

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 10

Weekday

- 6:30 Richard Moraca †
 9:00 Paul Binder †
 7:30 Alana Maddox †

Tuesday, July 11

St. Benedict, Abbot

- 6:30 Eligio Lidorja †
 9:00 Alex Muci †

Wednesday, July 12

Weekday

- 6:30 Ron Ferrara †
 9:00 Beverly Price †

Thursday, July 13

Saint Henry

- 6:30 Joseph Hallock †
 9:00 Rev. Lewis Hejna

Friday, July 14

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

- 6:30 Gerardo Castañon †
 9:00 Sharon Weidelman †

Saturday, July 15

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 8:15 Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Flood †
 5:00 Henry Bowman †

Sunday, July 16

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 Hugh Feehan †
 9:00 The McBride Family
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Paul Kemp †

THE SCHOOL MASSES HAVE ENDED FOR THE SUMMER. THEY WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

JULY 2017

Lapsed Christians: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

The Fourth of July has come and gone. The pools are open. Good thing because it is *hot* outside.

With all the visitors that come through our doors during the Easter Season not to mention the new neighbors that move into the area on a regular basis, I receive lots of compliments about this parish. People nearly always mention the altar servers and almost as often praise the choirs. They also mention frequently how lovely it is to see people dressed appropriately for Mass. Kudos to you!

The heat of the summer is a fitting time to thank you and to encourage you to continue your good habits throughout the year, even if it means a few more consultations with your children about clothing.

You may know people who have commented on the dress code at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Even though the approved attire for men looks something like what John Travolta might wear to a disco, the Church is not actually recommending skin-tight clothing. For us it should be enough to say that "Jackets are optional for gentlemen and women should dress comparably."



Whether it be for weddings or proms we know that even young people like to dress sharp... at least some of the time.

Holy Mass is a visit to heaven, which Our Lord compared to a wedding banquet. To illustrate how our souls should be prepared for Divine and angelic company, He even referred to and reaffirmed his listeners' expectations with regard to dress (Matthew 22,1-14). To be sure, glamour is not the question but respect and dignity. St. Peter spoke of how virtue is more important than jewelry (1Peter 3,3-4). St. Paul echoes the same in his first letter to St. Timothy (1Timothy 2,9).

Please keep dressing well and spare me from going into more detail.

God bless you.

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

FROM THE DESK OF THE SEMINARIAN ...

The last couple of weeks have been very busy back at my home, as my family is in the process of moving. As one can imagine, it has been very stressful, full of long days of hauling boxes from house to house. Perhaps the hardest part is not the move itself, but dealing with all the clutter that has accumulated over the years. It's amazing to go through a room and find all the different things that we never use or don't know where they came from.

In short, clutter is a real problem. If we have too much stuff, then it gets in the way of our move, wasting both time and boxes. Similarly, we can often find our interior lives cluttered as well. All the things which we fill ourselves with often get in the way of our "move" back to God. They block our growth in holiness in a number of ways – for example by wasting time that should be spent in prayer. Therefore, just as when moving houses it helps to de-clutter, so too we need to de-clutter our hearts and minds for our journey towards eternal life.

Perhaps the hardest part of getting rid of clutter is identifying it. When one sees a box of odds-and-ends, everything in it appears to suddenly be essential. As this shows, we have a fear of letting go. But in trying to hold on to the things we need, we often cling to clutter which only serves to weigh us down. The same can be said for our spiritual lives. All too often we believe that something or someone is necessary to make our lives better, and yet miss the fact that we will only ever be truly fulfilled in God. To avoid making this mistake we need to look at the clutter in our lives and ask this simple question: does it bring me to Christ? If it does, then we should pack it up and take it with us as we move towards Heaven. On the other hand, if it does not, then it is simply dead weight. We need to discard it, and quickly, for any time we spend mulling whether to bring it along for the ride simply slows down our move to Christ and leads us one step closer to half-heartedly packing it in the box to keep carrying with us.

One final piece of advice for packing for your big spiritual move: have a friend help. Sometimes no matter how hard we try, we cannot envision letting go of our clutter. But while we may be blinded with nostalgia, dependence, or simply fear of loss, a friend may be able to point out clutter for what it is and demonstrate how it is weighing us down. Then, once we have discarded the clutter, we will have a multitude of empty boxes that God can fill with the things we truly need for the journey home.

God bless,

Daniel Reuwer

THE SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR THE ST. PETER CLAVER SOCIETY

This weekend, July 8-9 the special collection is for the St. Peter Claver Society and will go toward college tuition for the four Zambian orphans supported last year. The four young adults, who live at the Cardinal Mazombwe Agricultural and Life Skills Centre, need a total of \$4,500 to help them complete their studies in medicine, nursing, teaching and plumbing. **Please be generous and make a future possible for these orphans.** The students thank you for your continued support.

