

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 13

Easter Weekday

6:30 Warson Lamtenzan †

9:00 Paul Woods †

7:30 Stephen T. Bailey †

Tuesday, April 14

Easter Weekday

6:30 Kristen Keating †

9:00 James Wayne "Buddy" Russell †

Wednesday, April 15

Easter Weekday

6:30 Francis J. Fitzpatrick †

9:00 Pasqualino Riccio †

Thursday, April 16

Easter Weekday

6:30 Fred Willis †

9:00 Rosemary Christie †

Friday, April 17

Easter Weekday

6:30 Harry De Vanney †

9:00 Mary Del Carpio †

Saturday, April 18

Easter Weekday

8:15 Mary Beth Riordan

5:00 Fr. Christopher Pollard

Sunday, April 19

Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 Barbara Riordan †

9:00 Jose & Alicia Marques†

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 Gene Bailey †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, AT 9:00 A.M.**

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

APRIL 2015

Creation: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Persecuted Christians: That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

"Peace be with you!"

Among the last details of Easter Sunday recorded in Sacred Scripture is Our Lord's visit to some of the Apostles as described by St. John in the twentieth chapter of his Gospel.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, **"Peace be with you."** ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, **"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."** ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, **"Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."**

Long before Pope St. John Paul II assigned the title "Divine Mercy Sunday" to the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church observed the last day of the Easter Octave with a particular focus on the Lord's mercy shown on the Day of the Resurrection and a week later. On Easter He gave the Apostles the authority to forgive any sins. The Apostles in turn conveyed that sacred power to bishops and priests. In the Sacrament of Confession we encounter the same Jesus who a week after Easter appeared again to the Apostles, with whom this time was "Doubting" Thomas. But the Sunday's Gospel does not end there. It continues at verse 26 to recount what happened a week later.

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, **"Peace be with you."**

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, **"Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing."**

Since our parish has resumed the sign of peace at Mass, now that the Easter season has begun, please consider sacred gesture as the message of the Risen One. When the priest or deacon invites you to "offer each other the sign of peace" remember that it is the peace you have received from the Lamb of God through His priest that you convey to another. The instructions for the Mass instituted by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002 make clear that the sign of peace of the faithful be done "in a sober manner" and that the priest remain in the sanctuary. Moreover "while the sign of peace is being given, one may say, 'Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum' (The peace of the Lord be with you always), to which the response is 'Amen'." The implication is that words are not necessary. That's sobering. The gesture is not prescribed. At your next Mass observe how the priest exchanges peace with the sacred ministers... and it might evoke images of Jesus and Thomas.

May God bless you with His peace.

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SCHEDULE



3:00 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Confessions

3:00 p.m.

Homily by Br. John McCusker, O.S.B.

3:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Benediction

EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN

Sponsored by

St. John the Beloved Women's Council

2014-15 Series

*"Friends of God... Begin Heaven on Earth
with a Life Rich in Prayer"*

Monday, April 13, 2015

Come Holy Spirit...the Cenacle Prayer

by:

Fr. Paul Scalia

7:00 p.m. Social

7:30 p.m. Talk in the Parish Hall

RSVP to: womenseveningsofreflection@gmail.com

SENIORS' CLUB MONTHLY GATHERING MONDAY, APRIL 20

Our next event will be on Monday, April 20 when our guest speaker will be our very own Father Sina. He will speak to us about his extraordinary journey from his profession as a lawyer to the priesthood. All of us at St. John's are so blessed that he said yes to our Lord's invitation. Please come hear Father Sina share his journey with us. Mark your calendars and bring a friend. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following Mass which will be said at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the parish office at 703-356-7916 by Friday, April 17. If you forget to RSVP, please contact Phil Wehle over that weekend at 703-356-9788 to reserve your place for lunch. **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.

WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Welcoming Catholics Home is an apostolate at St. John the Beloved to assist those who are considering returning to practicing their faith as members of the Catholic Church. We hold weekly gatherings on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 -8:00 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge at St. John Academy to discuss topics we hope will be helpful to this journey back to the Church. We will not meet during Easter Week. Our next gathering will be on April 14th, when we will consider how to read the Bible, including *lectio divina*, and use the Catechism. Please encourage your friends and family members who may be pondering this step in their lives to join us for wine and appetizers on Tuesday, April 14th.

SHARE SUNDAY APRIL 19TH

Next Sunday, April 19th, we will be collecting canned goods and clothing to support Share of McLean. Pantry items most needed this month are: sugar, rice, mayo, coffee, tea, chunky chicken soup, toothpaste, soap, laundry soap, 100% juice, cereal, tuna, diapers, wipes. Cash or checks payable to St. John with Share in the memo line are greatly appreciated for emergency assistance with rent, medical bills, utility bills or car repairs. Share also distributes essential furniture items such as mattresses, dressers, sofas, tables, lamps, etc. To arrange furniture donations, please call the furniture hotline at 703-448-1054. Thank you for your continued support.

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES 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.

ARE YOU A CAREGIVER LOOKING FOR SUPPORT

Caring for a loved one can be a very isolating experience, especially for those who have limited help or are the sole caregiver. It can also be very stressful, physically and psychologically. Gracie Ortiz, Director of Senior Services for Catholic Charities of Arlington is looking to see if there is enough interest to start a Caregiver Support Group at St. John's this spring to help you meet the challenges of providing care short-term or long-term. We would appreciate your input. Please call Gracie at 571-970-8734 or e-mail Gracie at gortiz@ccda.net if you are interested in participating in a Caregiver support group once a month on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR WEEK OF GRACES SUMMER PROGRAM: JUNE 22-26 "OPENING THE DOOR OF FAITH"

Children ages 5-12 are invited to share in a blessed week of crafts, songs, skits, prayers, graces and special experiences designed to help them to grow in the knowledge of their Faith. The Week of Graces will be held from June 22 – June 26, 2015, at St. John Academy from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. The cost is \$75 for one child, \$125 for 2 children and \$175 for 3 or more. For more information please email: kmj@stjohncatholicmclean.org or call 703-356-5275.

COFFEE & DONUTS

After the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses the St. John's Knights of Columbus will host Coffee & Donuts.



ST. JOHN ACADEMY ALUMNI WIN ESSAY CONTEST

St. John Academy alumni were winners in the *Arlington Optimist* essay contest, writing on the topic, "Optimism Should Be a Priority." Caitlin Mea placed first and Katie Katz placed third. Both Caitlin and Katie are students at Bishop O'Connell High School. They were honored by the Optimist Club of Arlington on March 18 at a luncheon at the Washington Golf and Country Club. Congratulations to our former students!

CONGRATULATIONS TO TOMMY DANNENFELSER



Eighth grader Tommy Dannenfelser will represent St. John Academy at the Diocesan Spelling Bee. He also qualified for one of 100 spots from throughout the state of Virginia to compete in the National Geographic Statewide Geography Bee, held at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia. Great job Tommy!

PIRATES COME TO ST. JOHN ACADEMY

Ahoy mates! *The Pirates of Penzance, Jr.* will be presented by the St. John Academy Middle School on Friday, April 17th and Saturday April 18th in the school cafeteria. Join the fun as a band of swashbuckling pirates set hearts aflutter with their high seas hijinks. You'll be humming the score all the way home!

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for the 2015 St. John Academy PTO Gala! The annual event will be held on Saturday, May 2, from 6:30 – 11:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club of Arlington (Knights of Columbus). This year's event will feature a Las Vegas themed Casino Night.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 	9:45am Sew&SoForth 7:00pm Reflections 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion	7:00pm WCH 8:00 pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am–7:30pm  6:30pm Confessions 7:30pm Holy Hour 8:30pm Futsol			8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions



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FROM NOTHING TO COSMOS:

GOD AND CONTEMPORARY SCIENCE

Friday

APRIL 24th

7:00 pm — 8:30 pm

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church

6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101

Talks Held in the Parish Hall—All are welcome — Free of charge

The Presenter:



