

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 12

Weekday

- 6:30 Kitty Mould †
 9:00 Helen Hargenrader †
 7:30 Albert Balint †

Tuesday, February 13

Weekday

- 6:30 Helen Hargenrader †
 9:00 John Ryan †

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 Marvin and Blanche Templer †
 9:00 Seamus Rowan
 12:00 People of the Parish
 4:30 Heeter Family
 9:00 Mary Helen Haggerty †

Thursday, February 15

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 Carmen Stephens †
 9:00 Albert Balint †

Friday, February 16

Friday after Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 Marianne Wall †
 9:00 Helen Libera †

Saturday, February 17

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

- 8:15 Jane Pennefather
 5:00 Louis Hargenrader †

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 Joe McOscar †
 9:00 Sr. Agnes McCormack †
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Michael Mele †

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† Muriel Urrico †

(Beloved mother of Anne Shawkey)

† Pat McDonough †

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 2018

Universal: Say "No" to Corruption: That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption

IN TESTIMONIUM...

"Meditation on Death"

The Imitation of Christ, Chapter 23

by Thomas á Kempis

(c. 1380 – 25 July 1471)

Very soon the end of your life will be at hand: consider, therefore, the state of your soul. Today a man is here; tomorrow he is gone. (I Maccabees 2:63) And when he is out of sight, he is soon out of mind. Oh, how dull and hard is the heart of man, which thinks only of the present, and does not provide against the future! You should order your every deed and thought, as though today were the day of your death. Had you a good conscience, death would hold no terrors for you; (Luke 12:37) even so, it were better to avoid sin than to escape death. (Wisdom 4:16) If you are not ready to die today, will tomorrow find you better prepared? (Matthew 24:44) Tomorrow is uncertain; and how can you be sure of tomorrow? Of what use is a long life, if we amend so little? Alas, a long life often adds to our sins rather than to our virtue!

Would to God that we might spend a single day really well! Many recount the years since their conversion, but their lives show little sign of improvement. If it is dreadful to die, it is perhaps more dangerous to live long. Blessed is the man who keeps the hour of his death always in mind, and daily prepares himself to die. If you have ever seen anyone die, remember that you, too, must travel the same road. (Hebrews 9:27)

Each morning remember that you may not live until evening; and in the evening, do not presume to promise yourself another day. Be ready at all times, (Luke 21:36) and so live that death may never find you unprepared. Many die suddenly and unexpectedly; for at an hour that we do not know the Son of Man will come. (Matthew 24:44) When your last hour strikes, you will begin to think very differently of your past life, and grieve deeply that you have been so careless and remiss.

Happy and wise is he who endeavours to be during his life as he wishes to be found at his death. For these things will afford us sure hope of a happy death; perfect contempt of the world; fervent desire to grow in holiness; love of discipline; the practice of penance; ready obedience; self-denial; the bearing of every trial for the love of Christ. While you enjoy health, you can do much good; but when sickness comes, little can be done. Few are made better by sickness, and those who make frequent pilgrimages seldom acquire holiness by so doing.

To be continued...

Peace.

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

CURSILLO - MORNING OF REFLECTION

All Cursillistas in the Diocese of Arlington are invited to a Lenten Morning of Reflection on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 8:15 am - 12:30 pm, in the St. John the Beloved parish hall. Our Spiritual Director will be our pastor, Fr. Pollard. You are invited to bring a breakfast treat to share; coffee and juice will be provided. Please RSVP to Freddie at 703-356-5706 or wallflower64@gmail.com Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enhance your Fourth Day and spiritual journey in Lent.

SHARE SUNDAY WILL BE NEXT WEEK, FEB 18TH

Thank you for your generous donation of diapers in December! Share very much appreciates the consistent help from everyone at St. John's. Current needs are baby and adult wipes, size 6 diapers, pull ups, laundry detergent, and vegetable oil. There is also a need for clothing and linens such as new underwear for adults and children, gently used sheets, blankets, and towels in all sizes. Cash or checks payable to St. John with Share in the memo line are used for emergency financial assistance. To arrange furniture donations, please call 703-448-1054.

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED LENT 2018



Friday Soup Suppers

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday Evenings
(beginning February 16)

Volunteers needed, please see bulletin announcement
for more details.

