MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 12

- Lenten Weekday
 - 6:30 Winnie Chinnaiah †
 - 9:00 Mieke Karnbrock †
 - 7:30 Lillian Yamamoto †

Tuesday, March 13

- Lenten Weekday
 - 6:30 John Dwyer †
 - 9:00 Magda Meyer

Wednesday, March 14 Lenten Weekday

6:30 Tom Collins † 9:00 Wilhelm Karnbrock

Thursday, March 15

Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 John Dwyer †
- 9:00 Margaret Osterkamp

Friday, March 16

Lenten Weekday

6:30	Lilia Capistrano †
9:00	June Barth †

Saturday, March 17

Saint Patrick, Bishop

- 8:15 Thomas and Joseph O'Malley †
- 5:00 Joachim Russo †

Sunday, March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 Frederick Baumgartner †
- 9:00 Lillian Yamamoto †
- 10:30 People of the Parish
- 12:00 Angela Baric †

THE SPECIAL COLLECTION IS FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

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ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† Connie Holden †

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

MARCH

Evangelization: Formation in Spiritual Discernment That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

IN TESTIMONIUM...



THOMÆA KEMPIS CANONICI REGVLARIS Ordinis S.AVGVSTINI DE IMITATIONE CHRISTI LIBER PRIMVS. Admonitiones, ad firitualem cuitam cutiles. CAPVT I. De imissione Chrift, & contemptu aminime cunitatum manda.

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"Zeal in Amending our Lives" continued The Imitation of Christ, Chapter 25 by Thomas á Kempis (c. 1380 – 25 July 1471)

If there were nothing else to do but praise the Lord God with all your heart and voice, if you had never to eat, or drink, or sleep, but could praise God always and occupy yourself solely with spiritual pursuits, how much happier you would be than you are now, a slave to every necessity of the body! Would that there were no such needs, but only the spiritual refreshments of the soul which, sad to say, we taste too seldom!

When a man reaches a point where he seeks no solace from any creature, then he begins to relish God perfectly. Then also he will be content no matter what may happen to him. He will neither rejoice over great things nor grieve over small ones, but will place himself entirely and confidently in the hands of God, Who for him is all in all, to Whom nothing ever perishes or dies, for Whom all things live, and Whom they serve as He desires.

Always remember your end and do not forget that lost time never returns. Without care and diligence you will never acquire virtue. When you begin to grow lukewarm, you are falling into the beginning of evil; but if you give yourself to fervor, you will find peace and will experience less hardship because of God's grace and the love of virtue.

A fervent and diligent man is ready for all things. It is greater work to resist vices and passions than to sweat in physical toil. He who does not overcome small faults, shall fall little by little into greater ones.

If you have spent the day profitably, you will always be happy at eventide. Watch over yourself, arouse yourself, warn yourself, and regardless of what becomes of others, do not neglect yourself. The more violence you do to yourself, the more progress you will make.

Peace.

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard



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 from10 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 <u>https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30E0E44AEA72DA4FD0-lenten</u>. Thank you!

This Lent consider participating in a Lenten Reflection Series offered through FORMED:



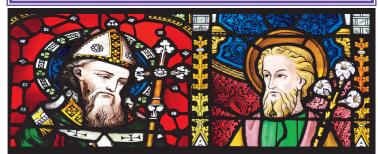
Daily Lenten Reflection Email https://formed.org/promo/lent-2018



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 <u>https://formed.org/study/54f4d04d65f211981622a783</u> 2 pm Saturdays of Lent Adult Ed Room with Fr. Pollard



SAINT PATRICK & SAINT JOSEPH

COOK-OFF CHALLENGE







The Italians are facing off with the Irish in a cook-off challenge! Bring your best cooking and decorating talents to St John's Inaugural St. Patrick/St. Joseph Feast Day on March 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Sign up using the link below with the details of your entry today! You may enter a main dish or dessert for the contest.

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

INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE WINTER 2018 SCHEDULE



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 Join us as we explore the mysterious life of St. Joseph and discover how he was known to the first Christians.

My God, My God: The Temptation in the Desert & The Cross of Christ

Rev. Paul Scalia

Sunday, March 25 @ 6:00 p.m. ET

Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.; lecture @ 7:00 p.m. No RSVP required. St. Agnes Church Hall, 1910 N Randolph St, Arlington, 22207

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?" Psalms 22:1

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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 (3/11)

No Youth Night tonight March 11th due to the Lenten Retreat on Saturday. Enjoy the time with your family and friends! We will continue on March 18th.

CONFITEOR CLASS (3/12)

Confiteor Class continues this Monday Mar 12th at 4:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed. Room. Open to all Freshmen and Sophomore High Schoolers.

RCIA CLASS (3/12)

RCIA Class continues this Monday Mar 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Ed. Room. Open to all Junior and Senior High Schoolers.

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 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

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR...

