

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 24

Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

6:30 Daniel J. Scully †
9:00 Helga Ohmes
7:30 Edy McCormack

Tuesday, July 25

Saint James the Greater, Apostle

Saint Christopher, Martyr

6:30 Kate O'Beirne †
9:00 Jack Crouch †

Wednesday, July 26

Saints Joachim and Anne

6:30 John McGarry †
9:00 James Franklin Norris †

Thursday, July 27

Weekday

6:30 Kate Walsh O'Beirne †
9:00 Donald P. Libera, Sr. †

Friday, July 28

Weekday

6:30 Charles Dawson †
9:00 Victoria Saenz de Tejada

Saturday, July 29

Saint Martha

8:15 Kate Walsh O'Beirne †
5:00 Charles and Rose Digney †

Sunday, July 30

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 John Patrick Donohoe †
9:00 Elmer J. Danielson †
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Eugene Landrun †

**THE SCHOOL MASSES HAVE ENDED FOR THE
SUMMER. THEY WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER**

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS JULY 2017

Lapsed Christians: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

Catholic theology and Church law make a very important distinction between *material* heresy and *formal* heresy. The 1983 *Code of Canon Law* offers the following description of *formal* heresy:

Can. 751 **Heresy is the obstinate denial or obstinate doubt after the reception of baptism of some truth which is to be believed by divine and Catholic faith;** apostasy is the total repudiation of the Christian faith; schism is the refusal of submission to the Supreme Pontiff or of communion with the members of the Church subject to him.

The consequences for these sins against the unity of the Church are detailed elsewhere in the *Code*. Material heresy is not penalized in the same way. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* helps us understand :

Towards material heretics [the Church's] conduct is ruled by the saying of St. Augustine: "Those are by no means to be accounted heretics who do not defend their false and perverse opinions with pertinacious zeal (animositas), especially when their error is not the fruit of audacious presumption but has been communicated to them by seduced and lapsed parents, and when they are seeking the truth with cautious solicitude and ready to be corrected" (P.L., XXXIII, ep. xliii, 160). Pius IX, in a letter to the bishops of Italy (10 Aug., 1863), restates this Catholic doctrine: "It is known to Us and to You that they who are in invincible ignorance concerning our religion but observe the natural law . . . and are ready to obey God and lead an honest and righteous life, can, with the help of Divine light and grace, attain to eternal life . . . for God . . . will not allow any one to be eternally punished who is not wilfully guilty" (Denzinger, "Enchir.", n. 1529). X.

A great many Catholics hold heretical opinions about marriage and the sixth commandment. With the anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* falling on July 25, the Feasts of St. James the Greater and St. Christopher, we would do well to reread the document and reappropriate the wisdom of the Church.

The topic of contraception never came up in my life in high school religion class. As a young Catholic having graduated from a secular college, I was willing to accept all the teachings of the Church, even the ones that I did not understand. It was not until listening to Janet Smith (www.janetsmith.org/) that I came to understand and rejoice in the teaching of the Church on this. You can read her talk "[Contraception: Why Not?](#)" online for free. FORMED/org also has some good resources, especially one by [Jason Evert](#). Even if you accept the teachings of the Church, please spend some time reacquainting yourself with the topic so you can better explain it to others.

God bless you.

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

FROM THE DESK OF THE SEMINARIAN ...

In the sixteenth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus asks Peter “who do you say that I am?” (Mt 16:15). When Peter responds that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” (Mt 16:16), He rewards Peter by declaring that he is to be the rock upon which the Church will be built. Speaking about the Church, Christ proclaims that “the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it” (Mt 16:18).

Traditionally, this passage has been interpreted to show that no matter how hard the forces of evil press the Church, she will stand strong. This does not mean that the Church will never stumble. After all, although she is holy, she is also composed of a people scarred by original sin. It is for this reason that St. Paul declared that “we hold this treasure in earthen vessels” (2 Cor 4:7). Yet while the Church is composed of sinners, it seeks to transform them into great saints. Because of her saints and the holiness of her Founder, her Sacraments, and her teachings, we declare in the creed that the Church herself is holy. In asserting that the gates of Hell will never prevail against the Church, it can rightfully be understood that the Church will never lose her holiness despite the attacks that Satan will throw at her.

While the above traditional understanding of this passage certainly rings true, there is another meaning to this passage which carries at least as much importance for the Church and her future. As has been established, Jesus declared that “the *gates* of the netherworld will not prevail against” the Church (emphasis added). According to the traditional definition, Christ’s proclamation deals with the Church withstanding Hell’s assault. Yet in His proclamation, Jesus mentions the gates of Hell. Gates are defensive measures, intended to stop an attack. Jesus’ declaration, therefore, is an assertion that it is the Church which is on offense, seeking to destroy the forces of evil and sin’s grasp on the world. Christ is proclaiming the impending victory of the Church’s all-out assault on the forces of darkness.

