

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

- 6:30 Special Intention
 9:00 Dr. Joseph Evers †
 8:00 Donald Joseph Steckmeyer †

Tuesday, October 16

St. Hedwig, Religious;

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

- 6:30 Victoria Blahato
 9:00 Heinrich Nikolaus & Family

Wednesday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

- 6:30 Kitty Mould †
 9:00 Mary Bennett Long †

Thursday, October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

- 6:30 Arnold Mendis †
 9:00 Chuck Conaty †

Friday, October 19

Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs

- 6:30 Thomas Kelly
 9:00 Agatha Chan Poon †

Saturday, October 20

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

- 8:15 Anthony Leo
 5:00 Eileen Quinn †

Sunday, October 21

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 Arnold & Natasha Harrington
 9:00 Almir Bajraktari
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Rogers Family

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

†ALLEN HANSEN †
 †WILLIAM F. SHAW †
 †JAMES A. MESSING †

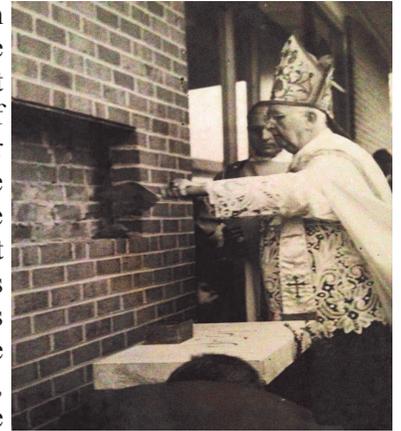
HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS OCTOBER

Evangelization – The Mission of Religious

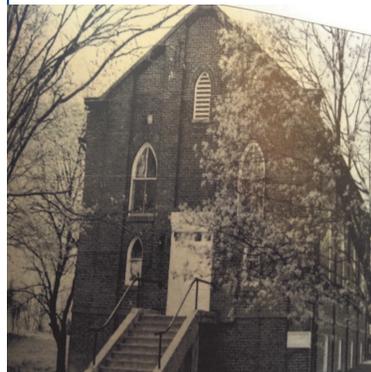
That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

On Sunday, October 21 in the year 1956 Bishop Peter L. Ireton, the sixth Bishop of Richmond made a pastoral visit to the parish of St. John in McLean to dedicate the brand new church that still is our house of worship. In the same year he was given the noble title of Assistant at the Pontifical Throne. What would have been on his mind at the time of his visit, however, is that he shared his birthday, September 21, with the anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of St. John Mission Church, which now houses our parish offices and the Thrift Shop, even though his birth occurred twenty one years prior to the birth of our original church.



Incidentally, this past week we saw the completion of the waterproofing of the western foundation of what we now call Carlin Hall in honor of the Carlin Family who donated half an acre of their land to help establish St. John Mission.



Our parish's mission continues... to draw souls into communion with the Holy Trinity through the ancient and life-giving Christian faith. Just as the Church would be a mere shell without the Holy Eucharist, so our faith would be dead if it did not bear fruit in many corporal and spiritual works. Our work will never be finished.

Please visit the parish hall after Mass to toast our happy anniversary and to accept the invitation to engage in some of our many apostolic endeavors. If you have an idea *and the willingness to help it come to fruition* please suggest how additionally we should dedicate our efforts.

God bless you.

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

p.s. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb 13,8). Amen? Amen!

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED YOUTH MINISTRY

I am very excited to be here at St. John to serve the youth of the parish! I have been involved in youth ministry in various capacities since graduating high school, but most recently I was the Director of Youth Ministry at St. Thomas More Cathedral.

James Clement did so much for the youth during his time here, and I am excited to build upon all that he accomplished over the past couple of years. My goal is to offer a wide variety of youth ministry activities, events, and programs so that every young person in our parish can find something they are excited about. These initiatives can include both existing programs and new activities. Examples of opportunities that we could offer the youth at St. John include:

- Sunday youth nights
- Tough Topics nights
- Diocesan WorkCamp
- Arlington Diocese sponsored events (High School Rally, Jr. High Bash, Life is Very Good)
- Swing Dance nights
- Teen assistant coaches for CYO Basketball
- Home-bound parishioner service club
- Bible Studies, book clubs, or boys/girls' groups
- Outdoors club (hiking, fishing, boating, etc)
- Parent/child activities (possibly for younger kids)
- Evangelization mission team
- Mission trips or pilgrimages
- Running club
- Your ideas!

In order to make each of these ideas a reality, we will need the talents, leadership, and joyful witness of many adults in the parish. If you are an adult and are interested in helping with any of the above ideas, or if you have any other ideas, please contact me so we can discuss how you can best use your talents to serve the youth.

