

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 22

6:30 C.J. O'Connell †
 9:00 Kathleen Duffy †
 7:30 Mael Escudero †

Tuesday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

6:30 Mike and Lillian Kuznia †
 9:00 David and Philip Snyder †

Wednesday, September 24

6:30 Clay Williams †
 9:00 Frank Gillespie †

Thursday, September 25

6:30 Mary Green †
 9:00 Nora and Edward McLoughlin †

Friday, September 26

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

6:30 Joseph and Helen Slavinkas †
 9:00 Edward Flood †

Saturday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:15 Pro Life: Terminally Ill
 5:00 Edward and Mary Hallinan †

Sunday, September 28

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Brenda Royden
 9:00 Manuel and Alberto Fernandes †
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Scott S. Patrick

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 9:00 A.M.**

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

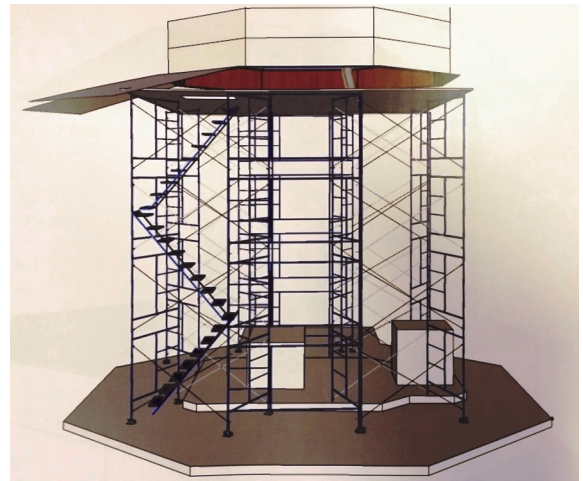
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Mentally disabled: That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.

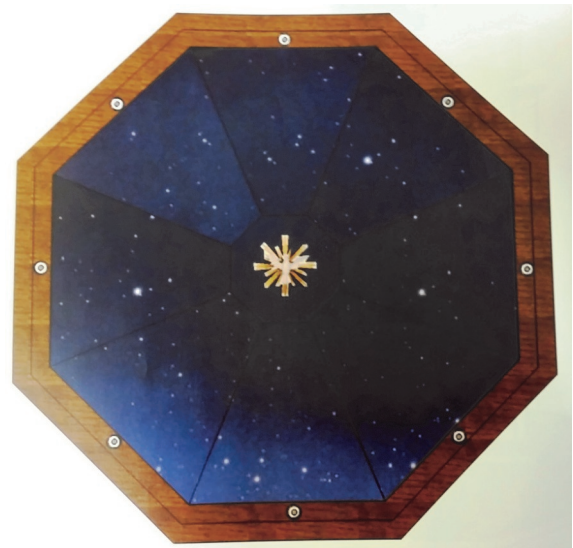
Service to the poor: That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

With the momentum of Fall Festival's smashing success, we can look forward to some more glorious chaos at St. John. The renovation work that I described in the bulletin a few weeks ago is now on the cusp of happening. In the next few weeks I expect work to begin for the dismantling of the white wooden lattice in the church ceiling over the altar. Scaffolding will fill the sanctuary, leaving us with daily Masses taking place in the gymnasium and with Sunday Masses happening amidst an undusty jungle gym of wood and steel:



After several weeks we will be able to look up "into the heavens" and witness the Holy Spirit coming down upon our sacred assembly to bring the presence of God.



If all goes well it should make this year's Confirmation Mass on November 7 all the more memorable.

Come Holy Spirit!

God bless you.

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ARLINGTON WILL BE 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 after the morning Mass beginning **September 25th**. You may reach her at 703-751-4083 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 about Medicare / navigating the health care system. Gracie's eldercare assistance includes helping families with long-distance care giving, providing education on the care giving process, dealing with differences of opinions between siblings, and facilitating work with hospital discharge planners or aides at home. All information shared will be kept strictly confidential.

