

Worship the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

6:30 Mary Jean McJury †
9:00 Jon Haring †
8:00 Charma Zuber

Tuesday, February 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

6:30 Anastasia Grace Rowan
9:00 Anne McLaughlin †

Wednesday, February 24

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Fr. Vanderwoude
9:00 Fr. McKenna †

Thursday, February 25

Lenten Weekday

6:30 James McBride †
9:00 Anne Darr †

Friday, February 26

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Mary Hager †
9:00 John Flavin †

Saturday, February 27

Lenten Weekday

8:15 John Perrottet
5:00 Elizabeth Powell †

Sunday, February 28

Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 Julie Schmit-Albin †
9:00 Veronica Healy †
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Ryan Zuber

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	Gloribeth Smith
Mark Johnson	Glenn Snyder
Christopher Katz	Bill Sullivan
Margaret Kemp	Brian Turner
Dorothy Kottler	Ana Vera
Sue Malone	Mary Warchot
Carmella Manetti	Marie Wysolmerski
Cristina Marques	

*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

† ELSIE BALCAEN †
† PAT KELLY †
† JOSEPH AHEARN †
† DONALD ARNDT †
† ROBERT E. TESSIER †

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY—VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Learn the Faith

IN TESTIMONIUM...

21 February
First Sunday of Lent

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1,12-13

Do you imagine Jesus spending forty days sitting on a rock?

The description of Moses in the Book of Deuteronomy spending 40 days and 40 nights prostrate on the holy mountain (Deut 9,18) influenced how I used to imagine the forty days in the desert.

Was Jesus going somewhere?

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke mention Our Lord's forty days in the desert and then his withdrawing to Galilee. There is no reference to time but the narrative suggests a sequence. His forty days in the desert happened "immediately" after the Baptism. After his forty days in the desert, he was in Nazareth. Might have his journeying from the place of His baptism to Nazareth incorporated the forty days? The Gospel of St. John does not permit that reading since Our Lord, some time after the baptism, was in Bethany beyond the Jordan before the Wedding Feast in Cana. Remember that the Gospel of St. John does not describe the Baptism of the Lord but rather what St. John the Baptist said some time later.

So Our Lord was baptized in the Jordan, went into the Judean wilderness, came back to Bethany beyond the Jordan, traveled to Nazareth and then Cana and then Capernaum... and in short order he was on his way to Jerusalem.

The Old Testament describes journeys of forty days: Noah and his family floated in the ark during forty days of rain (Genesis 7,12), Moses sent spies to reconnoiter the land of Canaan for forty days (Numbers 13,25), fleeing for his life Elijah walked for forty days to the mountain Horeb (1Kings 19,3-8), and the Prophet Jonah journeyed through Nineveh for forty days proclaiming a fast (Jonah 3,4-10).

I imagine Jesus walking through the wilderness peacefully and purposefully.

This Lent I propose either getting off the couch or slowing down the power walk. Spend an hour a day in a rosary walk. That will be more than five mysteries. Perhaps you will need to cut some things out of the day in order to make that happen. Perhaps you could make the Stations of the Cross when you get to Fourth Sorrowful Mystery.

Perhaps we will get somewhere.

God bless you.

Rev. Christopher J. Pollard



Saint John the Beloved
ACADEMY

REMINDER: St. John the Beloved Academy follows Fairfax County public schools for school closings and delays. When needed, the school will send messages and notifications via email and phone to clarify changes to our schedule. Check emergency announcements at www.fcps.edu for the latest updates on closings and delays.



ST. JOHN
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

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 Noah.

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

Be an Apostle



IN THE DIOCESE

2021 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

The BLA provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making BLA pledge. Every donation is vital to the success of the BLA. You may go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org, scan the QR code below or text "BLA" to 703-260-9800 to make a donation. Please help our parish reach our BLA goal!



FROM THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 21, 2021

"Christ suffered for sins once for all." Is He asking you to suffer with Him and bring others to God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

FROM THE OFFICE OF MARRIAGE, FAMILY & RESPECT LIFE

40 DAYS 40 WAYS

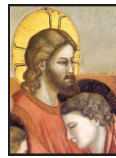
Join Catholics across the Diocese this Lenten Season in 40 Days 40 Ways. Sign up to receive daily reflections and challenges, crafted to help you and your family make this your best Lent yet! Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/40days40ways

MASS AND LENTEN REFLECTION FOR MEN

Thy Kingdom Come: Restoring All Things in Christ The King, March 6, Victory Christian Ministries International, Woodbridge, 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Featuring: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Dr. Edward Sri. Register at arlingtondiocese.org/men

MASS AND LENTEN REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

Chosen From All Eternity For This Moment In Time, Featuring Dr. Mary Healy and Sister Gaudia Skass, OLM. March 13 from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. at Victory Christian Ministries International in Woodbridge. Cost: \$40 early bird through Feb. 1; \$50 after. Register at arlingtondiocese.org/women



IN THE PARISH

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 with your inquiry and suggested time to meet at the store. We look forward to serving you.

