



Mass Intentions

**Sunday, June 22, Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 Mary Marosy †
- 9:00 Alberto Fernandes Esteves †
- 10:30 Eleanor Kopp †
- 12:00 People of the Parish

**Monday, June 23, Weekday**

- 6:30 Claire Wolff †
- 9:00 Charles McCabe †

**Tuesday, June 24, Nativity of John the Baptist**

- 6:30 Josephine Brunoni †
- 9:00 Mary Campbell †

**Wednesday, June 25, Weekday**

- 6:30 John W. McCarthy, Jr. †
- 9:00 Raymond Bergan †

**Thursday, June 26, Weekday**

- 6:30 Mary Enghauser †
- 9:00 Charlie & Ann McCabe †

**Friday, June 27, Weekday, Cyril of Alexandria, bishop**

- 6:30 Marjorie Shortley Keller
- 9:00 Ray Bergan †

**Saturday, June 28, Irenaeus, bishop, martyr**

- 8:15 Ray Bergan †
- 5:00 Helen Reamer †

**Sunday, June 29, Peter & Paul, apostles**

- 7:30 Bradley & Kathleen Johnson
- 9:00 Amelia & Adriano Fernandes
- 10:30 Antonio F. Cerqueira †
- 12:00 People of the Parish

**Readings for the Week of June 22, 2008**

- Sunday Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33
- Monday 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60; Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Wednesday 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119; Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79; Mt 7:21-29
- Friday 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137; Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74; Mt 8:5-17
- Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
- Sunday Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19



Remember In Prayer

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| Albert & Marie Balint | Velma Harwood     | Mary Spann     |
| William Berry         | Natasha Hotung    | Dolores Snyder |
| Beth Castka           | Robert Hotung     | Bob Sweeney    |
| Angela Clarke         | Mimi Johnson      | Peggy Taaffe   |
| Vincent Corcoran      | Rita Johnson      | Edward Thomas  |
| Edith Costello        | Michelle Lederman | Helena Ward    |
| Estelle Danielson     | Msgr. Mahler      | Louise Whyte   |
| Lucille Dion          | Katherine Malcolm | Lily Winkle    |
| Margaret Ferrao       | Nancy Miller      |                |
| Frank Gettings        | Ruth Murphy       |                |
| Kit Gilmartin         | June Nage         |                |
| Alec Gramann          | Kathryn Orf       |                |
| Charles Harrison      | Elia Priestley    |                |
- Please let the parish office know when you can be removed from this list.*



From the Pastor

This is the time of change. Departing will be Fr. Gripshover who has served this parish well for four years and me for three. His cheerfulness will be missed. Fr. has been assigned to St. Leo's parish in Fairfax. He will be missed by all especially the sick of our parish whom he visited religiously. His enthusiasm and his love for the priesthood was so evident.

I must also bid goodbye to Fr. Gary Selin our resident priest from Denver who, although a student, did a great deal of extra work including emptying the dishwasher! His priestly example shone to all especially the school children whom he traditionally greeted when they came to school. I also wish to thank him for his help in establishing the traditional Latin Mass here at St. John's.

So I bid them both farewell and wish them well in their new assignments. There will be a farewell reception for Fr. Gripshover this Sunday, June 22, after the 10:30 Mass. I will ask that you drop a card and token of your appreciation for Father's faithful service to him even if you cannot come to his reception. Tell him, "Four years... well done!"

Welcome to a son of this parish... Fr. Paul Scalia who comes to us as our new Parochial Vicar with the added responsibility of a parish administrator while I fully recover from my surgery and from my stroke.



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Albert Newton**

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions June 2008**

**General:** That Christians may cultivate a deep and personal friendship with Christ so they are able to communicate the strength of His love to those they encounter.

**Mission:** That the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec, Canada, may lead to ever deeper understanding of the Eucharist, the heart of the Church and source of evangelization.



Announcements

**SUMMER HOURS FOR PARISH OFFICE:** Please remember that during the summer, the weekday parish office hours are changed. The office is open from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.



