

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 19

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Marilyn Rothfus †
9:00 Jeannette McGann †
7:30 Thomas Carney †

Tuesday, February 20

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Robert Madden †
9:00 Helen and Louis Hargenrader †

Wednesday, February 21

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Robert Winters
9:00 Jeanette McGann †

Thursday, February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

6:30 Patricia Reinhardt †
9:00 William Smart †

Friday, February 23

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Peter Abbruzzee
9:00 Kristin Crouch and Family

Saturday, February 24

Lenten Weekday

8:15 Christa Karnbrock
5:00 Charles Dawson †

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 Fred Baumgartner †
9:00 Linda Sheehey †
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Russ Gnau †

**THE SCHOOL MASS IS
FRIDAY, FEB. 23 AT 9:00 A.M.**

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† **Mary Quetsch** †

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 2018

Universal: Say "No" to Corruption: That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption

IN TESTIMONIUM...

"Meditation on Death" continued
The Imitation of Christ, Chapter 23
by Thomas á Kempis
(c. 1380 – 25 July 1471)

Do not rely on friends and neighbours, and do not delay the salvation of your soul to some future date, for men will forget you sooner than you think. It is better to make timely provision and to acquire merit in this life, than to depend on the help of others. And if you have no care for your own soul, who will have care for you in time to come? The present time is most precious; now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2) It is sad that you do not employ your time better, when you may win eternal life hereafter. The time will come when you will long for one day or one hour in which to amend; and who knows whether it will be granted?

Dear soul, from what peril and fear you could free yourself, if you lived in holy fear, mindful of your death. Apply yourself so to live now, that at the hour of death, you may be glad and unafraid. Learn now to die to the world, that you may begin to live with Christ. (Romans 6:8) Learn now to despise all earthly things, that you may go freely to Christ. Discipline your body now by penance, that you may enjoy a sure hope of salvation.

Foolish man, how can you promise yourself a long life, when you are not certain of a single day? (Luke 12:20) How many have deceived themselves in this way, and been snatched unexpectedly from life! You have often heard how this man was slain by the sword; another drowned; how another fell from a high place and broke his neck; how another died at table how another met his end in play. One perishes by fire, another by the sword, another from disease, another at the hands of robbers. Death is the end of all men (Ecclesiasticus 7:2) and the life of man passes away suddenly as a shadow. (Psalm 38:7; 143:4)

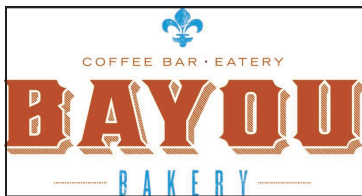
Who will remember you when you are dead? Who will pray for you? Act now, dear soul; do all you can; for you know neither the hour of your death, nor your state after death. While you have time, gather the riches of everlasting life. (Luke 12:33; Galatians 6:8) Think only of your salvation, and care only for the things of God. Make friends now, by honouring the Saints of God and by following their example, that when this life is over, they may welcome you to your eternal home. (Luke 16:9)

Keep yourself a stranger and pilgrim upon earth, (I Peter 2:11), to whom the affairs of this world are of no concern. Keep your heart free and lifted up to God, for here you have no abiding city. (Hebrews 13:14) Daily direct your prayers and longings to Heaven, that at your death your soul may merit to pass joyfully into the presence of God.

Peace. Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

A HUGE THANK YOU...

...to David Guas for saving the day when 30 gallons of our gumbo spilled on the parking lot on its way to our Mardi Gras party. One phone call to David and within two hours it was all replaced by his kitchen at Bayou Bakery. Wow!



Please thank him with your business at 1515 N. Courthouse Rd, Arlington, VA 22201. <http://www.bayoubakerydc.com>

TODAY IS SHARE SUNDAY

Our monthly collection provides crises intervention for families in McLean and parts of Falls Church. In addition to food, monetary donations are greatly appreciated for emergency assistance with rent, utility and medical bills or car repairs - there is a bucket in the van outside to collect cash or checks payable to St. John with "Share" in the memo line. Share also accepts donations for basic items such as mattresses, tables, computers, monitors, keyboards, and clothing (new underwear for adults and children always needed.) To arrange furniture donations, please call 703-448-1054 (volunteers needed for furniture delivery.)

CURSILLO - MORNING OF REFLECTION

All Cursillistas in the Diocese of Arlington are invited to a Lenten Morning of Reflection on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 8:15 am - 12:30 pm, in the St. John the Beloved parish hall. Our Spiritual Director will be our pastor, Fr. Pollard. You are invited to bring a breakfast treat to share; coffee and juice will be provided. Please RSVP to Freddie at 703-356-5706 or wallflower64@gmail.com Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enhance your Fourth Day and spiritual journey in Lent.

