

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 29

STS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

- 6:30 Bradley & Kathleen Johnson 50th Anniversary
 9:00 Father's Day Novena
 8:00 Foqi Skendi †

Tuesday, June 30

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

- 6:30 Gordon Falk †
 9:00 Volney Frank Warner †

Wednesday, July 1

St. Junipero Serra, Priest

- 6:30 Barbara Anne Selik
 9:00 Fr. Irenaeus Dunlevy, OP

Thursday, July 2

Weekday

- 6:30 Leo Joseph Perrottet †
 9:00 Sharon Weidelman

Friday, July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

- 6:30 Andrea Bayer
 9:00 Joseph Calderazzo †

Saturday, July 4

Independence Day, BVM

- 8:15 Dominick Calderazzo †
 5:00 Andrew Mansinne, Jr. †

Sunday, July 5

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 Kitty Mould †
 9:00 Leda Jensen †
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Sydney Rogers & Mena Dreyvitser

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED †

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
 FOR JULY 2020**

Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied
 with love, respect and guidance.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday 28 June 2020

These past weeks I have had several very good conversations with parishioners about why more people at Mass are not wearing masks.

I summarize the Governor's Executive Order as the Bishop has: as an "expectation" but not as a "requirement". There are so many exemptions to the state law that I wish to avoid interrogating those without a mask before they enter or after they are seated.

The alternatives are 1) overstating the case and saying that everyone must wear a mask when I know that a) the law provides for exceptions and b) parishioners will confront each other over the issue in church or 2) treating the Church as my private property and expelling those not wearing masks, which any homeowner or business owner has the right to do.

Everyone should know that Holy Communion is available after every Mass in the vestibule whether or not you listen to Mass outside via the speakers or watch online.

Anyone not wearing a mask in the pews should keep in mind that their not doing so has been keeping people at home.

Everywhere in the Commonwealth we are allowed to dine inside restaurants without wearing face coverings. By the end of July restaurants probably will not even have capacity limits, only spacing requirements.

Throughout Virginia the number of Covid hospitalizations continues to decline. Visit www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/ to see the raw data. In Northern Virginia the decline has been as steep since late April as the rise was before.

That should be encouraging.

Most heartening is that Jesus died for every single one of us.

Please direct your comments to me personally at Fr.Pollard@stjohncatholicmclean.org and may God bless you!

Yours in Christ through Mary,

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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). Donors can be reimbursed for lost wages and other expenses. Since the recipient is 23 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.

WHAT OUR LADY ASKS...

- *Amend our lives*
- Pray the Rosary every day*
- Make the Five First Saturdays*
- Offer sacrifices for the conversion of sinners*
- Wear the Brown Scapular*

SEMINARIAN MAURICIO PORTILLO

St. John the Beloved Parish is going to send a gift for Mauricio for the purchase of a new computer to aid him in his studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

If you are interested in donating to this fund please send your donation in to the parish office.



Any amount would be much appreciated. Dios ti bendiga!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Unfortunately, due to the current state of affairs, this summer's Vacation Bible School has been cancelled.

GOOD NEWS

Virtual Youth Nights!

Calling all youth in 7th - 12th grades! Join us for Virtual Youth nights every Sunday at 7:00pm. Contact Michael for information on how to login to the Zoom meetings: mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org

ADORATION

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament now
is an everyday occurrence at St. John!**

**Sundays 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
All Other Days 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

We need more adorers to commit to spending one hour a week with Our Lord. If we had but 12 more people, every time slot would be full. Would you sign up to be one of those 12?

Please prayerfully consider this incredible opportunity to spend an hour with Our Lord each week.

Email griffin@griffnews.com or call the office at 703-356-7916 to sign up to be a weekly adorer and/or as a substitute adorer to fill in when needed.