What's up next?

High School Rally, Sunday, October 21, 11:30am – 8:00pm

A day of faith fun and friends for all high school students at Bishop O'Connell High School. The day includes Mass with Bishop Burbidge, Eucharistic Adoration, inspirational speakers and entertainers, breakout sessions, inflatable games, tasty treats, pizza, music and more!

To sign up call Michael at 703-356-7916 x114 or email him at mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

Keep your eyes open for information about Sunday youth nights – we hope to get these started again very soon!

SAY NO TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE:

Suicide rates in the U.S. are at a 30-year high. Virginia legislators have asked for a study about whether physician-assisted suicide should be legal in the Commonwealth. A public comment period is open and your legislators need to hear from you! Please visit <https://bit.ly/VCCassistedsuicide> to make your voice heard!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Prayerful witness to defend LIFE. From September 26 through November 4, you're invited to put your faith into action and join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Come, stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Falls Church Abortion Center at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. St. John the Beloved will pray throughout the day on Thursdays. Please contact Andrea DelVecchio at aldelvecchio75@gmail.com if you would like more information – volunteer to pray for an hour between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP

BURBIDGE: *In October, Respect Life Month, we renew our profound gratitude to God for the precious gift of life and our commitment to witness to the truth that every human person is worthy of our love and protection. We join with dioceses across the nation in observing October 7 as Respect Life Sunday and I invite every parish to proclaim the Gospel of Life through prayer, direct service and advocacy on behalf of the most vulnerable among us. Our 2018 theme, "Cherished, Chosen and Sent," is needed now more than ever, as more than 5,000 pre-born children are lost to the violence of abortion each year in our Diocese and Virginia lawmakers consider legalizing assisted suicide.*

During this month of October, please join me in prayer and action for the unborn and for others whose lives are at risk. May we always turn with confidence to our Blessed Mother, Protector of Life, to seek her intercession for the success of all our efforts to build up the culture of life.

EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN

*Sponsored by
St. John the Beloved Women's Council
2018-19 Series*

Monday, October 15th
Guest speaker: Fr. Pollard
7:00pm Talk in the Parish Hall

Please RSVP to: womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com

**Bishop O'Connell High School Open House
Sunday, Oct. 14, 1-4 pm**

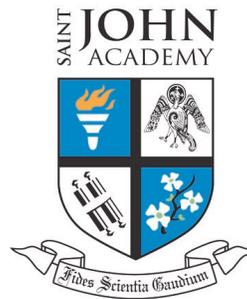
Bishop O'Connell High School is hosting an Open House, where families are invited to learn more about the Catholic high school experience. Visit renovated science and engineering labs, learn more about the curriculum, meet teachers, administrators and coaches, and chat with current students. No RSVP necessary. **Presentation begins at 1 p.m. in the auditorium.** For more information, visit www.bishopoconnell.org or call [703-237-1433](tel:703-237-1433). Bishop O'Connell High School is located at [6600 Little Falls Road](http://www.6600LittleFallsRoad.com) in Arlington.

**Paul VI Catholic High School Open House
Sunday, October 28, 1-4 pm on the Fairfax Campus**

Group presentations will take place at 1:15 and 2:15 in Father Heet Auditorium. This is a perfect opportunity for 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their families to explore the benefits of a Catholic high school education. Visit our website at www.paulvi.net or ehanley@pvipanther.net for further information.

Current 8th graders are encouraged to set up a Panther For A Day experience by emailing gfarello@pvipanther.net. Middle School students and their families are invited to *Middle School Night Under the Lights* at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax. Join us at 6:00PM on Friday, November 2nd for pizza, tee shirts, games and tons of prizes. All are invited to join the *VI Man* cheering on our Panther varsity football team. Free to all, no reservations needed. Email: ehanley@pvipanther.net with questions.

Saint John Academy will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 9:00am-10:30am. Our open house for prospective families grades NK-8 provides "tours on-demand" - arrive when it is convenient for you during the Open House time frame, and we would be happy to share our school with you. Children are always welcome to accompany you on a tour. Individual tours can be scheduled before and after the October Open House by contacting the school office at (703) 356-7554 or emailing esutton@stjohnacademy.org.



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SJB ALTAR SERVER CORPS

From time to time I am asked about the significance of the colored cords worn by some Servers.

~*Gold Cords* connote *Master Server/Master of Ceremonies*. These men serve at the highest level, principally for the 10:30am Sung High Mass for the People of the Parish.

~*Blue Cords* connote Servers who serve under the banner of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Known as *Mater Ecclesiae* Servers, the boys' service at the altar is offered for the spiritual needs of the persecuted Church throughout the world.