The traditional understanding of Matthew 16:18 certainly holds true. After all, we acknowledge in the prayer to St. Michael that Satan and his evil spirits “prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.” But while Matthew 16:18 reassures us that the Church will stand strong in the face of Satan’s attack, the same cannot be said for the forces of darkness. Therefore, we should not only have confidence in the fact that the Church will survive Satan’s advances, but rather we should also find our hope in the reality that it is Christ’s Church which will storm the gates of Hell and destroy the powers of darkness once and for all.

God bless,
Daniel Reuwer

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

Fr. Pedro Mateo, Pastor of Parroquia Nuestra Senora de Remedios in Azua, Dominican Republic, is a priest of the Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana. Padre Mateo will be preaching at all the Masses this weekend for the annual Mission Appeal.

**INQUIRY CLASSES
STUDY OF CATHOLICISM VIDEO SERIES
CONCLUDES THIS SUNDAY, JULY 23**

The final Inquiry class taught by Seminarian Daniel Reuwer will be this Sunday, July 23 from 4:30 p.m.– 5:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Room. In preparation for the class please view Catholicism Session 8: The Communion of Saints, Session 9: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit and Session 10: The Last Things.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. SINA
NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 5, 2017**

There is still space available to join Fr. Sina on the Holy Land Pilgrimage from Nov. 26 - Dec. 5, 2017. Walk around the little town of Bethlehem, Holy Land, experience Christ’s home in Nazareth, and behold the site of his first public miracle at Cana, where the mother of God beseeched this Son of hers to prolong the wedding feast. Pilgrims on this trip will also breathe in the crisp air rising off the sea of Galilee, and perhaps even kick up the very sands that Peter once sat upon mending his fishing net. Trip itinerary brochures are available in the Parish office and Church vestibule or you can visit JMJ Tours website at: www.JMJtours.com/HolyLand for more details.

VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX PROGRAM

Sign up for St. John the Beloved's Vocations Crucifix Program! It is a wonderful means to foster prayer and devotion among our parish families. The Crucifix reminds each host family that they share in the responsibility to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and marriage. Each family takes the Crucifix home for a week and prays each evening as a family for vocations. Pick up and drop off of the Crucifix are on Sundays following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you are interested, please contact Ann Francis by email at annfrancis1986@gmail.com.

**THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY ROSARY
SUNDAY AUGUST 6**

The Confraternity of the Holy Rosary will meet at Kirsten's house in Old Town Alexandria on Sunday, August 6 at 2:30pm. We will pray, then enjoy food and fellowship. Please bring salad, cheese, and/or a beverage. Please RSVP to Kirsten no later than Friday, August 4 at kirstenobadal@hotmail.com Thanks and hope to see you!

NEW TO ST. JOHN'S? REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR FALL 2017/2018 CCD

St. John's Religious Education Office holds CCD classes on Sundays for Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten age children at 10:30 a.m. (during 10:30 Mass); on Mondays for Grades 1st through 3rd at 4:30 p.m. and on Tuesdays for Grades 1st through 8th at 7:00 p.m. All classes last one hour and are held in the St. John Academy school building. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office, vestibule of the church and in the Religious Education Office. Please fill out the form with all requested contact and registration information and return it with your check to the RE office at your earliest convenience. We will do our best to accommodate your wishes as to class session. Once the class is full however, we may have to put your child into a different session. You have greater choice the earlier you register. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call 703-356-5275 or email kmj@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PRAYER CHAIN

You are invited to become a member of the St. John Prayer Chain. It is an e-mail group of several hundred souls dedicated to praying for the intentions of parish and school families and their loved ones. Prayer requests are sent by the coordinator via email, sometimes several times a day, as they are received along with suggested prayers for each intention. If you would like to pray with us for the intentions of others, please send your email address to StjohnPrayerChain@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org.

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.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO ST. JOHN

For your convenience sign up for the Faith Direct Offertory program. www.faithdirect.net our code: VA77

ST. JOHN ACADEMY IS HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS THIS FALL:



-One opening for a pre-school assistant from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Monday - Friday.

-One opening for an Extended Day assistant K-6 from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.


-One opening for an Extended Day Teacher for Pre-School from 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Please send resume/references at your earliest convenience to: maquino@stjohnacademy.org



**SAVE THE DATE
FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 23 & SEPTEMBER 24**

St. John the Beloved's annual Fall Festival will be the weekend of September 23 & 24 with the same food and fun as always. Please mark your calendars and email jeff.davis8309@gmail.com if you would like to get involved with planning or volunteer at this family fun awesome St. John tradition.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29
4:30pm Inquiry	7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsol	8:00pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm  Confessions Hourly 10:00am-6:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour			8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions

4TH ANNUAL Msgr. T.P. Scannell Cup GOLF TOURNAMENT

supporting St. John the Beloved & Retired Priests of the Diocese of Arlington



New Date!

