

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, April 16

### Easter Weekday

6:30 Fr. Christopher Pollard  
9:00 James Senson  
7:30 John Cianflone †

## Tuesday, April 17

### Easter Weekday

6:30 Marguerite Conrad †  
9:00 Fr. Paul Scalia

## Wednesday, April 18

### Easter Weekday

6:30 Mary Brindley †  
9:00 Leonard Brothers †

## Thursday, April 19

### Easter Weekday

6:30 Ann Stansberry †  
9:00 Fr. Franklyn McAfee

## Friday, April 20

### Easter Weekday

6:30 James Gordon †  
9:00 Fr. Gary Selin

## Saturday, April 21

### Easter Weekday

8:15 Teru Hinata †  
5:00 Marlene Bowman †

## Sunday, April 22

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 Frederick Baumgartner †  
9:00 Ludmilla Druther Kukuvka †  
10:30 People of the Parish  
12:00 Helen and Thomas McGuire †

**THE SCHOOL MASS IS  
FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 9:00 AM**

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD**

**† Chuck Conaty †**

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

### APRIL

Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

## IN TESTIMONIUM...

This past Monday, as we celebrated the transferred Solemnity of the Annunciation, the Holy See published an Apostolic Exhortation entitled *Gaudete et Exsultate*. Pope Francis describes it not as “a treatise on holiness, containing definitions and distinctions helpful for understanding this important subject, or a discussion of the various means of sanctification” but as an opportunity to “repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities”. In 177 short paragraphs the Holy Father reflects on aspects of the call to holiness in the modern world. He points out the pitfalls of Gnosticism and Pelagianism, highlights the necessity of grace, expounds on the Beatitudes, emphasizes the Lord’s teaching on the separation of the sheep and the goats, details some characteristics of holiness such as perseverance, patience, meekness, joy, humor, boldness, passion, community, constant prayer and concludes with a warning about the real activity of the devil and the danger of lethargy:

*158. The Christian life is a constant battle. We need strength and courage to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel. This battle is sweet, for it allows us to rejoice each time the Lord triumphs in our lives.*

*164. The path of holiness is a source of peace and joy, given to us by the Spirit. At the same time, it demands that we keep “our lamps lit” (Lk 12:35) and be attentive. “Abstain from every form of evil” (1 Thess 5:22). “Keep awake” (Mt 24:42; Mk 13:35). “Let us not fall asleep” (1 Thess 5:6). Those who think they commit no grievous sins against God’s law can fall into a state of dull lethargy. Since they see nothing serious to reproach themselves with, they fail to realize that their spiritual life has gradually turned lukewarm. They end up weakened and corrupted.*

*165. Spiritual corruption is worse than the fall of a sinner, for it is a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism and other subtle forms of self-centredness, for “even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light” (2 Cor 11:14). So Solomon ended his days, whereas David, who sinned greatly, was able to make up for disgrace. Jesus warned us against this self-deception that easily leads to corruption. He spoke of a person freed from the devil who, convinced that his life was now in order, ended up being possessed by seven other evil spirits (cf. Lk 11:24-26). Another biblical text puts it bluntly: “The dog turns back to his own vomit” (2 Pet 2:22; cf. Pr 26:11).*

To read the rest, click on [bit.ly/PopeFrancisCallToHoliness](http://bit.ly/PopeFrancisCallToHoliness)

Ciao!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

*St. John the Beloved 2018 Annual Retreat*

## **40 Hours Devotion**

### **The Holy Eucharist: Life of the Saints**

**May 6 - May 8**



*featuring*

**Fr. Noah Morey**

Parochial Vicar  
All Saints Catholic Church  
Manassas, VA.

### **Sunday May 6**

**4:00 p.m.** Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament, Solemn Vespers with Spiritual  
Conference

### **Monday, May 7**

**9:00 a.m.** Mass with Spiritual Conference  
**7:00 p.m.** Solemn Vespers  
with Spiritual Conference

### **Tuesday, May 8**

**9:00 a.m.** School Mass with Spiritual Conference  
Followed by Eucharistic Procession  
and Benediction

## **ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **REMINDERS**

Deadline to register for BASH (6th - 8th graders) and High School Dodgeball Tournament (9th - 12th graders) is **today** Sunday April 15th. Contact James Clement to register or for more info.