Today, after the 10:30 am Mass we will bid a fond farewell to our Parochial Vicar of four years, Father Ronald Gripshover.

Please come to the parish hall to give Father a proper St. John's send off. There will be coffee, doughnuts and light refreshments.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** The second collection next weekend is for Peter's Pence. The theme for this year's Collection is *Let us make sure that none of God's children ever feels alone.* Each year, the annual Peter's Pence Collection, in support of the works of the Holy Father, is held in parishes throughout the world. The proceeds will fund emergency relief assistance to those who suffer from war, oppression, disease, and natural disasters.



**JOIN ST. JOHN'S YOUNG ADULTS** (20's ~ 40's) for Gruppo Frassati events. Their **Summer Series for Young Adults** features BBQ's, Ultimate Frisbee and more. **When:** Sundays at 6:00 pm on June 15, 29, July 20 and August 3 and 17. **Where:** On the field next to

St. John Academy (6422 Linway Terrace). **What:** Chance for fellowship with other Catholic Young Adults, prayer, food & fun. **Additional details:** St. John's will provide burgers and beverages, but needs the trimmings and sides! Please contact Jamie Taylor at [1pet3.4@gmail.com](mailto:1pet3.4@gmail.com) to RSVP and coordinate how you can contribute.

**MCLEAN CURSILLO ULTREYA** will meet on June 17 at the home of John and Kitty Mould (1905 Lamson Pl., McLean, VA). All are welcome! Learn more about the Cursillo method of spiritual enrichment through piety, study, and action. We'll have song, a witness talk, fellowship and good food. Join us! Contact Mark Clemente 703-847-1575 with any questions.



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.

Sunday, June 22: We opened The WORD in December, 2001 and we have been open every Sunday, except holiday weekends, for these past six and a half years. Your WORD volunteers are in need of a short break, so "**The WORD**" will be closed during July and August, which are traditionally two of our slowest months of the year. Next Sunday, will be the last weekend we are open until after Labor Day. We will reopen on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. See you then and enjoy the summer!

**THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:**  
The Thrift Shop is closed for the summer.



**SEW & SO FORTHS** is our parish sewing group and we invite new members to join us on Mondays after Mass. We meet in the Dodi Reagan room. We will also be glad to accept items you have made for baby layettes if you cannot attend our Monday meetings. Call Gladys Brennan at 703-821-2547 for more information. Come join us!

**Get Ready for K4J VBS:** Join in the fun at the *Surfin' with the Holy Spirit Vacation Bible School!* Campers age 4 years through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Captains rising 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. At St. James **July 7 - 11**, 9:00 am to 12:30 & @ St. Agnes **July 28-Aug 1**, 9:00 am to 12:00. Volunteers needed! Discounted registration fees with full-time parent volunteer. Questions contact Bev Hoernig at 703-821-1155 Registration Forms email [bevhoernig@verizon.net](mailto:bevhoernig@verizon.net)



RCIA

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE** about your Catholic Faith? Do you know some one who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Be a knowledgeable witness. Come bring a friend to RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Informational meetings start in September. Please contact Sabatino Carnazzo for more information at 703-504-8733.



Altar Servers

**Monday, June 23, 2008**

9:00 am: Quinn

**Tuesday, June 24, 2008**

9:00 am: P. McGiffin

**Wednesday, June 25, 2008**

9:00 am: C. Earner

**Novena/Mass**

7:30 pm: J. Katz, Lundes

**Thursday, June 26, 2008**

9:00 am Murray

**Friday, June 27, 2008**

9:00 am Hoernig

Saturday, June 28, 2008

8:15 am Mea

**5:00 pm Vigil:** Burelli, J. Katz, Murray, Delvecchio

**Sunday Masses, June 29, 2008**

7:30 am Murry Nash dolan

9:00 am Hickey, Crnkovich, Pacious, Bello

10:30 am Quinn, Earners, Meyer

12:00 pm Haislmaier, D., J. & J. Mann

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** *In order to get the bulletin to our publisher in time to be printed, dried, cut, assembled, and then shipped... **our deadline is Monday, Fourteen (14) days before the bulletin date.** Thank you for your understanding!*

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St. John Youth Corner

Senior Youth Group

Summer Bible Nights

Jesus & Java

Greenberry's Coffee House  
Every Thursday Night starting  
June 18 ~ @ 7:00 pm



**PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE:** Welcome the Blessed Virgin into your home, answer her call to prayer and receive the many graces she longs to give. Don't miss this opportunity! Reserve your special week with the Blessed Mother. Members of the Legion of Mary will take your reservations after all the Masses this weekend, June 21/22.

