

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, February 1

6:30 Gertrude Ann Deeds  
 9:00 Stanley Zuckerman †  
 7:30 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Poch †

## Tuesday, February 2

### *The Presentation of the Lord*

6:30 Federico Segura  
 9:00 Rowan Family  
 7:30 Rev. Franklyn McAfee

## Wednesday, February 3

### *St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop*

6:30 Joseph Crnkovich, Sr. †  
 9:00 Stanley Zuckerman †

## Thursday, February 4

6:30 Joe Jackson †  
 9:00 Ruth Murphy †

## Friday, February 5

### *St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*

6:30 Joseph Crnkovich, Sr. †  
 9:00 Edward McCool †

## Saturday, February 6

### *St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

8:15 Robert Wonderlich  
 5:00 Polly Cedar †

## Sunday, February 7

### *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 Franklin Michels †  
 9:00 Ludobina & Jose Esteves †  
 10:30 People of the Parish  
 12:00 Angela Whimble †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON  
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AT 9:00 A.M.**

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

### February

**Care for Creation:** That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

**Asia:** That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

## IN TESTIMONIUM...

In the Fall we began a series on the Sacred Liturgy. In February of 2007 Pope Benedict XVI published an exhortation following the Synod of Bishops that had taken place in 2006. It is called *Sacramentum Caritatis* (The Sacrament of Charity):

20. The Synod Fathers rightly stated that a love for the Eucharist leads to a growing appreciation of the sacrament of Reconciliation (Cf. Pope St. John Paul II, *Encyclical Letter Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 17 April 2003, 36). Given the connection between these sacraments, an authentic catechesis on the meaning of the Eucharist must include the call to pursue the path of penance (cf. 1 Cor 11:27-29). We know that the faithful are surrounded by a culture that tends to eliminate the sense of sin (Cf. John Paul II, *Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Reconciliatio et Paenitentia*, 2 December 1984, 18) and to promote a superficial approach that overlooks the need to be in a state of grace in order to approach sacramental communion worthily. (Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1385). The loss of a consciousness of sin always entails a certain superficiality in the understanding of God's love. Bringing out the elements within the rite of Mass that express consciousness of personal sin and, at the same time, of God's mercy, can prove most helpful to the faithful.

(For example, the Confiteor, or the words of the priest and people before receiving Communion: "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed." Not insignificantly does the liturgy also prescribe certain very beautiful prayers for the priest, handed down by tradition, which speak of the need for forgiveness, as, for example, the one recited quietly before inviting the faithful to sacramental communion: "By the mystery of your body and blood, free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me always faithful to your teachings and never let me be parted from you.")

Furthermore, the relationship between the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation reminds us that sin is never a purely individual affair; it always damages the ecclesial communion that we have entered through Baptism. For this reason, Reconciliation, as the Fathers of the Church would say, is *laboriosus quidam baptismus* (a laborious kind of baptism); they thus emphasized that the outcome of the process of conversion is also the restoration of full ecclesial communion, expressed in a return to the Eucharist.

God bless you!

Rev. Christopher J. Pollard

**FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY ADORATION**

Adoration begins following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, February 5 and continues through the night into Saturday. Please come spend an hour in the presence of Our Eucharistic Lord. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule to assure adorers are present every hour. Saturday's 8:15 a.m. Mass will be followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotions and Benediction.

**CANDLEMAS****TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

Tuesday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord also known as Candlemas. Candles for the church and for the home will be blessed at the beginning of the 9:00 a.m. Mass. You may bring your own candles from home to be blessed or, for a small donation, candles will be available in the church vestibule. A special Mass in the Extraordinary Form will take place with candlelight procession at 7:30 p.m.

**BLESSING OF THROATS****WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

On Wednesday, February 3, the feast day of St. Blaise, the traditional blessing of throats will take place immediately following all Masses. St. John Academy students will receive the blessing in their classrooms.

**ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS TIMES ON WEDNESDAYS DURING THE YEAR OF MERCY**

Pope Francis has designated this Liturgical year as "*The Year of Mercy*". To extend the gift of Divine Mercy, the priests of St. John the Beloved will be hearing 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.

**ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PRAYER CHAIN  
JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN**

You are invited to become a member of the St. John Prayer Chain. It is an e-mail group of several hundred souls dedicated to praying for the intentions of parish and school families and their loved ones. Prayer requests are sent by the coordinator via email, as they are received along with suggested prayers for each intention. If you would like to pray with us please send your email address to [StJohnPrayerChain@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org](mailto:StJohnPrayerChain@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org).

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

After the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses the St. Peter Cleaver Society will host Coffee & Donuts. Thanks to the members of the St. John Academy PTO for hosting Coffee & Donuts last Sunday.

**ST. JOHN THE BELOVED  
2015-16 SUNDAY LECTURES SERIES*****FIFTY YEARS AFTER THE  
SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL***

Guest Speaker: George Weigel

Sunday the 21st of February

4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall  
Admission is free of charge.

**DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES  
IS HERE ON THURSDAYS**

Gracie Ortiz, Director of Senior Services for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington is available to meet with parishioners all day on Thursdays following the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Conference Room in Parish Office. If you would like to schedule an appointment you may reach Gracie Ortiz at 571-970-8734 or at [gortiz@ccda.net](mailto:gortiz@ccda.net). She is able to help with Elder Care and Caregiver Support. Gracie will be able to offer grief counseling, help you access area resources, offer decision-support services, and answer questions about Medicare / navigating the health care system. Gracie's eldercare assistance includes helping families with long-distance care giving, providing education on the care giving process.

**WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

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 are here to help in that process by answering questions, being available for one on one conversation, and holding weekly gatherings, with wine and appetizers, where we provide talks on many dimensions of the Catholic faith that are oriented toward reintroducing the teachings of the faith and living the Catholic faith. We will be meeting weekly on Tuesday nights from 7:00 -8:00 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge at St. John Academy. Pope Francis recently proclaimed a Jubilee Year of Mercy in which the Catholic Church will seek to immerse itself in receiving the mercy of Christ and then being bearers of the mercy of Christ. Welcoming Catholics Home will look specifically at fourteen traditional works of mercy that practicing Catholics are encouraged to incorporate into their life of faith and love of neighbor. On Tuesday, February 2 we will discuss the corporal and spiritual acts of mercy: sheltering the homeless and instructing the ignorant.

## *2016 Bishop's Lenten Appeal* *Go forth as heralds of God's mercy!*

Next weekend, every family in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. If you have already donated through the mail or online or are not able to participate, there will be places to note that on the form. Please read the newsletter being distributed with today's bulletin that contains detailed information about how the BLA funds are distributed throughout our diocese. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to support the many programs and ministries that serve the people of our diocese. *Every gift is an expression of God's love and mercy!*

### THANK YOU ST. JOHN'S PRO-LIFE GROUP

We would like to thank Andrea Del Vecchio, St. John's pro-life coordinator and our pro-life group for the time and effort given in coordinating events surrounding the "March for Life". It was wonderful to have so many from our parish witness for "the right to life" and we hope to have more next year. This year we hosted over 200 participants, who stayed at St. John's for 2 nights. We thank all the parishioners who generously provided monetary donations, refreshments and food for them. Your charity is greatly appreciated. May God reward your kindness!

### ST. JOHN'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

The St. John's Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the adult education room. We are actively recruiting new members. If you would like information about joining the Knights, please contact the Council at: [KofC@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org](mailto:KofC@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org)

### ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO ST. JOHN

For your convenience sign up for the Faith Direct Offertory program. [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) our code: VA77



### CONGRATULATIONS TO SJA GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS

The St. John Academy Geography Bee was held on January 13. First place went to Anthony Ryu. Chris Kinsella was the runner up. Good job boys!

### KNITTING WITH MRS. PEREZ: GRADES 4 - 8



St. John Academy has started an after school Knitting Club, sponsored by our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Irene Pérez. Students in grades 4-8 who either want to learn how to knit or who already know how to knit, meet on Thursdays after school from 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The group's first project is knitting a scarf.

