

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, February 18

### Weekday

- 6:30 Jack Busekrus †  
 9:00 Robert Joseph Burke, Jr. †  
 8:00 Romana Kennedy

## Tuesday, February 19

### Weekday

- 6:30 Paul B. Kemp  
 9:00 Gene Mattingly †

## Wednesday, February 20

### Weekday

- 6:30 Donald Steiner †  
 9:00 For greater reverence during and after Mass

## Thursday, February 21

### St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 6:30 Jack Busekrus †  
 9:00 William Smart †

## Friday, February 22

### The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

- 6:30 Jack Busekrus †  
 9:00 C. Lorretta Creagan †

## Saturday, February 23

### St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

- 8:15 Mary Jane Gundy †  
 5:00 Mary Murphy †

## Sunday, February 24

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 John Gil †  
 9:00 Kimberly Moore  
 10:30 People of the Parish  
 12:00 Jack Busekrus †

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

**† All the Faithful Departed †**

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

### FOR FEBRUARY 2019

#### Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

## IN TESTIMONIUM...

Did purple, green and gold become the de facto colors of Mardi Gras in America because the Krewe of Rex, formed by New Orleans businessmen in 1872 and charged with the responsibility for throwing a lavish reception for a visiting Russian dignitary, chose those hues to honor Grand Duke Alexei Alexandrovich? Perhaps. His coat of arms bears red, blue, gold, black and white. Twenty years later the same Krewe of Rex unveiled the symbolism of those three official colors: purple for justice, green for faith and gold for power.

In Mainz, Germany, the official colors for Fasching are red, white, blue and gold, red being the only color in the once predominantly Catholic city's coat of arms. The famous celebration of Fasching in Cologne, which commences at 11:11 a.m. on November 11 (neither nod to nor snub of Armistice Day as it predates the end of the Great War by many years) but continues in earnest with New Year's Day and Epiphany, culminating in the last six days beginning with what some Germans called Fat Thursday and then the grand parade on Rose Monday, is dominated by blue, red and gold. Did the French who brought Mardi Gras to our shores also import the emblematic azure to their Eastern frontier? Possibly but not on purpose. Blue and red were prominent colors in the uniforms of the armies of France and also of Prussia, occupying forces who were and continue to be mocked by parade-goers.

Since these holidays begin and end with religious holy days, we would be remiss not to observe the priest's liturgical wardrobe over the course these weeks. On Epiphany he would don the most festive color in the sacristy: gold. In the weeks after Epiphany he vests in the customary green. That accounts for only two of the three colors of our Mardi Gras. Purple wouldn't allude to Lent since Mardi Gras is everything but Lenten.

But wait. There's more. In the ordinary liturgical observance of the last fifty some odd years, green remains the color of the liturgical season up until Ash Wednesday. In the older ritual of the Roman Rite, the season of Lent is preceded by two and half weeks of quasi-penance. As of the third Sunday before Lent the Holy Mass omits the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia*. Guess what color the priest wears. Violet.

Boom.

Since at least the 8<sup>th</sup> century those three Sundays have been called Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima, a reference to there being roughly seventy, sixty and fifty days, respectively, before Easter. The first Sunday, and indeed the whole season, of Lent is called in Latin "Quadragesima" in reference to the forty days of penance. Incidentally, "Septuagesima" not only is the unofficial name for this period of sacred time but it also marks the official beginning of Mardi Gras in some Catholic countries such as Italy.

Carne vale! Laissez les bons temps rouler!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

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

## NEXT SENIORS' CLUB GATHERING

WHAT: Mass at 11:30 followed by  
Luncheon & Talk at 12:00

WHEN: Monday, 18 February

WHO: Mr. Eric Stewart

Eric Stewart Group of Long and Foster Real Estate

ABOUT: Determining the right time to downsize

What to do with your belongings

Deciding where to live after the sale of your house

Insights on home renovations

Aging in place

Marketing timing

Preparation for the sale of your home

RSVP: Sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church  
or call the Parish Office at 703.356.7916

DEADLINE: Friday, 15 February. Those who arrive without  
reservations are welcome but, unfortunately, we  
cannot offer them lunch

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$15.00 at the door.

411: For further information or if you would like a ride to  
the luncheon please call Phil at 703.356.9788.

## PRO-LIFE

"I am in this movement today because of ordinary  
people who took on an extraordinary task. My former  
abortion clinic is closed because of their sacrifice.  
Babies are alive because of them. Women are no  
longer being hurt by abortion in their community. You  
can do this. You can save a life."

