



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, July 19, Weekday

- 6:30 The Schultz Family  
 9:00 Ruth Norton †  
 7:30 Albert and Marie Balint

### Tuesday, July 20, St. Apollinaris, bishop and martyr

- 6:30 William Drewer †  
 9:00 Marge Kremidas †

### Wednesday, July 21, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church

- 6:30 Dominga Urriola †  
 9:00 Omar Torres †

### Thursday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene

- 6:30 Ligia Alina Bonilla  
 9:00 Ydelisa Ruiz †

### Friday, July 23, St. Bridget of Sweden, religious

- 6:30 Mary Campbell †  
 9:00 Doris Nicholson †

### Saturday, July 24, St. Sharbel Makhluf, priest

- 8:15 Pro Life Intention: Unwed Mothers  
 5:00 Dolores and John Burke Walsh †

### Sunday, July 25, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 Mary P. Wunderlich †  
 9:00 Maria Gloria Esteves †  
 10:30 Michael Onufrychuk †  
 12:00 People of the Parish

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

JULY 2010

**Justice in Electing those who Govern General:** That in every nation of the world the election of officials may be carried out with justice, transparency and honesty, respecting the free decisions of citizens.

**An Urban Culture of Justice, Solidarity and Peace Missionary:** That Christians may strive to offer everywhere, but especially in great urban centers, an effective contribution to the promotion of education, justice, solidarity and peace.

### IN PRINCIPIO...

*Veils that reveal: the mysteries of faith*

*It's a mystery.* More than one parent has used this line in response to a child's persistent religious questions. Unfortunately, they have usually deployed it for no reason other than to end the questioning. It is, more often than not, a clever way of saying, *I don't know*. But it is also a very important line to use. Because children need to learn that some things are indeed mysteries. But, more to the point, not only children but also we adults must acknowledge certain truths as mysteries, beyond our ability to understand.

We do well to make a prayer of St. Ambrose our own: *Thy Mysteries are indeed exceedingly deep and covered with a sacred veil.* Likewise we should appreciate G. K. Chesterton's observation about the madman. The madman is not the man who has no reason. It is the man who has nothing *but* reason. He has no sense of mystery. He tries to comprehend all truth by human reason and fit it into the limits of his own mind. And it drives him crazy. He has no ability to acknowledge something as beyond the human mind's ability to comprehend. He cannot acknowledge, as did St. Ambrose, the mysteries that are *exceedingly deep and covered with a sacred veil.*

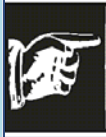
A *mystery of faith* is not a problem to be solved. It is, rather, a truth to be revered. Further, *mystery* does not mean we know nothing about a certain thing – only that we cannot comprehend it completely. It is something *indeed exceedingly deep and covered with a sacred veil.* To revere a mystery of faith (e.g. the Trinity, the Incarnation, the Eucharist) is to respect this veil, to allow the veil to remain. The veil signifies the limits of our ability to understand and our need to trust in faith. Respecting the veil means allowing the mystery to remain. To believe means to acknowledge the veil – to recognize the constraints of our human reason and the *exceedingly deep* mysteries of God.

And what happens when we remove the veil over these mysteries? When, that is, we insist on making the truths of the faith fit into our limited human reasoning, when we try to shoehorn infinite truths into a finite mind? Well, we ruin them. We make them less than they are because in effect we cut them up and shave them down to fit our point of view.

This is the pattern of all heresies – they refuse to respect the veil. They tear off the veil of mysteries and slice up theological truths to fit into human reasoning. Arius refused to venerate the truth of the Son of God. So he tore away the veil of that mystery and denied Jesus' divinity. Nestorius made the same mistake, but with different results. Instead of respecting the veil of a mystery, he tore it away and denied Jesus' humanity. And there are those who reject the veil over *the* mystery of faith, the Eucharist – and so they deny the Real Presence of the Lord.

