# **MASS INTENTIONS**

## Monday, July 27

6:30 David Obeid †

9:00 Modesto Robles, Jr. †

7:30 Donald P. Libera, Sr. †

### Tuesday, July 28

6:30 Concepcion Reyna

9:00 Hugh Malley †

### Wednesday, July 29

### St. Martha

6:30 Anthony Aglieco †

9:00 Stan Richards †

### Thursday, July 30

### St. Peter Chrysologus, Doctor of the Church

6:30 Suong Lam †

9:00 Elmer J. Danielson †

### Friday, July 31

### St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

6:30 Ralph Smith

9:00 Frank Mandarano †

### Saturday, August 1

# St. Alphonsus Liguori, Doctor of the Church

8:15 George J. Griffin, Sr. †

5:00 Joseph Milford †

# Sunday, August 2

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Lars Degn Nelson†

9:00 Carlos Vieira †

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 Imogene Patrick †

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# HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

# **JULY 2015**

**Politics:** That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

The poor in Latin America: That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

### IN TESTIMONIUM...

"One thing God has said; two things I have heard:"
(Psalm 62,12a)

FALL FESTIVAL.

SAVE THE DATE(S)!



In the meantime, stay cool.

God bless you.

Fr. CJP

#### FROM THE DESK OF THE SEMINARIAN ...

Should we really be nervous and afraid to go to Confession? Well, God "never tires of forgiving, but at times we get tired of asking for forgiveness," which are the beautiful words of Pope Francis. Sometimes we worry about the priest (whether he knows us or not) thinking that we are super evil, weird, crazy, or just plain dumb. We worry that he will yell at us or that we will not be forgiven. However, should we really be afraid of a man? No! It is Christ who meets us in the person of the priest. Moreover, the priest is a person too with his own faults, weakness, and sins. He has to go to Confession too and believe it or not, he has heard it all.

Has it been a long time since your last Confession? Well, if you want to make the priest's day (and be the cause of joy for all of Heaven) then welcome back to the peaceful abode of God's Tribunal of Mercy. Do you want more peace in your life and to wake up feeling genuinely joyful despite all the bad occurrences going on in your life, family, and the world? Then go to Confession with all of your heavy stones of sin and release them into the infinite abode of God's endless ocean of mercy and love — never to be seen or heard of again. Wow! Are you not able to breath better already just by thinking about it? Just imagine how much more so when you go to be free again. It is the hardest things in life that tend to bring about the greatest and most triumphant of results.

You are already guaranteed forgiveness. All you need to do is present all (not just some) of your sins and have a firm purpose of amendment. Hey, God knew all of your sins before He created you and still He chose to give you life. As Pope Benedict XVI said, "Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary." Furthermore, Wisdom 11:24 iterates that God "would not have made anything if you [He] had hated it."

Are you ready to break the strangling chains that have been weighing you down for so long? Jesus Himself is ready to forgive all of your sins and give you a fresh, new beginning by working through the instrument of His priest. All you need to do is go to Confession. It is free and guaranteed to bring you true peace and happiness.

Oremus pro invicem

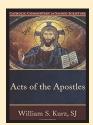
Michael Folmar, Seminarian

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

This Saturday, August 1 the 8:15 a.m. Mass will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotions and Benediction. Come and pray for peace and life.



# SUMMER BIBLE STUDY ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES



### This Monday through Friday, July 27 - July 31

Fr. Pollard and Fr. Sina will be teaching a Summer Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles.

Please bring your own Bible.
The accompanying reading text will be:

Acts of The Apostles by: William S. Kurz, SJ

Each day this week the same class will be offered both in the morning, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., and in the evening, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Teenagers and adults are welcome to attend.

The class will meet in the Adult Ed Room.

Book is available in "The Word" bookstore and at class.

#### 'STABAT MATER' FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

The Secular Institute 'Stabat Mater', whose primary objective is the formation of Christian youth, is conducting a fund raising campaign in our parish this weekend. The benefits will help the group pay their August 8-15 Summer Camp and other programs that 'Stabat Mater' currently organizes in our Diocese. Please, collaborate generously with the Hispanic Youth, that they may become responsible and devoted Catholics.

### INQUIRY CLASSES STUDY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH CONTINUES: SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or would you, a friend or family member like to learn more about the Faith? Join Seminarian Michael Folmar in reading *A Map of Life: A Simple Study of the Catholic Faith* by Frank Sheed. The Inquiry class will continue on Sunday afternoons 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. August 2, and August 9 in the Adult Education Room. For more information and to register, contact the Director of Religious Education Laura Pennefather by email at: lpennefather@stjohncatholicmclean.org or call 703-356-5275 Copies of the book are on sale in "The Word" bookstore and can be purchased at class.

