

Monday, April 7, 2008, John Baptist de la Salle, priest

6:30 Norm Violette †
9:00 Keith C. Treichel †

Tuesday, April 8, Easter Weekday

6:30 The Staff of Aquinas Academy
9:00 Liam Powell †

Wednesday, April 9, Easter Weekday

6:30 Jim Taaffe †
9:00 Mary & Carl Zwiesler †



Thursday, April 10, Easter Weekday

6:30 Sheila Oedo †
9:00 Teresa Bohlin †

Friday, April 11, Stanislaus, bishop, martyr

6:30 Lucy Squarzini
9:00 Michael Pennefather †

Saturday, April 12, Easter Weekday

8:15 Mrs. Teresa Bohlin †
5:00 Patricia Payne †

Sunday, April 13, Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 Thomas Peyton †
9:00 Joao & Joaquina Magarinhos †
10:30 Ladies of Sacred Linen Society
12:00 People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of April 6, 2008

Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
Monday	St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51—8:1a: Ps 31; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66; Jn 6:44-51
Friday	St. Stanislaus, bishop, martyr Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions April 2008

General: That even in difficult and complex situations of present-day society, Christians may never tire of proclaiming with their lives Christ's resurrection, the source of hope and peace.

Mission: That future priests in young Churches may be ever more seriously formed culturally and spiritually in order to evangelize their respective countries and the whole world.

Angela Clarke	Helen Libera
Vincent Corcoran	Nicolas Luppi
Edith Costello	Katherine Malcom
Estelle Danielson	Ellen Martel
Rosa Esteves	Nancy Miller
Frank Gettings	Ruth Murphy
Alec Gramann	June Nage
Charles Harrison	Kathryn Orf
Velma Harwood	Elia Priestley
Rita Johnson	Dolores Sneider
Alex Kostrzewsky	Bob Sweeney
Michelle Lederman	Peggy Taaffe

George Washko
Louise Whyte

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



Our Prayer List

From the Pastor

You have probably noticed the altar set up is different from before. We now have a crucifix in the middle with candles aligned on each side. This is the way Pope Benedict celebrates Mass as you will notice when you see him on TV when he is in town. This altar arrangement is an alternative to what is called the "ad orientem" position of the celebrant at Mass, that is he faces east. That is the posture of the priest at Mass prior to 1965, although it can still be observed in the Mass according to the missal as we sometimes do here at St. John's. Because often the church is not situated toward the east, the posture is often called "facing the apse" which is the rear of the sanctuary where *there* hangs the cross.

If this cannot be done the Pope recommends the arrangement we have on the altar where both the priest and congregation can fix themselves on the cross. This attachment to the cross must be accompanied by internal adherence to the cross. What does this do? It prompts us to center in God and not each other. We worship God and not each other, but the tendency today in much of liturgy is to stress the horizontal dimension---our social connectiveness to each other. Our feelings of attachment to each other replace our desire to be united with God.

This distorted relationship is highlighted by many of the so-called folk hymns which places on our lips the voice of God. Another example of the distorted dimension of liturgy is the obsession that we have to see everything done at the altar and hear and understand every word. Mystery is gone. A good example of how much this wrong understanding of liturgy has taken hold can be seen in two gestures: 1) holding hands during the Our Father and 2) the kiss or sign of peace. Many people choose to hold hands during the Our Father but for what reason? Nowhere in the rubrics of the Mass is that gesture even mentioned. It is a gesture used to show our solidarity, our togetherness, our union. But is that not the purpose of the sign of peace? Holding hands is a holdover from the civil rights movement and the peace movement of the 60s and 70s. No liturgist, conservative or liberal or in between, recommends it. Then what prompts it? Is it not the weight of the distorted view of the Mass which emphasizes our fraternity? The Pope compared it to the Jews worshipping the Golden Calf.

