

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 25

Weekday

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| 6:30 | John Mullan † |
| 9:00 | Foqi Skendi † |
| 7:30 | Father's Day Novena |

Tuesday, June 26

Weekday

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| 6:30 | Chuck † and Rebecca Conaty |
| 9:00 | Edward and Alfred Cieselski |

Wednesday, June 27

St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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| 6:30 | Kelly Lambert † |
| 9:00 | Foqi Skendi † |

Thursday, June 28

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

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| 6:30 | Liguori Family |
| 9:00 | Alice Woods † |

Friday, June 29

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

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| 6:30 | Foqi Skendi † |
| 9:00 | Kieron Hart † |

Saturday, June 30

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; BVM

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| 8:15 | Kieron Hart † |
| 5:00 | Thomas Kiernan † |

Sunday, July 1

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 7:30 | Germaine Daigeneault † |
| 9:00 | Mary Patience Kostrzewsky † |
| 10:30 | People of the Parish |
| 12:00 | Special Intention |

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† John Vignali †

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

JUNE

Universal – Social Networks

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

"Summer."

Rhymes with "dumber."

Instead of burning our skin, losing brain cells and forgetting much of what we learned over the last nine months...let's be smart.

Our annual Bible Study will take up the beginning of the Book of Genesis during this last week of June.

On three successive Sundays (July 1, 8 and 15) our seminarian Charles Wilton will teach a Sunday afternoon Inquiry Class with Theology for Beginners by Frank Sheed.

And don't forget about FORMED.org and our parish passcode X8DEVW. It is always on and always free. With so many books, films, documentaries and talks, we never need to stop learning and we don't have to pay for it.

"Summer" also need not signal the dulling of our soul.

Stay sharp: Pray every day. Worship every Sunday. Confess every month. Support the Church. Love your neighbor.

MassTimes.org is as essential as Kayak.com or Airbnb are for planning your vacation. Find out ahead of time when and where Holy Mass is taking place. Fit it into your schedule. Then you can really relax. If you find yourself in an extraordinary situation and fear that you will not be able to get to Holy Mass on a particular Sunday, you can call the rectory emergency line at 703-801-0949 so that Fr. Sina or I can grant you dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation, which will usually involve your offering up extra prayers or, if possible, even watching Holy Mass online.

Where ever you travel, please do look for opportunities to assist the needy. The Lord promised us that we would always have the poor with us. That means we always need to be helping them. Help the churches where you go to Mass too.

Oh...please never get drunk on purpose.

And please do put on sun screen or at least wear a big hat.

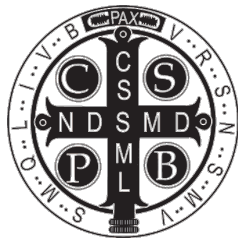
God bless you!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard



To apply or if you have questions, please email the Director of Music, James Senson at: jsenson@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

*“whatever good work you begin to do,
beg of Him with most earnest prayer to perfect it.”*



For more information, please contact James Senson,
Director of Music: jsenson@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

Pre-registration forms were emailed to all current families on May 21. Thank you to those families that have already returned forms and checks. Please fill out the form with all requested contact and registration information and return it with your check to the CCD office at your earliest convenience. You will receive a rate reduction if you register before June 30, 2018. 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 when you register early. Registration forms are also available in the RE Office, the vestibule of the church and in the parish office. If you have any questions, or need information, please call 703-356-5275 or email kmj@stjohnncatholicmclean.org.

The St. John Religious Education Office is looking for enthusiastic, well-formed catechists and aides for the 2018/2019 school year. If you enjoy working with children and are excited about passing on the Faith, please call Laura Gomes at 703-356-5275 or email her at lgomes@stjohncatholicmclean.org. God bless you for your generous response.

The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour TODAY, Sun., June 24 from 3 - 4 pm in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Angels Church, 13752 Mary's Way, Woodbridge. We hope you can join us to pray for world peace through the conversion of souls.