Trained by nationally known author, philosopher, and theologian Fr. Robert Spitzer S.J. Ph.D., Karlo Broussard works as a full time apologist and speaker for the Magis Center of Reason and Faith giving lectures throughout the country in the areas of intellectual evangelization. He is a skilled apologist and adult catechist with experience in radio and television broadcasting, conference speaking, biblical seminars, audio publications and magazine articles. Karlo holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology from Catholic Distance University as

well as a Master of Arts in Theology with a concentration in catechesis and evangelization from the Augustine Institute in Denver, Colorado. He is currently enrolled in the Master of Arts Philosophy Program at Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

Youth Groups resumes tonight with our Bible Study from 6:00 to 7:00 and guys vs. girls Jeopardy from 7:00 to 8:30.

THEOLOGY CLASSES FOR TEENAGERS

Classes will resume this Thursday, April 16^h from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

RCIA CLASSES

Upcoming topics for the Monday night RCIA classes from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., open to Juniors and Seniors, are:

April 13: Review of Confession & Penance: Intro to Religious Life & Monastic Life

April 20: Review of Virtues, Beatitudes & Commandments: Introduction to "Introduction to the Devout Life"

WORKCAMP MEETING

Our monthly meeting will tonight at 5:15 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH BASH

The Diocesan BASH is an event for all 6-8 graders in which we gather for a day of inflatables, pizza, ice cream, talks, confessions, and mass with other Junior High kids from around the Diocese. The event is on Saturday April 25th from 2:30 to 10:00 p.m. Forms, found online, and \$10.00 payment due Sunday, April 19th. Parent help will be needed for chaperoning and driving. If the group becomes large enough, arrangements for drop-off and pick-up at Paul IV HS (location event) will be made.

JUNIOR HIGH WORKCAMP INTEREST MEETING

This year, we are teaming up with five other parishes in our Deanery for our first annual Junior High WorkCamp. This will be a daylong camp running the week of July 13th – 17th at St. Agnes Parish open to rising 7th through rising 9th graders. Teens will be participating in yard work, maintenance work, and assistance at such places as senior citizen communities. Cost is \$100 and covers breakfast and dinner. There will be a parent interest meeting on Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Dodi Reagan Room (Gym Building).

Contact Information:

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THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



Did you read about the Catholic Bishops Conference of Indiana promote the Religious Freedom Restoration Act? Did you see sponsors of the law fail miserably in explaining its purpose to the public? Ryan Anderson and Ed Whelan will discuss the recent Indiana law and examine what the future holds for religious freedom in the US at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13 at the Catholic Information Center in DC.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anita Oliveira	Karen Jezierski
Salvatore Calabro	David Johnson
Polly Cedar	Mark Johnson
John Paul Charles Carver	Andrew Katson
Virginia Connelly	Paul Kemp
Sheila Corallo	Sharon LeMaster
Antonio Castro	Jennifer Lyons
Lastenia Cortavarria	Pat Malloy
Edward Cotter	Carmella Manetti
Richard DeCorps	Diana Meisel
William Dunne	Bonnie Moran
Joe Elias	Shimaayi Muntemba
Sandra Elias	Veronica Nowakowski
Marie Gillespie	Mary O'Bryan
Francesca Greco	Briner Orillo
Fran Green	Maureen O'Toole
Paul Griffith	Mary Pistorino
Gayle Grinstead	Patricia Richer
Mathew Grinstead	Shelby Rogers
Edward M. Hallinan III	Mary Rouse
Helen Hargenrader	Kathleen Scully
Emily Hazlett	Carolyn Steinhoff
Agnes Henley	Bill Sullivan
Soledad Ibar	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:

Nick Fogle
Harry Griffith
Bill Jones
Richard Kazunas
Brendan Murphy
Lynn Partik

Michael Shipley
Kimberley Templer
Michael Templer
Jesus Toledanes
Justin White
Donald Yamamoto