

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, July 6

6:30 Cody Carroll †  
 9:00 Michel Struelens †  
 7:30 Leslie Allen Rouse III†

## Tuesday, July 7

6:30 Michel Struelens †  
 9:00 Michel Struelens †

## Wednesday, July 8

6:30 Helen Hull Hitchcock †  
 9:00 Pauline O'Boyle †  
 & Thompson Family

## Thursday, July 9

6:30 Gwen Tierney †  
 9:00 Joseph O'Boyle †  
 & Thompson Family

## Friday, July 10

6:30 Gwen Tierney †  
 9:00 Marguerite Albert †

## Saturday, July 11

### *St. Benedict, Abbot*

8:15 Suong Lam †  
 5:00 Lou D'Addio †

## Sunday, July 12

### *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 Connie Resio†  
 9:00 Fred Willis †  
 10:30 People of the Parish  
 12:00 Stanislaw & Witold Lempicki †

## 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...

How many times as of late have you been asked about same-sex marriage, homosexuality, contraception or abortion? Probably not often because most of your neighbors and friends probably know where you stand... or at least I hope they do. Have you been invited recently by someone to a wedding that won't begin a marriage by virtue of one of the two being already married and only divorced or both of them being the same sex? That might be more frequent than we imagine. How often are you involved in a conversation that turns toward something sinful? Are you left worrying about how to say something or how to extricate yourself?

First of all, don't be an accomplice. As your conscience grinds through the circumstances and what they demand of you, be mindful of how one participates in an becomes guilty of the sin of another person.

CCC1868 Sin is a personal act. Moreover, we have a responsibility for the sins committed by others when we cooperate in them:

[We sin through another person's actions]

- by participating directly and voluntarily in them;
- by ordering, advising, praising, or approving them;
- by not disclosing or not hindering them when we have an obligation to do so;
- by protecting evil-doers.

1869 Thus sin makes men accomplices of one another and causes concupiscence, violence, and injustice to reign among them. Sins give rise to social situations and institutions that are contrary to the divine goodness. "Structures of sin" are the expression and effect of personal sins. They lead their victims to do evil in their turn. In an analogous sense, they constitute a "social sin."

CCC2286 ...They are guilty of scandal who establish laws or social structures leading to the decline of morals and the corruption of religious practice, or to social conditions that, intentionally or not, make Christian conduct and obedience to the Commandments difficult and practically impossible..

Lastly, are you hesitant to talk in a public setting about a controversial topic even to a like-minded friend but within earshot of strangers? Don't be. Christian morality is normal and should not hide.

Be proud of your Faith in Jesus Christ!

God bless you!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

**FROM THE DESK OF THE SEMINARIAN...**

We can learn a great deal from those who have given their unconditional service in our armed forces; especially, in their honorable brotherhood. We are able to celebrate freedoms that we take for granted because of those who sacrificed themselves, their very lives, so that we could live better lives. If you have ever watched *Band of Brothers*, you can recall that they stuck together with each other in boot camp and then throughout the war – even when times got pretty ugly. With Jesus, He had been warning His apostles that He was going to die, but it never really sunk in to them. What did our Master say? “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here and watch with me.” He needed them to be brothers to Him.

I think another way to illustrate sticking together, as well as leadership, is in *We Were Soldiers*. In this movie Mel Gibson’s character is the first one off, and the last one back on, the military helicopter when they go into battle. Like one of the Marine’s slogans: Leave no man behind. Well, for us it is “leave no soul behind.” It really should give you peace to know that in the spiritual war we are fighting, we have each other’s back no matter what. Due to this, you will definitely try harder because you know that if you should slip and fall, your brothers will catch you. That is why there is strength in numbers, because you help and support each other.