LOST & FOUND

The church's Lost & Found baskets are located in the vestibule closet. Some items have been there for over a year. Please stop by and take a look through the collection; perhaps you or your family have lost an item but forgot about it!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A hallmark of the Knights of Columbus is the financial security the organization provides its members via insurance, annuities and - most recently - financial planning. All Knights - or men interested in joining - are invited to a brief presentation by Knights of Columbus Field Agent Juan Carlos Fierro on Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 pm in Room 10 at St. John the Beloved Academy. Prior to our meetings, we join together in person and virtually for a recitation of the Rosary at 7 pm. Consider joining one of our parish's most active and enjoyable groups. For more details, contact Ed McFadden at: wgl11806@icloud.com

TODAY IS SHARE SUNDAY

Our monthly Share collection provides crises intervention for families in McLean, Great Falls and parts of Falls Church. In addition to food, monetary donations are greatly appreciated - there is a bucket in the van outside to collect cash or checks payable to St. John with "Share" in the memo line. Share also accepts donations of mattresses, tables, computers, keyboards, linens and clothing (new underwear for adults and children always needed). To arrange furniture donations, please call 703-448-1054. Volunteers needed for furniture delivery and the food and clothing rooms, email sharewishes@gmail.com.



INSTITUTE OF
CATHOLIC
CULTURE

PENANCE

A Source of Joy

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 PM EST

LIVE WEBINAR

To join the live webinar, please register at InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/Events
Online pre-class discussion will begin at 6:30 PM

Each Lent we deepen and express our interior conversion of heart through works of penance, namely, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Their purpose is not to diminish our life or to make us feel or appear gloomy, but rather in them we find deep joy in the working of grace. Through acts of penance, our whole lives are radically turned to God and placed in the service of His Kingdom.

BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1984. He holds a B.A. in Philosophy and an M.A. in Theology from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, an M.A. in Education Administration from Villanova University, and a doctorate in Education from Immaculata College. He was ordained a bishop in 2002 and was installed at the Diocese of Arlington in 2016.

For more information about our events, please visit InstituteofCatholicCulture.org or call (540) 635-7155.

With special thanks to:





The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. Determination about whether dates will proceed in-person or virtually will be made on a case by case basis and will reflect local mandates and guidance at the time. Space will be limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Find more information on the website <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/marriage/virtual-marriage-prep>.

IN-PERSON WEEKENDS

(Registration limitations will be followed when necessary to comply with relevant safety recommendations.)


Mar 11-14, 2021, Apr 22-25, 2021,
May 6-9, 2021, Jun 10-13, 2021

VIRTUAL WEEKENDS

Apr 8-11, 2021, Jun 24-27, 2021



"The Laetare Benefit" will be held virtually this year on **Sunday, March 14, 2021**. "The Laetare Benefit" is the annual fundraising event for the *Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery* in Linden, Virginia in the Diocese of Arlington. Tickets may be purchased through "Faith Direct" <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/6090>. As cloistered nuns, they depend on the charity of the people of God for their existence. They have needs for everyday items such as food and healthcare, and are also saving money to build a much-needed Chapel at the Monastery. Visit their website and feel free to send the nuns your intentions. <http://www.lindenopnuns.org/contact.html>. Tickets are available for \$175 each and at the sponsor level, ranging from \$1,750 to \$10,000. Tickets and sponsorships are fully tax-deductible. All ticket purchasers will receive a link to a short video program and Angel Auction which will go live at 5:00 pm on Laetare Sunday. RSVP by **March 10**. It is our hope that through your generosity we can raise enough funds to support the nuns until we can gather in person next year. Thank you for your support!




ATTEND A RETREAT FROM WHEREVER YOU ARE!

Feb 26-28 ~ "Lessons from
St. Joseph's Workshop"

Detox from the noise of the media, work demands and Netflix and find new focus in your life through a personal encounter with Christ. Find more information and more upcoming dates on the OLB website www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

Experience the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises from your own home and for only \$75 per person. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Virtual Place to Encounter Christ!



STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Has the Holy Spirit been nudging you to serve?
Have your friends been telling you to run for office?
How do you become a candidate?

The Virginia Department of Elections has a page dedicated to you:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 21	FEBRUARY 22	FEBRUARY 23	FEBRUARY 24	FEBRUARY 25	FEBRUARY 26	FEBRUARY 27
7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon TLM 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 9:00am Mass	8:15am Mass 8:45am confessions 3:30pm confessions 5:00pm Mass