

# Worship the Lord

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, March 15**

*Lenten Weekday*

6:30 James F. Kelly †  
9:00 Alicia Cataquiz †  
8:00 Amy Young

**Tuesday, March 16**

*Lenten Weekday*

6:30 James F. Kelly †  
9:00 Alex Rued & Family

**Wednesday, March 17**

*St. Patrick, Bishop*

6:30 James F. Kelly †  
9:00 James H. McGrath †

**Thursday, March 18**

*St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

6:30 James F. Kelly †  
9:00 John Balint

**Friday, March 19**

*St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6:30 Thomas & Joseph O'Malley †  
7:30 Special Intention  
9:00 Donald Steiner †

**Saturday, March 20**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:15 Dick Wilcox  
5:00 Charles Ives †

**Sunday, March 21**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

7:30 Carol Ann Kelly †  
9:00 Dick Wilcox  
10:30 People of the Parish  
12:00 Alex Young

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Patricia Ahern	Richard Meade
Frank Bohan	Diana Meisel
Carmel Broadfoot	Bonnie Moran
John Cartelli	Veronica Nowakowski
Edward Ciesielski	Anita Oliveira
Victoria Grace Czarniecki	Emelinda Oliveira
Kerry Darby	John Peterson
Tara Flanagan-Koenig	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Alexa Frisbie	Shelby Rogers
Susan Glover	Thomas Rosa
Francisca Grego	Murielle Rozier-Francoville
Arnold L. Harrington III	Avery Schaeffer
Colleen Hodgdon	Merle Shannon
David Johnson	Fred Sheridan
Mark Johnson	Gloribeth Smith
Christopher Katz	Glenn Snyder
Margaret Kemp	Bill Sullivan
Dorothy Kottler	Brian Turner
Sue Malone	Ana Vera
Carmella Manetti	Mary Warchot
Cristina Marques	Marie Wysolmerski

*May God bless and protect  
our loved ones in the military and civil service  
who are serving these United States  
in dangerous places, especially...*

Robert Ayala	Michael Shipley
Jonathan Choo	Kimberley Templer
Nicholas Galvan	Michael Templer
Harry Griffith	Jesus Toledanes
Bill Jones	Justin White
Elisabeth Maddrell	Donald Yamamoto
Brendan Murphy	

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD**

† CHRISTOPHER MONEK †  
† ELSIE BALCAEN †  
† PAT KELLY †  
† JOSEPH AHEARN †  
† DONALD ARNDT †

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**MARCH—SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

# Learn the Faith

## IN TESTIMONIUM...

**14 MARCH**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**LAETARE SUNDAY**

According to some traditions, March 19 was the day that St. Joseph died although there is little evidence to support it. We know from the Gospel of Luke that St. Joseph was present when Jesus was twelve years old and found in the Temple (Luke 2,41-52) but there is no mention of St. Joseph at the beginning of Jesus' ministry when, at the wedding in Cana, Our Lord turned the water to wine at the prompting of His Blessed Mother.

The Bible is entirely silent about St. Joseph's death and as a result, the Church relies on oral traditions passed down over the centuries. With a little bit of "liturgical archeology" we can be certain that something of great significance related to St. Joseph happened on March 19. Why? Because that date always happens during the penitential season of Lent. March 22 is the earliest possible date for Easter. April 25 is the latest possible date for Easter. Either way, March 19 ought to be a day of penance.

Before we get too carried away with the Solemnity falling this year on a Friday, which according to Canon Law means that we are dispensed from the obligation to abstain from meat, remember that for centuries the Christian Faithful celebrated St. Joseph by pausing some of the liturgical restraint of Lent and they may have relaxed the practice of fasting on March 19 but they still abstained from meat just as they abstained from meat even on Sundays of Lent.

The 19th of March was dedicated to Saint Joseph in several Western calendars by the 10th century, and this custom was established in Rome by 1479. Pope Pius V extended its use to the entire Roman Rite by his Apostolic Constitution Quo primum on 14 July 1570. Since 1969, Episcopal Conferences have permission to transfer St. Joseph's Solemnity to a date outside Lent but I do not know of a single instance of that happening.

In Italy and Spain, March 19 is also Father's Day. The Spanish custom is for children to cook a meatless breakfast for their fathers breakfast or even give small gifts. The famous St. Joseph Day Tables that come to us from Sicily include lots of bread, beans, olives (of course) but no meat.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

God bless you.

Rev. Christopher J. Pollard



**Saint John the Beloved**  
**ACADEMY**

### CALENDAR UPDATES

MARCH 19—NO SCHOOL, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### ANNUAL FUND

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### FAMILY EVENINGS OF PRAYER & CATECHESIS EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 7:00-7:45PM

All families are invited, the Tues & Thurs programs are the same, so pick the night that works best for you! Both are livestreamed.

The evening includes music, prayer and a short catechesis by our priests. This week continues the "God Seeks His People" series with the story of Moses.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ATTENTION PARENTS OF 2ND GRADERS

If you would like your child to receive First Confession and First Holy Communion in May 2021 please contact the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible.

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

#### SPORTS & SCRIPTURE (Wednesdays, 4-6pm)

- 7TH —12TH graders welcome!
- Enjoy sports and pizza while getting to know Christ !

#### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHTS

- - 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month, 7:00-8:30pm
- - Encounter Christ while having fun with other Catholic youth

For more info, email: [mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org)

# Be an Apostle



## IN THE DIOCESE

### 2021 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge. Go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org) or call 703-260-9800 to donate. Please help our parish reach our BLA goal!

### FROM THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

*FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT -- MARCH 14, 2021*

"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him." Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2514.

### FROM THE OFFICE OF MARRIAGE, FAMILY & RESPECT LIFE

*DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING*

Post-Abortion Healing Retreats for Women in English and Spanish: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry (703) 841-2504 or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

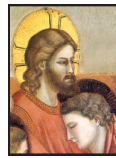
### PRAISE AND WORSHIP HOLY HOUR

Local musicians lead praise and worship on April 13th, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. Fr. Richard Dyer will lead us in prayer along with musician Mike Tenney. The special intention is for healing and conversion in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available. All are welcome! Please bring a friend. Visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion/) to join virtually.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

*VOLUNTEER TEACHERS URGENTLY NEEDED!*

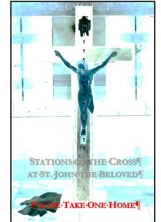
ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages) teachers needed to teach virtually. Teachers are only asked to teach one class period per week but may teach more if desired. We allow teaching in pairs for those who wish to teach with a friend or spouse. No experience or foreign language ability necessary and all materials and training provided! If interested, please email [volunteer.newcomer@ccda.net](mailto:volunteer.newcomer@ccda.net) or call 571-208-1572.



## IN THE PARISH

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A booklet with Fr. Pollard's photographs of our parish Stations has been printed and is available in the vestibule for people to take home. It may be especially useful for children who are attending Stations.



### THE WORD BOOKSTORE

The Word is stocked with several new release books and Lenten guides. Don't be caught without good reading this Lent! The store is open after the 900, 1030 and 1200 masses. Please enter through the main church entrance. We ask that you respectfully *not enter the vestibule until after the Communion service is finished*. Cash/Credit/Checks accepted. We are also open by appointment. Email us at [theword@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:theword@stjohncatholicmclean.org) with your inquiry and suggested time to meet at the store. We look forward to serving you.



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Death of Saint Joseph  
Giuseppe Maria Crespi, 1712





## STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

The 2021 Virginia gubernatorial election will be held on November 2, 2021, to elect the next governor of Virginia. The Democratic Party will select its candidate in a primary election on June 8, 2021. The Republican Party will hold a drive-thru convention on May 8, 2021 at Liberty University.

### Democratic Candidates

Jennifer Carroll Foy (<https://jennifercarrollfoy.com/>)  
 Lee J. Carter (<https://carterforvirginia.com/>)  
 Justin Fairfax (<https://justinfairfax.com/>)  
 Terry McAuliffe (<https://terrymcauliffe.com/>)  
 Jennifer McClellan (<https://www.jennmcclellanva.com/>)

### Republican Candidates

Amanda Chase (<https://chaseforva.com/>)  
 Kirk Cox (<https://kirkcox.com/>)  
 Peter Doran (<https://www.peterdoran.org/>)  
 Sergio de la Peña (<https://www.sergiodelapena.com/>)  
 Merle Rutledge Jr. (<http://www.rutledgeforvagovernor.com/>)  
 Kurt Santini (<https://www.santiniforva.com/>)  
 Pete Snyder (<https://petesnyder.com/>)  
 Glenn Youngkin (<https://www.youngkinforgovernor.com/>)

### Independent Candidates

Princess Blanding (<https://www.princessblanding.com/>)  
 Brad Froman (<http://www.bradfroman.com/>)

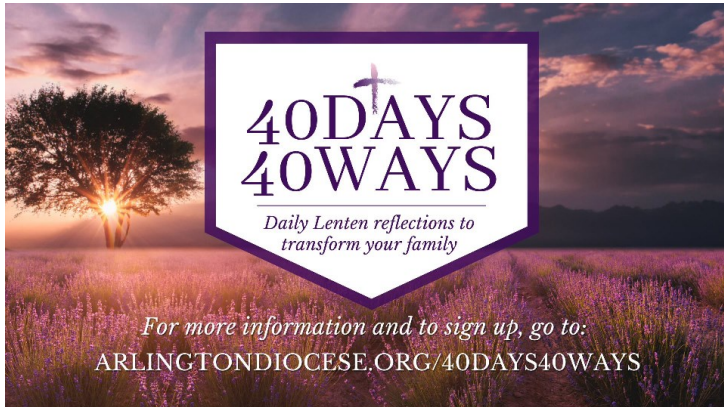


### Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program



**Mar 11-14 , Apr 22-25 (In-Person Only)**  
**Apr 8-11 (Virtual Only)**

This is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. \$315 per couple. Space will be limited and weekends fill up quickly! Find more information at <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/marriage/virtual-marriage-prep>.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARCH 14	MARCH 15	MARCH 16	MARCH 17	MARCH 18	MARCH 19	MARCH 20
7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon TLM  3:30pm ProLife Rosary 4:00pm Vespers	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass    8:00pm TLM Mass	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 7:30am Mass	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass   Confessions Hourly 10:00am-7:00pm	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass	6:30am Mass 7:30am Mass, Solemnity of St. Joseph 9:00am Mass  7:00pm St. Joseph Devotions 7:30pm Stations of the Cross	8:15am Mass 8:45am Confessions  3:30pm Confessions  5:00pm Mass