

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 11

St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

- 6:30 Ilse Pollard †
 9:00 Ann Glennon †
 7:30 Timothy and Kathryn Driscoll

Tuesday, April 12

Easter Weekday

- 6:30 Rev. Franklyn McAfee
 9:00 Rosetta O'Neil Flanagan †

Wednesday, April 13

St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

- 6:30 Kamal Wissa †
 9:00 Dottie Washko

Thursday, April 14

Easter Weekday

- 6:30 Robert Gants †
 9:00 Paul Peeters †

Friday, April 15

Easter Weekday

- 6:30 Franz-Josef Frense †
 9:00 Richard McCarthy †

Saturday, April 16

Easter Weekday

- 8:15 Tina Austria †
 5:00 John Corrigan †

Sunday, April 17

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7:30 Ilse Pollard †
 9:00 Ludobina & Jose Esteves †
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Richard & Erna Bailey †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
 FRIDAY, APRIL 15 AT 9:00 A.M.**

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

April 2016

Small Farmers: That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

African Christians: That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

On Wednesdays and First Saturdays, on Holy Thursday and on Corpus Christ, we gather at the altar to adore Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. When the priest or deacon leads prayers at Exposition and Benediction he is kneeling in front of the altar.

Try to imagine for a moment how it would look and how you would feel if the priest or deacon were to kneel behind the altar at Exposition and Benediction. When I try to image that it seems awkward.

When the priest or deacon is facing the same direction as most of the congregation, is it not clearly symbolic of his leading the Christian people toward God?

Cardinal Ratzinger would agree. In his book *Spirit of the Liturgy* (published in 200 by Ignatius Press) there is a chapter entitled "The Altar and the Direction of Liturgical Prayer". In it he says:

after the Council (which says nothing about "turning to the people") new altars were set up everywhere, and today celebration *versus populum* really does look like the characteristic fruit of Vatican II's liturgical renewal. In fact it is the most conspicuous consequence of a re-ordering that not only signifies a new external arrangement of the places dedicated to the Liturgy, but also brings with it a new idea of the essence of the Liturgy.

Needless to say, he considers the "new idea" to be mistaken. Instead of conceding these changes as permanent he insists:

A common turning to the East during the Eucharistic Prayer remains essential. This is not a case of accidentals, but of essentials. Looking at the priest has no importance. What matters is looking together at the Lord. It is not now a question of dialogue, but of common worship, of setting off towards the One who is to come.

At the same time he suggests (back in the year 2000) that this takes time, admitting that "nothing is more harmful to the Liturgy than constant changes, even if it seems to be for the sake of genuine renewal." His initial suggestion for immediate implementation was the placement of a significant cross in the middle of the altar to serve as a reference point.

The next modest correction that can be taken without any further rebuilding would be for the priest and deacon to stand at the front of the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer, similar to how they lead prayers at Adoration. This is what St. John has been doing on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday for many years. I would like to know your thoughts about our doing that more of the time.

God bless you!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

Fr.Pollard@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org

EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN

*Sponsored by
St. John the Beloved Women's Council
2015-16 Series*

This Monday, April 11, 2016

*With love and kindness towards all
evangelization / this is a true mercy*

by: Fr. Drew Royals

7:00 p.m. Social 7:30 p.m. Talk in the Parish Hall

RSVP to: womenseveningsofreflection@gmail.com

SOLEMN VESPERS ON FIRST SUNDAYS

As of Divine Mercy Sunday this year St. John the Beloved began to celebrate Solemn Vespers in the Church on the first Sunday of each month at 3:30 p.m. Solemn Vespers takes place in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar, usually includes a homily after the reading and always concludes with Benediction. Come join in the official Evening Prayer of the Church.

SENIORS' CLUB MASS & LUNCHEON MONDAY, APRIL 18

Please put Monday, April 18 on your calendar. Our guest speaker, Mr. Charles Molineaux a fellow parishioner and a distinguished lawyer, promises to challenge our views on a critically important topic of global concern today. Charles will delve into Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato Si," highlighting both the joyful and troubling views expressed by our Holy Father. Charles will challenge us all to better understand and appreciate this seminal encyclical on the environment. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the parish office at 703-356-7916 by Friday, April 15. 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.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION PARISH RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday May 1st - Tuesday May 3rd

Retreat Master - Rev. Gary Selin,

Formation Advisor & Professor, St. John Vianney
Theological Seminary, Denver, CO

WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME TUESDAY, APRIL 12

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. Pope Francis recently proclaimed a Jubilee Year of Mercy in which the Catholic Church will seek to immerse itself in receiving the mercy of Christ and then being bearers of the mercy of Christ. On Tuesday, April 12, we will be discussing: ***Finding God...in Silence.*** How can we hear God's still small voice in a world filled with noise? Can creating time for silence in our lives help us find God? How do we listen and hear God in the silence?. For additional information please contact welcome@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Plans are in the works for a very special Corpus Christi celebration to take place on Sunday, May 29, 2016 (Memorial Day weekend). There will be a Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to an outdoor altar in the lower parking lot and then returning to the Church. All parish organizations, SJA students, parish choir and all St. John parishioners are invited to participate. Following the procession, there will be a reception/cookout provided by the Women's Council and the Knights of Columbus. To volunteer please contact Pat Molineaux at: Pmolineaux@aol.com.

