

Mon., March 31, 2008, The Annunciation of the Lord

6:30 Col. James J. Kelly †
9:00 Antonio Dias †

Tuesday, April 1, Easter Weekday

6:30 Col. James Kelly †
9:00 Julio Enrique †

Wed., April 2, Easter Weekday; Francis of Paoli, hermit

6:30 Pope John Paul II
9:00 Annie Buscema †

Thursday, April 3, Easter Weekday

6:30 Roland Burkhardt †
9:00 Rose Prince †

Fri. April 4, Easter Weekday; Isidore, bishop, doctor

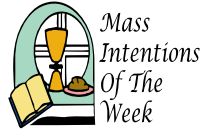
6:30 Scott Harris †
9:00 Jack Schneider †
7:30 People of the Parish

Sat., April 5, Easter Weekday; Vincent Ferrer, priest

8:15 Cecile McCarthy †
5:00 Kathryn Russell †

Sunday, April 6, Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 Siegfried Wolf †
9:00 Alice & Jose Marques †
10:30 Fernandes & Desouza families
12:00 People of the Parish



Readings for the Week of March 30, 2008

Sunday Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
Monday Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36
Friday Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21;
Lk 24:13-35

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March 2008

General: That the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation between individuals and peoples may be understood and that through her testimony the Church may spread Christ's love, the source of new humanity.

Mission: That Christians persecuted because of the Gospel in various parts of the world and in various manners may be sustained by the strength of the Holy Spirit and continue to bear witness courageously and openly to the Word of God.



**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

Michelle Lederman
Elia Priestley
Margaret Taaffe
George Washko
Louise Whyte

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

From the Pastor

Remember the relative who is no longer practicing the faith? The son or daughter who is living an immoral lifestyle? A spouse who is an alcoholic? A spouse who is an unbeliever? This is the day to remember them. Today at 3:00 pm is a very important time to seek a conversion of heart for someone from Jesus who is overflowing with mercy. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and Our Lord through his spokeswoman (He called her His "secretary") Saint Faustina, has invited the most wretched of sinners to be committed to his care today at 3:00. The best way to do it is to attend the Divine Mercy ceremonies today after the noon Mass.

I ask you to remember to contribute to this year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Our parish response has been very low. We are almost the lowest of all the parishes. I was unable to speak at the Masses on behalf of the BLA because I was still recuperating from the hospital and was not doing any public Mass. So please contribute.

Also consider using the Faith Direct program by which your weekly contribution for the parish is automatically deducted from your bank account. Again, we are doing poorly in this area. Other parishes who use Faith Direct contribution programs find a good number of parishioners respond, but so far that is not the case here at St. John's.

Please remember the parish in your will. It is a beautiful way to thank your parish for the spiritual benefits it has provided you in this life.



Jesus requested through St. Faustina that the Sunday after Easter be officially established in the Church as the Feast of Mercy: "on that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My

Mercy." In His revelations to St. Maria Faustina, **Our Lord promised to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy, to those who go to Confession beforehand (this can be done within a week or so before the Feast) and receive Holy Communion, completely detached from any form of sin.** Jesus also revealed many powerful prayers to St. Faustina including the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Novena of Divine Mercy. In addition to these requirements for the primary indulgence one must also pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

In Our Parish



FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY (24-hour Eucharistic Adoration): after the 9:00 am Mass on Friday, until the 8:15 am Saturday Mass followed by First Saturday Devotions as requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

ADORERS ARE NEEDED EVERY FIRST FRIDAY and First Saturday of each 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.



SENIORS: Join your fellow Seniors as we travel to Dodona Manor near Leesburg, the retirement home of General George Marshall, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army during World War II and later Secretary of State. **Tuesday, April 15, 2008.** Bus leaves SJB at 9:00 a.m. and will return by 5:00 p.m. \$105 per person. Lunch at Tuscarora Restaurant in Leesburg. Time for shopping after lunch. Sign-up sheet is available in the Vestibule of the Church. Please leave a check for \$105, payable to Excursionaire, with SJB Seniors Trip on the Memo line, in the Parish Office. We must have 25 signed up and paid by April 7th for the trip to continue. Questions, call Ray Bergan, 703-288-0946.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
today, after the 12:00 noon High Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Confessions,
Sermon by Fr. Ronald Escalante,
Divine Mercy Chaplet,
& Benediction



News from "The Word"

St. John Parish Book & Gift Shop

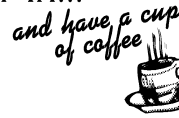
The WORD is open on Wednesday evenings, Thursday mornings, First Fridays, and Sundays after all the Masses.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our book selection this week is St. Faustina, Apostle of Divine Mercy by Catherine Odell. It tells the story of the famous Polish nun canonized by Pope John Paul II and her divine revelations.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:

Tues. - Fri. 11:00 am- 2:00 pm & Sat. 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Come in and see our Spring fashions and accessories. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions call during business hours (703) 356-7420.

STOP IN...



COFFEE & DONUTS this Sunday after the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses is being hosted by the St. John's Mothers Group.

