

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 27

Weekday

- 6:30 Henry Spinella †
9:00 Marvin Marengo †
7:30 Ryan Zuber

Tuesday, February 28

Weekday

- 6:30 Joseph Jurgielewicz, Sr. †
9:00 Carmen Lomeli

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 Edward Hernan †
9:00 Elsa Ochoa †
12:00 People of the Parish
4:30 Meredith Faw †
7:30 Connie Seymour

Thursday, March 2

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 Monique and Gustave Caron †
9:00 Cecil Garrison †

First Friday, March 3

Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin

- 6:30 Fr. Juan Pablo
9:00 Alexander Ostrander Burnham †

First Saturday, March 4

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

- 8:15 Nancy Burke †
5:00 Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, March 5

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30 Jane Schneider †
9:00 James Taaffe †
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Peter Porada †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 AT 9:00 A.M.**

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 2017

Comfort for the Afflicted: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

IN TESTIMONIUM...



Temptation on the Mount
Duccio di Buoninsegna (1308-11)



Lent begins this **Wednesday, March 1**. Ashes will be distributed during the 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon (Traditional Latin), 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Masses.

Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation but as always you are encouraged to attend Mass. **It is a Day of Mandatory Abstinence & Fast.**

ABSTINENCE

Is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

FASTING

In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 years, inclusive. On days of fasting, such as Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. You may not eat between meals, but liquids are permitted.

Note: If a person is unable to observe the above expectations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are encouraged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

The special collection on Ash Wednesday, will be for:

**AID TO THE CHURCH
IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY ADORATION

Adoration begins following the 9:00 am. Mass on Friday, March 3rd and continues through the night into Saturday. Please come spend an hour in the presence of Our Eucharistic Lord. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule to ensure adorers are present every hour. Saturday's 8:15 a.m. Mass will be followed by Investiture with the Miraculous Medal, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction.

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED SUNDAY SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

PRAYER AND SACRED HISTORY

Featuring: Fr. John Langlois, O.P.

This Sunday the 26th of February

4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
Admission is free of charge

WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Welcoming Catholics Home is an apostolate at St. John the Beloved that serves those who are considering returning or returning more fully to the Catholic faith. We meet weekly on Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge at St. John Academy. On Tuesday, February 28th we will discuss *Preparation For Lent*. What are the Church's recommended practices for Ash Wednesday and Lent? For additional information please contact us at: welcome@stjohncatholicmclean.org

LOOKING AT HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS?

Consider enrolling your teen in an accredited Catholic Online Academy with live interactive classes taught by highly qualified faculty. Enroll in a single course or full curriculum. Benefits of homeschooling for high school: 1. Teen years are a strategic time to develop family relationships and values that last a lifetime, 2. Individualized and intensive instruction in classical content loyal to the Magisterium, 3. Flexibility and Affordability. Parish families recommend Queen of Heaven Academy (queenofheavenacademy.org), Kolbe Academy (kolbe.org), and others. For more resources see the parish website under "Learn the Faith" and "Educating our Children at Home." For further encouragement, fieldtrips, and friendships there is a local support group, McLean Area Catholic Homeschoolers (MACH). Please contact homeschooling@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

PRO-LIFE NEWS 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia is the Catholic Church's authority on life issues. Last fall he gave the 40 Days for Life Campaign his official endorsement saying "working with all Christians to share the love of Jesus Christ and the Gospel of Life can change hearts and minds. Miracles do happen." PLEASE consider joining the St. John the Beloved 40 Days for Life Campaign of prayer to end abortion which starts on March 1, 2017. To sign up contact Andrea DelVecchio at aldelvecchio75@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED LENT 2017



Friday Soup Suppers

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday Evenings
(beginning March 3)

Friday Stations of the Cross

2:15 p.m. Friday Afternoon
“Stations of the Cross for St. John Academy”
(beginning March 3)

7:30 p.m. Friday Evening
“Way of the Cross”
with Text from Sacred Scripture”
(beginning March 3)

2016 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

Offering hands to serve and hearts to love

This weekend every family in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. If you have already donated through the mail or online or are not able to participate, there will be places to note that on the form. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs, offices and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

Sunday Youth Nights continue tonight Feb 26th from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Open to all 7th - 12th graders. Meet in the Adult Ed. Room. Food, snacks and drinks are provided!

CONFITEOR CLASSES

Continues tomorrow, Monday Feb 27th at 4:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed. Room. Open to all Freshmen and Sophomore aged students.

RCIA CLASSES

Juniors and Seniors are welcome to audit RCIA classes in the Adult Ed. Room this Monday Feb 27 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WORKCAMP HELP

We are in need of adult volunteers for the following positions: Contractor, Evening Security, Homebase Team Members, and Nurses. Must be 25 years of age or older. WorkCamp is Jun 24th - 30th. Evening Security and Nurses are only needed for one day. Contractors do not have to be there the whole week nor do they have to be licensed. Contractors need only to be handy and skilled in home projects. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact James Clement.

WORKCAMP MEETING UPDATE



Next WorkCamp Meeting is Tuesday Mar 14 at 7:00 p.m. Note that the location has changed. We will be meeting in the Convent at St. Agnes instead of here at St. John's.

James Clement

703-356-7916 / jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org

COFFEE & DONUTS

After the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses St. John Academy PTO will host Coffee & Donuts. Thanks to the members of the St. John's KOC for hosting last Sunday.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4
10:30am CCD 4:00pm Conference 6:00pm Youth Night	4:30pm CCD 4:30pm Confiteor 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsal	7:00pm CCD 7:00pm WCH 8:00pm Hoops	ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass 12:00 Noon Mass 4:30pm Mass 7:30pm Mass		FIRST FRIDAY  2:15pm Stations 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:30pm Stations	FIRST SATURDAY  8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions

Sacred Music at Saint John the Beloved

If you are interested in joining us, please contact James Senson at jamesenson8@gmail.com.