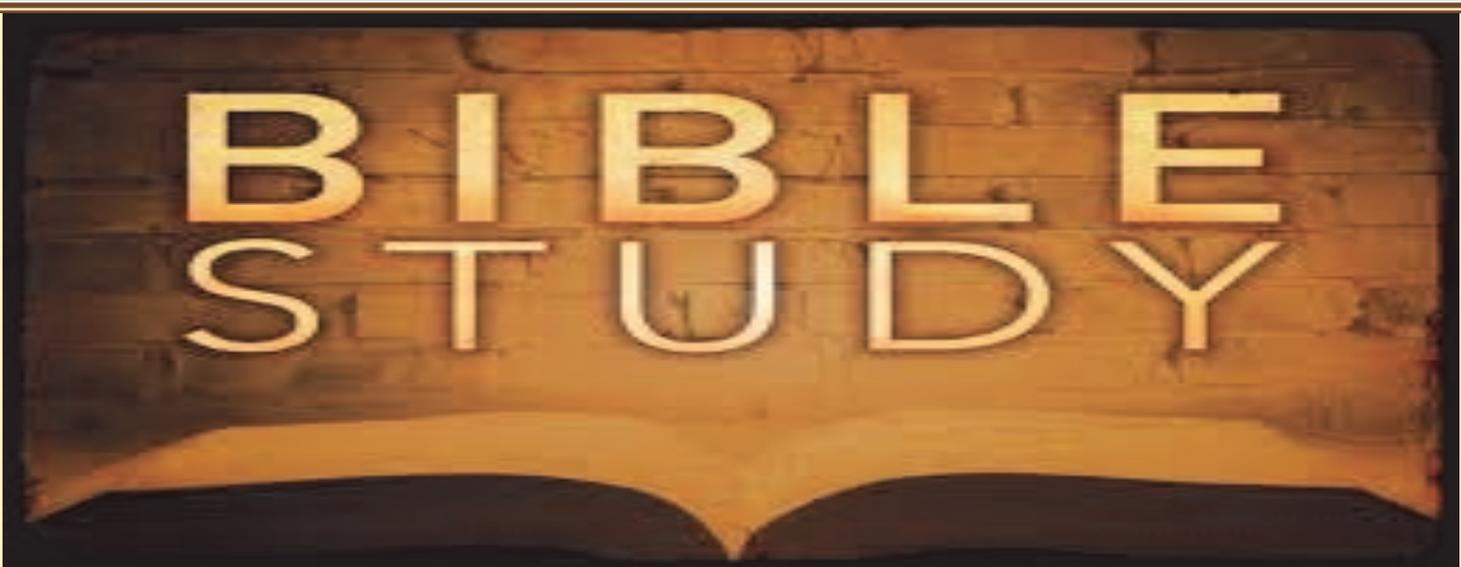
“Could you not watch one hour with Me?”

Our Lord asks Peter, James and John.

He continues: “Watch and pray that you not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Matthew 26:40-42

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JUNE 28	JUNE 29	JUNE 30	JULY 1	JULY 2	JULY 3	JULY 4
7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Mass Noon TLM	6:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass also on Livestream 8:00 pm TLM Mass	6:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass also on Livestream	6:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass also on Livestream Confessions Hourly during Adoration 10:00 am-7:00 pm	6:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass also on Livestream	6:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass also on Livestream OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY FIRST FRIDAY 	8:15 am Mass 8:45 confessions FIRST SATURDAY INDEPENDENCE DAY 3:30 pm confessions 5:00 pm Mass



BIBLE
STUDY

THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN EXILE

ON LIVESTREAM

JOIN FR. POLLARD, FR. MELMER AND
SEMINARIAN RAY GOINS

FOR A DISCUSSION OF:

THE BOOKS OF EZRA AND NEHEMIAH

SESSIONS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED BEGINNING
JUNE 29 AND ENDING JULY 3
FROM 10:30 AM TO 11:30 AM

FROM THE SEMINARIAN

Escapism in a Pandemic: The Line between lie and truth



J.R.R. Tolkien (of Lord of the Rings lore) knew of good vs. bad leisure and provided ample material for the former. He gave a series of talks which became an essay, *On Fairy Stories*, his “definitive statement about his art — which he called “Sub-creation” — and the concept that lies behind it — the power of words to create” or perhaps, *discover* “...a Secondary World” -tolkienestate.com/en/writing/translations-essays/on-fairy-stories. Evil stories, meanwhile, he denounced and labeled “Enchantment” which enslave and mislead- i.e. most *advertisements*. Their story→ “you are unhappy and this *thing* will fix you...” Because we *are* made for happiness, they go on “...you *need* this *thing*...” And because we *are* made and pining for *eternal* bliss, they drag on “...but wait, there’s more!” If you’re questioning your leisure(s), recall that Tolkein provides material for a good kind; but, infinitely more so- *God*, who loves us enough to remind us that the cross is daily and necessary. The lie of ads: “eat, drink, and be merry.” The Christ’s fiery reply: “I want all of that for you and more- but please wait! Listen to my Mom, Our Lady at Fatima, who knows “our time—with special insight... Mary Most Holy’s insistent invitation to penance is...the manifestation of her maternal concern for the fate of the human family, in need of conversion and forgiveness” -St. John Paul II’s message for the 1997 World Day of the Sick. What does the cross or penance look like in my life?