Note: This year, to prevent problems adhering to the delivery and pick-up schedule, reservations must be limited to those who live within the parish boundaries, or within five miles of St. John's.

Veni Creator spiritu! Lord Jesus, Your deepest desire is for all to be made one in You. Pour forth Your Holy Spirit. Give knowledge and assent to all whom You are calling to serve You and Your Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, for every faithful YES channels immense graces towards this unity in Your glory. Amen.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 22, 2008	23	24	25 <b>ADORATION</b>	26	27	28
Fr. Gripshover Farewell Reception after 10:30 am Mass	Sew & So Forth 9:45 am DR Rm  Legion of Mary 7:30 pm DR Rm	Jr. Legion of Mary 3:30 pm DR Rm	Confessions 6:45 -7:15 pm Novena Prayers & Rosary 7:00 Eucharistic Holy Hour 7:30 Choir Meet 7:30 pm			

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

**MARRIED PRIESTS?**

Having considered last week the question of women priests, we now turn to the question of married priests. To help understand the issue before us, please recall the teaching of John Paul II on the question of ordaining women to the sacred priesthood. *"Wherefore, in order that all doubt may be removed regarding a matter of great importance, a matter which pertains to the Church's divine constitution itself, in virtue of my ministry of confirming the brethren (cf. Lk 22:32) I declare that the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgment is to be definitively held by all the Church's faithful"* (*Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*). Please note the irreformable nature of this decree. Clearly, from what the Holy Father has stated above, this teaching is to be held by the Church as infallible. Very unlike this dogmatic decree is the teaching of the Church on celibacy in the priesthood. The question of a married clergy is not something which pertains to dogma, but to long-held custom. In this article, we will first consider the common Protestant attack on this time-honored practice, and secondly consider some practical examples that will help clarify the Church's teaching.

In arguing against the teaching of priestly celibacy, it is not uncommon to be confronted with Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. In that letter we read, "each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband" (1 Cor 7:2). And again, some will point to the Gospel of Mark where the Evangelist makes reference to "Simon's mother-in-law" (Mk 1:30). From this it is commonly argued, that if, as the Church teaches, Peter was the first Pope, and he was married, as the Gospel clearly states, then the current teaching of the Church is corrupted and divorced from the Apostolic practice. To these attacks against the Church, let us respond first by recalling the exegetical principle of always reading within the context of the passage in question. In Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians quoted above, it is helpful to at least read the entire sentence in which Saint Paul's teaching is found. *"But because of the temptation to immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband."* And a few verses later we read, "I say this by way of concession, not of command. I wish that all were as I myself am" (1 Cor 7:6). "To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is well for them to remain single as I do" (1 Cor 7:8). And what is the reason for Saint Paul's teaching in this regard? "The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord; but the married man is anxious about worldly

affairs, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided" (1 Cor 7:32). Regarding this issue, our Lord taught, "Not all can accept this word, but only those to whom it is granted . . . [For, some] have renounced marriage for the sake of the kingdom of God. Whoever can accept this ought to accept it" (Matt. 19:11-12).

Based upon the above-quoted teachings of Sacred Scripture, the Church has always held celibacy in great honor. However, from apostolic times, married men have been admitted to the sacred priesthood in the Catholic Church, this practice being most prevalent today among the Eastern Catholic Churches. Even today, it is not unknown that married Lutheran and Anglican clergy who convert to the Roman Catholic Church and seek sacramental ordination are allowed to remain in the married state.