To believe means to acknowledge the veil. It means that we do not make our human reasoning the measure of all truth. Instead we recognize God as the measure. The veil calls us to intellectual humility. No one likes a "know it all," including God! For the mysteries of the faith to benefit us, the veil must remain.

– Fr. Paul Scalia



## Announcements

### **FOURTH SATURDAY WITNESS & PRAYER:**

Saturday, July 24th, the St. John's Pro-life Group will go to the abortion clinic in Falls Church to pray for an end to abortion and witness to the Right to Life. Consider giving your time to this simple yet powerful effort to establish a culture of life. Directions will be provided before the group departs for the facility after the 8:15am Mass. Come witness and pray on behalf of those who have no voice.

### **ST. JOHN ACADEMY DADS SOFTBALL TEAM EXTENDS CINDERELLA RUN IN PLAYOFFS:**

Skipped by Juan Tuason and Kevin Friel, the Saint John Eagles hit their stride and extended their Cinderella run in the Fairfax County Softball League playoffs on Thursday, July 8th with an after-regulation 9-8 win. Center fielder and clutch hitter Steven Gatti drove in the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the final inning after a solid performance by Pitcher Kevin Friel kept the game even.

**TODAY IS SHARE SUNDAY:** The Share Car is parked outside the entrance to the church to receive your donations for our neighbors in need. Please make checks payable to St. John Church with "Share" on the memo line. Thank you for your support!

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

*The Lord is waiting for you*

Please see Weekly Calendar in bulletin for Adoration times or call the Sacristan in the parish office

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### "The Word"

St. John Parish Book & Gift Shop

**St. John Parish Book & Gift Shop** The WORD will be closed for the months of July and August. Have a great summer! See you in September!

### **THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain**

**Prices:** We wish to thank all those who supported our work during the past year: the customers, many of whom return each week in search of that special item: those who donate their cherished items to us so that others may enjoy them; and last but not least, our volunteers who dedicated many hours so that the ideals of our founders can continue for almost fifty years. We will reopen on September 14, watch the bulletin for more news as we approach that date.

**SUMMER PARISH FINANCIAL NEEDS:** The summer months present a challenge for the parish budget because of fluctuating attendance at Sunday Mass. Please consider giving electronically? The donation is made automatically and you have full control as to the amount you give and when you give it. "Faith Direct" enables your family to make your parish contributions through either direct debit of your checking account or through credit cards. With "Faith Direct", St. John's gains predictable cash flow that will help with planning our parish needs and programs. If you find this program to be appropriate for your family, please visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) for more information or to enroll securely on-line. Our parish code is VA77 No computer... Call the parish office to have the paperwork sent directly to your home.

**"COFFEE & DONUTS"** We will have Coffee and Donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses, it is being hosted by St. John Mothers Group this week. Join us!

**In Our Diocese**

**THEOLOGY ON TAP:** The Athletes' 6-PACK: Mondays, July 12th - August 16th Join 150-300 young adults for evenings of fellowship & faith with Catholic Athletes, including Kevin Greevey, former Washington Bullets Forward; Bill Lazor, Offensive Coordinator for the University of Virginia Cavaliers and former quarterbacks coach of both the Washington Redskins and the Seattle Seahawks; Fr. Greg Shaffer, captain of the "DC Hood," the priest/seminarian basketball team in the Archdiocese of Washington; Kalyn Keller, former Olympic swimmer; Fr. Andrew Fisher, former college athlete, and pastor of St. Ambrose in Annandale; and Shannon Gough and Mutsa Nyakabau, athletes at Marymount University. Come for a happy half hour at 7:00 PM at Pat Troy's "Ireland's Own" (111 N. Pitt Street) in Old Town, Alexandria!

