

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, April 25

### St. Mark, Evangelist

6:30 Emily McDonough †  
 9:00 Joann M. Weglian †  
 7:30 Brian J. Bailey

## Tuesday, April 26

### Easter Weekday

6:30 Louis DeSanti †  
 9:00 Thompson & Nassoioy Families †

## Wednesday, April 27

### Easter Weekday

6:30 Heidi V. Kunec †  
 9:00 Robert Francis Hallahan †

## Thursday, April 28

### St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr,

### St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

6:30 Tom Richardson †  
 9:00 Ilse Pollard †

## Friday, April 29

### St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

6:30 Rev. Gary Selin  
 9:00 Richard Keating †

## Saturday, April 30

### St. Pius V, Pope

8:15 Bert Keys †  
 5:00 Ralph Smith †

## Sunday, May 1

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 Rev. Franklyn McAfee  
 9:00 Robert Hallahan †  
 10:30 People of the Parish  
 12:00 Joseph Wynne †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON  
 FRIDAY, APRIL 29 AT 9:00 A.M.**

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

**April 2016**

**Small Farmers:** That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

**African Christians:** That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

## IN TESTIMONIUM...

If you have not visited a Greek Catholic Church you should. Our McLean neighbors at [Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek Catholic Church](#), where our friend Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo is scheduled to be ordained a priest on Sunday the First of May, offers lovely examples of sacred art. A few doors down from my childhood home in Annandale stands [Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church](#), which dedicated a beautiful new church a few years ago. Both churches also take food and festivals seriously, by the way.

Once you have visited a Greek Catholic Church you will never be able to forget a most striking feature that they all have in common: the iconostasis that separates the sanctuary from the nave. The *sanctuary* is the area immediately around the altar. The *nave* is the main floor space of the church where the faithful stand, sit and kneel during the Sacred Rites. Some contemporary scholars of eastern Christianity prefer the term *temple* to *iconostasis* for reasons too complex to discuss here. What most Greek Catholics still call the *iconostasis* is a wall of icons that stands as a solid barrier between the holy and the holy of holies (the domain of the profane being outside in the courtyard... or parking lot as the case may be). Doors in the iconostasis permit sacred ministers access to the sanctuary. An image of Our Lord is always on the right of the Royal (or central) Door; an image of Our Lord is always on the left side. We also would expect to see the Evangelists, Archangels and many saints.

Much to my surprise, the reading I have done lately indicates that the iconostasis is not as ancient as we Romans might think. Not only the [Catholic Encyclopedia](#) from 1910 but also modern Eastern sources describe the development of the iconostasis as medieval if not later. [NewByzantines.net](#) acknowledges that "there is neither archaeological [sic] evidence nor testimony from the Church Fathers which would support the currently faddish notion in some quarters that clergy and people were a single entity or 'community' justifying the elimination of distinctions between the two either functionally or structurally.... In the ancient Byzantine churches and for several centuries thereafter the clergy and the people representing respectively heaven and earth were separated by a low wall about four feet high called a chancel screen." The chancel screen so characteristic of Roman Churches can still be seen by pilgrims to Rome in the Basilicas of San Clemente and San Stefano Rotondo.

[New Liturgical Movement](#) cites the "erudite Russian icon-painter, L. Uspensky, [who] says that the iconostasis acquired its classical form in the 16th century, when it became one of the most important parts of the Orthodox church". The Roman Church, on the other hand, has preserved the faithful's ability to see the priest at the altar even if a bit obscured. Next week we will meditate a bit on what we witness when we "see" the consecration.

See you in Church. God bless you!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

**THE 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND  
IS FOR CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

**ST. JOHN WOMEN'S COUNCIL  
BABY SHOWER THIS WEEKEND**

After all Masses this weekend, the Women's Council will be hosting a "baby shower" to support Hope in Northern Virginia, Inc. HOPE exists to provide volunteer counseling and assistance for women of all ages with crisis pregnancies. 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 please contact Jennifer Beckett at 703-241-7929 or email at: [womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com). Thank you.

**WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME  
TUESDAY, APRIL 26**

Welcoming Catholics Home is an apostolate at St. John the Beloved that serves those who are considering returning or returning more fully to the Catholic faith. We meet weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge at St. John Academy. Pope Francis recently proclaimed a Jubilee Year of Mercy in which the Catholic Church will seek to immerse itself in receiving the mercy of Christ and then being bearers of the mercy of Christ. On Tuesday, April 26, we will be discussing: *Finding God...in Adoration*. Why does every Catholic Church have a Tabernacle? What is Eucharistic Adoration? How do we find God through Adoration and making a Holy Hour? For additional information please contact [welcome@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:welcome@stjohncatholicmclean.org)

**MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA**

Our Annual Mother's Day Novena of Masses begins Sunday, May 8th. Please turn in your pink Mothers Day Novena envelopes with the names of the special women in your lives you wish to include in this Novena. If you give to the parish electronically, and therefore do not have envelopes, please put the names on a piece of paper in a plain envelope with "Mother's Day Novena" written on it.

**HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS CARVINGS DISPLAY  
NEXT WEEKEND**

Next weekend, April 30<sup>th</sup> / May 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a display of beautiful olive wood handmade carvings from the Holy Land at St. John's. These Carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There is less than 1% now because of the situation. YOU can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass.

**SOLEMN VESPERS ON FIRST SUNDAYS**

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.

**ADDITIONAL CONFESSION 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. One day we will have green lights to indicate an available confessor. In the meantime please look for the white light glowing through the window.

**PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE HOSTING SIGN-UP**

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 next weekend after all Masses (April 30 / May 1). Open to all families, households and individuals within a 5 - mile radius of St. John the Beloved.

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

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

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

**NOSTRAE AETATE & ISLAM**

Guest Speaker:  
Robert R. Reilly

**Sunday the 15th of May**

4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Admission is free of charge.

**EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN**

*Sponsored by  
St. John the Beloved Women's Council  
2015-16 Series*

**Monday, May 9, 2016**

*Living out God's Mercy to ourselves,  
our families...the world*

*by: Fr. Thomas Vander Woude*

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

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

**CURSILLO ULTREYA  
SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

McLean Cursillo will host a regional Ultreya on Saturday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. We will meet after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. The evening will include prayer, music, group reunion, a witness talk, a spiritual director's summation, and socializing. This event is for all Cursillistas but guests are welcome. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new friends, while growing in our faith. Please bring a potluck dish and beverage to share. Please contact Freddie Wall at [wallflower64@gmail.com](mailto:wallflower64@gmail.com) or 703-356-5706 for additional information or requests for a ride.

**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 Thurs. 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).

**St. John the Beloved 2016 Annual Retreat  
May 1-May 3**

*Divine Mercy and  
The Gift of Forgiveness*

**40 Hours Devotion Schedule**

**Sunday, May 1**

**3:30 p.m.** Solemn Vespers & *Retreat Talk*  
followed by confessions

**9:00 p.m.** Night Prayer

**Monday, May 2**

**6:15 a.m.** Morning Prayer

**6:30 a.m.** Holy Mass

**9:00 a.m.** Holy Mass & *Retreat Talk*

**10:00 a.m.** Rosary and Confessions

**12:00 noon** Regina Caeli

**3:00 p.m.** Divine Mercy Chaplet

**7:00 p.m.** Evening Prayer & *Retreat Talk*  
followed by confessions

**9:00 p.m.** Night Prayer  
(no low TLM)


**Tuesday, May 3**

**6:15 a.m.** Morning Prayer

**6:30 a.m.** Holy Mass

**9:00 a.m.** Holy Mass & *Retreat Talk*

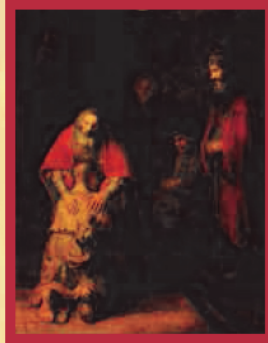
**10:00 a.m.** Eucharistic Procession & Benediction

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30
10:30am PreK & Kindergarten CCD	9:45am Sew&SoForth 4:30pm CCD  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-6:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour	7:30pm KOC		8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions  6:30pm Cursillo



# ST JOHN THE BELOVED 2016 ANNUAL RETREAT

## 40 HOURS DEVOTION May 1 - May 3



### Divine Mercy and the Gift of Forgiveness



featured homilist

## Father Gary Selin

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

5:00 pm Mass

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 1**

7:30 am Mass

9:00 am Mass

10:30 am Mass

12:00 Noon Mass

*Fr. Selin is preaching  
all the Sunday Masses.*

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 1**

3:30 Solemn Vespers

#### **MONDAY, MAY 2**

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Solemn Vespers

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 3**

9:00 am Mass, followed by  
Eucharistic Procession  
and Benediction

*Fr. Selin's four Retreat Talks  
will be delivered throughout  
the Forty Hours.*

*See the bulletin for the full schedule of prayers  
and devotions during this year's 40 Hours.*



## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

### SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

We continue tonight from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dinner is included with a suggested \$5 donation.

Tonight features Stump the Priest. Prepare some great questions to ask!

Next week, May 1st, we will join the Parish for our 40 Hours Devotion Holy Hour from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., then spend time having fun in the Youth Corner until Youth Night begins at 6:00 p.m. All teens are encouraged to come!

### HIGH SCHOOL PAINTBALLING TRIP

High School students: mark your calendars for a paintballing trip on Saturday, May 28th! This trip will also include lunch and a chance to enter through the Door of Mercy at one of the Cathedrals. Details will be forthcoming.

### CONFITEOR CLASSES

Classes take place on Monday Nights at 5:30 p.m.. Contact Fr. Pollard for more information.

### RCIA

Open to Juniors and Seniors in the Adult Ed Room from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Upcoming topics:

**Apr. 25:** Introduction to the Extraordinary Form

**May 2:** Apostolates, Associations and Spiritual Direction

### Contact Information:

Kevin Corcoran

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

## THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



Rev. Douglas Al-Bazi

Chaldean Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Baghdad  
Kidnapped and Tortured by Islamists for nine days in 2006

Parish Priest in Erbil, Iraq  
Director of Mar Elia Refugee Camp for Iraqi Christians

will be speaking at St. John the Beloved on

**Thursday, May 12**

**At 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

You should come. You should tell your friends.

## 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
Francesca Greco	Maureen O'Toole
Paul Griffith	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Gayle Grinstead	Patricia Richer
Matthew Grinstead	Shelby Rogers
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
Lars Jorgensen	Marie Wysolmerski
Andrew Katson	

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## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD



**Samuel Bridgeman**



**Major Jesse Baltazar, USAF Retired**



*God bless and protect all our family members and parishioners who are serving in the military and civil service for our defense, especially...*

Harry Griffith  
Bill Jones  
Brendan Murphy  
Lynn Partik  
Michael Shipley

Kimberley Templer  
Michael Templer  
Jesus Toledanes  
Justin White  
Nicholas Galvan