

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 26

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Sybil Burns †
9:00 Kitty Mould †
7:30 Mildred Carney †

Tuesday, February 27

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Doris Deragisch Blom †
9:00 Fr. Jeremy Lambert

Wednesday, February 28

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Kitty Mould †
9:00 Kitty Mould †

Thursday, March 1

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

6:30 Joy Ghobrial †
9:00 Albert Balint †

Friday, March 2

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Lillian Sachiko Yamamoto †
9:00 Ruth and Joe McOscar †

Saturday, March 3

Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin

8:15 Jay Ahearn
5:00 Thomas Kiernan †

Sunday, March 4

Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 Kitty Mould †
9:00 Alice and Jose Marques †
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Russ Gnau †

**THE SCHOOL MASS IS
FRIDAY, March 2 AT 9:00 A.M.**

FROM THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS...

"If God is with us, who can be against us?" Is the Lord strengthening you to consider the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 2018

Universal: Say "No" to Corruption: That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption

IN TESTIMONIUM...

"Zeal in Amending our Lives"

The Imitation of Christ, Chapter 25

by Thomas á Kempis

(c. 1380 – 25 July 1471)

Be watchful and diligent in God's service and often think of why you left the world and came here. Was it not that you might live for God and become a spiritual man? Strive earnestly for perfection, then, because in a short time you will receive the reward of your labor, and neither fear nor sorrow shall come upon you at the hour of death.

Labor a little now, and soon you shall find great rest, in truth, eternal joy; for if you continue faithful and diligent in doing, God will undoubtedly be faithful and generous in rewarding. Continue to have reasonable hope of gaining salvation, but do not act as though you were certain of it lest you grow indolent and proud.

One day when a certain man who wavered often and anxiously between hope and fear was struck with sadness, he knelt in humble prayer before the altar of a church. While meditating on these things, he said: "Oh if I but knew whether I should persevere to the end!" Instantly he heard within the divine answer: "If you knew this, what would you do? Do now what you would do then and you will be quite secure." Immediately consoled and comforted, he resigned himself to the divine will and the anxious uncertainty ceased. His curiosity no longer sought to know what the future held for him, and he tried instead to find the perfect, the acceptable will of God in the beginning and end of every good work.

"Trust thou in the Lord and do good," says the Prophet; "dwell in the land and thou shalt feed on its riches."

There is one thing that keeps many from zealously improving their lives, that is, dread of the difficulty, the toil of battle. Certainly they who try bravely to overcome the most difficult and unpleasant obstacles far outstrip others in the pursuit of virtue. A man makes the most progress and merits the most grace precisely in those matters wherein he gains the greatest victories over self and most mortifies his will. True, each one has his own difficulties to meet and conquer, but a diligent and sincere man will make greater progress even though he have more passions than one who is more even-tempered but less concerned about virtue.

Two things particularly further improvement— to withdraw oneself forcibly from those vices to which nature is viciously inclined, and to work fervently for those graces which are most needed.

Peace.

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED LENT 2018



Friday Soup Suppers

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday Evenings
(beginning February 16)

Volunteers needed, please see below for more details.

Friday Stations of the Cross

2:15 p.m. Friday Afternoon
“Stations of the Cross for St. John Academy”
(beginning February 16)

7:30 p.m. Friday Evening
“Way of the Cross”
with Text from Sacred Scripture”
(beginning February 16)

Wednesday Confession Schedule

To perpetuate receiving the mercy of Christ, the priests of St. John the Beloved will continue to hear confessions on Wednesdays at the top of the hour every hour from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (a priest will be in the confessional as long as there are penitents) and again for the solid hour from 7-8 p.m.

Sacred Music: A Treasure to be Preserved and Fostered with Great Care

Sunday, March 11
(immediately following 4:00p Vespers)

Speaker: James Senson,
Saint John the Beloved Director of Music
Location: Saint John Academy Parish Hall

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join your St. John family in the parish hall for a delicious, meatless meal Fridays during Lent before Stations of the Cross. Dinner is 6-7:20pm (or until we run out of food) Stations begins at 7:30 pm. It takes a lot of people to feed such a large family, so please help by signing up for a volunteer slot at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/30E0E44AEA72DA4FD0-lenten>. Thank you!

This Lent consider participating in any of the Lenten reflection series located on the parish subscription FORMED website.



Daily Lenten Reflection Email

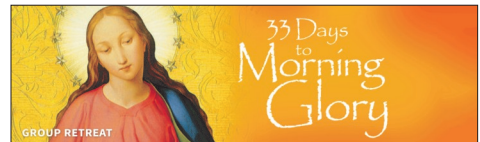
<https://formed.org/promo/lent-2018>



A Lenten Encounter with Mercy

<https://formed.org/study/5a4e76eea98fed14003ca4b6>

4 week video series and reflection with Fr. Sina
5 pm Sundays of Lent (except March 11)



33 Days to Morning Glory concluding with Total Consecration on the Solemnity of St. Joseph
<https://formed.org/study/54f4d04d65f211981622a783>