~*Red Cords* connote the 3 youngest Servers in the Corps who honor the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, through their service at the altar and are known as the *Paraclete Squadron*.

The **Motto of the Server Corps:**

PRPS—Profound Reverence/Precision Serving.

Thank you for your support of the Corps.

Ann Thunder

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October 14	October 15	October 16	October 17	October 18	October 19	October 20
10:30am Pre-K & K CCD	4:30pm 1-3 CCD 4:30pm Confiteor 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Legion 8:00pm Latin Mass	7:00pm CCD 8:00pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm  Confessions Hourly 10:00am-6:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour			8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions

**PORTO CHARITIES ANNUAL
COLLECTION FOR GOD'S
SPECIAL CHILDREN**



Bishop Burbidge has enthusiastically endorsed Porto Charities' "Special Kids, Special Needs Collection" on behalf of intellectually and developmentally challenged youth within the diocese. In Bishop Burbidge's own words *"The mission and work of Porto Charities is inspiring and effective as it enhances the lives of students with developmental and intellectual disabilities. This organization provides financial resources which are used to support special education programs which exemplify the compassion and love of the Catholic Church."*

This weekend's special collection will benefit special needs programs such as the Paul VI, Saint John Paul the Great, Holy Spirit, Bishop O'Connell and St. Mark's School Special Education Option Programs. The Bishop has sanctioned this collection as a blessing for God's Special Children, and hopes and desires to see this program implemented at even more Catholic schools in the diocese.

Please be generous in your support of this worthwhile endeavor. For more information please visit Porto Charities web site at <https://portocharities.org>.

THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

St. Thomas More Fraternity invites married and single laity who may be called to live the Gospel life as a professed lay tertiary, to attend an orientation at 1:15 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 830 S. 23rd St., Arlington, on Sunday, November 11th. For more details, call Thomas Bender, OFS, at 703-600-9846.

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT: "The Bravery to Live One's Catholic Faith to the Full"

This year's retreat will be preached by Reverend Roger J. Landry, a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, who works for the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations in New York. Fr. Landry also writes articles for various Catholic publications including the National Catholic Register and The Anchor, and is the author of the book Plan of Life: Habits to Help You Grow Closer to God.

The retreat is a silent one with opportunities for confession, Holy Mass, adoration and personal reflection. Spots are filling up. Make sure to register as soon as possible.

The retreat will take place Friday, October 19th at 6pm through Sunday, October 21st, at 12pm at San Damiano Retreat Center, 125 Kitchen Road, White Post, VA. The cost is \$325. To register, please visit: arlingtondiocese.org/retreatformen

**OUR LADY'S MISSIONARIES
OF THE EUCHARIST**

Invite you to a **SPECIAL RETREAT**
November 2-4, 2018

**A Time Apart with Jesus to Grow
In Your Spiritual Life**

**Ave Maria Retreat House in Doylestown,
Pennsylvania at the Shrine of Our Lady of
Czestochowa**

The retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-founder of Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist and EWTN host of "Eucharistic Journey" from 1999 to 2018. The retreat includes daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours and much more. For more information, please contact Kathy Carroll at 703-241-2582 or email khc1508@gmail.com. Or contact OLME directly at 610-582-3333 or olme@olme.org. www.olme.org.

PRAYER WORKSHOP FOR COUPLES

Cast out into the deep, and enrich your relationship with God and your fiancé(e) or spouse by attending the annual Prayer Workshop for Couples. The event will be held on Saturday, October 20, 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. at The Church of the Nativity in Burke. The day begins with Holy Mass and will feature talks on expression and understanding, a Q&A, and time for prayer. Speakers include Msgr. Charles Pope, Thérèse Bempohl and Mary Lynn Dixon. Cost is \$55 per couple, and is open to both the engaged and the married. To register, please go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/prayerworkshop

**THE REFINER'S FIRE
BEING PURIFIED WITH AND FOR THE
CHURCH**

Gentlemen: The current crisis in the Church presents a major spiritual challenge to us all. What is being asked of faithful Catholic men in this time of trial? The 20th Annual Christ the King Men's Day of Recollection, directed by Rev. Paul D. Scalia, will be held on Sat. Oct. 27 from 9:15am--1:15pm at St. John the Beloved Church, 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean. The \$40 charge includes lunch and materials. To register go to www.waywomen.com or send a check, payable to WAY to Jennifer Lawler, 5464 Mersea Ct., Burke, VA 22015. Student rate \$25. Pay-at-the-door \$45. For more information, contact Robin Maas at robinmaas@verizon.net.

