

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

6:30 Ada Ursuline Clark †

9:00 Mary Quetsch †

8:00 Mary Quetsch †

Tuesday, February 12

Weekday

6:30 Charlotte Perrottet

9:00 Juanita Guevara †

Wednesday, February 13

Weekday

6:30 Maureen & Bob Kahn

9:00 Elizabeth Fraser

Thursday, February 14

St. Cyril, Monk & St. Methodius, Bishop

6:30 Skippy Wilkenson †

9:00 Mary Elizabeth Bergen †

Friday, February 15

Weekday

6:30 For peace that surpasses understanding

9:00 Jerome Coniker †

Saturday, February 16

Weekday

8:15 Helen Libera †

5:00 Marianne Wall †

Sunday, February 17

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Helen Cyran †

9:00 Marie Hélène Peeters †

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 For all of our clergy

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...

In Louisiana there is a long history behind the celebration of Mardi Gras (French for "Fat Tuesday" and a reference to the last day before the beginning of Lent). On 3 March 1699 a new fort on the Mississippi River 60 miles south of what is now New Orleans was christened "Point du Mardi Gras" by the French explorer Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville. It was the day before Ash Wednesday. His brother Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne Bienville founded New Orleans in 1718, sixteen years after having established Mobile as the first capital of La Louisiane Française. New Orleans became the third capital of French Louisiana after Biloxi, another city founded by the French explorer, held the title for three short years.

Wealthy members of the colony threw lavish balls from the twelfth night of Christmas (Jan. 6) to the day before Fat Tuesday. Rule under the Spanish Crown from 1763 to 1802 is sometimes blamed *or credited* with a dampening of the festivities. In 1837 the first Mardi Gras parade took place in New Orleans.

The French celebrations, like those throughout Europe, date back to the Middle Ages. In Germany the celebration is called "Fasching" (a word that has lasted almost a thousand years even though the word from which it derives "vaschanc" now would be rendered "Fastenschank", a reference to the last drink of alcohol served before forty days of penance preceding Easter) and was well recorded by the early 1200s, even being mentioned in Wolfram von Eschenbach's 13th century romance *Parzival* about the hero's quest for the Holy Grail. Cologne's pre-Lent party begins on November 11 at 11 a.m. That's a long drink.

Historians like to point out that in ancient Rome revelers celebrated a festival called Lupercalia in mid-February. Similarly Saturnalia took place in mid-December. Connections between these and the medieval festivities before Lent are mere suppositions.

The French and Germans do enjoy a Latin connection having more to do with linguistics than libations. Both "Carnaval" "Karneval" have come to be used interchangeably with "Mardi Gras" and "Fasching". Dictionaries tell us that "carnelevarium" is Latin for "removing the meat" but I have not found it in Latin literature. In Italy the celebration is called "Carnevale", in which we see clearly enough the two Latin words for "meat" and "farewell".

Although much of the weeks-long celebration in New Orleans is clean, the worst elements result in the human debris on display in the wee hours after Mardi Gras, which has come to be called "Trash Wednesday", confirming the Latin expression "Corruptio optimi pessima". Christians turn into something far worse than pagans when we forget who we are.

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).

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.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHTS

Most Sundays, all youth in 7th-12th 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 10: VIDEO CATECHESIS NIGHT:
Forgiven – Discovering the freeing power of Confession
February 17: NO YOUTH NIGHT (Ski trip next day)

PRESIDENTS' DAY SKI TRIP!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Who: All youth in 7th-12th grades
What: Ski day at Whitetail resort
When: Depart St. John at 7:00am; return by 7:00pm.
Cost: \$117/person – includes lift ticket, rentals, group lesson, and lunch

Adult chaperons and drivers needed – we need two non-skiing adults who can stay in the lodge, and a few adults to join the teens on the slopes. Contact Michael if you can help! *Sign up required by noon on February 15.*

SWING DANCE NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

When: 7:00-9:00pm.
Where: Meet in the parish hall.
What: All youth in 7th-12th grades are invited to join us for a night of swing dancing! This week there will be a special focus on contra dances. snacks are provided.

SPORTS NIGHTS

8:00-9:15PM ON 1ST AND 3RD 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. If you can help, please contact Michael ASAP!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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PRO-LIFE

**Prayer for Recommitting
to the Protection of All Human Life**

*"Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and
for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.*

*I know there is nothing that destroys life
more than abortion,*

*yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the
Resurrection of Your Son.*

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.

Today I commit myself—Never to be silent,

Never to be passive,

Never to be forgetful of the unborn.

*I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement
and never to stop defending life*

until all my brothers and sisters are protected,

and our nation once again becomes

a nation with liberty and justice,

not just for some, but for all.

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen."

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 McInerny at (703) 841-3817 or respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 10	February 11	February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16
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 ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm Confessions Hourly 10:00am-6:00pm  7:00pm Holy Hour	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass Pray at the Falls Church Abortion Center 7am-7pm	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.

SIGN UP ONLINE FOR WEDNESDAYS ADORATION

There is a new online system to sign-up for Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration created for those who are not able to commit to a regular hour every Wednesday. Please prayerfully consider offering one or more hours of Adoration before Our Lord each month at a time that is best for you. Note: If you are a regular scheduled Adorer, you do not need to sign up. Please continue to come at your set time. To schedule a time please go to the following website: <http://www.stjohncatholicclean.org/adoration>

WOMEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION

*Sponsored by
St. John the Beloved Women's Council
2018-19 Series*

Monday, February 11th
Guest speaker: Steve Weidenkopf
Author of

"Timeless: A History of the Catholic Church"
Mr. Weidenkopf is a lecturer in Church history at the Christendom Graduate School in Alexandria
6:30 pm Social / 7:00pm Talk in the Parish Hall
Please RSVP to: womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com

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.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

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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 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 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. Briega 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

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

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO ST. JOHN THE BELOVED

For your convenience, please sign up for the Faith Direct Offertory program. www.faithdirect.net VA77 is our parish code.

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