

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 27

#### Easter Weekday

- 6:30 Una Bogart †  
 9:00 Dottie Furey †  
 7:30 Christopher Marshall †

### Tuesday, April 28

#### Easter Weekday

- 6:30 Dr. Martin A. Funk †  
 9:00 Pat Bilodeau & Son Tom †

### Wednesday, April 29

#### Easter Weekday

- 6:30 Roland Siao †  
 9:00 Leonard Brothers †

### Thursday, April 30

#### Easter Weekday

- 6:30 Patricia Smith †  
 9:00 Howard Stade †

### Friday, May 1

#### Easter Weekday

- 6:30 Joseph Wynne †  
 9:00 Kristen Keating †

### Saturday, May 2

#### Easter Weekday

- 8:15 Loria Family Intentions  
 5:00 Katherine Ribello Herda †

### Sunday, May 3

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 Barbara Riordan †  
 9:00 Estelle Danielson †  
 10:30 People of the Parish  
 12:00 Antonius "Tony" Kas-Mikha †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON  
 FRIDAY, May 1, AT 9:00 A.M.**

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

**APRIL 2015**

**Creation:** That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

**Persecuted Christians:** That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

## IN TESTIMONIUM...

Good Shepherd Sunday.

For over a thousand years, today's Gospel reading from the tenth chapter of the Holy Gospel of St. John was heard on the Second Sunday after Easter. So I preached on it last week at the Noon Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form. In the modern calendar this Fourth Sunday of Easter is also designated "World Day of Prayer for Vocations" and for good reason. Our Lord is the "Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep" (John 10,11) and issued the three-fold commission to St. Peter to "feed my lambs... tend my sheep... feed my sheep" (John 21,15-19), marching orders which included a description of how St. Peter would be led to his martyrdom.

How perfect a fulfillment of the promise given through the prophet Jeremiah: "I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding" (Jer 3,15) because "the shepherds are stupid, and do not inquire of the LORD; therefore they have not prospered and all their flock is scattered" (Jer 10,21), "many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard" (Jer. 12,10). "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD" (Jer 23,1). He says even more in Jeremiah 25,24-26 and 50,6. Instead, the LORD "will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more" (Jer 23,4).

We pray, then, for shepherds to have the Heart of Jesus, who promised that the living waters He offers would not stop flowing with him: "He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water'" (John 7,38).

Pray not just for vocations. Pray for holy vocations and not just a few more. Pray that we have enough holy priests to evangelize the whole world and sustain the people of God, each of whom will have to be willing to be the only faithful soul in the room. In 1534 when King Henry VIII severed the Church of England from the See of Peter and then a year later ordered the severing of the heads of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, each of whom were abandoned by their supposedly Catholic colleagues, there was such a robust Christian culture that we can hardly imagine it. At that time one in fifty men in England were ordained or otherwise in religious life.

One in fifty! That translates into *many more* than one young man and one young lady from every Confirmation Class of ours. In this zip code there are slightly more than five hundred 18 year olds. That means we would have to provide fifty vocations... each year.

Let's get praying. God bless you!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

### FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY ADORATION

Adoration begins following the 9:00 am. Mass on Friday, May 1st and continues through the night into Saturday. Please come spend an hour in the presence of Our Eucharistic Lord. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule to assure adorers are present every hour. Saturday's 8:15 a.m. Mass will be followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotions and Benediction. Come and pray for peace and Respect for Life through Our Lady of Fatima.

### LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION SATURDAY, MAY 2

The local chapter of the Lay Missionaries of Charity, founded by Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, and led by Father McAfee, is holding a "come and see" meeting, Saturday May 2, 2015, from 8:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at St. John the Beloved. This is an informational meeting for those who want to consider the approach to lay spirituality promoted by Mother Teresa. It consists of First Saturday 9:00 a.m. Mass and devotions in the Church, followed by a meeting in the Adult Education Room. Attendance at the meeting does not oblige you to join. For info. call 703-356-5275.

### HOLY LAND OLIVEWOOD CARVINGS THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, **April 25-26** there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land available for purchase in Front of the church.