~Abby Johnson, Former Planned Parenthood Director

**PLEASE CONSIDER** joining fellow parishioners for  
the **next 40 Days for LIFE Campaign** taking place at  
the Falls Church Abortion Center from **March 6 –**  
**April 14.** For more information on parish pro-life  
activities- please contact Andrea DelVecchio  
at [aldelvechio75@aol.com](mailto:aldelvechio75@aol.com)

## FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY TEAM

The 'no-show' rate can go up by 70% when there are  
people peacefully praying outside an abortion facility.  
Please join the prayer team 10:30 a.m. every First  
Saturday in front of the Falls Church abortion facility  
at 900 S. Washington Street. Next First Saturday is  
March 2. For inquiries, contact Amy McInerney at  
(703) 841-3817 or [respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org)

Please send all announcements that you would like to have  
publicized in the bulletin to the following email address:  
[Bulletin@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:Bulletin@stjohncatholicmclean.org). Please send the text  
in New Times Roman 11 pt, justified. **Deadline: Friday,**  
**14 days before the bulletin date.**

## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

### SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHTS

Most Sundays, all youth in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to a  
fun night with other teens striving to grow in friendship  
with Christ. Sunday Youth Nights are from 6:15 –  
8:00pm, and pizza dinner is included.

### UPCOMING YOUTH NIGHTS:

February 17: **YOUTH NIGHT**(Ski trip next day)

February 24: Trivia and Adoration night

March 3: Getting ready for Lent

### SPORTS NIGHTS

**8:00-9:15PM ON 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAYS**

Join other youth for nights of pick-up sports! We meet in  
the gym and play sports for an hour and then end the  
night with prayer in the Church.

**NEXT SPORTS NIGHT:** Indoor Soccer on February 15

### WORKCAMP

In order to bring all of the youth signed up for  
WorkCamp, we are in need of at least one more male  
adult leader to attend the entire week with us. . We are  
also in need of adults who have some home-improvement skills  
to serve as volunteer contractors.

Please contact Michael if you can help in either capacity:

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

### ADULTS: BE A PARTNER IN YOUTH MINISTRY

At St. John, our goal is to offer a wide variety of youth  
activities and programs to inspire and equip every young  
person in the parish to live in a meaningful relationship  
with Jesus Christ. The only way this is possible will be if  
many adults step forward to serve the youth. You can help  
by: committing to pray for the youth and adult volunteer  
leaders, supporting the practical needs of our youth  
ministries (like snacks and meals), or helping to lead a  
youth ministry activity (such as Sunday nights, Sports  
nights, Movie nights, "Going deeper groups", activities  
for younger kids, or your ideas)

For more information about the youth ministries, contact  
Michael Jacobeen: [mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org),  
or call (703) 356-7916

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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# ST JOHN THE BELOVED FAMILY MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

*All of McLean is Invited to Attend!*

**When:**

Saturday 23 February 2018  
6:00-10:00 pm

**Where:**

Parish Gym

**What is provided:**

Krewe Chef Brian Holoubek's Gumbo  
Muffaletta  
Father's P's Famous Cochon de Lait  
King Cake  
Live Zydeco Music  
Masks and Beads!

**What to bring:**

Your favorite Louisiana dish.

**We need your help!**

**Sign up here:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054ea8a62a1-stjohn7>

**Attire:**

Purple, Green, Gold! (Costumes encouraged but not required)

**Entertainment:**

Laissez Fouré, Parade

**Krewe:**

Chef Brian Holoubek, Captain Heather Tuason

**Buy Tickets:**

[bit.ly/SJBMardiGras2019](http://bit.ly/SJBMardiGras2019)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 17	February 18	February 19	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23
7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon Latin Mass	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass  9:45 Sew & So Forths  7:30pm Legion 8:00pm Latin Mass 8:30pm Futsol	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass   8:00pm Hoops	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass <b>ADORATION</b> 9:30am-7:30pm <b>Confessions Hourly</b> 10:00am-6:00pm  7:00pm Holy Hour	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass  <b>Pray at the Falls Church Abortion Center 7am-7pm</b>	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass	8:15am Mass 9:00 m Confessions   3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass



## FILM SCREENING OF "INTELLIGENT LIVES"

Bishop O'Connell High School will host a FREE viewing of Dan Habib's new film, "Intelligent Lives" on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. This film is a catalyst to transform the label of intellectual disability from a life sentence of isolation into a life of possibility for the most systematically segregated people in America. "Intelligent Lives" challenges what it means to be intelligent, and points to a future in which people of all abilities can fully participate in higher education, meaningful employment, and intimate relationships. The 70 minute film will be shown in the Bishop O'Connell auditorium, located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington, and will be followed by a panel discussion. The event is open to the public. For questions, please contact Susan Rinaldi, Director of Expanded Services at Bishop O'Connell High School at [Srinaldi@bishopoconnell.org](mailto:Srinaldi@bishopoconnell.org).

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## ANNUAL CAR RAFFLE

The tickets for the annual 5 Car Raffle will soon be mailed to each family. **Please note**, the ticket returns are being processed at All Saints again this year so, if you are participating by purchasing tickets, please **send them directly** to All Saints. This is a new requirement by the Department of Charitable Gaming. The raffle continues to benefit our parish and many other charitable causes throughout the diocese. In past years St. John the Beloved has benefited to the tune of over \$14,000. We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets. Those who do not wish to participate may place the **unopened** envelope in the collection basket at Mass. Otherwise, please send them to All Saints in Manassas.