This is why we need to pray, make sacrifices, and give of our time and gifts to one another. Moreover, this is how we have each other’s back. We are all in this battle of life together and just as God is a trinity of persons and not one person in isolation, we were created to exist with others. So, we find our happiness in serving and giving of ourselves to and for others. Our Lord is the King of Sacrifice, in which He sacrificed His very self. This was not only during His passion when He suffered and died for us, but also throughout His whole life; even during His hidden life when He was growing up. We need to do this as well if we are one day to dwell with Him forever in heaven. Do not be afraid to give God your time and talents. He will multiply them abundantly. All we need to do is put in what we have - even if it is only “two small coins.”

Overall, we need to stick together like our heroes in our armed forces that have come before us. Christ is our head and we are His body, which makes us truly one. May God bless America; especially, our military. A special thank you to all those who have served, as well as those who continue to serve, our country!

*Oremus pro invicem*

Michael Folmar  
Seminarian



**PANEL DISCUSSION ON:  
PAPAL ENCYCLICAL *LAUDATO SI'***

**SUNDAY, JULY 19**

Parish Hall

5:00 p.m.

Join Fr. Pollard and Fr. Sina for a panel discussion on the papal encyclical *Laudato Si'* at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 19 in the Parish Hall.

**INQUIRY CLASSES  
STUDY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH  
STARTING SUNDAY, JULY 12**

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 be held on Sunday afternoons 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. on July 12, July 19, August 2, and August 9 in the Adult Education Room. For more information and to register, contact the Director of Religious Education Laura Pennefather at [lpennefather@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto: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.

**SUMMER BIBLE EDUCATION SERIES  
JULY 27 TO JULY 31**

Beginning on Monday, July 27 Fr. Pollard and Fr. Sina will start an intensive summer bible education series that will focus on *The Acts of the Apostles* for teenagers and adults. There will be parallel morning and evening sessions to accommodate work schedules. Morning classes will be offered at 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and evening classes at 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Room that Monday thru Friday.

**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](mailto: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.

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

After the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses St. John’s CURSILLO will host Coffee & Donuts.

**ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY SUMMER BREAK**

July and August are vacation months for the dads who gather with Fr. Pollard on the third Friday of every month to pray the rosary, drink, eat pizza and talk about the Catholic life. There are two rules: dads must be practicing the Faith and they may not come just because their wives told them to do so. If you would like more information or want to add your or someone else's email address to the distribution list, please send a note to Father Pollard at [cpollard@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org](mailto:cpollard@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org).

**OVERHANGING PROBLEMS**

As you can see, the covered walk in front of the Church is on its last legs. John Balint has been heroically patching and repairing the structure. But it will need to be replaced sooner than later. Two years ago it was evident that it would not last very long but this summer's storms have precipitated its demise beyond anyone's expectations. Thank you for your patience as this project gets underway. Contractors have already been contacted.

**CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY ROSARY  
ROSARY COOK-OUT ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**

The Confraternity of the Holy Rosary will hold a Rosary Cook Out at EDW Council, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington VA at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 9 for prayer, 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](mailto:mikeyh66@aol.com) by August 7 if you plan on attending. New faces are always welcome!

**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](http://www.masstimes.org).

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

For your convenience sign up for the Faith Direct Offertory program. [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) our code: VA77

**SJA AWARDS FOR GRADUATING CLASS**


We are proud of our recent 8th grade graduating class. Special recognition goes to the following students: St. John's Academic Excellence Award: Elizabeth Capretta; St. John's Character Award: Grace Coster; St. John's Service Award: Kara Kissinger; President's Gold Award for Academic Excellence: Jason Shephard; and President's Silver Award for Educational Achievement: Julia Shawkey. First Honors All Four Quarters went to: Elizabeth Capretta, Grace Coster and Jason Shephard. Second Honors All Four Quarters went to: Adie Baban, Maggie McDonough, Olivia Pope and Schuyler Workmaster. Congratulations to our graduates for an outstanding year.

**ST. JOHN ACADEMY GRADUATES HEAD TO  
AREA HIGH SCHOOLS**

St. John Academy graduates were accepted into the following high schools: Gonzaga College High School, The Hill School, Langley High School, McLean High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, and Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School.