It is good for all Catholics to understand the authentic teaching of the Church on the issue of the celibate priesthood. This practice, honored throughout history and defended in the Sacred Scriptures, must always be considered as a higher calling, and should be the model for all those who seek to dedicate their entire attention to the Lord for the sake of the kingdom of God. For those who are concerned about the apparent shortage of priestly vocations in the Church today, the answer should not be sought in overturning an apostolic and biblical teaching that has been honored by the Church for two-thousand years, but rather in praying that the Lord will send worthy men who will uphold the sacred traditions of the Catholic Faith.

*The Saint John Institute of Catholic Culture . . .*

PRESENTS:

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**Fr. Benedict Groeschel**  
will be with us

**July 8th at 7:30 pm**

Watch this space for more information!

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**St. John's Office of Evangelization @ 703-504-8733**

## From the Music Desk...

I have some sad news for us and some happy news for the campus ministry at Catholic University. Our very talented Associate Master of Music / Organist, Jonathan Laird, will be leaving us in August to accept the position as Director of Music for Campus Ministries at The Catholic University of America. Congratulations, JON!! You shall be missed greatly!

This appointment is a logical next step for Jon in the exciting career that he is living already and continuing to form as a music minister. In addition to his work as the Director of Music for Campus Ministries, Mr. Laird has also been named the Assistant Conductor of the CUA Chorus. This is not only an honor, but also a tribute to the learning and experience he has gained from his work as YOUR Associate Master of Music at Saint John the Beloved. Please be sure to wish Jon the very best when you see him at Mass during the next few weeks.

Jon, you have served us well, and our Church needs MANY more musicians such as yourself to lead us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Musically, Director Lang



The 2nd Annual Gregorian Chant Workshop is coming to St. John The Beloved the weekend of October 18. HOORAY!! So many of you expressed your delight with the last workshop... so back by popular demand!

The workshop last year was organized and implemented by those few (including myself) who came up with this idea. However, WE

NEED YOUR HELP this year! If you are good with organization, working with caterers, helping with tables, chairs, kitchen, etc., please come forward and offer your time to manage a team or participate as a volunteer in the work details. Be of service to your parish and to the music department by volunteering NOW! Please call 703-356-3639 or email David B. Lang, Master of Music at [dlangee@yahoo.com](mailto:dlangee@yahoo.com).

## In Our Area



**PLEASE JOIN BISHOP LOVERDE** for a Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the beginning of the 25th Anniversary Year of The Catholic Distance University. The Mass' main celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Loverde. The Mass will be this Monday, June 23, 2008 at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More at 5:00 pm with a reception to follow in Burke Hall. For Information, visit [www.cdu.edu](http://www.cdu.edu) or call 1-888-254-4238, ext. 703.

### **END OF LIFE ISSUES ~ UPCOMING SEMINAR:**

The Catholic Distance University's online seminar, "End of Life Issues" with Dr. William May, July 7 - 28, 2008. See [www.cdu.edu](http://www.cdu.edu) to learn more, or call 1-888-254-4238, ext. 700.

### **A SEMINAR, HIDDEN EVILS OF THE OCCULT:**

**PROTECTING MY FAMILY AND THE NEXT GENERATION**, will be held at St. Andrew the Apostle, 6720 Union Mill Rd., Clifton, VA, this Saturday, June 28, 2008 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. The cost is \$35.00 per person which includes lunch and other refreshments. Topic titles include: *Overview of Spiritual Welfare, Preventing a Repeat of the Past, How to Protect the Family From XXX Society, H. Potter, Video Games: Harmless Amusements? Jesus Christ: Conquering Evil with His Precious Blood and Prayer for the Healing of the Family Tree.* Guest speakers include Dr. Seggy Acosta, Rev. S. Starzynski and Rev. Bryan Belli. For Information contact Sandy Witter 703-266-3534 or pick up a registration form in St. John's Parish Office.

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:**

"So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Your spouse is worth so much to God. Dates: Sept. 19 - 21, or Dec. 5 - 7. For Information or to register, visit <http://marriage4.com>, or call 703-631-5289.