

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 25

Weekday

- 6:30 Victor Munker †
 9:00 Gloria Guerrero †
 7:30 Stephen T. Bailey †

Tuesday, September 26

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

- 6:30 Louis Hargenrader †
 9:00 Dolly Crites †

Wednesday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

- 6:30 Louis Hargenrader †
 9:00 Eileen Small †

Thursday, September 28

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;

Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

- 6:30 Thomas Kiernan †
 9:00 Joseph Squarzini †

Friday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

- 6:30 Parviz Naderi †
 9:00 Mariano Mariano †

Saturday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 8:15 Joan Pinkley †
 5:00 Deborah O'Keefe †

Sunday, October 1

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 John Clem †
 9:00 Marques Family †
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Michael J. Mulvaney †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 9:00 A.M.**

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 2017

Parishes: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

“Padre, they've come for you.”

Those were some of the last words heard by Father Stanley Francis, spoken by someone staying at the mission in Guatemala who had been led, at gunpoint, to where he was sleeping. It was 1:30 in the morning on July 28, 1981, and Guatemala was in the throes of a decades-long civil war. Fifteen minutes and two gunshots later, Father Stanley was dead and the men fled the mission grounds.



The five-foot-ten, red-bearded missionary priest was from the unassuming town of Okarche, Okla., where the parish, school and farm were the pillars of community life. He went to the same school his whole life and lived with his family until he left for Mount St. Mary's seminary in Maryland.

A few years after he was ordained for the Diocese of Oklahoma City, Fr. Stanley accepted an invitation to join the diocesan mission among the Tz'utujil Mayan Indians in Santiago Atitlan in Guatemala, where he spent the next 13 years of his life.

Over the years, the violence of the Guatemalan civil war inched closer to the once-peaceful village. Acknowledging the danger he wrote famously to his family back home, “The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger. Pray for us that we may be a sign of the love of Christ for our people, that our presence among them will fortify them to endure these sufferings in preparation for the coming of the Kingdom.” In January 1981, in immediate danger and his name on a death list, Fr. Stanley did return to Oklahoma for a few months. But as Easter approached, he wanted to spend Holy Week with his people in Guatemala, where he was killed weeks later.

Fr. Rother was beatified Sept. 23 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City, making him the first martyr of the Church born in the United States.

Blessed Stanley Rother pray for us!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

p.s. To read the whole article about him, please click here: <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/this-priest-from-oklahoma-was-a-martyr-heres-his-powerful-story-22825/>

**WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

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. On Tuesday, September 26th we will discuss: *Being in Full Communion with the Catholic Faith Before Receiving Holy Communion and the Other Sacraments*. What does it mean to be in full communion with the Catholic Church and why does the Church ask this of those who present themselves to receive Holy Communion? What does the Church ask of us before receiving the other six sacraments? For additional information please contact us at: welcome@stjohncatholicmclean.org

**SOLEMN VESPERS
NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST AT 4:00 P.M.**

St. John the Beloved will celebrate Solemn Vespers in the Church next Sunday, October 1st at 4:00 p.m. Solemn Vespers takes place in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament enthroned on the altar, includes a homily after the reading and concludes with Benediction. Come join in the official Evening Prayer of the Church.

ADORERS ARE NEEDED ON WEDNESDAYS

There is a new online system to sign-up for Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration created for those who are not able to commit to a regular hour every Wednesday. Please prayerfully consider offering one or more hours of Adoration before Our Lord each month at a time that is best for you. Note: If you are a regular scheduled Adorer, you do not need to sign up. Please continue to come at your set time. To schedule a time please go to the following website: <http://www.stjohncatholicmclean.org/adoration>

THRIFT SHOP IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Thrift Shop is now open for business. Please come in to check out our fantastic end of summer bargains as well as new fall merchandise. We have a wonderful selection of Halloween costumes and decorations. Thrift Shop hours are 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mon-Fri, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Saturday. For additional information please call the Thrift Shop during business hours at: 703-356-7420

SEW & SO FORTHS

Sew & So Forths is our parish sewing group and we invite you to join us on Mondays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We meet in the Dodi Reagan Room. We will also be glad to accept items you have made for baby layettes if you cannot attend our Monday meetings. Please contact Gladys Brennan at 703-821-2547 for more information. Join us!

EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN

*Sponsored by
St. John the Beloved Women's Council
2017-18 Series*

*"Ask and you shall receive"
How Biblical teachings on the Holy Spirit can
change the way you pray, think and live*

THIS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

Guest speaker: Robin Maas

7:00pm Social/ 7:30pm Talk
in the Parish Hall

Please RSVP to: womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

To perpetuate receiving the mercy of Christ the priests of St. John the Beloved will continue to hear 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 and again for the solid hour from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: NOVEMBER 18

Mark your calendars and save the date for The St. John the Beloved Christmas Bazaar which will be held on Saturday, November 18th. We are in search of independent CRAFT and FOOD vendors for this event. Please email womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com if you would like to participate. If you know of other vendors, please forward this information to them. Thank you!