2 pm Saturdays of Lent
Adult Ed Room with Fr. Pollard

VATICAN EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

The Vatican Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles will be at St. John the Beloved from March 2 thru 4. The exhibit consists of illustrations and detailed descriptions - in English and Spanish - of more than 120 Eucharistic miracles that have occurred throughout the world dating as far back as the 900's. Originally compiled by Servant of God Carlo Acutis, a teenager from Italy who died in 2006, the depictions provide unique confirmation of the True Presence in the Eucharist. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Teitelbaum, sharonte1@yahoo.com or Pat Molineaux, Pmolineaux@aol.com

PREVIEW CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AT PAUL VI

Paul VI Catholic High School is hosting a Preview to Catholic High School for all 7th and 8th graders and their families on Tuesday, March 6th at 7PM. This is an opportunity to learn about our new campus, academic, athletic, fine arts and special programs. No reservations are needed. Contact ehanley@pvpanther.net with questions.

INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE WINTER 2018 SCHEDULE



Desert Fathers of Alexandria

Kenneth Howell, Ph.D.

Tuesdays, March 6 @ 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. ET

Live Webinar: www.instituteofcatholicculture.org/events

Laetare Sunday Sung Vespers

Sunday, March 11 @ 7:00 p.m. ET

Vespers begins at 7:00 pm. Lecture & Reception to follow
Location TBA

St. Joseph: A Hidden Life

Rev. Hezekias Carnazzo

Tuesday, March 20 @ 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. ET

Live Webinar: www.instituteofcatholicculture.org/events

Even though very little is known of St. Joseph's life from the words of Sacred Scripture, we do know details from the early tradition of the Church. Join us as we explore his mysterious life and discover the true St. Joseph as he was known to the first Christians.

2018 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

Living in Faith, Giving in Gratitude

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work - works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese. Thank you!

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT (2/25)

Continues tonight from 6:15-8:15 pm. in the Parish Hall. Faith topic for the night will be Truth and Reason with a fun social activity to follow. Food and drinks provided! Friends are always welcome!

CONFITEOR CLASS (2/26)

We continue Monday, Feb. 26 at 4:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed Room. Open to all HS Freshmen and Sophomores.

RCIA CLASS (2/26)

We continue Monday, February 26 at 7:00 pm. In the Adult Ed Room. Open to all HS Juniors and Seniors.

LENTEN RETREAT (3/10)

Calling all 7th - 12th graders! Join us for our Lenten Retreat "Stop, Drop, and Listen" on Saturday Mar 10th from 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The day will include talks, opportunity for confession, Mass, adoration, and exploring the various chapels within the Basilica. Cost is free and transportation will be provided! . Deadline to sign up is Sunday Mar 4th.

James Clement

703-356-7916 / jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED SOCCER CLUB

When: Thursdays from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.




Where: SJA's Soccer Field

Dates: Mar 1, 8, 15, 22

Whom: All 4-8th graders (parishioners and non-parishioners)

Cost: A one time fee of \$50 for first child, \$20 for each additional child (includes shirt); Free to those who have already paid from last session

Join Coach Fr. Pollard and Coach Clement again for some fun small sided soccer games every Thursday in Lent! Whether you're new to the sport, want to improve your skills, or just want to have fun, this club is for you. Permission form is required. If interested, please contact James Clement 703-356-7916; jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1	March 2	March 3
10:30am CCD 4:00 Vespers Youth Night	4:30pm CCD 4:30 pm Confiteor 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsal	7:00pm CCD 7:00pm-WCH 8:00pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm  Confessions Hourly 10:00am-8:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour		FIRST FRIDAY  2:15pm Stations 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:30pm Stations	FIRST SATURDAY  8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Those Catholics who are high school age (16 or older) or adults wishing to be confirmed, please contact Religious Education Office at lgomes@stjohncatholicmclean.org or call 703-356-5275. There will be four mandatory Confirmation classes to prepare for the sacrament on Thursdays: March 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 5 – 6 p.m. in the St. John Academy library. The Confirmation Mass will be in the Cathedral of St. Thomas More on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018, with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge.

WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME

WCH is a special ministry dedicated to Catholics who are considering returning to the Catholic faith (and for CCD parents). Parishioners may attend if they would like to accompany a friend or family member who is struggling and would like to explore returning to practicing their faith.

March 6 - INFORMAL GATHERING - There is no presentation. Returning Catholics and CCD parents are invited to gather in St. John's Teacher's Lounge to socialize.

March 13 - THE MYSTERY OF ST. JOSEPH - The Church celebrates St. Joseph on March 19. Let us prepare to come closer to the heart of the man who raised Jesus and was spouse to the Blessed Virgin. Our guest speaker whose love and devotion to St. Joseph will help us come to know and learn from this singular person in Church history.

THE LAETARE BENEFIT

The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge and the members of the Host Committee cordially invite you to a benefit for the Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery in Linden, VA. Please join us for a reception, dinner, and angel auction on Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 5-8pm at the Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA. Seating is limited. RSVP by March 7, 2018. Tickets are \$160 each, if purchased by March 1 (\$175 each after March 1). To purchase tickets online through Faith Direct visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/1429>. For more information, please contact: friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING PRAYER CAMPAIGN

From February 14 through March 25, you are invited to join other Catholics for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Falls Church Healthcare Center at 900 S. Washington Street. St. John the Beloved prays on Thursdays and Saturdays. If you would like more information – and especially if you want to volunteer to pray for an hour each week, please contact: Andrea DelVecchio at aldelvecchio75@gmail.com



YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL ON ANY DAY!

