

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

- 6:30 Donna & William Moraca †
 9:00 Mary Smith †
 7:30 Fr. Lester DeMott †

Tuesday, February 24

- 6:30 Roger Slakey †
 9:00 Carista Karnbrock

Wednesday, February 25

- 6:30 Anthony Maffeo †
 9:00 Pat Bilodeau & son, Tom †

Thursday, February 26

- 6:30 Polly Cedar
 9:00 Kristen Keating †

Friday, February 27

- 6:30 Richard Brown †
 9:00 Robert S. & Lois Weinberg †

Saturday, February 28

- 8:15 Pro Life: Unwed Fathers
 5:00 Edward Archer †

Sunday, March 1

Second Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 Kathleen Grasmeder †
 9:00 Maria Gloria Fernandes †
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Margaret Taaffe †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, AT 9:00 A.M.**

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 2015

Prisoners: That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Separated Spouses: That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

Most distressing about the recent declarations pertaining to marriages in Alabama is that the highest court in these United States declined to stay a federal injunction preventing the Alabama Attorney General from enforcing several provisions of his state's law defining marriage as a legal union of one man and one woman. A dissenting opinion observed that "when courts declare state laws unconstitutional and enjoin state officials from enforcing them, our ordinary practice is to suspend those injunctions from taking effect pending appellate review" and expressed concern that "this acquiescence may well be seen as a signal of the Court's intended resolution of that question."

Please read that last phrase again carefully.

A little over a week ago we found out that there is no significant group of legislators in the US Congress who will weigh in on either side of the constitutional issue. What is now beyond debate is that professional observers of decision makers are extraordinarily confident that we soon will be living in a country whose 14th Amendment will be understood by the federal judiciary to guarantee the right of two men or two women to hire an officer of the State to declare them wed.

Should we ignore this? No. Should we worry about being accused of imposing our values on others? No. That is precisely what every law does. Is this not just a matter of public policy? No. Actually it is a matter of *just* public policy and public policy matters.

In addition to your children being forced to learn about sodomy in our publicly funded schools and your being forced to pretend to approve of it in order to keep your job, behold the new stick that will be used to beat the Church.

With the Mayor of DC already trying to enact legislation that would strip religious exemptions from schools' obligation to approve and fund homosexual activity, we know that a constitutional right to gay "marriage" will be used as a weapon against the Church to force her schools, hospitals and chanceries to retain their employees who enter into gay "marriages" or face crippling penalties. Catholic institutions terminating employees for public immorality will be regarded by the State as guilty of denying others their constitutional rights. This has the potential to close every Catholic institution in the country. To that end, if our bishops seek only a religious exemption from these laws they run the risk of leaving their parishioners in the lurch with their careers, businesses, properties and charities.

In addition to reading *The Lord of the World* by Robert Hugh Benson, another work of his called *Come Rack, Come Rope* might offer an inspiring peek into the past and possible future.

There is more to come. In the meantime, pray and fast!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

**PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE
HOSTING SIGN-UP TODAY**

Please answer Our Lady's call to prayer. Reserve your week to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home. The primary purpose of the Pilgrim Virgin home visitation program is to aid families and individuals in responding to the requests made by Mary during her apparitions at Fatima. The essence of her requests is threefold: return to God; make reparation for sins and pray the Rosary for peace. Members of the *Legion of Mary* will be in front of the church to make your reservation after all Masses this weekend. Open to all families, households and individuals within a 5 mile radius of St. John the Beloved.



**WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

Welcoming Catholics Home is an apostolate at St. John the Beloved to assist those who are considering returning to practicing their faith as members of the Catholic Church. We hold our next gathering on Tuesday evening, February 24 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge at St. John Academy to watch a DVD and discuss *"Catholicism-prayer and the life of the Spirit."*

**PARISH LENTEN RETREAT MARCH 1-3
"40 HOURS DEVOTION" WITH FR. MURRAY**

Save the dates: Sunday, March 1 - Tuesday, March 3. Please mark your calendar and prepare to offer an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Hourly sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule.

**SENIORS' CLUB MONTHLY LUNCHEON
MONDAY, MARCH 16**

Our next get together will be on Monday, March 16. We are pleased to announce that our guest will be J.D. Crouch II, President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Service Organizations (USO). J.D. will speak to us about the extraordinary support the USO provides to U.S. service members and their families around the world. You won't want to miss this informative account of how the USO "lifts the spirits" of our troops. Please mark your calendars and bring a friend. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the parish office at 703-356-7916 by Friday, March 13. Those who arrive without reservations are welcome but, unfortunately, we cannot offer them lunch. The suggested donation is \$15.00 per person to be collected at the door. For further information or if you would like a ride to the luncheon please call Phil 703-356-9788.

**DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES
FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ARLINGTON
IS HERE ON THURSDAYS**

Gracie Ortiz, Director of Senior Services for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington will be available to meet with parishioners all day on Thursdays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Conference Room in Parish Office. If you would like to schedule an appointment you may reach Gracie Ortiz at 571-970-8734 or at gortiz@ccda.net. She will be helping with Elder Care and Caregiver Support. Gracie will be able to offer grief counseling, help you access area resources, offer decision-support services, and answer questions about Medicare / navigating the health care system, long-distance care, and education.

ST. JOHN'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The St. John's Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its next regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.** in the adult education room. We are actively recruiting new members. If you would like information about joining the Knights, please contact the Council at KofC@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org or Ed McFadden at ed.mcfadden@me.com or 703-402-5036. Brochures also are available in the vestibule of the church.

CAR RAFFLE UPDATE

We are getting ready to launch our annual Car Raffle fundraiser. We again are participating with All Saints in Manassas in their 5-car raffle and cash drawings event. Please look for your tickets in the mail and consider supporting the youth and the athletic program of the parish school. Prizes include five 2014 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda CR-Z, Honda Civic, Honda Odyssey Van, GMC Sierra Truck, and a Buick Verano). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes.

EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN

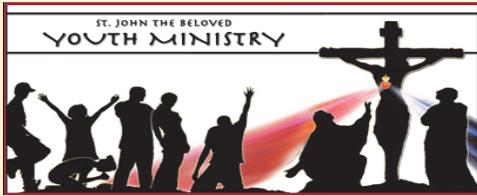
*Sponsored by
St. John the Beloved Women's Council
2014-15 Series*

*"Friends of God... Begin Heaven on Earth
with a Life Rich in Prayer"*

Monday, March 16, 2015
As one of these little ones...A Glance of Love

by: Fr. Dominic Legge, OP
7:00 p.m. Social -7:30 p.m. Talk
in the Parish Hall

RSVP to: womenseveningsofreflection@gmail.com



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

Bible Study from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by our activity from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

THEOLOGY CLASSES FOR TEENAGERS

This Thursday, February 26th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed Room for High School Freshmen and Sophomores.

RCIA CLASSES

Upcoming topics for the Monday night RCIA classes from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., open to Juniors and Seniors, are:

Feb. 23: Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving

Mar. 2: Act of Faith & Examination of Conscience

WORKCAMP MEETING

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 8th at 5:15 p.m. in the school.

Contact Information:

Kevin Corcoran
703-356-7916

kcorcoran@stjohncatholicmclean.org

COFFEE & DONUTS

After the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses the St. John Academy PTO will host Coffee & Donuts. Thanks to the members of the St. John's Mothers Group for hosting last Sunday.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† Ruth Murphy †



SJA 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thank you to all who helped make the 60th Anniversary Celebration of St. John Academy a huge success. Over 175 people attended this event including former students; current and former school families; and current and former clergy, including Sister Mary Margaret Schlather, who taught at the school for many years. It was a celebration of the school and all that it has meant to so many people over the past 60 years. All those who attended enjoyed reconnecting with friends from the past and look forward to the next event celebrating the school.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2015-2016

Registration for enrollment in the 2015-2016 school year is now open. For more information or a tour, call St. John Academy at 703-356-7554, or go to the school website at <http://saintjohnacademy.org/>.

WHAT'S NEW IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

St. John Academy librarian, Barbara Gray attended an all-day workshop entitled "*What's New in Children's Literature*," held in Arlington, VA on February 4th. She received information on new children's literature, including summaries of new children's books and ideas on how to use the books either in the classroom or the library. We look forward to seeing some of these books in the St. John Academy school library.

SJA STUDENT PLACES IN ART CONTEST

St. John Academy 8th grader Schuyler Workmaster won second place in the senior division of the *Youth Apostles Prolife Art Poster Contest*. Her artwork is displayed in the Headmaster's box near the front office. The winners were announced in the January 22-28 Arlington Catholic Herald. Congratulations Schuyler!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 22	February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28
	9:45am Sew&SoForth 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion	7:00pm WCH 8:00 pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm  6:30pm Confessions 7:30pm Holy Hour and Homily 8:30pm Futsal		2:15pm Stations 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:30pm Stations	8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions

Bishop Paul Loverde and the Members of the Host Committee cordially invite you to attend

THE *Laetare* BENEFIT

with Reception, Dinner and Angel Auction supporting the Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery in Linden, Virginia

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015

5:00 to 8:00 PM

International Country Club
13200 Lee Jackson Highway, Fairfax, Virginia



Seating is limited. RSVP by March 5, 2015

For more information,
please contact friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com