Friday Stations of the Cross

2:15 p.m. Friday Afternoon
“Stations of the Cross for St. John Academy”
(beginning February 16)

7:30 p.m. Friday Evening
“Way of the Cross”
with Text from Sacred Scripture”
(beginning February 16)



Lent begins this **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**. 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**

**INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE
WINTER 2018 SCHEDULE**



Desert Fathers of Alexandria

Kenneth Howell, Ph.D.
Tuesdays, February 20, 27, & March 6 @ 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. ET
Live Webinar: www.instituteofcatholicculture.org/events

Laetare Sunday Sung Vespers

Sunday, March 11 @ 7:00 p.m. ET
Vespers begins at 7:00 pm. Lecture & Reception to follow
Location TBA

“Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel.”
— Luke 2:29-32

ST. JOHN’S YOUTH MINISTRY

WORKCAMP MEETING (2/11)

Reminder that we have our next WorkCamp meeting this evening at 5:00 p.m. Meet in the Parish Hall. There are still openings, please contact James Clement as soon as possible to sign up!

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT (2/11)

Continues tonight Sunday Feb 11th from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Faith topic for the night will be Preparing for Lent with a fun social activity to follow. Food and drinks provided! Friends are always welcomed!

CONFITEOR CLASS

Confiteor Class continues this Monday Feb 12th at 4:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed. Room. Open to all Freshmen and Sophomore High Schoolers.

RCIA CLASS

RCIA Class continues this Monday Feb 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Ed. Room. Open to all Junior and Senior High Schoolers.

James Clement

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2018 BISHOP’S LENTEN APPEAL

Living in Faith, Giving in Gratitude

Next weekend, every household 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 a place to note that on the form. Last week you should have received the BLA newsletter inserted in your bulletin with information about how the BLA funds are distributed throughout our diocese to help thousands of people each year. (If you did not, extras are available in the vestibule) Please prayerfully consider joining in support by making a pledge to the BLA.

**FIAT DAY OF RECOLLECTION
FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS**

Are you a high school girl who has thought about being a religious sister? Attend the FIAT Day of Recollection on February 17 and grow in your knowledge of Christ, yourself, religious life and St. John Paul II. Led by the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. There will be Mass, talks, Holy Hour, opportunities for confession, Q&A with Sisters, as well as a self-portrait workshop. Space is limited! Learn more and register: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/FIAT>; email vocations@arlingtondiocese.org, or call 703-841-2514

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 11	February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17
10:30am CCD 6:15pm-Youth Night	4:30pm CCD 4:30 pm Confiteor 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsol	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

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Those Catholics who are high school age (16 or older) or adults wishing to be confirmed, please contact Religious Education Office at lgomes@stjohncatholicmclean.org or call, 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 8, 15, 22, and 29 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, May 20, 2018, with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge.

WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME

WCH is a special ministry dedicated to Catholics who are considering returning to practicing the Catholic faith (and for CCD parents). Parishioners may attend if they would like to accompany a friend or family member who is struggling and would like to explore returning to practicing their faith.

February 13 - Lenten and Easter Practices and Traditions
Ash Wednesday is on February 14th this year. Just in time, we will have a presentation and discussion of the many Catholic Lenten and Easter practices and traditions and how they deepen our Lenten journey and Easter celebration.

February 20 - Eucharistic Miracles

St. John the Beloved will host a three-day presentation in the Gym from March 2-4 on Eucharistic Miracles. The history and scientific verifications will be presented for over 150 of such miracles. Two WCH volunteers have organized this event and will give us a preview. Come and learn about Eucharistic Miracles and why the Church carefully examines and protects the Body and Blood of our Lord that manifest themselves in visible form from time to time.

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 in Linden, VA. Please join us for a reception, dinner, and angel auction which will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 5pm to 8pm at the Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA. Seating is limited. RSVP by March 7, 2018. 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, or purchase tickets online through Faith Direct by visiting <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/1429> For more information, please contact: friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com.



**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 9AM**

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT OUR
SCHOOL ON ANY DAY!**

This is the time of year to think about enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact Mrs. Mary Aquino, at (703) 356-7554, or at maquino@stjohnacademy.org, to make an appointment for a tour!

**SJA MUSICAL GODSPELL WILL BE
PERFORMED ON MARCH 9TH AND 10TH**

Mark your calendars for the SJA Musical Godspell, which will be performed the evenings of Friday March 9th and Saturday March 10th, on the Parish Hall/School Cafeteria stage!

SJA BASKETBALL

Middle School Girls and Boys teams are busy with their after school games against other area schools. All parishioners are very welcome – please come cheer on our players! The remaining upcoming home games for the Middle School are: the boys team plays on 2/12/18 at 3:30 pm vs Grace Christian and the girls team plays 2/12/18 at 4:30 PM vs. Grace Christian.