This is the time of year to think about enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact Mrs. Mary Aquino, at (703) 356-7554, or at maquino@stjohnacademy.org, to make an appointment for a tour!

SJA MUSICAL GODSPELL WILL BE PERFORMED ON MARCH 9TH AND 10TH

Mark your calendars for the SJA Musical Godspell, which will be performed the evenings of Friday March 9th and Saturday March 10th, on the Parish Hall/School Cafeteria stage!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CARDS IN THE NEW PRAYER MINISTRY STAND

Have you noticed the Eucharistic adoration cards in the new prayer ministry stand located in the vestibule, just outside The Word Bookstore?

Consider spending precious time with our Lord in prayer especially during Lent and offering that time for the need of a family member or friend. You can then let this individual know that you were holding them up in prayer by sending a special Eucharistic Adoration Card which includes the following notation:



*I have made a private Holy Hour before
the Blessed Sacrament for you and for all the intentions
which are dear to your heart.*

Each card is designed to touch the recipient with a beautiful image and meaningful prayer to accompany them in their time of suffering and sorrow as well as in times of peace and rejoicing.

- Sickness and Suffering: Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of Lourdes, Christ in Gethsemane
- Requiem (Loss of loved one): Sorrowful Mother
- General (birthdays, graduations, ordinations, Christmas, birth of a new baby): Eucharist in the Monstrance, Infant of Prague, Madonna and Child

We hope you will find this new addition a precious gift to give your family and friends. More card options to come! Suggested donation of \$1 to cover printing costs.



INAGUARAL ST. PATRICK/ ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



Calling all Irish! Bring your cooking and decorating talents to the inaugural St. Patrick/St. Joseph Feast Day on Saturday, March 17th at 6pm. The Italians will face off with the Irish in a cooking challenge! Sign up with the details of your entry today! You may enter a main dish or dessert for the contest.

Calling all Italians! Don't let the Irish win! Bring your favorite dish to the inaugural Joseph/St Patrick Feast Day on March 17th at 6pm. Sign up today!

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E054EA8A62A1-saint

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWME) WEEKEND

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Let us learn to listen better to each other and God by participating in a (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are: Mar 2-4, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

SENIORS' CLUB

Our next gathering, Monday, 19 March, promises to be informative and inspiring. We are blessed with the return of Mary Ellen Bork as our special guest. She will speak about Thomas More; his interaction with Martin Luther at the beginning of the Reformation, and the new ideas expressed at that time about what the Church is and how it should worship. Mary Ellen will look at the events that ushered in this new era and the layman who defended the unity of the Catholic Church. Please mark your calendars and bring a friend. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following Mass at 11:30 AM. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the church or call the parish office at 703.356.7916 by Friday, 16 March. Those who arrive without reservations are welcome but, we cannot offer them lunch. The suggested donation is \$15/person at the door. For further information or for a ride to the event please call Phil at 703.356.9788.

POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion on Saturday, March 24. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. For more info and confidential registration, please call 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



According to the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, you can now use your 529 plan to fund tuition costs for private and religious K-12 education, up to \$10,000 per child per year.

Because K-12 tuition is now a qualified higher education expense, some states may offer a deduction from individual state income taxes (Virginia, for example, offers up to a \$4,000 deduction). This benefit alone gives some Virginia 529 account holders a new way to save money for both current and future academic expenses.

Read more at www.virginia529.com

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmel Broadfoot	Dorothy Kottler
Mary Elizabeth Bergen	Sharon LeMaster
Salvatore Calabro	Sue Malone
John Cartelli	Carmella Manetti
John Paul Charles Carver	Cristina Marques
Virginia Connelly	Diana Meisel
Sheila Corallo	Bonnie Moran
Elke D'Amico	Veronica Nowakowski
Richard DeCorps	Anita Oliveira
William Dunne	Briner Orillo
Joe Elias	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Tara Flanagan-Koenig	Patricia Richer
Susan Glover	Shelby Rogers
Francesca Greco	Thomas Rosa
Paul Griffith	Avery Schaeffer
Edward M. Hallinan III	Merle Shannon
Jack Halpin	Gloribeth Smith
Arnold L. Harrington III	Carolyn Steinhoff
Emily Hazlett	Bill Sullivan
Agnes Henley	Mary Warchot
Mark Johnson	Marie Wysolmerski
Andrew Katson	Arlene Zeleznikar
Christopher Katz	



God bless and protect all our family members and parishioners who are serving in the military and civil service for our defense, especially...

Robert Ayala	Robert B Smolar
Jonathan Choo	Michael Shipley
Nicholas Galvan	Kimberley Templer
Harry Griffith	Michael Templer
Bill Jones	Jesus Toledanes
Brendan Murphy	Alex Trujillo
Lynn Partik	Justin White