

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 5

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Alice Z
9:00 Matthew Joseph Clarke †
7:30 Marlene Bowman †

Tuesday, March 6

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Mary Elizabeth Bergen
9:00 Frederick Baumgartner †

Wednesday, March 7

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

6:30 Betty Ann Hall
9:00 Frederick Baumgartner †

Thursday, March 8

Saint John of God, Religious

6:30 Dr. Joseph Evers †
9:00 Maria Corazon Aleta †

Friday, March 9

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

6:30 Annie Kuruppu †
9:00 Alo Karnbrook †

Saturday, March 10

Lenten Weekday

8:15 Simon O'Connell †
5:00 Dr. Enrico Davoli †

Sunday, March 11

Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 Frederick Baumgartner †
9:00 Maureen and Terry Hurley
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Lt. Gen. James A. Williams

THE SCHOOL MASS IS FRIDAY, MARCH 9 AT 9 A.M.

The Order of Malta, NoVa Region, invites individuals (and companions) with illness or physical/mental challenges to a Mass and Anointing of the Sick with Bishop Michael Burbidge on March 17 at 11 a.m. in St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Lunch will be served to all attendees after Mass. Please contact Laura Mead, DM (703-280-1122 or RSVPAnointingMass@gmail.com) with your information.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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...

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

Study also to guard against and to overcome the faults which in others very frequently displease you. Make the best of every opportunity, so that if you see or hear good example you may be moved to imitate it. On the other hand, take care lest you be guilty of those things which you consider reprehensible, or if you have ever been guilty of them, try to correct yourself as soon as possible. As you see others, so they see you.

How pleasant and sweet to behold brethren fervent and devout, well mannered and disciplined! How sad and painful to see them wandering in dissolution, not practicing the things to which they are called! How hurtful it is to neglect the purpose of their vocation and to attend to what is not their business!

Remember the purpose you have undertaken, and keep in mind the image of the Crucified. Even though you may have walked for many years on the pathway to God, you may well be ashamed if, with the image of Christ before you, you do not try to make yourself still more like Him.

The religious who concerns himself intently and devoutly with our Lord's most holy life and passion will find there an abundance of all things useful and necessary for him. He need not seek for anything better than Jesus.

If the Crucified should come to our hearts, how quickly and abundantly we would learn!.

A fervent religious accepts all the things that are commanded him and does them well, but a negligent and lukewarm religious has trial upon trial, and suffers anguish from every side because he has no consolation within and is forbidden to seek it from without. The religious who does not live up to his rule exposes himself to dreadful ruin, and he who wishes to be more free and untrammelled will always be in trouble, for something or other will always displease him.

How do so many other religious who are confined in cloistered discipline get along? They seldom go out, they live in contemplation, their food is poor, their clothing coarse, they work hard, they speak but little, keep long vigils, rise early, pray much, read frequently, and subject themselves to all sorts of discipline. Think of the Carthusians and the Cistercians, the monks and nuns of different orders, how every night they rise to sing praise to the Lord. It would be a shame if you should grow lazy in such holy service when so many religious have already begun to rejoice in God.

Peace.

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED LENT 2018



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 from 10 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 pm (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 <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30E0E44AEA72DA4FD0-lenten>. Thank you!

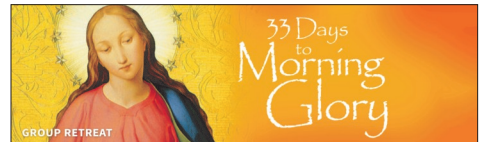
This Lent consider participating in a Lenten Reflection Series offered through FORMED:



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

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.

INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE WINTER 2018 SCHEDULE



Desert Fathers of Alexandria

Kenneth Howell, Ph.D.

Tuesdays, March 6 @ 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. ET

Live Webinar: www.instituteofcatholicculture.org/events

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

Even though very little is known of St. Joseph's life from the words of Sacred Scripture, we do know details from the early tradition of the Church. Join us as we explore his mysterious life and discover the true St. Joseph as he was known to the first Christians.

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 (3/4)

Continues tonight from 6:15-8:15 pm. Faith topic will be Defining the Human Person with a fun social activity to follow. Food and drinks provided! Friends are always welcome!

CONFITEOR CLASS (3/5)

We continue Monday, March 5 at 4:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed Room. Open to all HS Freshmen and Sophomores.

RCIA CLASS (3/5)

We continue Monday, March 5 at 7:00 pm. In the Adult Ed Room. Open to all HS Juniors and Seniors.

LENTEN RETREAT (3/10)

Last chance to sign up is today! Calling all 7th-12th graders! Join us for our Lenten Retreat "Stop, Drop, and Listen", Saturday Mar 10 from 8:30-4:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The day will include talks, opportunity for confession, Mass, adoration, and exploring the various chapels within the Basilica. Cost is free! Please RSVP to:

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 8, 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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10
Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit 8am-6pm 10:30am CCD 4:00 Vespers 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	3-5pm SJB Soccer Club	2:15pm Stations 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:30pm Stations	8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions



SAINT PATRICK & SAINT JOSEPH COOK-OFF CHALLENGE



**CALLING ALL IRISH
CALLING ALL ITALIANS!!**



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>

HAVE YOU BEEN CONFIRMED?