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED SOCCER CLUB

When: Thursdays from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Where: St. John's Soccer Field

Dates: Feb 15, 22; Mar 1, 8, 15, 22

Whom: All 4-8th graders (parishioners and non-parishioners)

Cost: A one time fee of \$50 for first child, \$20 for each additional child (includes shirt); Free to those who have already paid from last session

Join Coach Fr. Pollard and Coach Clement again for some fun small sided soccer games every Thursday in Lent! Whether you're new to the sport, want to improve your skills, or just want to have fun, this club is for you. Permission form is required. If interested, please contact James Clement 703-356-7916; jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org

**SACRED MUSIC: A TREASURE TO BE PRE-
SERVED AND FOSTERED WITH GREAT CARE**

Sunday, March 11 (immediately following 4:00p Vespers)
Speaker: James Senson, Saint John the Beloved Director of Music

Location: Saint John Academy Parish Hall

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWME) WEEKEND

“He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

As Jesus cured the leper, let the love of God heal and strengthen our marital bonds so we can live within our camp with joy”. The next WWME weekends are: Mar 2-4 and Sep 21-23 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

SEPARATED? DIVORCED? WIDOWED???

The Rebuilding Program sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office for Family Life helps people of all faiths who are separated, divorced, or widowed and want to move on with their lives. The nine week program starts Sunday, February 25th and meets Sunday evenings 5:30 - 8:00 PM at the St. Martin De Porres Center in Alexandria. Topics include adaptation, grief, anger, self-worth, openness, love, and relatedness. For more information email facilitator@copingrebuilding.com, visit us on the web at http://www.copingrebuilding.com or call us at 703-596-2673.

SENIORS’ CLUB

“Come one; come all to our next gathering on Monday, Feb 19. Brenda Wehle, awarding winning actress, will share her reflections on her work on Broadway and off. Ms. Wehle’s extraordinary career spans over 40 years. Take this special opportunity to learn about the struggles, challenges, and opportunities that an actor experiences and how she faces them. Visit Brenda’s website at (www.brendawehle.com or http://m.ibdb.com/person.php?id=423811) to get your questions ready!! Please mark your calendars and bring a friend. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following 11:30 Mass for those who wish to attend. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the parish office at 703.356.7916 by Friday, Feb 16. 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 at 703.356.9788.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Join your St. John family in the parish hall for a delicious, meatless meal each Friday during Lent before heading over to Stations of the Cross. Dinner will be served from 6pm to 7:20pm (or until we run out of food) with Stations beginning at 7:30pm. It takes a lot of people to feed such a large family, so please volunteer your help by contacting Jennifer Beckett at: beckett2016@gmail.com or phone: 703-241-7929. Thank you and see you at supper!

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



Revenge not yourselves, my dearly beloved,
But give place unto wrath, for it is written:
Revenge is mine:
I will repay, saith the Lord.

Romans 12, 19

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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| Carmel Broadfoot | Dorothy Kottler |
| Mary Elizabeth Bergen | Sharon LeMaster |
| Salvatore Calabro | Sue Malone |
| John Cartelli | Carmella Manetti |
| John Paul Charles Carver | Cristina Marques |
| Virginia Connelly | Diana Meisel |
| Sheila Corallo | Bonnie Moran |
| Elke D’Amico | Veronica Nowakowski |
| Richard DeCorps | Anita Oliveira |
| William Dunne | Briner Orillo |
| Joe Elias | Mary Pistorino Reilly |
| Tara Flanagan-Koenig | Patricia Richer |
| Susan Glover | Shelby Rogers |
| Francesca Greco | Thomas Rosa |
| Paul Griffith | Avery Schaeffer |
| Edward M. Hallinan III | Merle Shannon |
| Jack Halpin | Gloribeth Smith |
| Arnold L. Harrington III | Carolyn Steinhoff |
| Emily Hazlett | Bill Sullivan |
| Agnes Henley | Mary Warchot |
| Mark Johnson | Marie Wysolmerski |
| Andrew Katson | Arlene Zeleznikar |
| Christopher Katz | |



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

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| Robert Ayala | Robert B Smolar |
| Jonathan Choo | Michael Shipley |
| Nicholas Galvan | Kimberley Templer |
| Harry Griffith | Michael Templer |
| Bill Jones | Jesus Toledanes |
| Brendan Murphy | Alex Trujillo |
| Lynn Partik | Justin White |