For information and to register: call 703-941-7000 or email havenofnova@verizon.net

Summer 2018 Bible Study

"Adam & Eve: Creation and Covenant"

June 25 - June 29

St. John Adult Ed Room

Monday through Friday

Each day will have a
Morning Session 10:00-11:00 a.m.
and an identical
Evening Session 7:00-8:00 p.m.
to choose from

led by Fr. Pollard, Fr. Sina
and seminarian Charles Wilton

Parishioners of all ages are welcome

Participants are encouraged to purchase
from *The Word* before the first class a copy of
"Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: Book of Genesis"

For more information please contact
the Parish Office at 703-356-7916.

INQUIRY CLASSES

STUDY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or would you, a friend or family member like to learn more about the Faith? The Inquiry Class will be taught by Seminarian Charles Wilton on Sunday afternoons 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., July 1, 8 and 15 in the Adult Education Room.

This summer's Inquiry Class will use the book *Catholicism and Fundamentalism* by Karl Keating, available on Formed.org for free (<https://bit.ly/2ymqgiH>) with your parish membership.

For more information and to register, please email charleswilton@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CAMPS:

Boy's Camps (Rising 2nd – 10th grade)

Session I: July 30 – August 3 // Session II: August 6 – 10
Questions? Contact Coach Rogers – hrogers@marymount.edu

Girl's Camps (Rising 2nd - 9th grade):

Session I: July 9-13 // Session II: July 16-20
Questions?: Contact Coach Courter - ashlee.courter@marymount.edu

PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

...is currently accepting registrations for summer camps for all ages and interests from fine arts to athletics. Please visit <https://pvissports.net/main/campsclinics/>

SERVING OTHERS IN GOD'S LOVE: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more. Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at www.usccb.org



Look for this monthly newsletter in the Bulletin Box by the exit doors. Growing in Faith helps parishioners become more active in their faith with suggestions for acts of mercy, forgiveness, charity and evangelization.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| June 24 | June 25 | June 26 | June 27 | June 28 | June 29 | June 30 |
| 4:00pm Vespers | 7:30pm Legion 8:00pm Latin Mass | 8:00pm Hoops | ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm  Confessions Hourly 10:00am-6:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour 7-9pm Young Adult Night | | | 8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions |

FROM THE SEMINARIAN...

My first few weeks here have been truly amazing. I feel so blessed to have this opportunity and it fills me with such joy to be able to serve Mass and to get to know each of you. Other people have not had such a joyful past few weeks. I speak of the families of Anthony Bourdain and Kate Spade, devastated by the tragedy which is suicide.



Their families left devastated, with nothing but questions and I place the blame on a culture that promotes narcissism and happiness from 'stuff.' It's a culture that we as Catholics must witness to so as to hopefully bring the light of Christ into a world of darkness and despair.

One of the keys to understanding the why is to know the difference between pleasure and happiness. In his Nicomachean Ethics, Aristotle teaches us that happiness needs to be our telos, our goal, not pleasure. An example is money. Money needs to be a means to an end, not the end itself, and something that aids in the pursuit of happiness, for money itself does not grant human fulfillment. Blaise Pascal wrote that man, in seeking happiness, tries to fill his search with inadequate things, "for what is lacking in his life is that which can only be filled by an infinite and immutable object, that is to say, only by God."

Similarly, St. Augustine wrote, "God, You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until we rest in thee." We were created to have a relationship with God, a longing for a reunion with God is innate in us. and until we accept this we will see more and more suicides. We naturally long for God, and this longing must be filled somehow, either by God or by material pleasures. The rejection of God necessitates turning to materialism to fill that which must be filled by something. Materialism tries to fill the void and quench an insatiable thirst but recall the words of our Lord to the woman at the well, as well as Jeremiah 1: 5. God loves us, knew us before we were born, and offers us true happiness, the life-giving water and those who drink it will thirst no more.

I've known a number of people who have committed suicide, and one thing they all shared is either an ignorance of, or a rejection of, God's love for them. Thus a direct correlation exists between our culture's narcissistic and Godless happiness paradigm, and the rate of suicide. As the laity, it is up to us to transform the culture, and replace the superficial with God. The Church has always maintained that it's not the role of the Clergy but the laity, to evangelize the culture, so let's get started.

