

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 20

Easter Weekday

6:30 Elena Rusnack †
 9:00 Pat Bilodeau & Son Tom †
 7:30 Stephen A. Bailey

Tuesday, April 21

Easter Weekday

6:30 Steve O'Keefe
 9:00 Teru Hinata †

Wednesday, April 22

Easter Weekday

6:30 Martin Buckman †
 9:00 Michael Poling †

Thursday, April 23

Easter Weekday

6:30 Imogene Lowe Pafick †
 9:00 Howard Meyer †

Friday, April 24

Easter Weekday

6:30 Ed Bomer †
 9:00 Kristen Keating †

Saturday, April 25

Easter Weekday

8:15 Pro-Life Legislators
 5:00 Joanne Gambucci†

Sunday, April 26

Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 Nolin Bilodeau †
 9:00 Alberto & Manuel Fernandes †
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Rev. John Arthur Orr

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
 FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 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.



Misericordiae Vultus

**BULL OF INDICTION
 OF THE EXTRAORDINARY
 JUBILEE OF MERCY**

**FRANCIS
 BISHOP OF ROME
 SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD
 TO ALL WHO READ THIS LETTER
 GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE**

1. Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4), after having revealed his name to Moses as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the "fullness of time" (Gal 4:4), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. Jn 14:9). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God.

2. We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

3. At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church; a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective. The Holy Year will open on 8 December 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Read the rest at bit.ly/FaceofMercy

God bless you

TODAY IS SHARE SUNDAY

A vehicle is available after all Sunday Masses to receive your donated goods. 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, utility and medical bills or car repairs. Share also accepts furniture donations for basic items such as mattresses and tables. To arrange furniture donations, please call the furniture hotline at 703-448-1054.

SENIORS' CLUB MONTHLY GATHERING THIS MONDAY, APRIL 20

Our next event will be this 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. If you forgot to RSVP, please contact Phil Wehle this 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 21 THE "OUR FATHER": FIRST TWO PETITIONS

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. Our next gathering will be on April 21st, when we will consider the prayer Christ taught the Apostles, the Our Father, looking at the first two petitions. We'll consider the last five petitions the following week.

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.

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, May 18, 2015

Silence...The Prelude to Prayer

by: Fr. Franklyn McAfee

7:00 p.m. Social

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

RSVP to: womenseveningsofreflection@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR JUNE 22-26 WEEK OF GRACES SUMMER PROGRAM "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 a.m. – 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.

CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE FRIDAY, MAY 1

Current high school students and their families are invited to Christendom College for Open House on May 1st, your local Catholic college of which St. John Paul II said, "*You are doing a great work for the Church.*" Register online at christendom.edu. Contact Zac Inman with any questions at zinman@christendom.edu or 540-551-9232.

SPCS MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY SALES

On the weekends of **May 2-3** and **May 9-10**, the St. Peter Claver Society will be selling See's Candy, African craft, jewelry and plants. Since SPCS supports orphans who have neither mothers nor fathers, this sale will be repeated in June for Father's Day. All proceeds go to support African Orphans, who need our prayers and funding more than ever. Donations are always welcome. **Your support can make a future possible for an orphan.**

COFFEE & DONUTS

After the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses St. John's Mothers Group will host C&D. Thanks to the members of the St. John's Knights of Columbus for hosting last Sunday.

HOSEA INITIATIVE'S
2nd ANNUAL LIBERATED
with TRUTH CONFERENCE

Shades of Deception

APRIL 25, 2015
ELEVATING THE DIGNITY OF WOMEN
#Hosea4You #ShadesofDeception #ThePromise

2nd Annual Liberated with Truth Conference

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Fairview Marriot
3111 Fairview Park Dr.
Falls Church, VA 22042

Conference: 10am-4pm

Reception: 4pm-6pm

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Judith Reisman

Dr. Judith Reisman is in demand globally for her research and expert witness. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear Dr. Reisman's action plan to restore American culture by Liberating with Truth.

