

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 8

St. Jerome Emilani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

6:30 William & Donna Moraca †

9:00 John E. Flanagan †

7:30 Robert Poch †

Tuesday, February 9

6:30 Helena Metzger

9:00 Suzanne Abbott †

Wednesday, February 10

Ash Wednesday

6:30 William & Donna Moraca †

9:00 Jandarc S. Loch †

12:00 Allison Wilde & Ethan Beckett's Engagement

4:30 Arnold Harrington

7:30 Brennan Johnson

Thursday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

6:30 Catherine Pope

9:00 Margaret Graham & Family

Friday, February 12

Friday after Ash Wednesday

6:30 Dominick Calderazzo †

9:00 Georgette Hadaya †

Saturday, February 13

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:15 Donald J. Hanrahan †

5:00 Faith Zavilla †

Sunday, February 14

First Sunday of Lent

7:30 Ann Pennefather

9:00 Joao & Joaquina Margarinhos †

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 Nathan Feldman

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AT 9:00 A.M.**

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS February 2016

Care for Creation: That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Asia: That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

Pope Benedict XVI continued his reflection on the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation in paragraph 21 of the Post-Synodal Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis* with the following thoughts on indulgences:

A balanced and sound practice of gaining *indulgences*, whether for oneself or for the dead, can be helpful for a renewed appreciation of the relationship between the Eucharist and Reconciliation. By this means the faithful obtain “remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.” (Paul VI, Apostolic Constitution *Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 1 January 1967). The use of indulgences helps us to understand that by our efforts alone we would be incapable of making reparation for the wrong we have done, and that the sins of each individual harm the whole community. Furthermore, the practice of indulgences, which involves not only the doctrine of Christ's infinite merits, but also that of the communion of the saints, reminds us “how closely we are united to each other in Christ ... and how the supernatural life of each can help others.” (*Ibid.*, 9) Since the conditions for gaining an indulgence include going to confession and receiving sacramental communion, this practice can effectively sustain the faithful on their journey of conversion and in rediscovering the centrality of the Eucharist in the Christian life.

Far be it from me to recommend a Valentine's Day gift, but if you are in the mood for some Latin spice, the authoritative and up-to-date *Handbook of Indulgences* is online at the Vatican website in the original language: <http://bit.ly/EnchiridionIndulgentiarum2002>

You're welcome.

God bless you.

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

p.s. We just started a parish subscription to Formed.org and I am pretty excited. It will give all of you access to the videos of *Catholicism* by Fr. Barron as well as “Symbolon” by The Augustine Institute and lots of other content from Beloved and YDisciple as well as eBooks from Ignatius Press. Since the parish has paid the subscription, you can use it for free but you need to register individually. Please go onto the FORMED.ORG and subscribe as a St. John parishioner. Our parish code is X8DEVW.

p.p.s., St. John Prayer Chain will present again a daily email for Lenten Spiritual Reading, providing excerpts this year from works by Vinny Flynn: *Mercy's Gaze*, *7 Secrets of Confession* and *7 Secrets of Divine Mercy*. If you would like to subscribe please follow the link on the parish website or send an email to the Prayer Chain directly at StJohnPrayerChain@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org.

THE 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR
THE ARLINGTON CATHOLIC HERALD



Lent begins this **Wednesday, February 10**. 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**

COFFEE & DONUTS

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

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED 2015-16 SUNDAY LECTURES SERIES

FIFTY YEARS AFTER THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

Guest Speaker: George Weigel

Sunday the 21st of February

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

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES IS HERE ON THURSDAYS

Gracie Ortiz, Director of Senior Services for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington is 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. She is able to help with Elder Care and Caregiver Support. Gracie will be able to offer grief counseling, help you access area resources, offer decision-support services, and answer questions about Medicare / navigating the health care system. Gracie's eldercare assistance includes helping families with long-distance care giving, providing education on the care giving process.

WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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 are here to help in that process by answering questions, being available for one on one conversation, and holding weekly gatherings, with wine and appetizers, where we provide talks on many dimensions of the Catholic faith that are oriented toward reintroducing the teachings of the faith and living 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, February 9, we will be discussing *Preparing For Ash Wednesday and Lent*. What are the Church's Ash Wednesday and Lenten practices? How do these practices help draw us closer to Christ? If you would like additional information please contact us at the following email: welcome@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

SENIORS' CLUB FEBRUARY LUNCHEON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Please put Monday, February 15 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. 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, February 12. 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.

EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN

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

*"Mercy to Evangelization...
A Gift of Love from the Father"*

Monday, February 15, 2016

*Living out God's Mercy
to ourselves, our families...the world*

by: Fr. Thomas Vander Woude

7:00 p.m. Social

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

RSVP to: womenseveningsofreflection@gmail.com

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED LENT 2016



Friday Soup Suppers

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday Evenings
(beginning February 12)

Friday Stations of the Cross

2:15 p.m. Friday Afternoon
"Stations of the Cross for St. John Academy"
(beginning February 12)

7:30 p.m. Friday Evening
"Way of the Cross"
with Text from Sacred Scripture"
(beginning February 12)

Wednesday Confessions

At the top of the hour every hour between
10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Holy Hours with Homily

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evenings
(beginning February 17)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 7	February 8	February 9	February 10	February 11	February 12	February 13
10:30am PreK & Kindergarten CCD	9:45am Sew&SoForth 4:30pm CCD 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsol	7:00pm CCD 7:00 pm WCH 8:00pm Hoops	ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass 12:00 Noon Mass 4:30pm Mass 7:30pm Mass 8:30pm Futsol		2:15pm Stations 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:30pm Stations	8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions

ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS TIMES ON WEDNESDAYS DURING THE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has designated this Liturgical year as “*The Year of Mercy*”. To extend the gift of Divine Mercy, the priests of St. John the Beloved will be hearing extra confessions on Wednesdays. At the top of the hour every hour between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. a priest will be in the confessional and stay as long as there are penitents.

THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY ROSARY MONTHLY DINNER: FEBRUARY 14

The Confraternity of the Holy Rosary will hold its next rosary dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 14 (Valentine's Day). Please RSVP to Megan via email at meganjm621@gmail.com by February 12 and let her know what you can bring.

THE LAETARE BENEFIT SUPPORTING THE CLOISTERED NUNS OF ST. DOMINIC'S

Bishop Paul Loverde 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 6, 2016** from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Highway, Fairfax, VA. Seating is limited. Please RSVP by February 29. Tickets are \$150 each. Please send a check payable to *Friends of St. Dominic's Monastery*, 7200 Matthew Mills Road, McLean, VA 22101. For additional information please contact us at the following email: friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

**Thursday, February 18th
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**



St. John the Beloved will host its caregiver support group from 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 18th 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 will be happy to answer any questions you may have call 571-970-8734 or gortiz@ccda.net. Please feel free to stop in!

Dear St. John the Beloved Families,

With grateful hearts for all that the Lord is doing for us, we look ahead with great expectation to another wonderful school year at St. John Academy. For all of our parish families with children in grades Pre-School through 7th Grade, Father Pollard and I are happy to announce that registration will



open on February 17. ***Our school is as strong as ever! Note, there will be no increase in tuition rates for the 2016-2017 school year! Our staff has worked hard to make this a reality.*** Registration will be open to non-parishioners on March 2. Because we are a “Faith First” Focused Catholic School, our mission is to form students who embrace their faith, live it fully, and are free to be who they are-Children of God! With excellent academics provided by master teachers who live their faith and teach it daily, I can say confidently, St. John's is a great fit for your child. There are many alternatives, but there is no other St. John Academy. Enroll your child(ren) now, keeping in mind our promise to assist you, the first educator of your child(ren), to develop each student's full potential within our rich, faith filled Catholic community. More than ever, children need a solid Catholic education where faith, knowledge, and joy will be experienced on a daily basis. For more information, please stop by the front office or call us at 703-356-7554, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 p.m.-4:00p.m. You may also visit our website at: www.stjohnacademy.org.

God Bless You!

Mr. Michael Busekrus
Headmaster

MCLEAN AREA HOMESCHOOLING ENCOURAGEMENT MEETING: FEB. 26TH

The McLean Area Catholic Homeschoolers (MACH) will meet on Friday, February 26th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Ortner home: 6805 Rosemont Dr., McLean. Fr. Pollard will be speaking on *Frequent Confession for Parents and Children*. Children are welcome. Please RSVP to Ann Francis at: annmaria@mac.com.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

NO SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

There will be NO Youth Group Night this evening due to the Superbowl.

BANICA

There is still room for our 2016 mission trip to Bánica, Dominican Republic. Cost is roughly \$1,200, including airfare, room, and board. Dates are July 9th through 16th. Please contact Kevin if you are interested.

SKI TRIP

Join Fr. Sina and Kevin Corcoran on a Ski Trip to Liberty Mountain on Monday, February 15th, President's Day. Meet at 7:15 a.m. at St. John's and we'll return by 4:30 p.m. at the latest. Cost is \$100 for skiing and snowboarding rentals, ticket, and helmet and \$50 for tubing. Payment is due with permission forms to Kevin by February 7th. There are separate Liberty Resort permission forms for both skiing/snowboarding and tubing that must also be completed in addition to the Youth Ministry Permission Form. Breakfast is included but lunch is not. Expect to spend \$10-15.

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY TRIP

Saturday, February 13th from 6:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please bring a permission form and money for lunch. Contact Kevin if you wish to join.

BÁNICA MEETING

Next meeting will be on Monday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the old St. Agnes Convent.

CONFITEOR CLASSES

Classes for the Spring Semester will take place on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.. Contact Fr. Pollard for more info.

RCIA

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

Upcoming topics:

Feb. 8: Examination of Conscience and The Ten Commandments

Feb. 15: No Class, Holiday

Contact Information:

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Antonio Castro	Jay LaMonica
Nancy Christy	Sharon LeMaster
Virginia Connelly	Sue Malone
Sheila Corallo	Carmella Manetti
Lastenia Cortavarria	Patrick McDonough
Edward Cotter	Marilyn McNemar
Mary Jane DeCorps	Diana Meisel
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Helen Hargenrader	Merle Shannon
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Emily Hazlett	Carolyn Steinhoff
Agnes Henley	Bill Sullivan
Mark Johnson	Mary Warchot
Lars Jorgensen	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...

Michael Black
Harry Griffith
Bill Jones
Richard Kazunas
Brendan Murphy
Lynn Partik

Michael Shipley
Kimberley Templer
Michael Templer
Jesus Toledanes
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