Gracie Ortiz, originally from Corpus Christi, Texas, has worked in the Washington DC area for more than 20 years. She began working as the Senior Services Director for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington in August 2012. For the nine years prior to coming to Catholic Charities, she worked as the eldercare consultant at Fannie Mae. She previously served as the Social Services Director of a skilled nursing facility in Corpus Christi; Coordinator of Elderly Programs for the Housing Opportunities Commission in Montgomery County, Md.; Program Director for Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services; and Care Manager at the Prince William Area Agency on Aging. Gracie has a Bachelor of Arts in Theology and a Bachelor of Science in Mental Health and Human Services from Franciscan University of Steubenville. She obtained her Master in Social Work degree from Boston College and is licensed to practice in VA, DC and MD. Gracie is passionate about helping to address the needs of seniors, and assisting families to provide the best possible care for loved ones.

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

The Sanctuary Committee is looking for volunteers willing to donate a couple of hours once every 8 weeks on a Friday or Saturday morning to help clean the Church. Putting the Lord's House in order is an unseen, but necessary, service to the parish. Family moves/retirements have cut into our ranks and we are seeking replacement volunteers. The work is light and, because it's *totally for the Lord*, -- very gratifying! If you can give a couple of hours of your time, please call Pat Hermes 703-533-1843 or email: jgh1936@msn.com. We look forward to welcoming you to our Team of Volunteers.

CYO BASKETBALL SIGNUPS

Online signups for CYO basketball are now open. We have teams for each grade from 4th to 8th. Please tell your friends about sign up in case they missed this notice. In order to sign up please go to the Parish web site and click Be an Apostle, Parish Groups, CYO Basketball. Or you can go to <https://sites.google.com/site/stjohnmcleancy/> to register. Signup is open from now through October 15th. You will then be contacted by your coach.

ST. PETER CLAVER SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER OCTOBER 18

Please plan on joining us to celebrate the St. Peter Claver Society's 10th anniversary. The annual family dinner to benefit African orphans will be held on Saturday, October 18, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Children and adults of all ages can enjoy African food and entertainment and at the same time celebrate the parish's successes in assisting needy children since 2004.

LATIN CLASSES FOR GRADE SCHOOLERS

The successful Latin program for grade school children resumes this month for a 4th year. Help your children build their English vocabulary and appreciate the Latin heritage of the Church. Volunteer Parishioner Jim Thunder teaches Saturday classes at SJA after the 8:15 Mass until 9:30 a.m. To register or for more information, please send an email to Thundergroup@alumni.nd.edu

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PRAYER CHAIN

You are invited to become a member of the St. John Prayer Chain. It is an e-mail group of several hundred souls dedicated to praying for the intentions of the parish, especially for the sick, for our school families and for all of our loved ones. Prayer requests are sent by the coordinator via email, sometimes several a day, as they are received along with suggested prayers for each intention. To join this digital community of prayer, please send your e-mail address to the distribution list at StJohnPrayerChain@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org

ST. JOHN SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

Most of the Sunday homilies are recorded and posted on the parish website within a day or two. To see the growing collection of homilies go to the parish website at: www.stjohncatholicmclean.org and then click on "Sunday Homilies" in the side bar under "Quick Links".

COFFEE & DONUTS

After the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses St. John's Mothers Group will host. Thanks to the members of the St. John's Spiritual Reading Group for hosting last Sunday.

THRIFT SHOP

Please come in to check out our fantastic end of summer bargains as well as new fall merchandise. Also stop in to see our newly expanded gallery of artwork, frames, and photos. Don't forget-we have Halloween costumes and decorations, too! Shop opening hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information please call 703-356-7420.

SEW & SO FORTHS

Sew & So Forths is our parish sewing group and we invite new members to join us on Mondays after Mass. We meet in the Dodi Reagan Room. We will also be glad to accept items you have made for baby layettes if you cannot attend our Monday meetings. For more information please call Gladys Brennan at 703-821-2547. Come join us!

THE FAITH DIRECT OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS

For your convenience we have introduced a way to support our parish offertory and second collections through direct debit deductions from your bank account. You can also use a credit card; this enables parishioners to accumulate points or air miles. To enroll online visit www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is VA77. This is a secure website.