### ST. JOHN'S SOFTBALL: PLAYERS WANTED

We play in Vienna's slow-pitch men's summer softball league and need players, 18 years and older (which makes it a great father/son activity). Most games are played on Thursday nights, beginning in May thru August. We have a rotating roster, so no need to be able to make all games. \$40 for the season. If interested, please contact Mike Gallagher at [mkglgr@me.com](mailto:mkglgr@me.com) or 703-727-4757.

### WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME TUESDAY, APRIL 28

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 weekly gatherings on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge at St. John Academy to discuss topics we hope will be helpful to this journey back to the Church. Our next gathering will be on April 28, when we will consider the prayer Christ taught the Apostles, the Our Father, looking at the last five petitions. Please encourage your friends and family members who may be pondering this step in their lives.

### 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, May 18, 2015**

*Silence...The Prelude to Prayer*

by: Fr. Franklyn McAfee

7:00 p.m. Social /7:30 p.m. Talk in the Parish Hall

RSVP to: [womenseveningsofreflection@gmail.com](mailto:womenseveningsofreflection@gmail.com)

### SPCS MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY SALES

On the weekends of May 2-3 and May 9-10, the St. Peter Claver Society will be selling See's Candy, African craft, jewelry and plants. Since SPCS supports orphans who have neither mothers nor fathers, this sale will be repeated in June for Father's Day. All proceeds go to support African Orphans, who need our prayers and funding more than ever. Donations are always welcome. **Your support can make a future possible for an orphan.**

### DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES 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 following 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](mailto:gortiz@ccda.net).

### SENIORS' CLUB MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Please put **Monday, May 18** on your calendar and join us. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Kyle Duncan, a fellow parishioner and a distinguished lawyer. Kyle will address the challenges we face to religious freedom in the United States, the efforts underway to defend this freedom and prospects for the future of our First Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution. The subject is most timely and affects us all, raising questions about the impact that the present "dictatorship of relativism" will have on the future of our democracy. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall 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, 15 May. **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.

## ST. JOHN THE BELOVED WOMEN'S COUNCIL BABY SHOWER



After all Masses **next weekend, May 3-4** the Women's Council will be hosting a "baby shower" to support Mary's Shelter, a crisis pregnancy home, in Fredericksburg, VA. If you were at the Diocesan Women's Conference in March, you heard the founder, Kathleen Wilson speak and heard her incredible story of generosity not only in the founding of this shelter but in her personal life. A devout Catholic, Kathleen truly lives her faith by devoting her time, money, and talent to help women choose life. Mary's Shelter has grown from one small apartment to five houses, but they are rentals and the bills have to be paid to continue. To read about all the good works they do visit: [www.marysshelterva.org](http://www.marysshelterva.org). The organization needs cash, but if you prefer to bring a material gift for the residents themselves, there is a wish list on the website (located under the Volunteer tab) with the following items and more: Target and Wal-Mart gift cards, laptop computers, fans, newborn baby diapers, baby slings, breast pumps, blankets and paper products like paper towels and toilet paper. Please give generously so that the Mother's Day gift from St. John the Beloved belies our love and support of these mothers! For additional information or questions please contact Jennifer Beckett at: [womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com) or 703-241-7929. Thank you.

## ST. JOHN ACADEMY

# *Fides Scientia Gaudium*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO BAND MEMBERS

Congratulations to the St. John Academy Advanced Band for receiving a rating of "Superior" at the Diocesan Band Festival.

### PIRATES OF PENZANCE, JR. A HIT!

Thank you to Christine Laird, Carolyn Lundberg, the actors, the stage crew, and all those involved with the St. John Academy Middle School production of *The Pirates of Penzance, Jr.* The show was a sellout both nights, and the audience couldn't get enough of the singing pirates, fair young maidens, and policemen. A special thank you goes to Fr. Thompson, who returned to St. John's for a special guest appearance as the "Model Major General."

### SHOE COLLECTION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT




Please save new and gently used shoes, for a shoe drive for the needy in Honduras. The donations will go to impoverished, predominantly Catholic, men, women and children in Honduras. St. John Academy is a long-time supporter of this mission.

