

Monday, September 24, 2007, Weekday

6:30 Walter Silveira, Jr.

9:00 Mary Campbell †

Tuesday, Sept. 25, Weekday

6:30 Laura Pennefather

9:00 Mary Harris †

Wed. Sept. 26, Weekday; Cosmas & Damian, martyrs

6:30 Sister Immaculata

9:00 Anne McCabe †

Thursday, Sept. 27, Vincent de Paul, priest

6:30 Joseph & Helen Slavinskas †

9:00 Frances Cioffi †

Friday, Sept. 28, Weekday; Wenceslaus, martyr;

Lawrence Ruiz, martyr, & his companions, martyrs

6:30 In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

9:00 John Kurlish †

Sat. Sept. 29, MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAFAEL, archangels

8:15 Esther Dailey †

5:00 Alvena Stewart †

Sun., Sept. 30, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Michael Christopher Navin

9:00 Alberto Fernandes Esteves †

10:30 Kenneth Rostkowski †

12:00 People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of September 23, 2007

Sunday Am 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tm 2:1-8;
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122;
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4, 6, 7-8, 6;
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149; Lk 9:7-9

Friday Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138; Jn 1:47-51



*Mass
Intentions
Of The
Week*

From the Pastor

Congratulations to our newly wed Debbie Hayle and John Balint who got married this past September 15. Debbie, as you may know, is the 2nd grade teacher in our school and John is our new Facilities Manager and Grounds man. Our best wishes and prayers go out to this newly married couple. They will reside in Sterling.

Congratulations to Don Rasmussen who retired as Facilities Manager after 15 years of faithful work. I don't think Don ever heard of the 40 hour week because it was usual after a full week of work to see him checking things out or working on a project on the weekends. He was a virtual memory bank who knew where every screw was located and when it was put there. He was an invaluable resource not only to me but to my predecessors, Fr. Hathaway, and Fr. Daly. John Balint who has been the understudy for more than a year has taken up the role as Facilities Manager. John, as you know, is the one who is responsible for keeping up our flower beds---especially the rose gardens. If you have the time, say thank you to John, and most especially express your gratitude to Don for his loyal and devoted service to this parish.

As you may read in the Catholic Herald, the Moto Proprio restoring the former missal of the Roman rite (the 1962 missal of Blessed John XXIII) to the liturgical life of the church took effect on September 14. It is an historic document which however does not impose but *allows* the celebration of all the rites previously in use prior to 1969. Here at St. John's this means that beginning October 21, the Sunday noon Mass will be according to the more ancient use (*usus antiquior*) and the sacraments will be available in this parish. Beginning October 21 anyone in this parish who wants the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, or Matrimony according to the old rite may request that of myself, Fr. Gripshover, or Fr. Selin. Any guest priest who is qualified may perform these sacraments in this parish according to the old rite. Those wishing to be buried with a funeral in the old rite may do so. The Moto Proprio leaves the decision to allow it to the pastor for the good of the faithful. Other pastors may decide not to ...



Please Pray For

Albert & Marie Balint	Gary & Cindy Hogan	Ernest Oddono
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 Marion
Edward Cotter	Col. James J. Kelly	Barbara Skytell
Estelle Danielson	Alice Koutsoumpas	Dolores Snyder
Marie Davalos	Katherine Malcolm	Mary Spann
Jessie Dillon	Lou McGuinness	Margaret Stimpfle
Lucille Dion	Annette McGovern	Eileen Sweeney
Denis Downey, Jr.	Ferenc Molnar	Raymond Vagli
Bryan Downie	Matthew Morgan	Theresa Vartanian
Pam Dunne	Marilyn Middleton	Graham Waite
Phil Dunton	Edmund Milauckas	Mary Ellen Waite
Winifred Feeney	Nancy Miller	Mary Frances Weil
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.

allow it in their parish. This is their right, and just because we allow it here does not mean that it is wrong for some of the parishes not to do it. The purpose of the Moto Proprio is to achieve a unity and a healing of the rupture in our tradition, not to foment further the divisiveness.

The choir will return to sing at the noon Mass on October 21.



Religious Education

CCD BEGINS Tuesday, Sept. 25 for Grades 1 - 8 who meet on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

In Our Parish



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.

SENIORS: Sign up now for the trip to the newly renovated Baltimore Basilica, **Thursday, October 11, 2007**. A guided tour of the Basilica. Lunch at the Brass Elephant in downtown Baltimore, followed by time at the Walters Gallery, featuring an exhibition of French masterpieces. Bus leaves SJB lower parking lot at 9:15 am, & returns by 4:30 pm. \$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: On Monday, Oct. 15, we will welcome the Arlington Songfellows. They will entertain us with a collection of pleasing musical selections. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am. Lunch will follow at noon in the Parish Hall. A sign-up sheet can be found in the church vestibule. Please leave a check for \$20, made payable to St. John the Beloved, with "Seniors" on the memo line, in the parish office by Thursday, October 11. For information call Gladys Brennan, **703-821-2547.** (PS this week this really IS the correct number. There are no threes in her phone number. I am sorry for the incorrect phone numbers in past bulletins. Bulletin editor)

Thursday, Sept. 27, 7:00 pm

St. John the Beloved Church

The Blood of the Martyrs ~ Seed of the Church

With Dr. Paul Thigpen



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.