## QUO VADIS & FIAT DISCERNMENT CAMPS

Quo Vadis Days and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for Catholic high school students (rising freshmen through rising seniors) to have fun while exploring their vocations and deepening their faith. Quo Vadis (for boys) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests and religious, and runs from July 7-11. FIAT (for girls) is staffed by religious sisters and runs July 14-18. Both are held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The registration lottery will be open March 1-31. See the videos and photos from last year, get more information and register for the lottery at [ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis) or [ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT).

## LAETARE BENEFIT

The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge and the members of the Host Committee cordially invite you to attend a benefit for the Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery, located in Linden, VA. Please show your support and join us for a reception, dinner, and *angel auction* which will be held on **Sunday, March 31, 2019** from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, Virginia. Seating is limited. **RSVP by March 22, 2019**. Tickets are \$160 each, if purchased by March 15 (\$175 each after March 15). Please send a check payable to *Friends of St. Dominic's Monastery*, 524 N. Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, or you may purchase tickets online through Faith Direct at the following website.

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/2657>

If you would like more information please contact: [friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com).

## ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO ST. JOHN THE BELOVED

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

## IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

### CALLED AND CHOSEN 8TH GRADE EVENT

All 8th graders of the diocese are invited to the Go Forth: Called & Chosen event with Bishop Burbidge on Tuesday, March 5 at All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas. The program begins at 10:00 a.m. and includes a vocations rally, Mass, and lunch, and concludes by 1:30 p.m. All 8th graders must be accompanied by an adult; space is limited to 8th graders and their chaperones. Please arrive early so all can be seated before 10:00. For more information contact [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514. (8th graders in Catholic schools will be coming with their classes.)



### ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE "POWER WITHIN:"

#### The Secret Strength of a Deeper Interior Life"

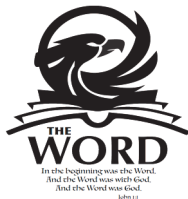
Join us on Saturday, March 9, 2019 for the annual Men's Conference at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Herndon. The speakers will include Matt Birk, former Center for the Baltimore Ravens and a staunch pro-life advocate, and Rev. Donald Haggerty, the author of "Conversion, Contemplative Hunger and Contemplative Provocations". Bishop Burbidge will be the Celebrant and Homilist for Mass. The conference will take place from 9am to 3pm. Please go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/men) to register. The cost is \$65. The conference is sponsored by the Office for Marriage, Family and Respect Life.

### MASS & HEALING SERVICE WITH SR. BRIEGE

Bring to Jesus your spiritual, physical and emotional ailments at a Mass and Eucharistic healing service with Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC, who is gifted with the charism of healing. The event is on Friday, March 1, 2019, at All Saints Catholic Church, Manassas from 7-9 p.m. To learn more visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/healing](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/healing)

### COME TO THE WORD

We are selling copies of the following **new** books at The Word: Sermons in a Time of Crisis by Fr. Paul Scalia and Nine Days to Rediscover the Joy of Prayer, Jacques Phillippe's latest book. Come browse and stock up on your Winter reading! We also have some discounted clearance books for sale, and some lovely greeting cards and statues. The Word Book and Gift Shop is open after all Sunday masses and on Wed evening preceding the Novena. We look forward to serving you.



## THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



*Brethren, join in imitating me,  
and mark those who so live as you have an example in us.  
For many, of whom I have often told you  
and now tell you even with tears,  
live as enemies of the cross of Christ.  
Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they  
glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.  
But our commonwealth is in heaven,  
and from it we await a Savior. (Phil 3,17-20)*

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmel Broadfoot	Andrew Katson
Bishop Burbidge	Christopher Katz
Salvatore Calabro	Dorothy Kottler
John Cartelli	Sharon LeMaster
John Paul Charles Carver	Sue Malone
Virginia Connelly	Carmella Manetti
Sheila Corallo	Cristina Marques
Victoria Grace Czarniecki	Diana Meisel
Elke D'Amico	Bonnie Moran
Richard DeCorps	Veronica Nowakowski
Joe Elias	Anita Oliveira
John Fiore	Briner Orillo
Tara Flanagan-Koenig	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Susan Glover	Patricia Richer
Francesca Greco	Shelby Rogers
Paul Griffith	Thomas Rosa
Edward M. Hallinan III	Avery Schaeffer
Jack Halpin	Merle Shannon
Arnold L. Harrington III	Gloribeth Smith
Emily Hazlett	Daniel Stadelmann
Agnes Henley	Carolyn Steinhoff
Colleen Hodgdon	Bill Sullivan
David Johnson	Mary Warchot
Mark Johnson	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	Jamie Robinson
Jonathan Choo	Michael Shipley
Nicholas Galvan	Kimberley Templer
Harry Griffith	Michael Templer
Bill Jones	Jesus Toledanes
Brendan Murphy	Justin White
Lynn Partik	Donald Yamamoto