(more next week)

In Our Parish



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. \$105.00 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 \$105.00, 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



OVER 50 CLUB: On Mon. April 21 we will welcome John Edward Niles, the artistic director and conductor of the Opera Theater of Northern Virginia. Mr. Niles delights his audiences with wit and his extensive knowledge of musical theater. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am with lunch following in the parish hall. A sign-up sheet can be found in the church vestibule. Please leave a \$20 check made payable to St. John the Beloved, with "seniors" on the memo line, in the parish office by Thurs. April 17. For information call Gladys Brennan at 703-821-2547

MOTHERS GROUP: The St. John the Beloved Mothers Group will be meeting on Friday, **April 18th** at 10:00 am. It is time for Spring cleaning, so come and hear organizing expert, Danielle Aguilar speak on tips to organize and beautify your home. We will meet in the Adult Ed room, babysitting provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share. Questions: 703-556-0018, Call Mary Alice Poulsen or email: mary_alice_poulsen@hotmail.com



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!



ADULT LEADER NEEDED for the Senior Youth Group project in June. (see Youth Corner)



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.

First Communion time is right around the corner! Please stop by the WORD and browse our selection of Bibles, rosaries, missals and other gifts sure to please the new communicant.

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.



"COFFEE & DONUTS" this Sunday after the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses is being hosted by St. John's CURSILLO. Thanks to the members of the Mothers Group and the Regnum Christi movement for hosting last Sunday.

NOTE FROM BULLETIN EDITOR: We are making a few slight changes to the bulletin and to article deadlines. The new deadline is 14 days before the bulletin date. Every few months we will delete the Sick List names from the bulletin in order to keep names up-to-date. Please call the parish to put names on the list, but also call to remove them. We also need a contact phone number and to know if the person is a parishioner or not. Thank you. Roz Messing



WELCOME to our new Catholics brought into the fullness of the Catholic Church at Easter: Melanie Baker, Meredith Dennis, Robert Galbreath, Leah McKay, Bill Thomas, James DeSouza, Ethan Beckett, Michele Oh.

Mr. Sabatino Carnazzo wishes to thank all those people who so graciously prepared the lovely reception for our new Catholics. Thank you!



WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED: Paul Francis Sheridan II, Joseph Robert Gripshover, Michael George Gripshover, Benjamin Peter Belleville, Derrick Wayne Hannick.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Shirley Ann Kelly**

Altar Server Schedule

Novena/Mass: Wednesday, April 9, 2008
7:30 pm Kissingers, J. Katz



Altar Servers

Saturday: April 12

8:15 am P. Evans, N. Rowan, D'Ermes
5:00 pm **Vigil** Jabbour, Hogan, Hickey, Burelli

Sunday Masses: April 13

7:30 am Murry, Tidwells
9:00 am Prabhu, Eysers, Pacious
10:30 am Sniezeks, Earners
12:00 pm B. & R. & J. Ludwick, Mann, Oeler, Manns



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

TO ST. JOHN: Ms. Agnus Bunagan, Mr. & Mrs. Ming Chin, Ms. Vanessa Collier, Mr. & Mrs. James DeSouza, Ms. Cecilia Munoz, Mr. Michael Weglian.

HELP FOR SENIORS: Seniors with limited means who do not usually file federal income tax returns, must do so this year if they wish to qualify for a rebate (economic stimulus package). Nearly 20 million seniors who rely on Social Security are eligible to receive \$300 each. Call Catholic Charities' Elderly Services 703-751-2766 or 1-800-906-9887 (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance).

INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY: There is a Catholic website with helpful information for those struggling to overcome addiction to pornography. Resources are for men, their spouses and family members. Visit the website for help.

<http://familylifecenter.net/strugglewithporn.asp>

CHELSEA ACADEMY FUNDRAISER: Join Fr. Hathaway for an evening of food, wine and entertainment to raise funds for Chelsea Academy, the new school in Front Royal. "Renaissance in Rappahannock" is a dinner auction to be held at Rappahannock Cellars in Huntly, Va. on **May 17**. Come for a chance to bid on a hike: Hike Away with Hathaway! 540-635-0622 www.chelseaacademy.org



St. John Youth Corner

Next Senior Youth Meeting: Sun. April 6, 7pm
This Sunday come for a great bonfire. Bring a friend along. See you there.