### ST. JOHN ACADEMY STUDENTS ATTEND MARCH FOR LIFE

SJA seventh and eighth graders participated in the March for Life on January 22. Before heading to the Mall, they joined other youth from the diocese at George Mason University for the Life is Very Good rally, followed by Mass offered by Bishop Loverde.

### ST. JOHN ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

January 31 – February 6 is Catholic Schools Week and St. John Academy will be hosting an Open House on **Wednesday, February 3 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Are you interested in a Catholic education for your son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter? Do you want to share the good news with a friend, neighbor, or co-worker's child? We'd love to have you visit St. John Academy. There will be a presentation by the Headmaster at 9:45 a.m. and tours by the Student Council.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 31	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4	February 5	February 6
10:30am PreK & Kindergarten CCD	9:45am Sew&SoForth 4:30pm CCD 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsol	7:00pm CCD 7:00pm WCH 7:30pm LTMP 8:00pm Hoops	St. Blaise Feast Day Blessing of Throats 6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass ADORATION 9:30am–7:30pm Confessions Hourly 10:00am–6:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour	7:30pm KofC	FIRST FRIDAY 	FIRST SATURDAY  8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions



## EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN

*Sponsored by*  
**St. John the Beloved Women's Council**  
**2015-16 Series**

*"Mercy to Evangelization...  
 A Gift of Love from the Father"*

Monday, February 15, 2016

***Living out God's Mercy  
 to ourselves, our families...the world***

*by: Fr. Thomas Vander Woude*

7:00 p.m. Social

7:30 p.m. Talk in the Parish Hall

RSVP to: [womenseveningsofreflection@gmail.com](mailto:womenseveningsofreflection@gmail.com)

## SENIORS' CLUB FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Please put Monday, February 15 on your calendar. Our guest speaker, Mr. Charles Molineaux, a fellow parishioner and a distinguished lawyer, promises to challenge our views on a critically important topic of global concern today. Charles will delve into Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato Si," highlighting both the joyful and troubling views expressed by our Holy Father. Charles will challenge us all to better understand and appreciate this seminal encyclical on the environment. Mark your calendars and bring a friend. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following Mass which will be said at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the parish office at 703-356-7916 by Friday, February 12. If you forget to RSVP, please contact Phil Wehle over that weekend at 703-356-9788 to reserve your place for lunch. **Those who arrive without reservations are welcome but, unfortunately, we cannot offer them lunch.** The suggested donation is \$15.00 per person to be collected at the door. For further information or if you would like a ride to the luncheon please call Phil.



## SIGN UP TO HOST

## THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

Answer Our Lady's call to prayer. Reserve your week to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home. The primary purpose of the Pilgrim Virgin home visitation program is to aid families and individuals in responding to the requests made by Mary during her apparitions at Fatima. The essence of her requests is threefold: return to God; make reparation for sins and pray the Rosary for peace. Members of the **Legion of Mary** will be in front of the church to make your reservation after all Masses this weekend (**January 30/31**). Open to all families, households and individuals within a 5 - mile radius of St. John the Beloved.

## DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

THE 2016 MEN'S CONFERENCE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 5

All men of the Diocese are invited to the sixth annual diocesan Men's Conference on March 5. This year's conference is titled, "God the Father of Extravagant Mercy." It will feature Damon Owens, Executive Director of the Theology of the Body Institute, Fr. David Pignato, Theology Professor at St. John Seminary in Boston, and Dr. Michael Horne, Director of Clinical Services for Catholic Charities. Breakfast, lunch, and Mass with Bishop Loverde will be included. To register visit our website at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/men).