OUR LADY'S MISSIONARIES OF THE EUCHARIST RETREAT NOVEMBER 7-9

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist (OLME) invites you to a special retreat: *A Time Apart With Jesus to Grow In Your Spiritual Life*. The retreat will be on the weekend of November 7-9 at the Ave Maria Retreat in Doylestown, PA. The retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-Founder of OLME and EWTN Host of "Eucharistic Journey". This retreat includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer, and much more. For more information contact Kathy Carroll at 703-241-5282 or khc1505@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING A SILVER OR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

The Office for Family Life will host the **2014 Marriage Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More on Sunday, October 19th at 2:30 p.m.** This event publicly acknowledges and expresses gratitude for couples in the diocese of Arlington who are celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary *this 2014 calendar year*. Please contact the Parish Office at 703-356-7916 to register.

Bishop Paul S. Loverde will be the principal celebrant and homilist, and will preside over the solemn renewal of marriage vows. Commemorative certificates will be given out in Burke Hall at the reception following the Mass. Bishop Loverde will be available for pictures with the couples commemorating this blessed event.

Duc In Altum

✧ YOU ARE INVITED ✧

INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE
5th Anniversary Celebration

9/28/14


Sunday, September 28, 2014
3 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon

At the home of
Rafael Madan, ICC Board Director
3010 Rose Creek Court
Oakton, Virginia 22124

*Please RSVP by Sunday,
September 21, 2014*



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 21	SEPTEMBER 22	SEPTEMBER 23	SEPTEMBER 24	SEPTEMBER 25	SEPTEMBER 26	SEPTEMBER 27
	9:45am Sew&SoForth		ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm 	5:30pm Confiteor		8:45am Confessions
	7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion	8:00 pm Hoops	6:30pm Confessions 7:30pm Holy Hour 8:30pm Futsal			3:30pm Confessions



SJA STILL HAS A FEW OPENINGS FOR THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR!

It isn't too late to join our wonderful parish school! We are celebrating sixty years of spiritual growth, academic excellence, and a wide range of activities that help children develop in all aspects of their growth: from academic competitions, to school sports teams, to dramatic, musical and applied arts. Some grades are full, but we still have room in grades 2,3,6,7 and 8. If you are interested in learning more about our marvelous community, please contact our Registrar: Mrs. Sheila Harrington at sharrington@stjohnacademy.org, or call the Academy office at: 703 356-75554.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2015

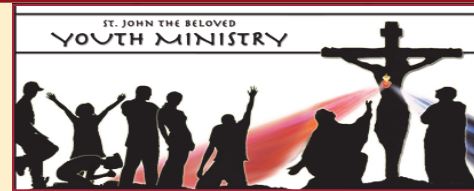
An unprecedented number of 5th and 6th graders attended the first Battle of the Books meeting on September 4th, 2014, to learn more about the 17 books they will read and analyze during this season. In the Spring of this school year, SJA will compete against more Diocesan schools than ever before. Our librarian Barbara Gray will coach returning experienced team members, along with enthusiastic new participants from the 6th and 5th grades, who will also benefit from the assistance of former team leaders: 7th grade counselors Sophia Isacco and Teresa Lyons. With all this talent, SJA has a real opportunity to be the Diocesan Battle of the Books Champions once again – a title we have won four times in the past 14 years, during which time our students we have also come in 2nd on two occasions.

SJA FALL SOCCER SEASON

The Fall season is underway for both girls and boys teams and we are off to a promising season. Stay tuned for more information about home games!

THANK YOU TO OUR OFFICE STAFF

As we end our first five weeks of school, SJA would like to thank the two women whose cheerful, tireless work throughout the summer and into the new school year, has helped us welcome new students, new families, and a few new teachers and staff, as well as navigate new computer systems and new computer equipment. In the midst of all this newness, thank you to Gracia Escudero and Sheila Harrington, for maintaining their long term senses of humor, balance and guidance!



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT KICK-OFF PART 2!!

The epic battle mentioned last week occurs tonight! Meet outside the gym. Please note that tonight and all following nights Youth Nights for the year will be from 6-8:30 p.m.

CHANGE TO SJB YOUTH MINISTRY

Starting next week, the 28th, we will begin each night with a Bible Study from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. This study will be based off of the Gospel of Matthew and is intended to really get to know who Jesus is. For example, did you think that he went to school? Or had an accent? What was his diet? What did he really say and do during those three years? How is the last Supper tied to the Crucifixion?

Then from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. we will transition into a community night. We, as a group, will decide the activity which might be discussing a hot topic, playing dodge ball or games, watching a video and discussing, or just plain hanging out. Teens are welcome to come for a single section of the night or both parts!