In honor of the solemnity of St. Joseph, a Missa Cantata will be celebrated in the extraordinary form at 7:30 pm on Monday, March 19th.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17
10:30am CCD 4:00 Vespers No Youth Night	4:30pm CCD 4:30 pm Confiteor 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsol	7:00pm CCD 7:00pm -WCH 8:00pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am–7:30pm Confessions Hourly 10:00am – 8:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour		2:15pm Stations 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:30pm Stations	 8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions 6:00pm St. Patrick & St. Joseph Cook-off Challenge



SJA LENTEN OBSERVATIONS AND ANNUAL MARDI GRAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST Thanks to Mrs. Forotti, and all the SJA family participants, our annual pancake breakfast raised \$1,200.00 to help families within our community. Please join our school for Stations of the Cross at 2:15 on Fridays throughout Lent.

SJA MUSICAL GODSPELL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! Thanks to all the students and parents who contributed to this year's middle school musical!

SJA ALUMNI APPEARING IN MANY HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS AND OTHER

PERFORMANCES Gonzaga's Beauty & the Beast (with Jacob Wells) performances: March 16 & 17 at 7:30pm; March 11, 18, at 2:30pm. Bishop Ireton's The Addams Family, (with Jeannette Lundberg) performances: March 16, 17 at 7:30pm; March 11 at 2:00 pm. Georgetown Visitation's The Sound of Music (with Sophia Isacco) performances: March 23, 24, 25. Bishop O'Connell's Mary Poppins (cast members Catilin Mea. Jeffrey Hales, Kyleigh Friel, and crew members Paul Bean, Tommy Dannenfelser) performances: April 26-28 7:00 pm., and April 29 2:00 pm. Osbourn Park High School's The Music Man, (with current SJA student Mary Claire Mea, directed by former SJA teacher Christine Laird), performances: April 13, 14, 20, 21 - 7pm. SJA Alumni also perform in top musical groups: Connor Richardson is in the Gonzaga Chamber Choir, and has the John Philip Sousa Presidential Scholarship for voice; Bishop O'Connell's John Tuason played piano in the nationally prominent Interlochen Summer Camp; Jeannette Lundberg was chosen twice for the Tri M Music Honors Society and is the contralto clarinetist for Bishop Ireton's internationally performing Wind Ensemble; Caitlin Mea sings with the prestigious "The O'Connell Singers," which performed at the White House earlier this year, and in a nationally televised broadcast last year. Well done, all of our high school stars!

SHARE SUNDAY IS MARCH 18TH

The van will be at church from 7:30 until 12:30 next Sunday. Please consider donations such as baby and adult wipes, size 6 diapers, pull ups, laundry detergent, and vegetable oil. There is also a need for clothing and linens such as new underwear for adults and children, gently used sheets, blankets, and towels in all sizes. Cash or checks payable to St. John with Share in the memo line are used for emergency financial assistance. To arrange furniture donations, please call 703-448-1054.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING PRAYER CAMPAIGN

From Feb 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. Thursdays and Saturdays join us in peaceful prayer during a 40-day vigil outside Falls Church Healthcare Center at 900 S. Washington Street. If you would like more information or to volunteer to pray for an hour, contact: Andrea DelVecchio at al-delvecchio75@gmail.com

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 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 Gesthemane

- 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart."

Let our eyes be opened to the love of God in our marriages by participating in a (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are: Sep 21-23 in Herndon, VA and Apr 20-22 in Gaithersburg, MD. 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.

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 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. Imagine! Scripture records no words of St. Joseph, yet he is a towering figure in Church history and devotion among the saints. We have a guest speaker whose love and devotion to St. Joseph will help us come to know and learn from this singular person in Church history.

DIOCESAN MASS AND ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will celebrate a special Mass and Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, March 17, 2018. All members (and companions) of the Diocese who are sick or physically/ mentally challenged are invited to attend. The Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be held at 11 AM at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 3901 Woodburn Road, Annandale. Lunch will follow. RSVP: Laura Mead, 703-280-1122.

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



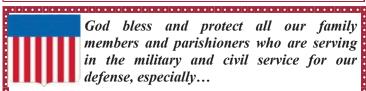
Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre, revered as the site of Jesus's crucifixion and burial, reopened after Israel backtracked from a tax plan and draft property legislation that triggered a three-day protest.

Stay tuned. This story may not be over.

Remember in Prayer

Carmel Broadfoot Mary Elizabeth Bergen Salvatore Calabro John Cartelli John Paul Charles Carver Virginia Connelly Sheila Corallo Elke D'Amico Richard DeCorps William Dunne Joe Elias Tara Flanagan-Koenig Susan Glover Francesca Greco Paul Griffith Edward M. Hallinan III Jack Halpin Arnold L. Harrington III **Emily Hazlett** Agnes Henley Mark Johnson Andrew Katson Christopher Katz

Dorothy Kottler Sharon LeMaster Sue Malone Carmella Manetti Cristina Marques Diana Meisel Bonnie Moran Veronica Nowakowski Anita Oliveira Briner Orillo Mary Pistorino Reilly Patricia Richer Shelby Rogers Thomas Rosa Avery Schaeffer Merle Shannon **Gloribeth Smith** Carolyn Steinhoff Bill Sullivan Mary Warchot Marie Wysolmerski



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