INQUIRY CLASSES STUDY OF CATHOLICISM VIDEO SERIES *A JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF THE FAITH* CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY, JULY 9

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or would you, a friend or family member like to learn more about the Faith? The second Inquiry class taught by Seminarian Daniel Reuwer will be this Sunday, July 9 from 4:30 p.m.– 5:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Room. In preparation for the class please view videos 4-5 in the Catholicism series.

SHARE SUNDAY IS JULY 16TH

Gardeners - please consider dropping your surplus produce on Wednesday or Saturday mornings (9:30 a.m. or soon after) for distribution: behind McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd. The van will be outside next Sunday to collect non-perishable items. Still accepting school supplies! Always in need: diapers, baby wipes, canned fruit and vegetables, mayo/mustard/catsup, 100% juice, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, snack foods, PB, grape or strawberry jelly, sugar, rice, pasta, coffee, tea, chunky chicken soup, toothpaste, soap, laundry soap, cereal, tuna. Cash or checks payable to St. John with Share in the memo line are greatly appreciated.

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED CAREGIVER AND BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

For all who are caring for a loved one in your own home, locally, or at a distance, St. John the Beloved has a monthly caregiver support group which meets in the conference room in the parish office. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, July 20 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. and all are welcome. If you are grieving the loss of a spouse, please consider joining our bereavement group which will meet in the conference room on Thursday, July 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Questions? Call the group facilitator Gracie Ortiz, LCSW, Director of Senior Services for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington at 571-970-8734. Gracie is also available to meet with parishioners and their loved ones on Thursdays for eldercare consultations and to answer questions about resources, etc.

ST JOHN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2017/2018 CCD REGISTRATION

CCD Pre-registration forms were emailed to all current families. Thanks to all families that have already returned forms and checks. Please fill out the form with all requested contact and registration information and return it with your check to the CCD office at your earliest convenience. We will do our best to accommodate your wishes as to class session. Once the class is full however, we may have to put your child into a different session. You have greater choice when you register early. Registration forms are also available in the RE Office, the vestibule of the church and in the parish office. If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please email kmj@stjohncatholicmclean.org or call 703-356-5275.

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 beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Parish Office. If you would like to schedule an appointment you may reach Gracie Ortiz at 571-970-8734 or at gortiz@ccda.net. She will be helping with Elder Care and Caregiver Support. Gracie will be able to offer grief counseling.

SAVE THE DATES: SEPT. 23 AND 24 FOR ST. JOHN THE BELOVED FALL FESTIVAL

St. John the Beloved's annual Fall Festival will be the weekend of September 23 & 24 with the same food and fun as always. Please mark your calendars and email jeff.davis8309@gmail.com if you would like to get involved with planning or volunteer at this family fun awesome St. John tradition.

COFFEE & DONUTS

No Coffee & Donuts this Sunday. We are now on our Summer Coffee and Donut schedule which is the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays until September.

ST. JOHN ACADEMY IS HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS THIS FALL:



-One opening for a pre-school assistant from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Monday - Friday.

-One opening for an Extended Day assistant K-6 from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

-One opening for an Extended Day Teacher for Pre-School from 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.


Please send resume/references at your earliest convenience to: maquino@stjohnacademy.org

ATTENTION COLLEGE FRESHMAN!

The Associates of St. John Bosco is conducting 2 more workshops on how to keep your Catholic faith intact when you enter college this fall. The nights are designed for rising college freshmen to prepare for transition into college. Catholic student representatives from George Mason, UVA, The University of Mary Washington, William & Mary, Virginia Tech and other private and public schools will be on hand to offer advice and support. It is a great opportunity to network with other Catholic students and to receive resources for the transition to college only a few months away. The nights will be held on Wednesday July 12 at St. Mary Catholic Church's Lyceum (313 Duke St, Alexandria) and Wednesday July 26 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception's parish hall (1009 Stafford Ave. Fredericksburg) starting at 7:00 p.m. To register or for info. visit our website at www.asjb.org.

HOW TO FIND A CATHOLIC CHURCH WHILE YOU ARE ON VACATION

The information for Masses in the area where you are on vacation can be found on the Internet by visiting the website: www.masstimes.org.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15
4 4:30pm Inquiry	7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsol	8:00pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm  Confessions Hourly 10:00am-6:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour			8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions

JMJ TOURS presents:
St. John the Beloved Roman Catholic Church
HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Nov 26-Dec 5, 2017 | Father Scott Sina