We now have in stock "Come Be My Light- The Private Writings of the Saint of Calcutta." This is the book which details Mother Teresa's spiritual struggles and which has generated so much interest in recent weeks. Stop by to get 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.

Come see our fall fashions in clothing for the whole family. We are getting ready for Halloween and invite you to come in early for best selection on Halloween costumes. 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.



PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED :
FRIDAY OCTOBER 5th: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE is coming to our community! This is your opportunity to join many other volunteers from many parishes throughout the Diocese (and across the U.S.) in a nationwide prayer vigil to end abortion in the United States. The centerpiece of the local campaign is a 40-day, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside the abortion facility at

900 S. Washington St. (Lee Hwy.) in Falls Church. The vigil starts on September 26th and ends on November 4th. It will be a peaceful and educational presence designed to save lives and to raise awareness about abortion. We need your help. St. John the Beloved as a parish has committed to pray outside the abortion facility on FRIDAY OCTOBER 5th. Will you sign up for a 1 or 2 hour time period to come pray with us? Bring your family! Sign-up sheets will be available at the front of the church. Questions? Call the parish Respect Life Coordinator, Kurt Maggio at 703 848 0273.



ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH are

automatically members of the St. John Women's Council and as such are invited to take part in the activities and ministries of your Council. If you are unfamiliar with

the good works of the Council, please see the church website at www.stjohncatholicmclean.org or call the parish office to have information sent to your home. Please enrich our parish by taking part in one or more of these worthy endeavors and consider supporting them with the donation of your \$10 annual dues. (September envelope packet has a pink envelope for this purpose).

Altar Server Schedule

Novena/Mass: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007
7:30 pm D'Ermes, Duffey, James Eyer

Saturday: Sept. 29
8:15 am Fisher, Lunde, J. McCoy
5:00 pm **Vigil** Russo, C. Katz, Mike Katz, Matt Katz

Sunday Masses: Sept. 30
7:30 am Schuman, Hoernig, Berry
9:00 am Payne, Lorias, Burelli
10:30 am Clarks, Crnkovich, Schaumburg
12:00 pm Alligood, Mehan, Ludwicks, Sniezeks, Glover, Defensor



ALTAR SERVERS: if you would like to learn to serve the Tridentine Mass please contact Mrs. Thunder at the parish office 703-356-7916.



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.

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

MARRIAGE NULLITY PROCESS in the Arlington Diocese: A presentation will be given by Fr. Mark Mealey, Judicial Vicar, in various churches around the area at which time he will answer questions about the nullity process and the grounds (reasons) needed to begin the process. Please call Joyce Wagner at 703-841-2505 and leave a message. Presentations are 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

- Sept. 11--St. Joseph, Herndon
- Sept. 25--Our Lady of Lourdes, Arlington
- Oct. 2--Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, Winchester
- Oct. 23--St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg
- Oct. 29--Blessed Sacrament, Alexandria
- Nov. 6--St. Timothy, Centreville



St. John Youth Corner

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.

CHURCH WEBSITE:

www.stjohncatholicmclean.org

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


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.



CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA NEXT WEEK'S COLLECTION

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept. 23, 2007	24	25	26	27	28	29
CCD PreK - K 10:30 - 11:30 am 	<u>Sew & So Forth</u> 9:45 am DR Rm <u>CCD Gr. 1,2,3</u> 4:30 - 5:30 pm <u>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 pm DR Rm	<u>CCD Gr. 1 - 8</u> 7:00 - 8:00 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>Blood of the Martyrs Talk</u> 7:00 pm <u>St. John Choir</u> 7:30 pm		



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

**DEFENDING THE FAITH
LIFE OR DEATH**

In response to questions from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops concerning artificial nutrition and hydration, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has restated with clarity the Church's traditional teaching on life. The following are the questions posed by the Bishops Conference, as well as the Church's official response to those questions. Some have named these "The Terri Schiavo Responses," because of their pertinence to the debate surrounding her death.

First question: Is the administration of food and water (whether by natural or artificial means) to a patient in a "vegetative state" morally obligatory except when they cannot be assimilated by the patient's body or cannot be administered to the patient without causing significant physical discomfort? Response: Yes. The administration of food and water even by artificial means is, in principle, an ordinary and proportionate means of preserving life. It is therefore obligatory to the extent to which, and for as long as, it is shown to accomplish its proper finality, which is the hydration and nourishment of the patient. In this way suffering and death by starvation and dehydration are prevented.

