

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, March 9

### *St. Frances of Rome, Religious*

6:30 Concepcion Reyna  
9:00 Alo Karnbrock †  
8:00 Mike McCardell †

## Tuesday, March 10

### *Lenten Weekday*

6:30 Anne Southworth †  
9:00 Emilia Llamas Fernandez †

## Wednesday, March 11

### *Lenten Weekday*

6:30 Bridget Crnkovich  
9:00 Charles Bredehoft †

## Thursday, March 12

### *Lenten Weekday*

6:30 Ronald E. Wells  
9:00 Anthony DeConcilis †

## Friday, March 13

### *Lenten Weekday*

6:30 Jeannette Pimble †  
9:00 Msgr. Frank Mahler †

## Saturday, March 14

### *Lenten Weekday*

8:15 Maria Prevost †  
5:00 Spencer Lunde †

## *Third Sunday of Lent*

7:30 Jeannette Pimble †  
9:00 Charles Bredehoft †  
10:30 People of the Parish  
12:00 Marie Louise Chang †

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† MILDRED HALLINAN †

† DYLAN WILLETTE †

† ANNE MAUM MCLAUGHLIN †

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 2020

### Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

## IN TESTIMONIUM...

### 8 March 2020

With flu season in full swing and the threat of a pandemic looming, we should discuss the measures we have taken and can take to safeguard each other's health. At the direction of the Diocese of Arlington...

1) we encourage all parishioners, *especially* those interacting with the public (clergy, teachers, office staff, ushers, lectors, servers, choristers, etc.) to stay home if they feel in any way sick.

2) we have placed hand sanitizer on the tables in the vestibule.

The Diocese also recommended that we consider refraining from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace and from distributing the Precious Blood with a common chalice. We already do the former in flu season and the latter in general.

One further consideration should be given to the distribution of the Sacred Host. It has been suggested that we should distribute Our Lord only in the hand and not on the tongue.

I am no medical professional but I am a professed germophobe. When I use a public bathroom I use the paper towel to open the door on the way out. I have been checking the CDC website several times a day as I prepare for a short trip to Rome. En route and upon my return I will follow all of their guidelines.

The hygienic problem with Communion in the hand is that there still is skin-to-skin contact. Moreover, given that everyone coming into church opens at least one door, inevitably touches the pew, and handles a missalette and hymnal, receiving in the hand offers only an illusion of safety since everyone's hands have touched so many surfaces that cannot be cleaned. The doors can be disinfected regularly but the books certainly cannot be disinfected. You could bring your own hand sanitizer and purify your hands right before Holy Communion, but that will not protect you from the hands that have touched the hand that will give the Blessed Sacrament to you. We *have* just instructed all those who will be distributing Holy Communion to wash up immediately prior to entering the sanctuary. Even with that, the Communion line will never be a sterile environment.

The safest course of action would be to refrain from distributing Holy Communion altogether. The Church has resorted to this in times of plague. We still do not know how the infection rate and mortality rate of COVID-19 will compare to the seasonal flu.

In the meantime, wash your hands, cover your coughs and sneezes, go to confession, stay home if you are ill, care for the sick, help us connect with the homebound and trust in God.

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." *Heb 13,8*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### WOMEN'S COUNCIL LENTEN

#### MORNING OF REFLECTION

Saturday, March 21, in St. John Church

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Adoration 10:00 a.m.

Talk 10:30 a.m.

Confessions 11:00 a.m.

Rosary 11:30 a.m.

Mass at Noon

### ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PRAYER CHAIN

You are invited to join the *St. John the Beloved Prayer Chain*. We are an email group of several hundred souls dedicated to praying for the intentions of our St. John Community. Prayer requests are sent by the coordinator via email along with suggested prayers for each intention. All members of our parish and school family are welcome to join us in prayer. Join - [bit.ly/PrayerChainSignUp](https://bit.ly/PrayerChainSignUp)  
Questions or Prayer Requests -  
[StJohnPrayerChain@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org](mailto:StJohnPrayerChain@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org)

### HELP A PARISHIONER

A young St. John parishioner born in 1997 is in need of a kidney donor. If you or someone you know is open to becoming a kidney donor, regardless of where the potential donor lives, please visit the website for the MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute:

<https://mgti.donorscreen.org/register/donate-kidney>

The young man's name and date of birth, which will be needed for registration, can be provided by Fr. Pollard ([fr.pollard@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:fr.pollard@stjohncatholicmclean.org)). Donors can be reimbursed for lost wages and other expenses. Since the recipient is 22 years old the preferred donor age is between 21 and 49. However doctors are allowing older candidates to be tested since the finding of such a qualifying living donor could make available the needed transplant through the Paired Kidney Exchange.