**ST. JOHN THE BELOVED
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.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO ST. JOHN

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

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**



All pets are invited to the annual Blessing of Animals, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day. The blessing will happen on **Wednesday, October 4th at 2:30 p.m.** in front of the church.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE! From September 27 to November 5, our Parish and community will take part in 40 Days for Life a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond. Please join our efforts to end abortion in Falls Church. Can't you spare an hour every week to save the babies being threatened by abortion? Contact Andrea DelVecchio, our parish Pro-Life Coordinator at: aldelvechio75@gmail.com for more information.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Everyone is invited to Coffee & Donuts following the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses in the Parish Hall.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT (9/24)

No Sunday Youth Night tonight, September 24th due to the Fall Festival. We will continue next Sunday, October 1st. Our evenings will consist of half Bible Study, half social. For the fall, our Bible Study will explore the seven deadly sins and their counter virtues i.e. – Pride vs. Humility, Envy vs. Admiration. Building virtue helps us to make good decisions, be a good friend, choose good friends, and ultimately draws us closer to Christ. We'll be using Bishop Barron's "Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues" as our main resource to aid us in our small group discussion. Snacks and drinks provided! Friends are always welcomed!

REGISTRATION FORM

A registration/permission form is needed for all teens in 7th - 12th grade wishing to participate in our Youth Ministry's Sunday Youth Nights (and other events). The form can be found on the Parish Website or by contacting James Clement.

CONFITEOR CLASS

Confiteor class continues this Monday, September 25th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Room. Open to all Freshmen and Sophomore aged students. This year's topic is "Papal Controversies." Classes are taught by Fr. Pollard and his merry band of Dominican Friars. Please contact Fr. Pollard for more details.

RCIA CLASSES

Juniors and Seniors are welcome to audit RCIA classes on Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Classes are held in the Adult Ed Room.

James Clement
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September 24	September 25	September 26	September 27	September 28	September 29	September 30
10:30am CCD	9:45am Sew & SoForth 4:30pm CCD 4:30pm Confiteor 7:00pm Reflections 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsol	7:00pm CCD 7:00pm 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



TOTUS TUUS

WE ARE TOTALLY YOURS, MARY

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge
invites you to the biennial
Diocese of Arlington Pilgrimage

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 14, 2017

BASILICA OF THE
NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
IN WASHINGTON D.C.

For more details please visit
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/
diocesanpilgrimage](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanpilgrimage)



A PILGRIM EXPERIENCE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- 9:00 A.M.
Opening Music
- 9:30 A.M.
Welcome & Rosary
- 10:00 A.M.
Confessions
Seek and Find Family Activity
- 11:00 A.M.
Holy Hour with Reflections on the
Message of Fatima
- 12:00 P.M.
Lunch
- 1:30 P.M.
Mass with Bishop Burbidge
Blessing of Religious Articles
- 2:30 P.M.
Eucharistic Procession to
Saint John Paul II National Shrine
- 3:00 P.M.
Benediction & Divine Mercy Chaplet
at Saint John Paul II National Shrine

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POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT FOR WOMEN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For further information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

FUTURE WITH HOPE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 20 -21

Catholic women over 40: Register now for the Future with Hope women's conference the weekend of October 20-21, 2017, at the Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park! Speakers include Arlington Catholic Herald columnist Mary Beth Bonacci; Pat Gohn, author of All In: Why Belonging to the Catholic Church Matters and Blessed, Beautiful, and Bodacious: Celebrating the Gift of Catholic Womanhood, and Mary Lenaburg, Blessed Is She blogger. Learn more at www.futurewithhopewomen.com or email info@futurewithhopewomen.com.

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the program that begins on October 20, call 703-351-7211 or go to www.HelpOurMarriage.com

MORNINGS FOR DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Join us for a series of morning retreats that deal with topics such as grief, parenting, suffering, and hope. The mornings are free to attend, but please register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/divorced. All dates are available online. Please contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life 703-841-2550 with any questions. The next Morning of Mercy will be Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Fredericksburg, VA.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)

Prime Time Single Catholics is a Washington-area social group serving single Catholics 40 and over. Come join us in Christian fellowship! See what we offer by visiting us at: <http://www.blessedsacramentcc.org/church/parish-community/prime-time-single-adults>, or by contacting Patricia at pava1319@gmail.com or 703-527-3455, or contact John McBride at jfmcbride_526@hotmail.com or 703-820-9196.

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



“Pray for us
that we may be the sign of the love of Christ
for our people”

Blessed Stanley Rother

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	Avery Schaeffer
Helen Hargenrader	Merle Shannon
Arnold Harrington	Gloribeth Smith
Emily Hazlett	Carolyn Steinhoff
Agnes Henley	Bill Sullivan
Mark Johnson	Mary Warchot
Andrew Katson	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...

Jonathan Choo	Michael Shipley
Nicholas Galvan	Kimberly Templer
Harry Griffith	Michael Templer
Bill Jones	Jesus Toledanes
Brendan Murphy	Alex Trujillo
Lynn Partik	Justin White
Greg Redmann	Dr. Paul White