CAR RAFFLE UPDATE

We are again participating with All Saints Parish, so each purchaser has a chance to win five 2016 cars and/or \$20,000 in cash prizes! **Please return any purchased or un-purchased tickets ASAP.** You can mail the tickets back, drop the tickets in the collection basket at Church or at the Parish office. Additional tickets are available to purchase at the Parish Office. The drawings will be on Saturday, April 30th. Please contact: John Ganther at: jganther@stjohnacademy.org with any questions.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† Kathy Amish †

† Shirley Scholl †

† Deacon Tom Bello †

† Peter Enghauser †

† Charles Mascialino †

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED 2015-16 SUNDAY LECTURES SERIES

MERCY AND ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Guest Speaker: Rev. Thomas Petri, O.P.

Sunday the 17th of April

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



A NIGHT UNDER THE BIG TOP ST. JOHN ACADEMY GALA

Saturday, April 16, 2016
7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Washington Golf & Country Club
3017 N. Glebe Road
Arlington, VA 22207

Buy your tickets:

<https://www.biddingforgood.com/stjohnacademy/2016>

Unable to join us?

Bid online to support our parish school:

<https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/item/browse.action?auctionId=251589739&grouping=ALL>

ST. JOHN ACADEMY

Fides Scientia Gaudium

CONGRATULATIONS TO GARRETT BROWN

Seventh grader Garrett Brown will represent St. John Academy at the Diocesan Spelling Bee.

OKLAHOMA THE GREAT AMERICAN MUSICAL CAME TO ST. JOHN ACADEMY

Oklahoma! Jr., the "Great American Musical," was presented by the St. John Academy Middle School on Friday, April 8th and Saturday April 9th. Congratulations to cast and crew, especially Mrs. Christine Laird, for this high steppin', rootin' tootin' musical!

ADVANCED BAND RECEIVES SUPERIOR RATING AT BAND FESTIVAL


Congratulations to the Advanced Band for receiving a "Superior" rating at the annual Diocese of Arlington Band Festival. "Superior" is the top rating a band can earn at the event.

SHARE SUNDAY IS APRIL 17

Next Sunday is our monthly Share collection. Share donates to over 350 families in our community each month. Your donations matter – thank you! Standard pantry items to consider: toilet paper, grape or strawberry jelly or jam, 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. Questions call Ellen at 703-501-6315.

COFFEE & DONUTS

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16
10:30am PreK & Kindergarten CCD	9:45am Sew&SoForth 4:30pm CCD 7:00pm WC Reflection 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsol	7:00pm CCD 7:00pm RCIA 7:00 pm WCH 8:00pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am–7:30pm  Confessions Hourly 10:00am–6:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour			8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions

DIocese of ARLINGTON



MORNINGS OF MERCY FOR DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Join for a series of morning retreats that deal with topics such as grief, parenting, suffering and hope. The first retreat will be May 21 at St. Louis in Alexandria, starting at 8:45 a.m. and ending before noon. The morning will include Mass, a featured speaker, time for discussion, and benediction. To learn more or to register visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/divorced. More dates are available online. Please contact the Office for Family Life at 703- 841-2550 with any questions.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THEOLOGY ON TAP THE 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Join young professionals from around the Diocese for inspiring talks on the 2nd Monday of each month at O'Sullivan's Irish Pub, 3207 Washington Blvd, Arlington. The next TOT will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 11 featuring Fr. Rick Martignetti, O.F.M. His talk is titled "The Mystery of Suffering." For additional information, please contact Brendan Gotta at 703-841-2549 or email: yam@arlingtondiocese.org.

FIAT ROPES COURSE EVENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Join Fr. Jaffe and some religious sisters for the FIAT Mass and Ropes Course event on Saturday, April 23. For more information and to register, please contact the Office of Vocations at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703- 852-2514. The diocesan FIAT group is for young women in high school open to the possibility that God may be calling them to consider the consecrated religious life.