### SAINT JOHN'S SENIORS CLUB

**WHAT:** Mass at 11:30am for those who wish to attend, followed by Luncheon & Talk at 12:00pm in the school auditorium.

**WHEN:** Monday, 16 March

**WHO:** Father John Melmer

**TOPIC:** Father Melmer, a member of the Ministry Teams of the Catholic Healing Ministry of the Diocese of Arlington, will speak about the role of these Teams, as instruments of Jesus Christ, in healing a person spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Learning about this vital church ministry firsthand will surely be most helpful to everyone.

**RSVP:** Sign up on the sheet in the Parish Office or call the Parish Office at 703-356-7916.

**DUE BY:** Friday, 13 March. Those who arrive without reservations are welcome, but unfortunately, we cannot offer them lunch.

**SUGGESTED DONATION:** \$15.00 at the door. For further information or if you would like a ride, please call Phil at 703-356-9788.

## ST. JOHN THE BELOVED LENT 2020

### Friday Soup Suppers

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday Evenings  
(continuing throughout Lent)  
Volunteers needed

### Friday Stations of the Cross

2:00 p.m. Friday Afternoon  
“Stations of the Cross for St. John Academy”  
7:30 p.m. Friday Evening  
“Way of the Cross”  
with Text from Sacred Scripture

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| March 8   | March 9   | March 10   | March 11  | March 12  | March 13   | March 14   |
| 7:30am Mass<br>9:00am Mass<br>10:30am Mass<br>Noon Latin Mass | 6:30am Mass<br>9:00am Mass<br>9:45am Sew & So Forths<br><br>4:00pm Theology for Teens<br>7:30pm Legion<br>8:00pm TLM<br>8:30pm Futsal | 6:30am Mass<br>9:00am Mass<br><br><br><br>8:00pm Hoops | 6:30am Mass<br>9:00am Mass<br><br><b>ADORATION</b><br>10:00am—7:30pm<br><b>Confessions Hourly</b><br>10:00am—7:00pm<br><br>7:00pm Holy Hour<br>7:30pm Benediction | 6:30am Mass<br>9:00am Mass<br><br><b>Pray at the Falls Church Abortion Center</b><br><b>7am-7pm</b> | 6:30am Mass<br>9:00am Mass<br><br>2:00pm School Stations<br>6:00pm Soup Supper<br>7:00pm Stations<br>7:30pm Mass<br>9:30pm Benediction | 8:15am Mass<br>8:45 Confessions<br><br><br><br>3:30pm Confessions<br>5:00pm Mass |

## FALL YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHTS

Next youth night: Sunday 3/15

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays (and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

Optional dinner from 6:30pm-7:00pm, Youth Night activities begin at 7:00pm

Upcoming youth nights:

March 15: Owning the whole world, God's way!

April 5: Suffering for Christ

For more information about youth ministry activities, contact Michael at [mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org)

### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT!

Sunday, March 22, 5-8pm

Help us form a St. John's team to compete against teams from other local parishes!

Dinner, snacks, and drinks provided.

RSVP by March 18 to Michael:

[mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org)

**NOTE: Sports night on March 13 is cancelled due to the Mass and Eucharistic healing service with Fr. Ubald.**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# Mother Daughter Tea

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

10 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING UNTIL NOON

ST JOHN the BELOVED Catholic Church, MCLEAN VA

Cost: \$30 a Mother/daughter pair ~ \$10 additional daughter

KINDLY RSVP BY APRIL 20  
to Michael Jacobeen  
[mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org)  
(703) - 356-7916



Hear ye, Hear Ye!

Calling all Noble Knights and Squires ages 7+

## St John the Beloved Father and Son Knighthood Day

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020**  
1:00 PM - 4:00PM

demonstrations & contests in swordplay & archery  
shield making & nourishment included

cost: \$30 per father/son pair \$10 additional son

Kindly RSVP by April 15th to Michael Jacobeen  
[mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org)

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED

# Vacation Bible School



**CATHLETICS!**  
TRAINING TO BE CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST

## June 15-19, 2020

- 8:30am—12:00pm each day
- Rising Kindergarten—6th Grade
- Cost: \$80/child, family max of \$200

For more info or to register, visit:  
[www.stjohncatholicmclean.org/VBS](http://www.stjohncatholicmclean.org/VBS)

or email:

[mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org)

MASS AND EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE  
MARCH 13, ST. JOHN THE BELOVED  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS & CONFESSIONS 7:00 PM  
MASS 7:30 PM  
BENEDICTION 9:30 PM

