

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 16

Easter Weekday

6:30 Fr. Christopher Pollard
 9:00 James Senson
 7:30 John Cianflone †

Tuesday, April 17

Easter Weekday

6:30 Marguerite Conrad †
 9:00 Fr. Paul Scalia

Wednesday, April 18

Easter Weekday

6:30 Mary Brindley †
 9:00 Leonard Brothers †

Thursday, April 19

Easter Weekday

6:30 Ann Stansberry †
 9:00 Fr. Franklyn McAfee

Friday, April 20

Easter Weekday

6:30 James Gordon †
 9:00 Fr. Gary Selin

Saturday, April 21

Easter Weekday

8:15 Teru Hinata †
 5:00 Marlene Bowman †

Sunday, April 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 Frederick Baumgartner †
 9:00 Ludmilla Druther Kukuvka †
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Helen and Thomas McGuire †

**THE SCHOOL MASS IS
 FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 9:00 AM**

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† Chuck Conaty †

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

APRIL

Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

This past Monday, as we celebrated the transferred Solemnity of the Annunciation, the Holy See published an Apostolic Exhortation entitled *Gaudete et Exsultate*. Pope Francis describes it not as “a treatise on holiness, containing definitions and distinctions helpful for understanding this important subject, or a discussion of the various means of sanctification” but as an opportunity to “repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities”. In 177 short paragraphs the Holy Father reflects on aspects of the call to holiness in the modern world. He points out the pitfalls of Gnosticism and Pelagianism, highlights the necessity of grace, expounds on the Beatitudes, emphasizes the Lord’s teaching on the separation of the sheep and the goats, details some characteristics of holiness such as perseverance, patience, meekness, joy, humor, boldness, passion, community, constant prayer and concludes with a warning about the real activity of the devil and the danger of lethargy:

158. The Christian life is a constant battle. We need strength and courage to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel. This battle is sweet, for it allows us to rejoice each time the Lord triumphs in our lives.

164. The path of holiness is a source of peace and joy, given to us by the Spirit. At the same time, it demands that we keep “our lamps lit” (Lk 12:35) and be attentive. “Abstain from every form of evil” (1 Thess 5:22). “Keep awake” (Mt 24:42; Mk 13:35). “Let us not fall asleep” (1 Thess 5:6). Those who think they commit no grievous sins against God’s law can fall into a state of dull lethargy. Since they see nothing serious to reproach themselves with, they fail to realize that their spiritual life has gradually turned lukewarm. They end up weakened and corrupted.

165. Spiritual corruption is worse than the fall of a sinner, for it is a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism and other subtle forms of self-centredness, for “even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light” (2 Cor 11:14). So Solomon ended his days, whereas David, who sinned greatly, was able to make up for disgrace. Jesus warned us against this self-deception that easily leads to corruption. He spoke of a person freed from the devil who, convinced that his life was now in order, ended up being possessed by seven other evil spirits (cf. Lk 11:24-26). Another biblical text puts it bluntly: “The dog turns back to his own vomit” (2 Pet 2:22; cf. Pr 26:11).

To read the rest, click on bit.ly/PopeFrancisCallToHoliness
 Ciao!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

St. John the Beloved 2018 Annual Retreat

40 Hours Devotion The Holy Eucharist: Life of the Saints

May 6 - May 8



featuring

Fr. Noah Morey

Parochial Vicar
All Saints Catholic Church
Manassas, VA.

Sunday May 6

4:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Solemn Vespers with Spiritual Conference

Monday, May 7

9:00 a.m. Mass with Spiritual Conference
7:00 p.m. Solemn Vespers with Spiritual Conference

Tuesday, May 8

9:00 a.m. School Mass with Spiritual Conference
Followed by Eucharistic Procession and Benediction

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

REMINDERS

Deadline to register for BASH (6th - 8th graders) and High School Dodgeball Tournament (9th - 12th graders) is **today** Sunday April 15th. Contact James Clement to register or for more info.

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT (4/15)

Continues tonight Sunday April 15th from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Faith topic for the night will be the Saints of Conversion: Bartolo Longo, Angela Foligno, and Other Saints! We will play Capture the Flag afterwards, weather permitting. Food and drinks provided. Invite a friend. Additionally we will continue to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:00 p.m.

CONFITEOR CLASS (4/16)

Confiteor Class continues this Monday April 16th 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Open to all 9th and 10th graders. Meet in the Adult Ed. Room

WELCOME 6TH GRADERS! (4/29)

Hey 6th Graders! The wait is almost over. The Youth Ministry warmly welcomes you all to join us for our Sunday Youth Nights starting April 29th. If interested in joining, please contact James Clement at jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org. Permission form is needed.

James Clement

703-356-7916 / jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org

SENIORS' CLUB

Our next gathering is on Monday, 16 April. Ms. Matrona Busch and our very own Randy Bordelon will be our guest speakers. Matrona is with Oasis Senior Advisors, a free professional service providing help in finding the "right" senior living community in Fairfax County. Randy is working for Dignity Memorial. He will explain the advantages of pre-planned cemetery arrangements and the steps necessary to do so. Both topics should be of great interest to all. Please mark your calendars and bring a friend. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following Mass which will be said at 11:30 AM 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, 13 April. 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.

**INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE
SPRING 2018 SCHEDULE**



**Acts of the Apostles:
Key to St. Paul**

Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, Ph. D.
Tuesdays April 17 & 24 @ 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Live Webinar, www.instituteofcatholicculture.org/events

Who is St. Paul and what do we learn about him in the Acts of the Apostles? In the series, Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo will help us gain insight into the life of this great Saint and thereby enable us to read his epistles with greater understanding.

**Marvel of Wisdom:
The Life of St. Catherine of Siena**

Christopher Check, President of Catholic Answers
Sunday, May 6 @ 6:00 p.m.
Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.; lecture to begin @ 7:00 p.m. No RSVP required.
Holy Spirit Church Hall, 5121 Woodland Way, Annandale, VA 22003

St. Catherine of Siena is one of the greatest & most controversial figures in the Church. In her 33 years of life, she influenced politics, brokered peace between cities, commanded generals, scolded the Pope, and wrote one of the greatest works of medieval literature; but her sole goal in life was to glorify God.

WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME

April 17 - A Short History of Music and Its Role in the Mass
Guest Speaker, James Senson, St. John's Director of Music, will finish his talk on the history of music. He will discuss the role of music in the Mass and canonical rules, why there music at the Mass, and why there are different kinds of music at different parishes and Masses.

TODAY IS SHARE SUNDAY

Spring Cleaning? Please donate your gently used towels and queen and king sized sheets to Share. Share would also appreciate pre-teen and teen clothing as well as new underwear for all ages. 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.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
(WWME)**

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are: Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Apr 20-22, 2018 in Gaithersburg, MD. 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.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE

The Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington/Falls Church invites you to become a volunteer to take seniors to and from their medical appointments, the pharmacy and grocery store. No specific time commitment is needed. Please call to hear how easy it is to help the Shepherd's Center, at (703) 506-2199 or visit our brand new website at www.scmaf.org. Your help will be greatly appreciated and your life will be enriched!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21
10:30am No CCD 4:00pm Vespers 6:15pm Youth Night	4:30pm CCD 4:30pm Confiteor 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion	7:00pm CCD 7:00pm WCH 8:00pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am – 7:30pm  Confessions Hourly 10:00am – 6:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour		9:00am School Mass	8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions



please join us!

ST. JOHN ACADEMY GALA

Saturday April 28th, 2018, 6:30-10:30 pm
Westwood Country Club, Vienna Virginia

please support our school by:

- Becoming a sponsor
- Attending the event and purchasing a ticket for yourself and a teacher
- Making a donation
- Buying a business or family ad

We Are Looking for 100% Participation

Purchase tickets at BiddingForGood.com/StJohnAcademy

Information and forms can be found online on the SJA website:
stjohnacademy.com or picked-up from the school office

For more information please contact Francessa Cox or Jennifer Jackman
fran@coxpetersen.com or JJackman@wtplaw.com

We look forward to seeing you on April 28th!!

SUMMER THEOLOGY COURSES

Learn more about the Faith by taking a summer course at the Christendom Graduate School! Online courses run from May 14 - August 11. The six-week session for on-campus courses runs from June 25 – August 4. On the main campus at Front Royal we are offering two electives: Theology of Grace and a seminar in Patristic Catechesis, as well as Moral Theology, New Testament, Liturgy & Sacraments, and Virtues. Our special discounted rate makes it easy for catechists, seniors, and religious to audit courses. WE ALSO OFFER SEVERAL OTHER PRE-RECORDED ONLINE COURSES, most of them in Sacred Scripture. For more information, please visit <https://graduate.christendom.edu/>, email us at graduate.school@christendom.edu, or call 703.658.4304.

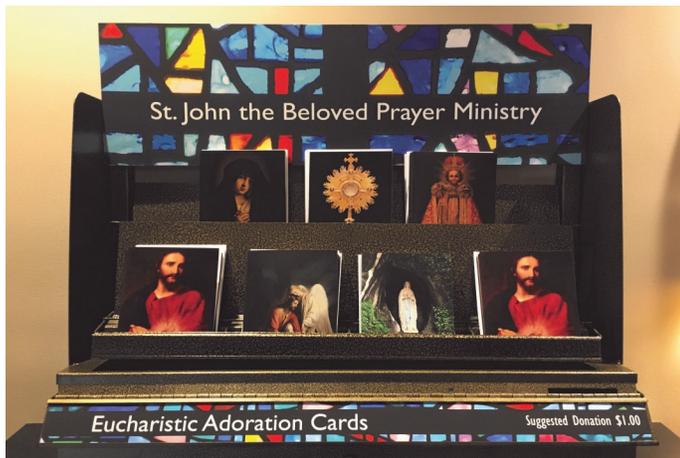
THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



“Catholic schools in our Nation’s education have been paramount in teaching the values that we as parents seek to instill in our children.”

-Joe Baca, American politician

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CARDS



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 and offering that time for the need of a family member or friend. You can then let them know that you were holding them up in prayer by sending a 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.

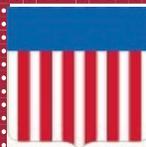
Each card is designed with a beautiful image and meaningful prayer to accompany them in their time of suffering and sorrow as well as in times of peace and rejoicing.

- 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, birth): Eucharist in the Monstrance, Infant of Prague, Madonna and Child

More card options to come! Suggested donation of \$1 to cover printing costs.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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| 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 Wyslomerski |



God bless and protect all our family members and parishioners who are serving in the military and civil service for our defense, especially...

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| 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 |