Friday 1 September 2017

1 p.m. Shotgun Start

Complimentary Cigars

Beverage Cart

Prizes

Dinner

New Location!

Westfields Golf Club

13940 Balmoral Greens Ave

Clifton, VA 20124

www.westfieldsgolf.com

Westfields Golf Club offers a world-class layout situated amongst some of the most picturesque landscape offered in our area. The Fred Couples-designed golf course provides an unsurpassed golfing experience for casual and accomplished players alike.

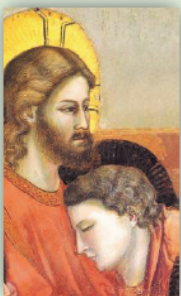
Westfields Golf Club is a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.



**WESTFIELDS
GOLF CLUB**

With no residences lining the links to intrude on the natural beauty of the course or to distract golfers from their game, Westfields offers a truly unique round of golf.

The course is characterized by dense tree-lined fairways, undulating greens and well-placed hazards, yet is more open and playable than might initially appear.



EARLY REGISTRATION before August 1

\$175 per Golfer

\$650 per Foursome

REGISTRATION after July 31

\$250 per Golfer

\$900 per Foursome

Priests and Wounded Veterans play free

Sign Up Online: bit.ly/2017ScannellCup

*St. John the Beloved is grateful to Tuttle Taylor & Heron
for its sponsorship of the T.P. Scannell Cup*



"You are a child of God!"

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

KING'S DOMINION

Today, Sunday July 23rd is the last day to sign up for Diocesan King's Dominion Day! All rising 7th - 12th grade students, graduated seniors, and families are invited to join us for Diocesan King's Dominion Day, this Friday July 28th. Tickets are \$40. Permission form is needed. For more information or for permission form, please contact James Clement or visit the parish website.

T-"Squared" - TOUGH TOPICS

Will continue Friday, August 11th from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Even if you missed the first night, we encourage you to come out to learn how to communicate Church teaching with compassion so that when your friends ask you....you can respond. More details to come.

James Clement
703-356-7916

jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org

CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK OF NOVA

Catholic Business Network of NOVA Arlington invites you to a German Beer Tasting Dinner on Tuesday, July 25th from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Lyon Hall with a talk on *"The Current State of Christianity in the Middle East"* by In Defense of Christians' Executive Director Philippe Nassif. German beers will be paired with selections of Chef Matt Hill's German cuisine. Integrate your work life and faith life while building your professional network! Lyon Hall is located in Clarendon at 3100 Washington Blvd, Arlington, VA 2220. RSVP to: davidcabo@kw.com by July 24th. \$39 for members and \$45 for non-members.

MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

BOY'S SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

Open to boys in Grades: 2nd - 10th

Week 1: July 31 - August 4

Week 2: August 7 - August 11

Sign up online: marymountsaints.com/camps. Questions? Please contact Coach Rogers - hrogers@marymount.edu

COFFEE & DONUTS

No Coffee & Donuts today.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† Sabina Fowler †
(beloved cousin of Bev Hoernig)

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



If you are not going to Milwaukee
then what are you doing on the train?

If you are not open to the birth of a baby,
then why are you...?

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmel Broadfoot	Christopher Katz
Frederick Baumgartner	Dorothy Kottler
Mary Elizabeth Bergen	Sharon LeMaster
Salvatore Calabro	Pat Malloy
John Cartelli	Sue Malone
John Paul Charles Carver	Carmella Manetti
Virginia Connelly	Patrick McDonough
Sheila Corallo	John F. McLaughlin
Elke D'Amico	Diana Meisel
Richard DeCorps	Bonnie Moran
William Dunne	Anna Maria Mullins
Joe Elias	Veronica Nowakowski
Tara Flanagan-Koenig	Anita Oliveira
Marie Gillespie	Briner Orillo
Susan Glover	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Francesca Greco	Patricia Richer
Paul Griffith	Shelby Rogers
Gayle Grinstead	Thomas Rosa
Edward M. Hallinan III	Merle Shannon
Helen Hargenrader	Gloribeth Smith
Arnold Harrington	Carolyn Steinhoff
Emily Hazlett	Bill Sullivan
Agnes Henley	Mary Warchot
Mark Johnson	Marie Wysolmerski
Andrew Katson	



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

Jonathan Choo
Nicholas Galvan
Harry Griffith
Bill Jones
Brendan Murphy
Lynn Partik
Greg Redmann

Michael Shipley
Kimberly Templar
Michael Templar
Jesus Toledanes
Alex Trujillo
Justin White
Dr. Paul White