If you are 16 years of age or older and have had the Sacraments of Baptism, First Penance and First Holy Communion in the Catholic Faith, but have not yet been Confirmed, please come to the Adult Confirmation Classes being held in the St. John Academy library on four Thursday evenings in March at 5-6pm. The first class is scheduled for March 8, 2018. Please contact Laura Gomes, as soon as possible, by emailing her at lgomes@stjohncatholicmcclean.org or by calling the Religious Education office at 703-356-5275 if you plan to attend.

THE LAETARE BENEFIT

The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge and the members of the Host Committee cordially invite you to a benefit for the Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery in Linden, VA. Please join us for a reception, dinner, and angel auction on Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 5-8pm at the Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA. Seating is limited. RSVP by March 7, 2018. Tickets are \$160 each, if purchased by March 1 (\$175 each after March 1). To purchase tickets online through Faith Direct visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/1429>. For more information, please contact: friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CARDS IN THE NEW PRAYER MINISTRY STAND

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 Gethsemane
- 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING PRAYER CAMPAIGN

From February 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. 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 at 900 S. Washington Street. St. John the Beloved prays on Thursdays and Saturdays. If you would like more information – and especially if you want to volunteer to pray for an hour each week, please contact: Andrea DelVecchio at aldelvecchio75@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.



YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL ON ANY DAY! This is the time of year to think about enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact Mrs. Mary Aquino, at (703) 356-7554, or at maquino@stjohnacademy.org, to make an appointment for a tour!

SJA MUSICAL GODSPELL WILL BE PERFORMED ON MARCH 9TH AND 10TH Mark your calendars for the SJA Musical Godspell, which will be performed the evenings of Friday March 9th and Saturday March 10th, on the Parish Hall/School Cafeteria stage!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SJA ALUM SCHUYLER WORKMASTER! Schuyler, a talented artist and junior at Bishop O'Connell, won the Arlington County decal contest with her beautiful painting of the Arlington waterfront. Her painting will appear on 160,000 Arlington windshields! Schuyler has been a finalist for the past two years as well. Well done!

SJA ALUMNI APPEARING IN MANY HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS AND OTHER MUSICAL PERFORMANCE GROUPS We are proud of our SJA Alumni who received outstanding foundations in Middle School musicals, Treble and Advanced choirs, Advanced and Honor bands, who are appearing in Catholic School musicals and performing groups all throughout the area! Jacob Wells will appear in Gonzaga's *Beauty & the Beast* March 9, 10, 16 & 17, 2018 at 7:30pm; March 11 & 18, 2018 at 2:30pm. Jeannette Lundberg is in the cast of Bishop Ireton's *The Addams Family*, March 9, 10, 16, 17 at 7:30; March 11 at 2:00 pm. Stay tuned for other updates!

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 6 - INFORMAL GATHERING - There is no presentation. Returning Catholics and CCD parents are invited to gather in St. John's Teacher's Lounge to socialize.

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. Our guest speaker will help us come to know and learn from this singular person in Church history.



THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

The Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem closed on Sunday until further notice. Edwin Cardinal O'Brien, Grand Master of Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, announced: "In a rare and desperate initiative to keep Christian life alive in the Holy Land, Christian Churches leaders have decided to close the doors the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to protest the Municipality of Jerusalem's systematic campaign against the churches and the Christian community in the Holy Land. Betraying international treaties and centuries of practice, all Christian properties, except churches themselves, are being taxed tens of billions of dollars. This includes hundreds of agencies, including Christian schools, hospitals, homes for the needy, health care facilities, and pilgrimage centers such as the Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem. Many church assets are being frozen, fines threatened, and hundreds of thousands of dollars seized from Christian churches in an effort that will severely curtail Christian freedom of practice." Offer prayers in light of this further evidence of Christian discrimination and... bring these anti-Christian discriminatory actions to the attention of government leaders.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmel Broadfoot	Christopher Katz
Mary Elizabeth Bergen	Dorothy Kottler
Salvatore Calabro	Sharon LeMaster
John Cartelli	Sue Malone
John Paul Charles Carver	Carmella Manetti
Virginia Connelly	Cristina Marques
Sheila Corallo	Diana Meisel
Elke D'Amico	Bonnie Moran
Richard DeCorps	Veronica Nowakowski
William Dunne	Anita Oliveira
Joe Elias	Briner Orillo
Tara Flanagan-Koenig	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Susan Glover	Patricia Richer
Francesca Greco	Shelby Rogers
Paul Griffith	Thomas Rosa
Edward M. Hallinan III	Avery Schaeffer
Jack Halpin	Merle Shannon
Arnold L. Harrington III	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...

Robert Ayala	Robert B Smolar
Jonathan Choo	Michael Shipley
Nicholas Galvan	Kimberley Templer
Harry Griffith	Michael Templer
Bill Jones	Jesus Toledanes
Brendan Murphy	Alex Trujillo
Lynn Partik	Justin White