### SJA GALA NEXT WEEKEND

Join us next weekend for our St. John Academy Annual Gala on Saturday, May 2, from 6:30 – 11:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club of Arlington (Knights of Columbus). This year's event will feature a Las Vegas Casino Night.

### 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2
	9:45am Sew&SoForth  7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsal	7:00 pm WCH  8:00 pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm  6:30pm Confessions 7:30pm Holy Hour		FIRST FRIDAY 	FIRST SATURDAY  8:15am LMC 8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions





IN HONOR OF THE 750TH ANNIVERSARY OF DANTE'S BIRTH,  
*St. John the Beloved presents a four-part lecture & discussion series*

# THE DIVINE COMEDY

INFERNO | PURGATORIO | PARADISO



MAY 16: Introduction to Dante

MAY 30: The Inferno

JUNE 13: The Purgatorio

JUNE 27: The Paradiso

*Saturdays in the Adult Education Room, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

Discussions will be led by Art Historian, Nora Hamerman.

Nora Hamerman has taught at the University of Virginia and Shenandoah University. She is author of more than 100 articles on sacred art and music published in the diocesan newspapers of Arlington, Los Angeles, Boston, Baltimore and Fort Worth, as well as in *Our Sunday Visitor* and *The Art Quarterly*. She has lectured on the illustrations to the Divine Comedy since 1982 in eight countries and in four languages; and she will be teaching a 24-part "Dante Travelogue" next fall in the Osher Lifelong Learning Program at Johns Hopkins University.

Please RSVP to Laura Pennefather,  
Religious Education Office: 703-356-5275 or [lpennefather@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:lpennefather@stjohncatholicmclean.org)





## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

### SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

Youth Groups continues tonight with our Bible Study from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and 'Stump the Priest' with Fr. Pollard from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. At this time all rising freshmen are welcome to attend all High School events. As normal, a suggested \$5 donation is appreciated to help off-set the cost of dinner.

### THEOLOGY CLASSES FOR TEENAGERS

Classes continue this Thursday, April 23rd from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

### RCIA CLASSES

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

**Apr. 27:** Open Mic Night for the Newly Baptized & Confirmed

**May 4:** Apostolates, Associations, and Spiritual Direction

### M OF C MONTHLY TRIP

Our monthly trip to the Missionaries of Charity will be on Saturday, May 9th from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring money for lunch and let Kevin know if you wish to attend.

### JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Our next Junior High Youth Group will be on Friday, May 8th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall and field (weather permitting). At this time all current 6th grade students are welcome to attend.

#### Contact Information:

Kevin Corcoran  
703-356-7916

[kcorcoran@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:kcorcoran@stjohncatholicmclean.org)

## THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



The Fairfax County School Board is poised to make a policy change that will affect all students, parents, and school employees: adding "gender identity" to the non-discrimination policy, likely resulting in, inter alia, opening bathroom and locker rooms for use by the opposite sex if they claim to be transgendered.

The vote is scheduled for May 7.

You can email all Fairfax County School Board members at:

[fairfaxcountyschoolboard@fcps.edu](mailto:fairfaxcountyschoolboard@fcps.edu).

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anita Oliveira	David Johnson
Salvatore Calabro	Mark Johnson
John Paul Charles Carver	Andrew Katson
Virginia Connelly	Paul Kemp
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
Mathew Grinstead	Shelby Rogers
Edward M. Hallinan III	Mary Rouse
Helen Hargenrader	Kathleen Scully
Emily Hazlett	Carolyn Steinhoff
Agnes Henley	Bill Sullivan
Soledad Ibar	Mary Warchot
Karen Jezierski	Faith Zavilla



*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:*

Harry Griffith	Kimberley Templar
Bill Jones	Michael Templar
Richard Kazunas	Jesus Toledanes
Brendan Murphy	Justin White
Lynn Partik	Donald Yamamoto
Michael Shipley	

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† Donald Mowe †

† Georgette "Lily" Hadaya †

† William M. Egan †