## Adoration & Healing Prayers

with Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga

*Survivor of the Rwandan genocide*

*Author of Forgiveness Makes You Free*

*Founder of The Center for the Secret of Peace*

*Friend of Immaculee Ilibagiza*

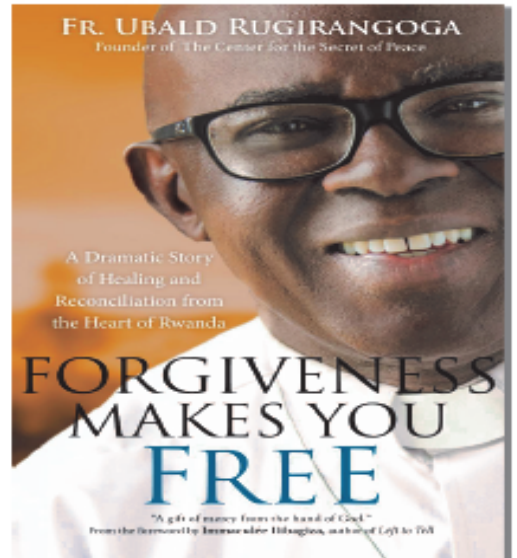
Fr. Ubald has been a Roman Catholic priest for over 30 years in the Cyangugu Diocese of southeastern Rwanda. During the 1994 genocide Fr. Ubald lost over 80 members of his family and over 45,000 of his parishioners to the genocide. He escaped through the Congo on foot in the middle of the night.

After a trip to Lourdes where he heard Jesus tell him "Ubald, carry your cross," he felt a release from the burden of his sorrows and knew he was called to preach healing, forgiveness and reconciliation.



Fr. Ubald has a beautiful healing gift and his focus is on healing and evangelization wherever he goes. There are many documented cases of physical, spiritual, emotional healings and vast healing of relationships through his prayers. It is not uncommon for him to do a healing service in his country where anywhere from 30,000-80,000 people will be in attendance.

The Government of Rwanda seeks him out for advice on forgiveness and reconciliation as the country continues to rebuild after the devastation of the genocide. He has traveled all over the world bringing a message of healing. He made his first trip to the United States in 2009, at the request of another genocide survivor and author of the book, *Left To Tell*, Immaculee Ilibagiza, he and returns often to meet with the faithful who are hungry for Christ's peace.



*"I prayed every night as I wept . . . I felt I had failed as a priest, for I had preached love and the people made genocide . . . Then I heard God speak to me. Jesus wanted me to use these experiences to evangelize later. It was then that I knew my life would be spared. God would make a way."*

*-From the book, Forgiveness Makes You Free*



## SAINT PATRICK & SAINT JOSEPH

# COOK-OFF CHALLENGE



**CALLING ALL IRISH  
CALLING ALL ITALIANS!!**



The Italians are once again facing off with the Irish in a cook-off challenge! Bring your best cooking and decorating talents to St John's Second Annual St. Patrick/St. Joseph Feast Day on March 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Sign up using the link below with the details of your entry today! You may enter a main dish or dessert for the contest.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054EA8A62A1-saint1>

## IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON



### MARCH 8 STERWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." **GENESIS 12:1**

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace." Do you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).

### GUADALUPE RADIO "FISHERS OF MEN" DINNER

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge will be honored for his works of evangelization at the Guadalupe Radio Network's 'Fishers of Men' Dinner at the Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria on Saturday, April 18, 2020. The evening starts at 6 p.m. Fr. Leo Patalinghug, host of EWTN's Savoring Our Faith, will be keynote speaker. Visit GRNOnline.com to purchase tickets or to sponsor a table, or call WMET 1160 AM/103.1 FM at 877-636-1160.

## STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTH

Announcement are great.  
Personal appeals are better.  
You have permission to tell your neighbor:

"Pardon the intrusion. I am sorry for your discomfort. Your coughing and sneezing is especially disconcerting. Fr. Pollard is asking everyone who feels sick to stay home out of an abundance of caution. And if you know that you will be stuck at home for long, the priests can bring you Holy Communion."

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rhena Beckmann - Fuchs    | Cristina Marques            |
| Frank Bohan               | Richard Meade               |
| Kathleen Bonuccelli       | Diana Meisel                |
| Carmel Broadfoot          | Bonnie Moran                |
| John Cartelli             | Veronica Nowakowski         |
| Victoria Grace Czarniecki | Anita Oliveira              |
| Richard DeCorps           | Emelinda Oliveira           |
| Tara Flanagan-Koenig      | Mary Pistorino Reilly       |
| Alexa Frisbie             | Shelby Rogers               |
| Susan Glover              | Thomas Rosa                 |
| Francisca Grego           | Murielle Rozier-Francoville |
| Edward M. Hallinan III    | Avery Schaeffer             |
| Mildred Hallinan          | Merle Shannon               |
| Jack Halpin               | Gloribeth Smith             |
| Arnold L. Harrington III  | Glenn Snyder                |
| Colleen Hodgdon           | Daniel Stadelmann           |
| David Johnson             | Carolyn Steinhoff           |
| Mark Johnson              | Bill Sullivan               |
| Christopher Katz          | Brian Turner                |
| Dorothy Kottler           | Ana Vera                    |
| Sue Malone                | Mary Warchot                |
| Carmella Manetti          | 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...*

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