The Senior Youth group needs one more adult leader for our Workcamp to assist with the project we have planned. Please consider your time and talents to work with our St. John Youth and for the poor of Christ. **An adult leader is needed for Saturday, June 21 - Friday, June 27.** Workcamp will be a satisfying way to help the poorest of the poor by repairing and rebuilding some of their homes in Orange, Virginia.



Please call Sabatino at 703-504-8733.



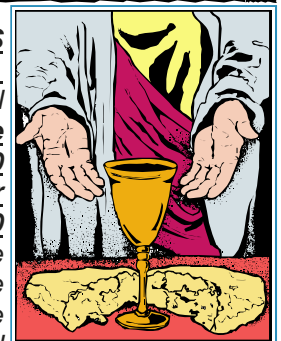
NOVENA PRAYERS & ROSARY:

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.**



They Had Recognized Him At The Breaking Of The Bread.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 6, 2008	7	8	9	10	11	12
CCD PreK - K 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sew & So Forth 9:45 am DR Rm	CCD Gr. 1 - 8 7:00 - 8:00 pm	ADORATION Confessions 6:45 - 7:15 pm Novena Prayers & Rosary 7:00 Eucharistic Holy Hour 7:30	St. John Choir 7:30 pm		
Senior Youth 7:00 pm	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				



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

ISLAM, IRAQ & THE RESURRECTION

Still walking in the grace-filled light of the Resurrection, we turn our attention this week to two news items that we passed over during the holy time of Easter. Islam and Iraq, two topics on everyone's mind, have been the subjects of certain news stories over the past month which should draw the attention of all Christians. The quotations below are meant simply as food for meditation.

From Pope Benedict's comments of March 16TH -

At the end of this solemn Celebration, in which we have meditated upon the Passion of Christ, I wish to remember the late Archbishop of Mosul of the Chaldeans, Paulos Faraj Rahho, who died tragically a few days ago. His beautiful testimony of faithfulness to Christ, to the Church, and to his people, whom he had not wanted to leave, despite numerous threats, prompts me to raise a strong and heartfelt cry: enough with the bloodshed, enough with the violence, enough with the hatred in Iraq!

And at the same time I raise a plea to the Iraqi people, who for five years have endured the consequences of a war which has caused the collapse of their civil and social life: beloved Iraqi people, lift up your heads and be yourselves builders of your national life!

From a letter sent by Magdi Cristiano Allam, vice-director of one the largest Italian newspapers, to the director of the same paper on the occasion of Mr. Allam's recent conversion from Islam to the Catholic faith. Mr. Allam was baptized during the Easter Vigil by Pope Benedict.

Dear Director,

You have asked me if I do not fear for my life, in the mutual knowledge that conversion to Christianity will provide me with yet another [ennesima, lit. "umpteenth"], and much graver, condemnation to death for apostasy. You are absolutely correct. I know what awaits me, but I will face my fate with my head lifted up, with my spine upright, and with the interior solidity of one who is certain of his own faith. And I will do it even more after the historic and brave gesture of the Pope who, from the first moment in which he came to know my desire, immediately accepted to personally impart upon me the Sacraments of initiation to Christianity. His Holiness has sent an explicit and

revolutionary message to a Church which, up to now, has been all too prudent on the conversion of Muslims, abstaining itself from making proselytizing in countries with Islamic majorities, and silent on the reality of converts in Christian nations, out of fear--the fear of not being able to safeguard converts facing their condemnation to death for apostasy, and the fear of retaliations facing Christians who live in Islamic nations. Therefore, today, Benedict XVI, with his testimony, tells us that it is necessary to vanquish fear and not to have any misgivings in affirming the truth of Jesus even before Muslims.

How easy it is in the United States to go about our lives as though religion, and in particular the Christian religion, is something of little consequence, as though the truth of the Resurrection is simply a nice story, and as though dedication to the Faith is simply a private matter. Such an attitude is far from the truth! Remember, for all those who seek to rise with Christ, it is necessary that we first seek to die with him. No one will rise on the last day who has not laid down his life with and for Jesus. Like the Archbishop of Mosul, a martyr for Christ, and Mr. Magdi Allam, a witness to the truth of the Resurrection, let us also take up the light of Christ and go out into the world which is at war with its God, no matter what the consequences!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

The Saint John Institute of Catholic Culture . . .

