related topics.

In Our Area

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. Cost includes airfare, lodging, in-city transportation, & a chance to be a part of a live TV audience on an EWTN show. For information please call Mrs. Maria Ibar at 703-798-4129.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS: SEPTEMBER 22: Autumn Hoe-Down Dance, with Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC) will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, in Vienna. We'll begin with a few Line Dance Lessons at 8:00 pm 'till midnight. Bring a friend or two. Good food! Good Friendships! For more information call Ruth 703-352-1887.



RETROUVAILLE has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the October program beginning with a weekend on Oct. 26-28th call 703-351-7211 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER ST. THOMAS MORE FRATERNITY invites married and single laity, who may be called the live the Gospel life as a professed member of a secular Third Order, to attend their monthly gathering from 1:15 to 3:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center in Arlington, Sun. Oct. 14. Call Terrence Lisbeth at 703-242-7173 for information.

ST. LEO PRAISE, WORSHIP, ADORE First Saturday sessions will be Sat. Oct. 6, & Nov. 3 at St. Leo the Great in Fairfax. Come for an evening of praise music by *Vision*, for Adoration and Worship.

LECTURE ON BIOETHICS: Tues. Sept. 18 at 6:30 pm in the ballroom of the National Press Club in Washington DC, Dr. Edmund Pellegrino will lecture "From Covenant to Contract: The Erosion of Medical Ethics". If interested, call 301-229-1171.

RACE INTO AUTUMN 5K and 1 mile Fun Run will be Sat. Sept. 22 at 8:30 am at the Northern Virginia Training Center on Braddock Road in Fairfax. Registration closes soon. Help support those with Disabilities. www.nvtc.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov

A WOMAN'S CHOICE in Falls Church would like to thank Northern VA. churches for their support. This United Way charity can be visited on the web at: www.womanschoicecenter.com

MARYMOUNT GRADUATE COUNSELING PROGRAMS Info session Sat. Sept. 29, 10:00 am Marymount's Ballston Center. For more details 703-284-5902. Programs: Pastoral Counseling, Forensic Psychology, School Counseling, Community Counseling.