

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, May 30

### Weekday

- 6:30 Col. James J. Kelly & our deceased Military †  
 9:00 Andy & Maria Thibodaux  
 7:30 Antonin Scalia & Family

## Tuesday, May 31

### *The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 6:30 Mark Blazovich †  
 9:00 Marjorie Hearne †

## Wednesday, June 1

### *St. Justin, Martyr*

- 6:30 William & Donna Moraca †  
 9:00 Donald Danielson

## Thursday, June 2

### *St. Marcellinus and St. Peter, Martyrs*

- 6:30 Godfrey Garvey †  
 9:00 Estela Scully †

## First Friday, June 3

### *The Most Sacred Heart Of Jesus*

- 6:30 Bill Schrepel †  
 9:00 Christian Garcia Godoy †

## First Saturday, June 4

### *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 8:15 Jack Murphy †  
 5:00 Jean Dolan †

## Sunday, June 5

### *Tenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

- 7:30 Alejandro Najera †  
 9:00 Barbara Wynne †  
 10:30 People of the Parish  
 12:00 Margaret K. Ursin †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON  
FRIDAY, JUNE 3 AT 9:00 A.M.**

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

**MAY 2016**

**Respect for Women:** That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

**Holy Rosary:** That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.

## IN TESTIMONIUM...

She was kind and earnest, so very dedicated to the church. But she had one big complaint about her priest. She told me, "At Mass it just seems like you are focused on God".

I don't think she was putting me in that category of priests who have an almost robotic persona when they are leading public prayer. I have seen that a few times. Rather, she wanted to feel a connection to me personally when she was at my Mass.

Needless to say, I took it as a great compliment. Sunday Mass is such a minefield of distractions for the priest offering the Sacred Mysteries. He has so many things to remember, so many things to forget, so many liturgical options from which to choose, so many servers to shepherd, so many random noises and constant movement to ignore, not to mention how many concerns weighing on his heart. To be truly focused on God in the Divine Liturgy is a work of Grace. To at least appear focused on God is at least one step in the right direction.

So often when Mother Teresa, soon to be St. Teresa of Calcutta, would meet with a priest she would have the same advice: "Get out of the way of grace". The turn that your priests are making toward the cross and the tabernacle just might help you in ways you do not expect. Special family Masses and Funeral Masses can be done at your request with the priest facing the people. I am hopeful that you will not lose what you gained when the priest started offering Mass in English and facing the people. Prior to that except for a High Mass, the priest offering Mass was at the altar for the entire time unless he had a homily. Now the priest is at the altar just for the Eucharistic Prayer, really just for the Consecration.

This turn will *definitely* help your priests in ways that we already have experienced, for reasons mentioned above. For your kindness and patience I am ever grateful and I promise to stop talking in this column about the priest at Mass for a while. When I resume this liturgical catechesis we will talk for a few weeks about the sign of peace, its origin and significance, its proper role and practice in the liturgy.

In the meantime, please do come to Corpus Christ Mass this Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. The music will be especially spectacular. At least come back for the Eucharistic Procession at 6:00 p.m. and the BBQ reception to follow. Preparations began a year ago, thanks to Pat Molineaux and Sharon Teitelbaum. Our Lord deserves our very best. How blessed we are to be among so many people striving to do just that.

Let's make God the focus of everything!

May God bless *you* and *us*!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

## CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY



**5:00 P.M. MASS**

**SOLEMN PROCESSION  
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**PARISH BBQ COOKOUT**

Today, May 29th is the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, known officially as the "*Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*".

There will be a Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to an outdoor altar in the lower parking lot and then returning to the Church. All St. John parishioners are invited to participate. Following the procession, there will be a reception/ cookout provided by the Women's Council and the Knights of Columbus.

### FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY ADORATION

Adoration begins following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, June 3 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.

### SOLEMN VESPERS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 5

St. John the Beloved will celebrate Solemn Vespers in the Church on the first Sunday of each month at 3:30 p.m. Solemn Vespers takes place in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar, usually includes a homily after the reading and always concludes with Benediction. Come join in the official Evening Prayer of the Church.

### COFFEE & DONUTS

**No Coffee & Donuts this Sunday.** Thanks to the members of St. John Academy for hosting last Sunday.

### RECEPTION FOR BROTHER JOACHIM NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Please join us for a reception at the rectory following Vespers on Sunday, June 5 to thank and bid Brother Joachim farewell. Brother Joachim will start a new assignment at a Dominican Parish to complete his studies and final year before his ordination.

### DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES IS HERE ON THURSDAYS

Gracie Ortiz, Director of Senior Services for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington is 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](mailto:gortiz@ccda.net).

### ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS TIMES ON WEDNESDAYS DURING THE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has designated this Liturgical year as "*The Year of Mercy*". To perpetuate receiving the mercy of Christ the priests of St. John the Beloved will be hearing extra confessions on Wednesdays. At the top of the hour every hour between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. a priest will be in the confessional and stay as long as there are penitents.

### HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S COUNCIL

The St. John the Beloved Women's Council would like to thank all the generous families who contributed to our Mother's Day Baby Shower. We raised \$2,500.00 for Hope in Northern Virginia, Inc. What a generous parish we have!