Saint John the Beloved Parish Choir

A volunteer choir that sings twice a month for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass with rehearsals at 8:15 a.m. Singers must be practicing Catholics willing to sing Gregorian chant and polyphonic music. Lessons on how to sing chant are provided during rehearsals. Prior musical training is encouraged and an audition is required.

The Choir of Our Lady of Ephesus

A schola of girls (7th-12th grade) that rehearses every Sunday morning 9:15-10:20 a.m. and sings bi-weekly for the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Prior musical experience is encouraged and an audition is required.

Saint Gregory Choir

A choir of professional voices (SATB) who sing regularly for the Extraordinary Form of the Mass at noon on Sundays. Rehearsals are held on some Thursday nights and auditions are required.

The Organ and Instrumentalists

According to Vatican II, "the pipe organ is to be held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument which adds a wonderful splendor to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lifts up man's mind to God and to higher things." (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*) Those who play a string, woodwind, or brass instrument are invited to participate during solemnities such as Christmas and Easter.

Sacred Music Apprenticeship Program

The Sacred Music Apprenticeship Program provides musical and liturgical training for Saint John Academy students and high school students who wish to serve at Mass through their music. The apprenticeship offers two tracks: cantor and organist. In both tracks, students receive regular formal instruction in the theology, history, music and planning of the liturgy as well as practical experience assisting at the liturgy. Graduates of the Apprenticeship will understand their spiritual and practical role in the liturgy, have the training to plan and lead music for the liturgy, and be well-poised to continue further education if they so wish.



Director of Music: Mr. James Senson

Saint Gregory Choir Director: Mr. Andrew Hill

Assistant Music Director/Ephesus Choir: Ms. Elizabeth Black

Saint John Academy Treble Choir: Ms. Maria Starrs

Saint John Academy Advanced Choir: Mrs. Michelle Jacobeen

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS (AGE 16 OR OLDER)

Those Catholics who are high school age (16 or older) or adults wishing to be confirmed, please contact the Religious Education Office at 703-356-5275 as soon as possible. There will be four mandatory Confirmation classes to prepare for the sacrament. Dates of those classes are Thursdays: March 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the St. John Academy library. The Confirmation Mass will be in the Cathedral of St. Thomas More on Pentecost Sunday June 4, 2017 with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER VOLUNTEERRS NEEDED

The Lenten Soup Suppers bring together St. John the Beloved parishioners and friends from 6:00 to 7:20 p.m. on each of the six Fridays of Lent March 3 thru April 7. Volunteers are needed to prepare soup, set-up, serve soup and bread and clean up. Suppers are followed at 7:30 p.m. by Stations of the Cross. To volunteer please call the Parish Office or email: soupsupper@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT SAVE THE DATE; SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 1. The Women's Council, along with Fr. Pollard, will be hosting a morning Lenten retreat. There will be Mass at 8:15 a.m., Confession, full breakfast and social time, talk by Fr. Pollard, coffee break/rosary, second talk followed by Benediction. The event will end around noon. This is a wonderful opportunity for **ALL** the women of the parish to come together and get a little spiritual boost along their Lenten journey! No cost but RSVP's will be required. Keep your eyes posted on the bulletin for more details.

THE LAETARE BENEFIT SUPPORTING THE CLOISTERED NUNS OF ST. DOMINIC'S MONASTERY IN LINDEN, VA

The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge and the members of the Host Committee cordially invite you to attend a benefit for the Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery, located in Linden, VA. Please show your support and join us for a reception, dinner, and *angel auction* which will be held on **Sunday, March 26, 2017** from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Highway, Fairfax, VA. Seating is limited. **RSVP by March 20, 2017.** Tickets are \$160 each, if purchased by **March 1** (\$175 each after March 1). Please send a check payable to *Friends of St. Dominic's Monastery*, 7200 Matthew Mills Road, McLean, VA 22101. For more info. contact: friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com. To purchase tickets online through Faith Direct, please visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/654>

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. (Psalm 51:17)

To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. (Proverbs 21:3)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmel Broadfoot	Christopher Katz
Frederick Baumgartner	Dorothy Kottler
Salvatore Calabro	Sharon LeMaster
John Cartelli	Pat Malloy
John Paul Charles Carver	Sue Malone
Virginia Connelly	Carmella Manetti
Sheila Corallo	Patrick McDonough
Lastenia Cortavarria	Diana Meisel
Edward Cotter	Bonnie Moran
Elke D'Amico	Anna Maria Mullins
Richard DeCorps	Veronica Nowakowski
William Dunne	Anita Oliveira
Joe Elias	Briner Orillo
Sandra Elias	Maureen O'Toole
Marie Gillespie	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Francesca Greco	Patricia Richer
Paul Griffith	Shelby Rogers
Gayle Grinstead	Connie Seymour
Edward M. Hallinan III	Merle Shannon
Helen Hargenrader	Gloribeth Smith
Arnold Harrington	Carolyn Steinhoff
Emily Hazlett	Rita Steininger
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
Jonathan Choo
Nicholas Galvan
Harry Griffith
Bill Jones
Brendan Murphy
Lynn Partik

Michael Shipley
Kimberley Templer
Michael Templer
Jesus Toledanes
Alex Trujillo
Justin White