OVER 50 CLUB: As this bulletin goes to press plans have not been firmed up for entertainment for our Monday, April 21st luncheon. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am with lunch following in the parish hall. For your convenience 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, April 17. Questions? Call Gladys Brennan 703-821-2547.

Image Blessing on Mercy Sunday

Almighty and Eternal Father, in your goodness, bless and sanctify this Image of The Divine Mercy, Your dearly beloved Son, which has been fashioned to reveal to us the great love of our Crucified and Risen Savior, The Divine Mercy Personified. Help us recall to our minds the streams of Blood and Water that had gushed forth from His pierced Heart to be for us a continuous fount of mercy. Grant to all who invoke Your Mercy with this Image before their eyes, the grace of true repentance, pardon and peace. Shield them from every danger to soul and body in this life. Jesus, our loving Savior, establish in this Image the Throne of Your Mercy. Pour out upon all of us, who approach it with faith and trust, the purifying, healing and sanctifying rays of grace ever emanating from it as a blazing star. Gaze upon us as you did from the Cross with your great love and mercy so that we may be filled with your grace.

Through this Image, may Your Divine Mercy triumph over all the powers of evil. May all who venerate this Image never perish. May it be their joy in life, their hope in death, and their glory in eternity for ever and ever.

This we ask through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!

Altar Server Schedule

Novena/Mass: Wednesday, April 2, 2008
7:30 pm Delvecchio, A. Clark, J. Himpler

Saturday: April 6 **First Saturday**

8:15 am Dolan, Kirtley, Beaver

5:00 pm **Vigil** Knise, Gross, McCoys

Sunday Masses: April 6

7:30 am DiBenedetto, Clarks

9:00 am Bello, Caron, Hurley, Giaimo

10:30 am Hoernig, Zehnder, Dixons

12:00 pm Stechschulte, Haislmaiers, Kirtley,
Delvecchio, S. Earner



CAR RAFFLE UPDATE: The Car Raffle support has been amazing and still growing! Thank you for returning your SOLD tickets to the parish office. If you have not turned in your tickets, you still have time. **All tickets must be turned into the Parish office by Monday, April 14, 2008.** Good Luck Everybody!

The FAITH DIRECT OFFERTORY OPTIONS:

We have introduced a new way to support our parish offertory and second collections through direct debit deductions. Faith Direct also provides you with an itemized statement at the end of the year for tax purposes, plus offertory cards to place in the collection basket. You may visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is VA77.



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.



St. John Youth Corner

Next Senior Youth Meeting: Sun. April 6, 7pm

Although the youth group cannot get tickets for the Pope's visit in April, we will be showing our support for His Holiness by congregating along the road as he makes his way to the Papal Mass on April 17.

Contact Sabatino for further information.
703-504-8733





NOVENA PRAYERS & ROSARY: the Miraculous Medal **Novena Prayers and the Rosary begin at 7:00 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.

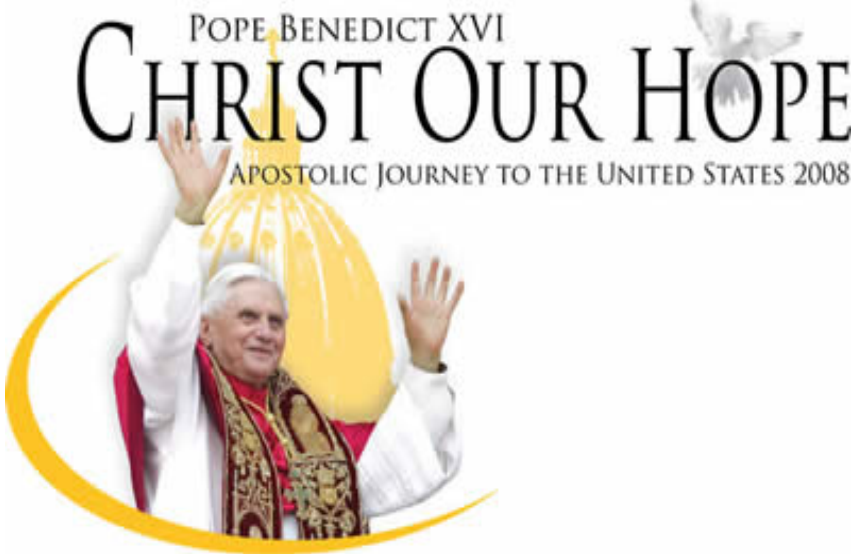


**After Eight Days
JESUS
Came In And
Stood Among
Them.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 30, 2008	31	April 1	2	3	4 First Friday	5 First Saturday
CCD PreK - K 10:30 - 11:30 am Divine Mercy Sunday 	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	CCD Gr. 1 - 8 7:00 - 8:00 pm Jr. Legion of Mary 3:30 pm DR Rm	ADORATION Confessions 6:45 -7:15 pm Novena Prayers & Rosary 7:00 Eucharistic Holy Hour 7:30	St. John Choir 7:30 pm	Low TLM 7:30 pm	

From St. John's Office of Evangelization . . .
The Saint John Institute of Catholic Culture . . .