Missionaries of Charity trips will begin the second Saturday of October.

THEOLOGY CLASSES FOR TEENAGERS

Fr. Pollard is teaching a Religion Class for Freshmen and Sophomores, focusing on apologetics and other topics. The class is intended for homeschoolers as well as those are not getting sufficient religion education in school. The class will be structured with homework, tests and grades but teens are welcome to drop in throughout the year if a particular topic interests them. It will take place on Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Adult Ed Room in three distinct sessions. The next session is on September 25th. A schedule will be publicized shortly.

RCIA CLASSES

All Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to audit the RCIA classes for a more in depth learning of the faith. These classes are held in the Adult Ed Room from 7:00 to 8:00 on Monday nights with questions to follow. The topic for the 22nd is "God of the Philosophers."

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DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

RISK JESUS '14 – A DIOCESAN EVANGELIZATION CONFERENCE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27



Join Bishop Loverde at Hylton Memorial Chapel in Woodbridge on September 27 for a unique opportunity to deepen your faith and invite a friend who is searching. Former atheist Jennifer Fulwiler and Anglican convert Fr. Dwight Longenecker will address the concerns of those who identify as “former Catholics” and “Nones” (no religious affiliation), as well as strengthen the faith of practicing Catholics. Tickets are \$25, with the option for a second ticket at no cost and additional tickets at \$10 each. For info. or register, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/riskjesus.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 24 through November 2, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Falls Church Healthcare Center on 900 S. Washington Street and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information or would like to volunteer please contact Ruby Nicdao at: 703-795-2216 or email: ruby40daysforlife@gmail.com. You can also visit the website at: www.40daysforlife.com/fallschurch.

ABORTION RECOVERY RETREAT FOR WOMEN OCTOBER 4

A one day abortion recovery retreat for women: A Day of Prayer will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2014. This retreat is a safe place to renew and rebuild hearts broken from abortion. It offers a confidential environment where you can begin the process of healing. For more info or to register please email: info@helpafterabortion.org, or call: 888-456-4673 visit: www.helpafterabortion.org.

MARRIAGE HELP-RETRouvaille

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. For confidential information about how to register for the program beginning the weekend of October 24th call: 703-351-7211 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com

CATHOLIC NEWS ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

Get the latest up to date news on local parish activities, Catholic schools and the latest happenings with Pope Francis and the Vatican delivered to your inbox. Please visit bit.ly/ACHnewsletter to sign up.

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



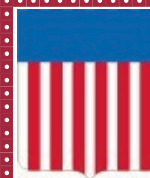
Election Day is approaching on November 4.

Virginia voters will elect one of their two U.S. Senators and their U.S. Representative. **Your vote is important. Have you registered to vote?** The deadline to register and make changes to current voter registration is October 14.

Please register to vote, change your registration, or find out what are the new voter identification requirements for in-person voting at www.sbe.virginia.gov.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Silvia Armijo	Mark Johnson
Carmel Broadfoot	Andrew Katson
Salvatore Calabro	Margaret Kemp
Polly Cedar	Sharon LeMaster
John Paul Charles Carver	Jennifer Lyons
Virginia Connelly	Pat Malloy
Sheila Corallo	Carmella Manetti
Antonio Castro	Peg McKeown
Lastenia Cortavarria	Diana Meisel
Edward Cotter	Franklin P. Michels
William Dunne	Shimaayi Muntemba
A. John Falk, Jr.	Veronica Nowakowski
Marie Gillespie	Mary O'Bryan
Francesca Greco	Briner Orillo
Fran Green	Maureen O'Toole
Paul Griffith	Mary Pistorino
Gayle Grinstead	Concepcion Reyna
Edward M. Hallinan III	Patricia Richer
Donald Hanrahan	Shelby Rogers
Helen Hargenrader	Mary Rouse
Emily Hazlett	Leslie Rouse
Agnes Henley	Carolyn Steinhoff
Soledad Ibar	Mary Warchot
David Johnson	



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:

Robert J. Elliott	Michael Shipley
Chuck Fogle	Kimberley Templer
Harry Griffith	Michael Templer
Bill Jones	Jesus Toledanes
Richard Kazunas	Justin White
Brendan Murphy	Donald Yamamoto
Lynn Partik	