Visit website for details:
www.hosea4you.org

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO WITH FR. WOOTON

Fr. Jerry Wooton will host a pilgrimage to Mexico and Our Lady of Guadalupe from **September 21-27**. Tour includes roundtrip airfare from Washington, D.C., taxes and surcharges, first class/select hotel accommodations, daily breakfast and four dinners. Places that will be visited include: Mexico City* Our Lady of Guadalupe. For more information please contact Fr Wooton at the Parish Office 703-356-7916. Brochures are available in the Parish Office.



ST. JOHN ACADEMY

SJA STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to Rodrigo Borjas, the winner of the 5-6th grade Spelling Bee. Also, congratulations to eighth grader Tommy Dannenfelser who was awarded the Global Citizen Scholarship for a two-week Spanish language immersion summer camp.

SJA SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS


The St. John Academy Science Fair was held March 26-27th. Science Fair winners were: **First Place Honors** – Elizabeth Capretta, Chemistry; Grace Coster, Microbiology; Sophia Isacco, Engineering; Maggie McDonough, Environmental Science; **Second Honors** – Adie Baban, Biochemistry; Cal Begeny, Mathematics; Nick Busekrus, Biochemistry; Kara Kissinger, Biochemistry; Annie Newton, Botany; Olivia Pope, Microbiology; **Third Place Honors** – Teresa Lyons, Chemistry; Paul Kinsella, Engineering; John Maloney, Physics; Connor Richardson, Physics; David Shank, Botany. Congratulations to all of the seventh and eighth grade students on a Science Fair well done.

HONDURAS SHOE COLLECTION

SJA Community Outreach Team will again conduct a shoe drive beginning the week of April 20th. Please save new and gently used shoes, which will go to impoverished, men, women and children in Honduras.

HOLY LAND OLIVEWOOD CARVINGS

Next weekend, **April 25-26** there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in Front of the church. These Carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There is less than 1% now because of the situation. YOU can help support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25
	9:45am Sew&SoForth 11:30am Sr. Mass Luncheon to follow 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsal	8:00 pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm  6:30pm Confessions 7:30pm Holy Hour		7:00pm Cosmos Talk	8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



THE MAGIS CENTER

www.magiscenter.com



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 continues tonight with our Bible Study from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and *"our guys vs. girls bake-off"* from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

THEOLOGY CLASSES FOR TEENAGERS

Class continues this Thurs., April 23 from 5:00 - 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 20: Review of Virtues, Beatitudes & Commandments: Introduction to "Introduction to the Devout Life"

April 27: Open Mic Night for the Newly Baptized & Confirmed

EMMITSBURG & PAINTBALL TRIP

Join Fr. Sina and myself on Saturday, May 2nd for a day of prayer and fun. We'll meet at 7:00 a.m. to head up to Mount St. Mary's where we'll tour the seminary and Immaculate Conception Chapel. After we'll have mass at the seminary chapel before heading to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. We'll then head up to have a self guided tour of Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We'll stop for lunch at Chubby's BBQ before heading to paintballing at Paintball Adventure Park spot. We'll be home between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Please bring money and permission form to the Parish Office by April 19th.

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 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 Tues., April 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Dodi Reagan Room.

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



If you heard about the Catholic theology teacher in New Jersey who lost her job after making public statements critical of homosexuality, you will want to know that she has her job back. Immaculate High School in Somerville, NJ, said this past week that all issues related to Patricia Jannuzzi's employment as "resolved". The reinstatement came not after intervention by the local Church but following an outpouring of public support.

We should be ready for our words to be misconstrued and our good will questioned when we are speaking the truth.

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	Michael Shipley
Harry Griffith	Kimberley Templer
Bill Jones	Michael Templer
Richard Kazunas	Jesus Toledanes
Brendan Murphy	Justin White
Lynn Partik	Donald Yamamoto