THE VATICAN EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

The Vatican Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles will be hosted by St. John the Beloved Parish from March 2 thru 4. The exhibit consists of illustrations and detailed descriptions - in English and Spanish - of more than 120 Eucharistic miracles that have occurred all over the world dating as far back as the 900's. Originally compiled by Servant of God Carlo Acutis, a teenager from Italy who died in 2006, the depictions provide unique confirmation of the True Presence in the Eucharist. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Teitelbaum at sharontei@yahoo.com or Pat Molineaux, Pmolineaux@aol.com.

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED LENT 2018



Friday Soup Suppers

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday Evenings
(beginning February 16)

Volunteers needed, please see bulletin announcement 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)

FORMED

A Lenten Encounter with Mercy
4-week video series and reflection with Fr. Sina
5 pm Sundays of Lent (except March 11)

Marian Retreat - Total Consecration to Mary
2 pm Saturdays of Lent
Adult Ed Room with Fr. Pollard

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

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour on Sunday, February 25, 3-4pm in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Angels Church, 13752 Mary's Way, Woodbridge. We hope you can join us to pray for world peace through the conversion of souls.

INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE WINTER 2018 SCHEDULE



Desert Fathers of Alexandria

Kenneth Howell, Ph.D.

Tuesdays, February 20, 27, & 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

NO SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT (2/18)

No Youth Night tonight due to President's Day.

Enjoy the weekend with your family and friends!

NO CONFITEOR CLASS (2/19)

We will continue on the 26th.

NO RCIA CLASS (2/19)

We will continue on the 26th.

LENTEN RETREAT (3/10)

Calling all 7th - 12th graders! Join us for our Lenten Retreat "Stop, Drop, and Listen" on Saturday Mar 10th 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 and transportation will be provided! . Deadline to sign up is Sunday Mar 4th to James Clement.

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: Feb 15, 22; Mar 1, 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
February 18	February 19	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24
10:30am CCD 4:00 Vespers No Youth Night	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 4:30pm No CCD 4:30 pm No Confiteor 7:00pm No RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsal	7:00pm CCD 7:00pm-WCH 8:00pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm  Confessions Hourly 10:00am-6:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour		 2:15pm Stations 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:30pm Stations	 8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions

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.

WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME

WCH is a special ministry dedicated to Catholics who are considering returning to practicing 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.

February 20 - Eucharistic Miracles

St. John the Beloved will host a three-day presentation in the Gym from March 2-4 on Eucharistic Miracles. The history and scientific verifications will be presented for over 150 of such miracles. Two WCH volunteers have organized this event and will give us a preview. Come and learn about Eucharistic Miracles and why the Church carefully examines and protects the Body and Blood of our Lord that manifest themselves in visible form from time to time.

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.

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



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!

EUCHARISTIC 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWME) WEEKEND

“The kingdom of God is at hand.”

As we begin Lent, let us try to bring the kingdom of God to our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are: Mar 2-4, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

SEPARATED? DIVORCED? WIDOWED???

The Rebuilding Program sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office for Family Life helps people of all faiths who are separated, divorced, or widowed and want to move on with their lives. The nine week program starts Sunday, February 25th and meets Sunday evenings 5:30 - 8:00 PM at the St. Martin De Porres Center in Alexandria. Topics include adaptation, grief, anger, self-worth, openness, love, and relatedness. For more information email facilitator@copingerebuilding.com, visit us on the web at <http://www.copingerebuilding.com> or call us at 703-596-2673.

SENIORS' CLUB

“Come one; come all to our next gathering on Monday, Feb 19. Brenda Wehle, awarding winning actress, will share her reflections on her work on Broadway and off. Ms. Wehle’s extraordinary career spans over 40 years. Take this special opportunity to learn about the struggles, challenges, and opportunities that an actor experiences and how she faces them. Visit Brenda’s website at (www.brendawehle.com or <http://m.ibdb.com/person.php?id=423811>) to get your questions ready!! Please mark your calendars and bring a friend. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following 11:30 Mass for those who wish to attend. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the parish office at 703.356.7916 by Friday, Feb 16. Those who arrive without reservations are welcome but, unfortunately, we cannot offer them lunch. The suggested donation is \$15.00 per person to be collected at the door. For further information or if you would like a ride to the luncheon please call Phil at 703.356.9788.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Join your St. John family in the parish hall for a delicious, meatless meal Fridays during Lent before Stations of the Cross. Dinner is 6-7:20pm (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!

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



*But if thine enemy be hungry, give him to eat:
if he thirst, give him to drink:
for doing this, thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head.
Be not overcome by evil,
But overcome evil by good.
Romans 12, 20-21*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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



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