**ST. JOHN ACADEMY 2015 -2016  
STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS**

St. John Academy students elected the following student council officers for the next school year: President – Harrison Digges; Vice President – Cal Begeny; Secretary – Theresa Lyons; Treasurer – Nick Busekrus; Vice President of Communications – Aine Coyne; Vice President of Middle School – Connor Richardson; Vice President of Elementary School – Annie Newton. We have a great team in place to lead our school next year.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11
	7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsol	8:00 pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am–7:30pm  6:30pm Confessions 7:30pm Holy Hour			8:45am Confessions  3:30pm Confessions



# July 11–12 second collections for St. Anthony Children's Village Preschool



**Please support the St. Peter Claver Society,** which will donate all proceeds to the St. Anthony's Preschool. Please make checks out to St. John the Beloved, with St. Peter Claver Society on the memo line. The children thank you for your continued support.

The Zambian government has approved St. Anthony's preschool, provided it meets government standards. Thus, their preschool teacher, Miss Anita, must complete early childhood development training; and they must purchase specific books and educational materials. Sisters Philomena and Lucia have sent the St. Peter Claver Society a proposal asking for \$3,800 (\$1500 for tuition and \$2,300 for educational materials). SPCS will send all proceeds of the July 11–12 second collections directly to St. Anthony Children's Village's Preschool.

**Please be generous, these children need our help!**



ST. PETER CLAVER SOCIETY  
for African Orphans

## PLEASE HELP SPCS SUPPORT THE ST. ANTHONY CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

*Donations can also be made at the parish office  
or mail to:*

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church  
6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

### SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

Youth Nights have concluded for the summer. We will resume in September.

### WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR AND SOCIAL

Every Wednesday we will join the Parish for their 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. There will be no Holy Hour on June 24<sup>th</sup> due to Diocesan WorkCamp.

### 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.

### CAMPING WEEKEND

Join us for a fun weekend of camping from July 24-26 at Fr. Pollard's Cabin in Fort Valley. Cost is \$25 to offset food. Boys and girls will be sleeping at a distance about 200 yards from each other with a cabin, adults, and tall grass in between. Permission form due by Sunday, July 19th. Additional tents will be needed. Activities include games, hiking, prayers, watering hole, and bon fire. We will leave late Friday afternoon and return Sunday morning. Arrangements can be made for those going to the Qou Vadis Camp.

#### Contact Information:

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## VOCATION PRAYER

**“My grace is sufficient for you,  
for power is made perfect in weakness.”**

If you think you may be called to serve Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, consider the measure of God's mercy you will give and receive. Call Father J.D. Jaffe at 703-841-2514, or send an email to:  
[j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org)

## THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



Have you come close to an accident at the bottom of the back driveway? Have you seen how often cars travel through the main church parking lot so as to avoid the traffic light and how fast they drive? For the sake of traffic safety a proposal is being considered: installing speed bumps at the entrance and exit to the bottom parking lot and back driveway. We may even resume closing the bottom parking lot except for weekend Masses. If you have further suggestions, please share them with Fr. Pollard.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lindsey Bordelon	Agnes Henley
Pierre Bretault	Mark Johnson
Carmel Broadfoot	Andrew Katson
Salvatore Calabro	Carole Kasprzak
John Paul Charles Carver	Paul Kemp
Virginia Connelly	Sharon LeMaster
Sheila Corallo	Jennifer Lyons
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
Sandra Elias	Briner Orillo
Charles Fogle	Dawn O'Scannlain
Marie Gillespie	Maureen O'Toole
Francesca Greco	Mary Pistorino
Fran Green	Patricia Richer
Paul Griffith	Shelby Rogers
Gayle Grinstead	Kathleen Scully
Matthew Grinstead	Merle Shannon
Edward M. Hallinan III	Carolyn Steinhoff
Helen Hargenrader	Bill Sullivan
Emily Hazlett	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	Michael Shipley
Harry Griffith	Kimberley Templer
Bill Jones	Michael Templer
Richard Kazunas	Jesus Toledanes
Brendan Murphy	Justin White
Lynn Partik	Donald Yamamoto
	Nicholas Galvan