Church of All Nations

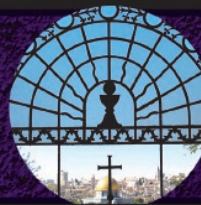


Site of the Crucifixion, Jerusalem

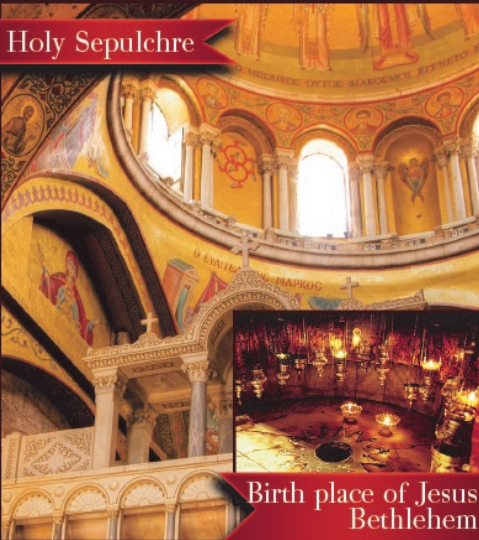


Nazareth

Space is Limited
To Register:
visit www.JMJtours.com/HolyLand



Holy Sepulchre



Birth place of Jesus
Bethlehem

\$3272 (payable in five payments)
\$2874 + \$398
Airport Taxes, security & fuel fee

- **10 Days / 8 Nights** (1 night on plane)
Nazareth-3 Nights
Jerusalem-5 Nights
- **Roundtrip Airfare** Dulles - Tel Aviv
- **First Class Hotel** Lodging
- **Private Motor Coach** per Itinerary
- **Meals:**
Breakfast / Dinner Daily / Plus 3 Lunches
- **All Entrance Fees** per Itinerary
- **Daily Mass / Rosary**
- **English speaking / Catholic Guides**

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- **Ein Karem** St. John the Baptist
- **Mt. Carmel** Our Lady of Mt Carmel
- **Bethlehem** Church of the Nativity, Shepherd's Field
- **Tiberias/Tabgha** Sea of Galilee (Boat Ride), St Peter's House, Mt. of Beatitudes
- **Cana** Miracle of the Wedding Feast, Renew vows
- **Nazareth** Annunciation Basilica, Church of Mary's Well
- **Jerusalem** Old City, Mt. of Olives, Mt. Zion, Holy Sepulchre, Via Dolorosa, Upper Room
- **Jericho** Mt. of Temptation

PLEASE VISIT www.JMJtours.com/HolyLand FOR MORE DETAILS

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

KING'S DOMINION

Come out for a day of fun! All rising 7th - 12th grade students, graduated seniors, and families are invited to join us for Diocesan King's Dominion Day, Friday July 28th. Tickets are \$40. For more information or to sign up, please contact James Clement or visit the parish website.

BANICA!

Please keep the following workcamp volunteers in your prayers as they are on mission in Banica till the 14th: Fr. Christopher Pollard, James Clement, Margaret Himpler, James Katson, Clare Kolasch, Lee Kolasch, Dan Meeker, Emma Simon, Sarah Davis and the residents they are blessed to serve! Thank you!

T² (TOUGH TOPICS)

Calling all rising 7th - 12th grade teens, graduated seniors and parents. The Youth Ministry is preparing three special Friday nights of discussing **TOUGH TOPICS** to help you give witness to the Faith in today's culture! The dates and topics will be : **July 21st** - Marriage and Same Sex Attraction, **August 11th** - Abortion, and **August 18th** - Planned Parenthood. These nights will take place in the Parish Hall from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The night will include pizza and snacks, formation, and role playing. Parents are encouraged to attend (and required for junior high youth.) For more information please contact Liz Crnkovich at: crnkfam@gmail.com.

James Clement

703-356-7916 / jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send all announcements that you would like to have publicized in the bulletin to the following email address: Bulletin@stjohncatholicmclean.org. Please send the text in New Times Roman 11 pt, justified. **Our deadline is Friday, Fourteen days before the bulletin date.**

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO ST. JOHN

For your convenience sign up for the Faith Direct Offertory program. www.faithdirect.net our code: VA77

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† Thomas Kiernan †
(beloved father of Trish Williamson)

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



On August 29, 2017
a Special Election will take place
to fill the vacancy for

**MEMBER, AT-LARGE
FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

The candidate filing deadline is June 30.
Please pay attention to this race
and prepare to get involved.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmel Broadfoot	Christopher Katz
Frederick Baumgartner	Dorothy Kottler
Salvatore Calabro	Sharon LeMaster
John Cartelli	Pat Malloy
John Paul Charles Carver	Sue Malone
Virginia Connelly	Carmella Manetti
Sheila Corallo	Patrick McDonough
Elke D'Amico	John F. McLaughlin
Richard DeCorps	Diana Meisel
William Dunne	Bonnie Moran
Joe Elias	Anna Maria Mullins
Tara Flanagan-Koenig	Veronica Nowakowski
Marie Gillespie	Anita Oliveira
Susan Glover	Briner Orillo
Francesca Greco	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Paul Griffith	Patricia Richer
Gayle Grinstead	Shelby Rogers
Edward M. Hallinan III	Thomas Rosa
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...

Jonathan Choo	Michael Shipley
Nicholas Galvan	Kimberly Templar
Harry Griffith	Michael Templar
Bill Jones	Jesus Toledanes
Brendan Murphy	Alex Trujillo
Lynn Partik	Justin White
Greg Redmann	Dr. Paul White