Second question: When nutrition and hydration are being supplied by artificial means to a patient in a "permanent vegetative state", may they be discontinued when competent physicians judge with moral certainty that the patient will never recover consciousness? Response: No. A patient in a "permanent vegetative state" is a person with fundamental human dignity and must, therefore, receive ordinary and proportionate care which includes, in principle, the administration of water and food even by artificial means.

Rome, from the Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, August 1, 2007.

Why does the Catholic Church concern herself with issues of life and death? The answer is simply this: In the beginning, God granted life to man as a gift and instructed him to cultivate that life on earth, to "be fruitful and multiply," and to "till and keep," the garden of the Lord (Gen 1:28, 2:15). When Israel was about to enter the Promised Land after forty years of wondering in the desert, God said, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life" (Deut 30:19). And when our Blessed Savior died upon the cross at the hands of godless.....

.....men, he did so in order to grant us life through his glorious resurrection. True followers of Christ must always be true defenders of life, always seeking to nourish this great gift of God, and bring about the triumph of life on earth.

We give glory to you O Lord, who established the Church on earth as our guide and teacher. We give glory to you O Lord, who ordained that through the hands of mankind your creation should be brought to its perfection. We give glory to you O Lord, who rose from the dead, destroying the power of death and granting us eternal life.

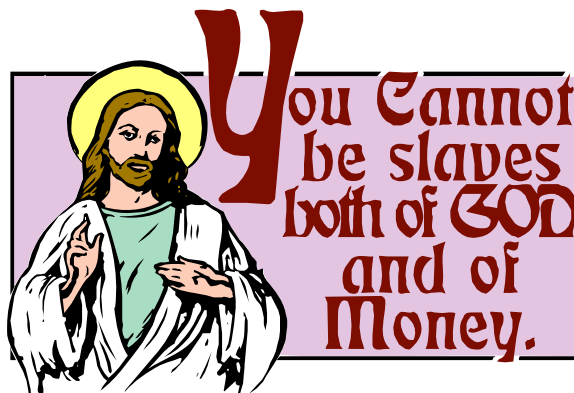
The Saint John Institute of Catholic Culture . . .
(St. John's Adult Ed Program)

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.sjicc.com

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

666, The Mark of the Beast & Who Really will be Left Behind
Monday, Oct. 8, 7:30 pm
With Sabatino Camazzo



From the Music Desk...

It has been a great summer. We have grown, as a parish, in our fervent celebration of the Mass. As your master of music, I want to both commend you and praise you for your ever-growing and enthusiastic singing. I look forward to each Mass at the organ, because I feel so uplifted and invigorated by your fervent participation. This sounds backwards, but "thank you" for your ministry to me. In conversation with our pastor, priests, and cantors at Saint John's, they feel the same way. The joy of our celebration as worship leaders is intensified by how you respond and the beauty and passion with which you worship.

While we are on the topic of liturgy and how we can keep making it better, let's keep our manners at the conclusion of Mass by waiting until the final hymn is finished before leaving. I know that you may be in a hurry, and Mass could be running a little late. However, it is so disheartening to watch half the church empty while folks are still trying to sing and raise their voices to God. Also, why would you sing at other times during the Mass, but abandon the final hymn? It's only one more minute. Give it a chance.

The Treble Choir sang quite beautifully this past Saturday for the wedding of our own John Balint and Deb Hayle (now Mr. and Mrs. Balint.) Thank you, trebles, for your hard work... and thank you, parents, for seeing that they had the opportunity to participate.

Again, if you are interested in singing at 10:30, please give a call or send an email. Even if you have called before, please call again so we can complete our compilation.

Musically in Christ, David B. Lang



RACHEL'S VINEYARD weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat process helps you experience God's mercy and compassion. Supportive, confidential, non-judgmental healing can help renew and restore. Next retreat is Oct. 19-21. Call Myriam at 703-729-7998 or contact projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org

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. For information please call Mrs. Maria Ibar at 703-798-4129.

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.

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.



15th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING:

Oct. 5 - 13. People can participate in many ways in your local parish communities to include: fasting, attending daily Mass, Holy Hours, Rosaries, Divine Mercy Chaplets, and Confession. "*Certain evil spirits can only be driven out by Prayer and Fasting*" (Mark 9:29)

Oct. 6--Youth & Young Adult Festival at CUA in DC. Praise & fellowship in preparation for World Youth Day 2008.

Oct. 7--Culture of Life Awards Banquet with special speakers.**

Oct. 8--Eucharistic Prayer Day with special speakers.**
**For names of speakers, information on all events and online registration: www.IWOPF.org or 703-707-0799

ST. PHILIP FALL FESTIVAL in Falls Church on Sat. Sept. 29 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Country store, crafts, pony rides, snacks, International dinner at 4:00 pm. Call 703-573-3808 for more information.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD: Mind, Body and Soul: Come learn the stages of human development from conception to age eighteen, and a child's unique spiritual and developmental needs so as to be able to provide the child with the environment necessary for them to flourish. Saturday, September 29, 7:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena, Great Falls. The second part of this series will be on November 3 on the Development of Man.