THE 2016 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 12

All women of the Diocese are encouraged to attend the annual Women's Conference at St. Joseph in Herndon on March 12 with Kathleen Beckman, Co-founder and President of the Foundation of Prayer for Priests and Sister Clare Hunter, Respect Life Director for the Dioceses of Arlington. The conference title is "God the Father of Extravagant Mercy." It will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Loverde at 8:45 a.m. Confessions will be offered from 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Online registration: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/women)

## MARRIAGE HELP

Is your marriage in trouble? 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 call 703-351-7211 or visit our website at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

## GIVE A GIFT FOR LIFE

Please give a *Gift for Life* this season to help Project Rachel provide healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One retreatant wrote: "I pray that more people who need healing and forgiveness learn about Project Rachel and attend a retreat. It will be the beginning of the rest of your life. You can be forgiven and you can heal. Just let God in." For more information and/or to donate visit: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)

BISHOP LOVERDE'S LETTER  
ON THE JUBILEE OF MERCY

In the Year of Mercy, join Bishop Loverde in embracing "the inner joy that comes from receiving mercy." He invites you to read his letter on the Jubilee, by visiting: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee)

## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

### SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

We continue tonight from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. All 7th through 12th grade aged students are welcome to attend. We will join together for the talk and dinner but will split for small groups and games. Dinner is always included and is free but a \$5 suggested donation is welcome.

### BANICA

There is still room for our 2016 mission trip to Bánica, Dominican Republic. Cost is roughly \$1,200, including airfare, room, and board. Dates are July 9th through 16th. Please contact Kevin if you are interested.

### SKI TRIP

Join Fr. Sina and Kevin Corcoran on a Ski Trip to Liberty Mountain on Monday, February 15th, President's Day. Meet at 7:15 a.m. at St. John's and we'll return by 4:30 p.m. at the latest. Cost is \$100 for skiing and snowboarding rentals, ticket, and helmet and \$50 for tubing. Payment is due with permission forms to Kevin by February 7th. There are separate Liberty Resort permission forms for both skiing/snowboarding and tubing that must also be completed in addition to the Youth Ministry Permission Form. Breakfast is included but lunch is not. Expect to spend \$10-15.

### MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY TRIP

Saturday, February 13th from 6:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please bring a permission form and money for lunch. Contact Kevin if you wish to join.

### BÁNICA MEETING

Monday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the old St. Agnes Convent at 2026 N. Randolph Street in Arlington.

### CONFITEOR CLASSES

Classes are in progress on Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

### RCIA

Open to Juniors and Seniors in the Adult Ed Room from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### Upcoming topics:

- Feb. 1:** The Sacramental Life: Penance, Anointing of the Sick & Funerals
- Feb. 8:** Examination of Conscience & The Ten Commandments

### Contact Information:

Kevin Corcoran  
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[kcorcoran@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:kcorcoran@stjohncatholicmclean.org)

## THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



*Who Am I To Judge?  
Politics and the Problem of Moral Relativism"*  
Fr. Dominic Legge, OP

Presented by the Thomistic Institute & Hillsdale College

227 Massachusetts Avenue, NE • Washington, DC 20002

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

6:00 p.m. Registration • 6:30 p.m. Lecture/Q&A

*Followed by refreshments*

Please RSVP at [thekirbycenter.org](http://thekirbycenter.org).

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmel Broadfoot	Andrew Katson
Salvatore Calabro	Paul Kemp
John Paul Charles Carver	Dorothy Kottler
Antonio Castro	Jay LaMonica
Nancy Christy	Sharon LeMaster
Virginia Connelly	Sue Malone
Sheila Corallo	Carmella Manetti
Lastenia Cortavarria	Patrick McDonough
Edward Cotter	Marilyn McNemar
Mary Jane DeCorps	Diana Meisel
Richard DeCorps	Bonnie Moran
William Dunne	Veronica Nowakowski
Joe Elias	Mary O'Bryan
Sandra Elias	Anita Oliveira
Francesca Greco	Briner Orillo
Fran Green	Maureen O'Toole
Paul Griffith	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Gayle Grinstead	Patricia Richer
Matthew Grinstead	Shelby Rogers
Edward M. Hallinan III	Connie Seymour
Helen Hargenrader	Merle Shannon
Arnold Harrington	Gloribeth Smith
Emily Hazlett	Carolyn Steinhoff
Agnes Henley	Bill Sullivan
Mark Johnson	Mary Warchot
Lars Jorgensen	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...*

Michael Black	Michael Shipley
Harry Griffith	Kimberley Templer
Bill Jones	Michael Templer
Richard Kazunas	Jesus Toledanes
Brendan Murphy	Justin White
Lynn Partik	Nicholas Galvan