# Saint John Academy Announces

5 Day - Full Day Pre-School (3 year olds) & Pre Kindergarten (4 year olds) Programs

Parents can select morning only, or full school day

Extended Day Available



# **Morning Program**

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

# Afternoon Program\*

12 noon – 3:00 p.m. (Combined 3 & 4 year old class)

\*Must be registered in morning program

Extended Day 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Contact Mary Aquino, Registrar (703) 356-7554 • stjohnacademy.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1
	Bible Study 10:00am-11:30am 7:00pm-8:30pm 7:30pmLatin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsol	<b>Bible Study</b> 10:00am-11:30am 7:00pm-8:30pm	ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm  Bible Study 10:00am-11:30am 7:00pm-8:30pm  6:30pm Confessions 7:30pm Holy Hour	<b>Bible Study</b> 10:00am-11:30am 7:00pm-8:30pm	<b>Bible Study</b> 10:00am-11:30am 7:00pm-8:30pm	8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions

# ST. JOHN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR 2015 CCD

Planning for the 2015/2016 CCD school year is well underway. St. John's Religious Education Office is considering how many teachers will be needed for our Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade programs. To insure accurate planning for this coming Fall, CCD Registration forms for the 2015/2016 School Year have been sent out to all returning families. 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. If you have any questions, or need information, please call 703-356-5275 or email kmj@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

### CCD TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 2015/2016 SCHOOL YEAR

The St. John Religious Education Office is looking for enthusiastic, well-formed catechists and aides for the 2015/2016 School year. If you enjoy working with children and are excited about passing on the faith, please call Laura Pennefather at 703-356-5275 or email her at **lpennefather@stjohncatholicmclean.org**. God bless you for your generous response.

# DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES FOR 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 following 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**. She will be helping with Elder Care and Caregiver Support. Gracie will be able to offer grief counseling, help you access area resources, offer decision-support services, and answer questions.

#### CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY ROSARY BBO

The Confraternity of the Holy Rosary will hold a rosary BBQ at the Knights of Columbus (5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington VA 22207) at **4:00 p.m. on Sun., August 9**. We will pray, then enjoy food and fellowship. Please bring meat for the grill, sides, drinks, desserts, paper plates/napkins/silverware/cups and RSVP to Mike Hajjar at **mikeyh66@aol.com** by August 7 if you plan on attending. New faces are always welcome, so bring a friend!

# **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

#### WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR AND SOCIAL

Every Wednesday we will join the Parish for our Holy Hour from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. After, all rising Freshmen in highschool to rising Freshmen in college are welcome to join us in the youth corner for an ice cream sandwich and hang out time until 9:30 p.m.

### MONDAY NIGHT FUTSOL

All high school students are welcome to attend Monday Night Futsol in the gym from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

#### **Contact Information:**

Kevin Corcoran 703-356-7916 kcorcoran@stjohncatholicmclean.org

# SURPRISING BOOK FACTS

25% of people over age 16 have not read a book in the last year. a

34% of eighth grade students read at a proficient level. b

46% of adults score in the two lowest levels of literacy. °

61% of adults in the two lowest literacy levels live in poverty. °

71% of prison inmates score in the two lowest literacy levels.

Reading frequency declines after age eight. d

Reading one hour per day in your chosen field will make you an international expert in 7 years. °

### INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE



# Our Father: Deliverance from Evil through the Prayer of Christ

Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope Tuesday, July 28 @ 7:30 p.m. St. Ambrose Church Hall 3901 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA 22003

### Reagan, Thatcher & the Pope: The Fall of the Soviet Union

Prof. Rafael A. Madan, J.D. Sunday, August 2 @ 7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Church Hall 8213 Linton Hall Road, Gainesville, VA 20155

# Catholicism, Communism & the Common Good

Prof. Bracy Bersnak Tuesdays, August 4 and 11 @ 7:30 p.m. Holy Spirit Church Hall 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA 22003

#### **ICC Biblical Apologetics Boot Camp**

Rev. Deacon Sebastian Carnazzo, Ph.D.
Saturday, August 8 @ 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
St. Agnes Church Hall
1910 North Randolph Street, Arlington, VA 22207
RSVP required
please email: rsvp@instituteofcatholicculture.org

Director of the Institute: Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo <a href="http://www.instituteofcatholicculture.org/">http://www.instituteofcatholicculture.org/</a>

#### THRIFT SHOP ONLINE AUCTION

Missing great prices at the Thrift Shop? We are doing our first online auction for our wonderful clientele as well as new customers that would like to shop during summer. Check it out at www.FairfaxAuction.net. Go to St John Summer Auction (Renew). For additional information please email: Arlene@RenewEstateServices.com.

# THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH is about to get vummier...

Saturday the 15th of August the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is *not* this year a Holy Day of Obligation, but it *is* a Feast to celebrate!

Come join other parishioners after 5:00 p.m. Mass that Saturday for **BBQ Chicken**.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lindsey Bordelon Andrew Katson Carmel Broadfoot Paul Kemp Salvatore Calabro Sharon LeMaster John Paul Charles Carver Benno Loch Virginia Connelly Jennifer Lyons Sheila Corallo Sue Malone Antonio Castro Carmella Manetti Lastenia Cortavarria Diana Meisel **Edward Cotter** Bonnie Moran Richard DeCorps Veronica Nowakowski William Dunne Mary O'Bryan Joe Elias Anita Oliveira Briner Orillo Sandra Elias Marie Gillespie Dawn O'Scannlain Francesca Greco Catharine Stroemer Fran Green Maureen O'Toole Paul Griffith Mary Pistorino Patricia Richer Gavle Grinstead Shelby Rogers Matthew Grinstead Helen Hargenrader Kathleen Scully **Emily Hazlett** Merle Shannon Agnes Henley Carolyn Steinhoff Mark Johnson Bill Sullivan Carole Kasprzak Mary Warchot



God bless and protect all our military and civilian service personnel whose duty puts them in harm's way. Please pray for all those serving our country, especially from among our family members and parishioners:

Michael Black Harry Griffith Bill Jones Richard Kazunas Brendan Murphy Lynn Partik Michael Shipley Kimberley Templer Michael Templer Jesus Toledanes Justin White Donald Yamamoto Nicholas Galyan