### **SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT (4/15)**

Continues tonight Sunday April 15th from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Faith topic for the night will be the Saints of Conversion: Bartolo Longo, Angela Foligno, and Other Saints! We will play Capture the Flag afterwards, weather permitting. Food and drinks provided. Invite a friend. Additionally we will continue to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:00 p.m.

### **CONFITEOR CLASS (4/16)**

Confiteor Class continues this Monday April 16th 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Open to all 9th and 10th graders. Meet in the Adult Ed. Room

### **WELCOME 6TH GRADERS! (4/29)**

Hey 6th Graders! The wait is almost over. The Youth Ministry warmly welcomes you all to join us for our Sunday Youth Nights starting April 29th. If interested in joining, please contact James Clement at [jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org). Permission form is needed.

**James Clement**

703-356-7916 / [jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org)

### **SENIORS' CLUB**

Our next gathering is on Monday, 16 April. Ms. Matrona Busch and our very own Randy Bordelon will be our guest speakers. Matrona is with Oasis Senior Advisors, a free professional service providing help in finding the "right" senior living community in Fairfax County. Randy is working for Dignity Memorial. He will explain the advantages of pre-planned cemetery arrangements and the steps necessary to do so. Both topics should be of great interest to all. Please mark your calendars and bring a friend. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following Mass which will be said at 11:30 AM for those who wish to attend. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the parish office at 703.356.7916 by Friday, 13 April. 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 at 703.356.9788.

## INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE SPRING 2018 SCHEDULE



### Acts of the Apostles: Key to St. Paul

Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, Ph. D.

Tuesdays April 17 & 24 @ 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Live Webinar, [www.instituteofcatholicculture.org/events](http://www.instituteofcatholicculture.org/events)

Who is St. Paul and what do we learn about him in the Acts of the Apostles? In the series, Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo will help us gain insight into the life of this great Saint and thereby enable us to read his epistles with greater understanding.

### Marvel of Wisdom: The Life of St. Catherine of Siena

Christopher Check, President of Catholic Answers

Sunday, May 6 @ 6:00 p.m.

*Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.; lecture to begin @ 7:00 p.m. No RSVP required.*

Holy Spirit Church Hall, 5121 Woodland Way, Annandale, VA 22003

St. Catherine of Siena is one of the greatest & most controversial figures in the Church. In her 33 years of life, she influenced politics, brokered peace between cities, commanded generals, scolded the Pope, and wrote one of the greatest works of medieval literature; but her sole goal in life was to glorify God.

## WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME

April 17 - A Short History of Music and Its Role in the Mass

Guest Speaker, James Senson, St. John's Director of Music, will finish his talk on the history of music. He will discuss the role of music in the Mass and canonical rules, why there music at the Mass, and why there are different kinds of music at different parishes and Masses.

## TODAY IS SHARE SUNDAY


Spring Cleaning? Please donate your gently used towels and queen and king sized sheets to Share. Share would also appreciate pre-teen and teen clothing as well as new underwear for all ages. Our monthly collection provides crises intervention for families in McLean and parts of Falls Church. In addition to food, monetary donations are greatly appreciated for emergency assistance with rent, utility and medical bills or car repairs – there is a bucket in the van outside to collect cash or checks payable to St. John with “Share” in the memo line. Share also accepts donations for basic items such as mattresses, tables, computers, monitors, keyboards, and clothing (new underwear for adults and children always needed). To arrange furniture donations, please call 703-448-1054.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWME)

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are: Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Apr 20-22, 2018 in Gaithersburg, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: [RenewMarriage-VANorth.org](http://RenewMarriage-VANorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-646-1521.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED: AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE

The Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington/Falls Church invites you to become a volunteer to take seniors to and from their medical appointments, the pharmacy and grocery store. No specific time commitment is needed. Please call to hear how easy it is to help the Shepherd's Center, at (703) 506-2199 or visit our brand new website at [www.scmafc.org](http://www.scmafc.org). Your help will be greatly appreciated and your life will be enriched!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21
<b>10:30am No CCD</b>  <b>4:00pm Vespers</b>  <b>6:15pm Youth Night</b>	<b>4:30pm CCD</b> <b>4:30pm Confiteor</b>  <b>7:00pm RCIA</b> <b>7:30pm Latin Mass</b> <b>7:30pm Legion</b>	<b>7:00pm CCD</b> <b>7:00pm WCH</b>  <b>8:00pm Hoops</b>	<b>ADORATION</b> <b>9:30am – 7:30pm</b>   <b>Confessions Hourly</b> <b>10:00am – 6:00pm</b>  <b>7:00pm Holy Hour</b>		<b>9:00am School Mass</b>	<b>8:45am Confessions</b>  <b>3:30pm Confessions</b>



*please join us!*

## ST. JOHN ACADEMY GALA

Saturday April 28th, 2018, 6:30-10:30 pm  
Westwood Country Club, Vienna Virginia

*please support our school by:*

- Becoming a sponsor
- Attending the event and purchasing a ticket for yourself and a teacher
- Making a donation
- Buying a business or family ad

We Are Looking for 100% Participation

**Purchase tickets at [BiddingForGood.com/StJohnAcademy](http://BiddingForGood.com/StJohnAcademy)**

Information and forms can be found online on the SJA website:  
[stjohnacademy.com](http://stjohnacademy.com) or picked-up from the school office

For more information please contact Francessa Cox or Jennifer Jackman  
[fran@coxpetersen.com](mailto:fran@coxpetersen.com) or [JJackman@wtplaw.com](mailto:JJackman@wtplaw.com)

*We look forward to seeing you on April 28th!!*



## SUMMER THEOLOGY COURSES

Learn more about the Faith by taking a summer course at the Christendom Graduate School! Online courses run from May 14 - August 11. The six-week session for on-campus courses runs from June 25 – August 4. On the main campus at Front Royal we are offering two electives: Theology of Grace and a seminar in Patristic Catechesis, as well as Moral Theology, New Testament, Liturgy & Sacraments, and Virtues. Our special discounted rate makes it easy for catechists, seniors, and religious to audit courses. WE ALSO OFFER SEVERAL OTHER PRE-RECORDED ONLINE COURSES, most of them in Sacred Scripture. For more information, please visit <https://graduate.christendom.edu/>, email us at [graduate.school@christendom.edu](mailto:graduate.school@christendom.edu), or call 703.658.4304.

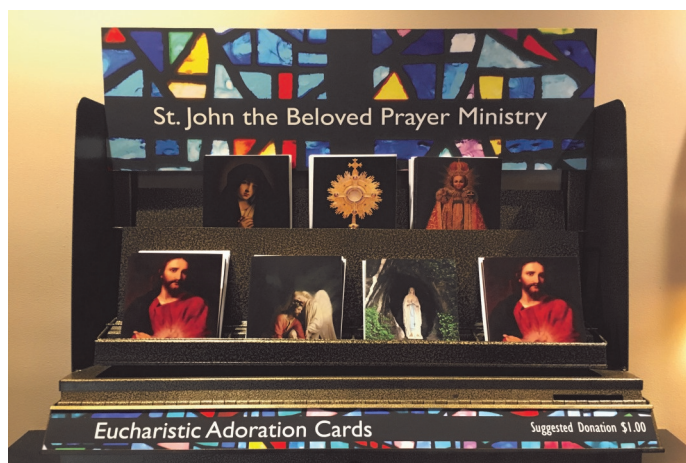
## THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



*"Catholic schools in our Nation's education have been paramount in teaching the values that we as parents seek to instill in our children."*

-Joe Baca, American politician

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CARDS



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 and offering that time for the need of a family member or friend. You can then let them know that you were holding them up in prayer by sending a 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 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, birth): Eucharist in the Monstrance, Infant of Prague, Madonna and Child

More card options to come! Suggested donation of \$1 to cover printing costs.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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



*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