PRESENTS:



in honor of our beloved Holy Father's visit and as an act of filial devotion, the Saint John Institute will be hosting the following lectures:

TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH @ 7:30 PM

INSIDE THE VATICAN:

**A look at Pope Benedict's Influence on the Heart of the Church
With**

DR. ROBERT MOYNIHAN, Chief Editor of Inside the Vatican Magazine

TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND @ 7:30 PM

THE FAMILY: KEY TO PEACE

**A Study of Pope Benedict's Vision of the Family as the Heart of Society and Key to Peace
With**

DR. TIMOTHY O'DONNELL, Member of the Pontifical Council for the Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 & 26 @ 10:00 AM

THE SPIRIT OF THE LITURGY

**A Study of Pope Benedict's thought on the Holy Mass
With**

SABATINO CARNAZZO, Director of the Institute of Catholic Culture

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE VISIT WWW.SJICC.COM OR CALL (703) 504-8733

From the Music Desk...

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you soprano Melissa Meman. Melissa has been singing with me (and for Father McAfee) since the very beginning when I first moved from Kentucky to this area on Labor Day of 2000. It is a must that you visit her on-line store and website. Melissa personally creates and handcrafts exquisite rosaries and other religious jewelry. Click on the link below.

Melissa Allford Meman was born and raised in Alabama, where she attended the University of Alabama, receiving Bachelor and Master degrees in Vocal Performance. After moving to the DC suburbs in the late 1980s, she attended the University of Maryland-College Park for further post-graduate studies. She has performed with various area groups including The Washington Savoyards, Wolf Trap Opera, Washington Concert Opera, and the National Opera. Aside from singing, Melissa concurrently works for a large environmental engineering firm and designs and creates jewelry and rosaries. She commutes to Saint John's from Frederick, MD where she lives with her husband, Jesse, jazz musician and teacher, and son, Benjamin.

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for exceptional Handcrafted Jewelry & Rosaries...
Inspiration for Mind, Body & Spirit!
<http://www.melissameman.com>

See you next week.

Director Lang

HELLO DOLLY: Don't miss the timeless musical, "Hello Dolly," at Seton School in Manassas, **April 11, 12, 18, & 19** at 7:00 pm, and Sun., April 13 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$8 per person. Call the Seton School office (703) 368-3220 for info.

"ANYTHING GOES" is the Spring production at Georgetown Visitation Fri.- Sun., **April 11-13**. Adults \$15, Students \$10. Tickets available: www.visi.org

BISHOP O'CONNELL'S Drama department will be presenting Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* on Friday, **April 11 @ 7:30 pm**, Sat. **Apr. 12 @ 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm**, and Sun. April **13** at 2:00 pm at the high school in Arlington. Tickets are \$10. Reserve Now! Box office: 703-237-1448 or at the door.

In Our Area

CAMP ST. CHARLES: This camp in southern Maryland is run by the Salvatorian Fathers and is for Catholic boys and girls. **Open House April 20.** 301-934-8799.

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP SPORTS CAMP for boys 10-14 runs from **June 15-18** at Mt. St. Mary's University at Emmitsburg, MD. Lacrosse, Soccer, Basketball or Football. Daily Mass. Call Danny Flynn at 301-365-7614.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: REJOICE IN HOPE... There is a retreat **April 4-6** at Dominican Retreat in McLean. Call 703-534-2166 www.dominicanretreat.org

CUATRO DE MAYO FIESTA will be held at Tarara Winery's Lakeside Pavilion Sun. **May 4**. This is sponsored by Friends of the Orphans which benefits children in Latin America and the Caribbean. Tickets are \$75. Contact KMcLeod@friendsus.org

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. May program begins with a weekend on **May 2-4** call 703 351 7211 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com

CATHOLIC MEDICINE: Dr. John Bruchalski, the founder of *Tepeyac Family Center*, will speak at St. Raymond's in Springfield; Tues., **April 8** at 8:00 pm. "Finding Joy in Mudville: Catholic Medicine in the 21st Century" will be the topic. Questions and answers period.

NUN RUN: A Women's Vocation Day Trip to visit three women's religious orders will take place on Sun., **Apr. 6** from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. Meet at Bishop O'Connell HS. Single women, 17-40, can call the Vocations office at 703-841-2514 by April 1 if you plan to attend.

MEN'S VOCATION TRIP to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is **April 12-13**. Bus leaves from Our Lady of Lourdes in Arlington at 9:30 am. For reservations: Call 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org by April 8.

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS Rev. Pat Watkins of the Va. Interfaith Center for Public Policy on Catholic Social Teaching will discuss "Care for God's Creation" at the Church of the Nativity in Burke on **April 8** at 7:30 pm. Info: 703-978-4141 x18.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS For information about us, contact Call 703-212-9316.

FIRST SATURDAYS: St. Leo's in Fairfax is again presenting their First Saturday series of An Evening of Praise, Worship, & Adoration with praise music provided by *VISION*, on the First Saturday of every month. Upcoming dates: Sat. **April 5**, and Sat. **May 3**.