HONORARY CHAIRMAN

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington

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HONORARY CO-CHAIRMAN

His Excellency The Most Reverend
Joseph Augustine Di Noia, O.P.
Adjunct Secretary,
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Titular Archbishop of Oregon City

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Rev. Thomas Petri, O.P.
Rev. Christopher J. Pollard
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Anderson
Mrs. Katherine H. Carroll
Mr. & Mrs. John Carter, III
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Dominick
Mr. & Mrs. Julian Heron
Mr. and Mrs. William Himpler
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Nyce
Ms. Concepcion Reyna
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Riordan
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas West

RSVP THE *Laetare* BENEFIT

ACCEPT WITH PLEASURE

- I/We would like _____ ticket(s) @ \$150 per ticket
- I/We would like to sponsor a Dominican friar and/or brother _____ ticket(s) @ \$150 per ticket

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____
Email _____

DECLINE WITH REGRET

I/We cannot attend but would like to enclose a donation to help the nuns.

For my contribution of \$ _____ as per the selection at left or above, please...

- accept a check payable to Friends of St. Dominic's Monastery
- charge the following credit card:
 VISA Mastercard Exp. Date ____/____

Card Number _____ CVV _____

Name on card _____

Please send to: Friends of St Dominic's Monastery, 6300 Hunting Ridge Lane, McLean, VA 22101
Email: friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED LENT 2015



Friday Soup Suppers

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday Evenings
(beginning February 20)

Friday Stations of the Cross

2:15 p.m. Friday Afternoon “Stations of the Cross for St. John Academy”

7:30 p.m. Friday Evening “Way of the Cross with Text from Sacred Scripture”
(beginning February 20)

Wednesday Confessions

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evenings
(beginning February 25)

Wednesday Holy Hours with Homily

7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Wednesday Evenings
(beginning February 25)

40 Hours Devotion

Sunday, March 1 to Tuesday, March 3
with Rev. Gerald E. Murray JCD, Pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church in Manhattan

Daily Lenten Reading

Sign up for a daily email with passages from *I Believe in Love* by Rev. Jean C. J. d'Elbée
For details to sign up to receive emails visit:
www.stjohncatholicmclean.org

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



In response to the desecration of ten parishes since October, including five on February 6-7, the Bishop Pascal Roland of the Diocese of Bellarmine-Jordan has ordered the Blessed Sacrament removed from the tabernacles of all parish churches and chapels, to be kept in a more secure location and tabernacle doors must be kept open to indicate that the Eucharist is not present.

The Diocese of Bellarmine-Jordan was erected in the 5th century, comprising 340 parishes for approximately 340,000 Catholics. St. John Vianney is her best known parish priest.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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| Anita Oliveira | David Johnson |
| Salvatore Calabro | Mark Johnson |
| Polly Cedar | Andrew Katson |
| John Paul Charles Carver | Margaret Kemp |
| Virginia Connelly | Angela Kovacev |
| Sheila Corallo | Sharon LeMaster |
| Antonio Castro | Jennifer Lyons |
| Lastenia Cortavarria | Pat Malloy |
| Edward Cotter | Carmella Manetti |
| Richard DeCorps | Diana Meisel |
| William Dunne | Bonnie Moran |
| Joe Elias | Shimaayi Muntemba |
| Sandra Elias | Veronica Nowakowski |
| Marie Gillespie | Mary O'Bryan |
| Francesca Greco | Briner Orillo |
| Fran Green | Maureen O'Toole |
| Paul Griffith | Mary Pistorino |
| Gayle Grinstead | Patricia Richer |
| Edward M. Hallinan III | Shelby Rogers |
| Helen Hargenrader | Mary Rouse |
| Emily Hazlett | William Scully |
| Agnes Henley | Kathleen Scully |
| Soledad Ibar | Carolyn Steinhoff |
| Karen Jezierski | Mary Warchot |

2015 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: MARCH 28 "TRANSFORMING SUFFERING INTO JOY"

All women of the Diocese are encouraged to attend the annual Women's Conference at Foxchase Manor in Manassas on March 28 with Kerri Caviezel and the founder of Mary's Shelter, Kathleen Wilson. The conference will focus on Transforming Suffering into Joy. It will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Loverde at 8:45 a.m. Confessions will be offered from 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Online registration is now open! No registration at the door. Please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/women for more details & to register.



God bless and protect all our military and civilian service personnel whose duty puts them in harm's way. Please pray for all those serving our country, especially from among our family members and parishioners:

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| Robert J. Elliott | Michael Shipley |
| Nick Fogle | Kimberley Templer |
| Harry Griffith | Michael Templer |
| Bill Jones | Jesus Toledanes |
| Richard Kazunas | Justin White |
| Brendan Murphy | Donald Yamamoto |
| Lynn Partik | |