The Suicide Hotline is: 1-800-273-8255

Charles C. Wilton

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

THANK YOU!

Our Sunday Youth Nights have concluded for the year. Thank you to all the adult volunteers who gave their time and love to make these nights an opportunity for deepening the faith of our teens. We had over 80 teens come to at least one of these nights with an average of about 25 teens a night. Thank you teenagers for participating and being receptive to God calling you into a deeper relationship with Him. Additionally, thank you parents for allowing your child to participate in these nights. We hope you have seen spiritual growth in your child's life!

Also, thank you to everyone who came out to support our High School WorkCampers at our BBQ Fundraiser! We sold out! We hope you enjoyed your smoked brat and/or Cornell chicken drumsticks.

SUMMER YM EVENTS

Be sure to stay tuned for our Youth Ministry events over the summer like our King's Dominion Day (see below). A swing dance party is in the making too!

KING'S DOMINION (7/27)

Mark your calendars for a day of fun! All rising 7th - 12th grade students, graduated seniors, and families are invited to join us for Diocesan King's Dominion Day, Friday July 27th. Tickets are \$40. For more information or to sign up, please contact James Clement.

James Clement

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SJB YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Calling all adults ages 18 - 30, whether you're college or grad, married or nomad, SJB is starting up a young adult ministry and we want you to be part of it! Connect with other young adults and deepen your faith. Check out this box every week for meeting information.

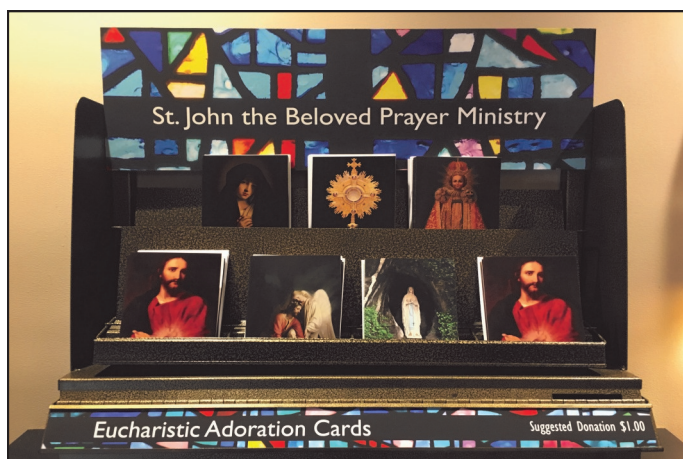
BOOK DISCUSSION (6/27)

Continues this Wednesday Jun 27th. Open to those 18 - 30 years of age. The evening starts with 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour in the church followed by drinks, snacks, and group discussion on the book "God Is Not Nice" by Ulrich Lehner in the Teacher's Lounge. For more information and/or to be put on the email list, please contact:

James Clement

jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CARDS

Consider spending precious time with our Lord in prayer and offering that time for the need of a family member or friend. Let them know you were holding them up in prayer by sending a Eucharistic Adoration Card with the following notation:

*I have made a private Holy Hour before
the Blessed Sacrament for you
and for all the intentions which are dear
to your heart.*

Each card is designed with a beautiful image and meaningful prayer, appropriate to occasions of suffering and sorrow as well as peace and rejoicing.

Suggested donation of \$1 to cover printing costs.

RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

A Retreat Day for Married Couples will be led by Fr. Paul Scalia, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, on Saturday, July 7 at Holy Trinity, Gainesville, VA, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Experience a profound and reflective retreat including talks, Adoration, Confession, and spiritual time with your spouse; the retreat will conclude with Mass. We hope you can join us to pray for world peace through the conversion of souls.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"My God is now my strength!" Let God be the strength of your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are: Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Aug 3-5, 2018 in HANOVER, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: Renew-Marriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriagevanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

"Since the educative mission of the Catholic school is so wide, the teacher is in an excellent position to guide the pupil to a deepening of his faith and to enrich and enlighten his human knowledge with the data of the faith."

- The Catholic School,
The Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, 1977

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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



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 |