### KUDOS TO SUE & MARK CLEMENTE VOLUNTEER COUPLE OF THE YEAR!

God bless you, Sue and Mark, and all you have done over the years for your parish family at St. John, especially Sue for coordinating the St. John Thrift Shop and Mark for his involvement in the Knights of Columbus and Fall Festival.

### ST. JOHN THE BELOVED 2016 SUNDAY LECTURE SERIES

#### SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM

Guest Speaker: Msgr. Andrew Wadsworth

**Sunday the 12th of June**

4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Admission is free of charge.

## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

### SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

There is no Youth Night tonight due to Memorial Day Weekend. All families are highly encouraged to participate in our Corpus Christi celebration. We will resume next week.

### CAR WASH

St. John's Summer Missionaries will be holding a Car Wash on Sunday, June 5th after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 Masses. This is an open donation and proceeds will benefit the summer WorkCamp and Bánica Mission Trips. Feel free to drop off your car before Mass and we'll clean it while you're in Mass.

### BÁNICA MEETING

Our final Bánica meeting will be on Monday, June 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Corner.

#### Contact Information:

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### CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY ROSARY MONTHLY MEETING: SAT., JUNE 18TH

The Confraternity of the Holy Rosary will hold its next rosary dinner on June 18. We will meet for the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Mary's in Alexandria, then walk over to Kirsten's for the Rosary and a potluck dinner and fellowship. Please RSVP by Thursday, June 16 to Kirsten at [kirstenobadal@hotmail.com](mailto:kirstenobadal@hotmail.com) and let her know what you can bring. Thanks and look forward to seeing you!

### CONTRIBUTIONS

For your convenience sign up for the Faith Direct Offertory program at: [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) our code: VA77

## ST. JOHN THE BELOVED THRIFT SHOP END OF SEASON CLEARANCE SALE

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**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY,  
MAY 30 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4
 5:00pm Mass Procession Parish Cookout	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>  7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsal	8:00pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am–7:30pm    Confessions Hourly 10:00am–6:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour		<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>    8:45am Confessions  3:30pm Confessions	<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>    8:45am Confessions  3:30pm Confessions



# *Youth Workcamp Fundraiser*



*Next Sunday, June 5th  
After the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 Masses  
in front of the gym*

*All donations will go to help offset the costs of Workcamps.*



### SJA JUNIOR ROBOTICS TEAM

Congratulations to the SJA Junior Robotics Team which completed six weeks of instruction, collaborating and problem solving as they built different structures. Thanks to the guidance of Ms. Kratz and the support of Mrs. Friel, robotics has been a huge success for St. John's lower school. Next year, St. John Academy will open up classes for the fall and the spring.

### ST. JOHN ACADEMY SCIENCE NIGHT

On Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, St. John Academy will hold a Science Project Exhibition from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Parents, students and visitors will have the opportunity to view science projects and presentations that middle school students have been working on in groups. Each grade was given a theme for their group projects. The 6th Grade will present projects on storms and weather. In addition to a display board and report, each group produced a short video about storms. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade project centers around variables that affect the swing of a pendulum. The main purpose was to understand the pendulum in order to design a pendulum amusement park ride. The groups designed a "prototype" model of their amusement park ride in art class. The focus of the 8th Grade groups is wild life conservation. Each group chose an endangered species at the National Zoo to study their animal's needs and behaviors. They finalized their projects with recommendations for improving the exhibit which they then incorporated into their video component. The elementary grades will contribute displays to the exhibit, illustrating some of their recent science learning.

### HISTORY COMES ALIVE AT THE THIRD GRADE WAX MUSEUM

One of the highlights of the end of the SJA school year is the annual 3rd grade Wax Museum. On Thursday, May 26, history came alive as the third grade students dressed up as historical or famous figures and gave a presentation about the lives of these people.

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Many of you were so moved by his testimony and have asked how you can support Fr. Douglas Bazi and his works in Erbil, Iraq.

He spoke in praise of the Knights of Columbus and Aid to the Church in Need.

He specifically suggested we donate through

**HelpIraq.org**

**25603 Berg Road, Southfield, MI 48033**

a nonprofit organization founded by  
St. Thomas Chaldean Catholic Diocese of Detroit and  
Adopt a Refugee Family Program.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmel Broadfoot	Paul Kemp
Salvatore Calabro	Dorothy Kottler
John Paul Charles Carver	Sharon LeMaster
Antonio Castro	Pat Malloy
Virginia Connelly	Sue Malone
Sheila Corallo	Carmella Manetti
Lastenia Cortavarria	Patrick McDonough
Edward Cotter	Marilyn McNemar
Elke D'Amico	Diana Meisel
Richard DeCorps	Bonnie Moran
William Dunne	Veronica Nowakowski
Joe Elias	Anita Oliveira
Sandra Elias	Briner Orillo
Marie Gillespie	Maureen O'Toole
Francesca Greco	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Paul Griffith	Patricia Richer
Gayle Grinstead	Shelby Rogers
Matthew Grinstead	Stephanie Salinas
Edward M. Hallinan III	Connie Seymour
Helen Hargenrader	Merle Shannon
Arnold Harrington	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...*

Nicholas Galvan  
Harry Griffith  
Bill Jones  
Brendan Murphy  
Lynn Partik  
Michael Shipley

Kimberley Templer  
Michael Templer  
Jesus Toledanes  
Justin White  
Amb. Donald Yamamoto