Next week:

Escapism in a Pandemic: A Climax

THE WORD BOOKSTORE



The Word Bookstore is now closed for the summer, but will reopen after Sunday Masses after Labor Day. We can open during the summer by appointment only. We do have copies of the July and August Magnificat if you need one. If you would like to shop please contact us at theword@stjohncatholicmclean.org. Please indicate a convenient time for you to stop by and we will confirm the appointment with you.

**PRAY FOR THE UNBORN
AND THE ELDERLY**

SAVE THE DATES SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

ON LIVESTREAM

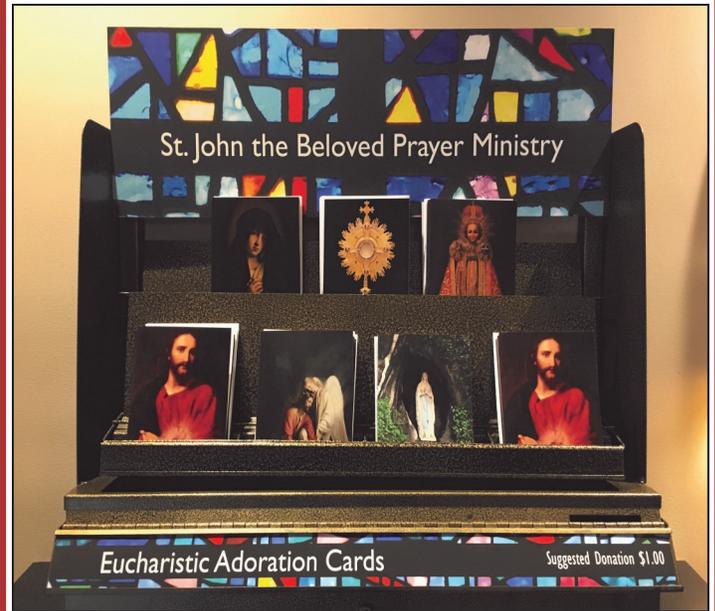
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THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN EXILE

Consider spending precious time with our Lord in prayer and offering that time for the need of a family member or friend. Let them know you were holding them up in prayer by sending a Eucharistic Adoration Card with the following notation:

*I have made a private Holy Hour before
the Blessed Sacrament for you
and for all the intentions which are dear
to your heart.*

Each card is designed with a beautiful image and meaningful prayer, appropriate to occasions of suffering and sorrow as well as peace and rejoicing.



HELP PREVENT INFECTION

**Wash your hands often with soap and warm water
for at least 20 seconds**
**Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60
percent alcohol if soap and water are not available**
**Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue,
your sleeve or your elbow**
Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
Avoid close contact with people who are sick
**If you are sick, stay home,
except when seeking medical care**

IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON



JUNE 28 STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness”. “Comfort” puts me first. “Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Could God be calling you to follow after Him in this life and into the next? Call Father Michael Isenberg, (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

RUN, WALK, CHEER, DONATE AND PRAY TO SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Race season is getting underway, and so is this campaign to support our future priests of our diocese in the Race for Seminarians campaign. Runners and walkers of all levels can get sponsored for their races; cheer squads can encourage them as they log the miles, donors can pledge to support specific runners, and prayer warriors can back up their efforts. Visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/Run to learn about all these options and start building your team today!

GIFTS FOR EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND (SEEF)

Please support our seminarians. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. To donate, make checks payable to: “Foundation for the CDA - SEEF.” Mail to: Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Gretchen Koch at g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org or call (703) 841-3819.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; ...” Let the Lord feed and support your marriage by going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Sep 18-20, 2020 in Fairfax, VA and Sep 11-13, 2020 in College Park, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

STATE OF THE COMMON HEALTH



Please remember to donate blood if you are able.

Right now, American Red Cross faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations during this coronavirus outbreak. Healthy individuals are needed to schedule an appointment to give in the days and weeks ahead to help patients counting on lifesaving [blood](#), [platelets](#) or [AB Elite plasma](#) throughout this pandemic.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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| 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 |
| Jack Halpin | Avery Schaeffer |
| Arnold L. Harrington III | Merle Shannon |
| Colleen Hodgdon | Gloribeth Smith |
| David Johnson | Glenn Snyder |
| Mark Johnson | Carolyn Steinhoff |
| Christopher Katz | 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...*

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