(St. John's Adult Ed Program)

PRESENTS:

INSIDE THE VATICAN:

w/ Dr. Robert Moynihan

Tues., April 15 @ 7:30 pm

THE FAMILY: KEY TO PEACE

w/ Dr. Timothy O'Donnell

Tues., April 22 @ 7:30 pm

THE SPIRIT OF THE LITURGY

w/ Sabatino Carnazzo

Sat., April 19 & April 26 @ 10:00 am

More info: visit WWW.SJICC.COM

Or call 703-504-8733

From the Music Desk...

It is my pleasure to introduce you to Dani Dumadi, tenor.

Dani Dumadi is currently a member of the Master Chorale of Washington and cantor at Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Silver Spring, MD. Dani studies voice with tenor Issachah Savage and has been singing in the Saint John choir since last September. Dani is Indonesian and has sung in two prestigious choirs in Indonesia: the Batavia Madrigal Singers and Twilite Chorus Indonesia. Dani lives in the U.S. with his wife who works with the Indonesian embassy. They are recent proud parents of a new daughter. Dani is also doing graduate study in business.

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On April 17th at 7:30 p.m., Corporate Travel, Inc., a company based in Michigan closely associated with the Holy Father, will be giving a presentation on a **2009 pilgrimage to Austria and Germany "In the footsteps of the Holy Father."** If you ever have had the desire to visit these countries, this will appeal to you. Watch upcoming bulletins for flyers and more details.

Musically in Christ,
David B. Lang
Master of Music

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.

Caritas Christi – A forum for parents raising children with special needs to enrich their Catholic faith and share ideas/experiences will be meeting Thursday, April 24th at 7:00 pm in the Padre Pio room at St. Andrew the Apostle in Centreville. Our speaker is Barbara Curtis, author, recent convert to Catholicism and mother of 12, 4 with Down syndrome (3 of whom are adopted). All are welcome! Please contact Sally Crocker @ sjandhw@verizon.net OR 703-368-1512 for information.

SEMINARS FOR CAREGIVERS OF OLDER ADULTS: During April & May there will be various topics discussed for those caring for older adults. These free seminars (please register) have been helpful to many people. For times, places look at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa Agency on Aging at 703-324-7948.

REINVENTING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: On Saturday, April 12 at the Fairfax County Govt. Center will be ideas on how to have supportive neighborhoods for those 50+ citizens. Learn how to help the elderly in your neighborhood. To register: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa/onlreq/reinvent.htm

In Our Area

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS "Care for God's Creation" at the Church of the Nativity, Burke, on April 8 at 7:30 pm. Info: 703-978-4141 x18.

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, Daily Mass. Call Danny Flynn at 301-365-7614.

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 May program begins with a weekend on May 2-4; 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.

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.

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

PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL invites 7th graders and their families to a Special Preview to High School on May 1 at 7:00 pm. For more info: ehanley@paulvi.net

SUMMER CAMPS: Paul VI Catholic High School will offer a variety of summer camps (Fine Arts and Sports). Please visit www.paulvi.net (click on Athletics, Summer Camps).

HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCE: The Immaculate Heart of Mary National Home School and Parent Conference 2008 will be held at the Dulles EXPO center Fri. June 13 (9 am-9pm) and on Sat. June 14 (9am-4:30pm). www.ihmconference.org 540-636-1946

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR SERIOUSLY ILL will be held at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean on May 25-27. A team of doctors, nurses, priests will be present. Time for rest and reflection. Non-smoking. Register until May 13. Call 703-356-4243.

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TWO SHALL LIVE AS ONE: Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends can help you get back to basics in your marriage in this complicated day and age. Call 703-631-5289 or <http://marriage4.com> Upcoming weekends are May 30-June 1, Sept. 19-21, Dec. 5-7.