PROJECT RACHEL HEALING RETREATS APRIL 29 THROUGH MAY 1

This retreat is a safe place to renew and rebuild hearts broken from abortion. It offers a confidential environment where you can begin the process of healing. For more information or to register, please contact us via email: info@helpafterabortion.org, or call: (888) 456-HOPE (4673). Registration Deadline is April 25. Space is limited.

CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Current high school students and their families are invited to Christendom College in Front Royal, VA, one of the leading Catholic colleges in the nation for Open House on **Monday, April 25th**. The day includes meeting the college president, classroom visits, presentations, Mass and more! Register online at christendom.edu. Contact Zac Inman at zinman@christendom.edu or 540-551-9232.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

We resume tonight from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dinner is included with a suggested \$5 donation.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Thank you all for your generous donations at last week's Mass collection! Your contributions allow the teens of this parish to serve God and neighbor.

WORKCAMP MEETING

Tonight, April 10th at 5:15 p.m. in the Youth Corner.

BANICA MEETING

Next Monday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m.

CONFITEOR CLASSES

Classes take place on Monday Nights at 5:30 p.m.. Please contact Fr. Pollard for more information.

RCIA

Open to Juniors and Seniors in the Adult Ed Room from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming topics:

Apr. 11: Introduction to Religious Life and Monastic Life

Apr. 18: Introduction to "Introduction to the Devout Life"

Contact Information:

Kevin Corcoran
703-356-7916

kcorcoran@stjohncatholicmclean.org

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP



St. John the Beloved will host its caregiver support group from 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21st in the parish office conference room. The group meets once a month and is for those caring for a spouse or parent. The group is facilitated by Gracie Ortiz, LCSW, Director of Senior Services for Catholic Charities. Gracie is happy to answer any questions you may have call 571-970-8734 or gortiz@ccd.net. Please feel free to stop in!

INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE



**On the Eighth Day:
Appearances of the Resurrected Christ**

Rev. Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo
Sunday, April 10 @ 7:00 p.m.
St. Theresa Church Hall
1371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, VA 20147

**Living Bread:
A Defense of Christ's Presence in the Eucharist**
Tim Staples (Catholic Answers)
Wednesday, April 20 @ 8:00 p.m.
Please visit our website for details in participating in this webinar:
www.insituteofcatholicculture.org/webinar

**Riding on the Clouds of Heaven:
A Study of the Second Coming**
Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope
Sunday, April 24 @ 6:00 p.m.
Dinner included; lecture to begin @ 7:00 p.m.
No RSVP required.
St. Agnes Church Hall
1910 North Randolph Street, Arlington, VA 22207

**You Are Invited To The Priestly Ordination of
Rev. Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo**
Sunday, May 1 @ 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(This event will not be live broadcast)
*Reception luncheon to follow the ordination. Please
RSVP at CarnazzoOrdinationRSVP@gmail.com*
Holy Transfiguration Church Hall
8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean, VA 22102

**Lift Up Your Eyes:
Understanding the Transcendentals**
Prof. David Clayton
Saturday, May 7 @ 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
St. Agnes Church Hall
1910 North Randolph Street, Arlington, VA 22207

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



The Holy See released this past Friday the text of *Amoris Laetitia*, the Post-Synodal Exhortation which follows the Synod on the Family which took place last October.

You can find the complete text online at
http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations.index.html

We of sound Catholic faith can and ought interpret it in light of doctrine while being wise to those inside and outside the Church who will exploit its ambiguities to promote ideas that are incompatible with Christianity.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmel Broadfoot	Paul Kemp
John Paul Charles Carver	Dorothy Kottler
Antonio Castro	Sharon LeMaster
Nancy Christy	Sue Malone
Virginia Connelly	Carmella Manetti
Sheila Corallo	Patrick McDonough
Lastenia Cortavarria	Marilyn McNemar
Edward Cotter	Diana Meisel
Elke D'Amico	Bonnie Moran
Richard DeCorps	Veronica Nowakowski
William Dunne	Mary O'Bryan
Joe Elias	Anita Oliveira
Sandra Elias	Briner Orillo
Francesca Greco	Maureen O'Toole
Paul Griffith	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Gayle Grinstead	Patricia Richer
Matthew Grinstead	Shelby Rogers
Edward M. Hallinan III	Connie Seymour
Helen Hargenrader	Merle Shannon
Arnold Harrington	Gloribeth Smith
Emily Hazlett	Carolyn Steinhoff
Agnes Henley	Bill Sullivan
Mark Johnson	Mary Warchot
Lars Jorgensen	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...

Michael Black	Michael Shipley
Harry Griffith	Kimberley Templer
Bill Jones	Michael Templer
Richard Kazunas	Jesus Toledanes
Brendan Murphy	Justin White
Lynn Partik	Nicholas Galvan