**FIAT DAYS 2010:** "Sine Intermissione Orate~Pary without ceasing" Fiat is Latin for `Let it be done`. It was Mary's response to the angel Gabriel when she was asked to become the mother of Jesus. The FIAT DAYS camp is for young women in high school, including rising 9th graders who want to grow in faithful discipleship by modeling their personal holiness on that of our Lady. The camp will be held at Christendom College Front Royal, VA, from Saturday July 31st to Monday August 2. The fee for enrollment is \$50. Please contact Fr. Brian Bashista, director of vocations at the diocese by e-mail at [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org), or call directly at (703)841-2514.

**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR:** The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will sponsor a Eucharistic Holy Hour on Sunday, July 25 from 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church, 1421 Wiehle Ave., Reston.

**MARRIAGE HELP:** Retrouvaille, (pronounced retrovi) has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriages. This program can help you too. Call 703-351-7211 (confidential) or go to [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**CHRIST HOUSE:** Groups, organizations and clubs are needed to hold nonperishable food drives Requests for food assistance have skyrocketed this year due to the recession. Many of our food recipients are seniors, the homeless, single parents and families struggling to make ends meet. We also need diapers. We serve all in need throughout the diocese, including the rural counties. Please help us to help others. For more information on how to assist Christ House's Food Pantry, contact Sally O'Dwyer at [sodwyer@ccda.net](mailto:sodwyer@ccda.net). Your help is greatly appreciated.

**CATHOLIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL:** The Diocese of Arlington celebrated its first-ever Catholic Heritage Festival last year. The festival was so warmly received, that with the blessing of Bishop Loverde, the diocesan offices of the Office for Family Life, Office of Multicultural Ministries, and the Spanish Apostolate will be sponsoring the event again on October 2, 2010 at Bull Run Regional Park in Centreville. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact us at 703-841-2550 or email us at [CHF@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:CHF@arlingtondiocese.org) before September 3, 2010.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24
	<u>Sew &amp; So Forth</u> 9:45 am DR Rm <u>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 pm DR Rm  <u>Low TLM</u> 7:30	<u>Jr. Legion of Mary</u> 3:30 pm DR Rm	ADORATION <u>Confessions</u> 6:45 -7:15 pm <u>Novena Prayers &amp; Rosary</u> 7:00 <u>Eucharistic Holy Hour</u> 7:30			

# “The Living Word Made Flesh”

## A Summer Bible Study

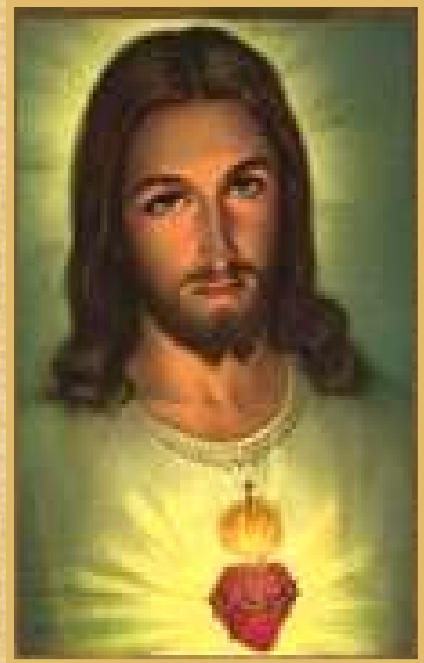
Led by

**Mr. Luke Dundon**

Diocese of Arlington  
Seminarian

**Tuesdays: 7:00 ~ 8:00pm**  
July 20 ~ August 17, 2010  
**Adult Education Room**

*Bring your Bible!*



*Sacred Heart of Jesus*

- ✝ **July 20:** “In the Beginning was The Word”
- ✝ **July 27:** “ The Light of the World”
- ✝ **August 3:** “The Life of the World”
- ✝ **August 10:** “And the Word Was Made Flesh”
- ✝ **August 17:** “That You May Have LIFE”

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**The Monastic Tradition, An  
Introduction  
To the History & Spirituality of  
Monasticism**

Rev. William Fitzgerald O. Praem, S.T.L.

**Thursdays, July 22, 29 & August 5  
@ 7:30pm**

**EVENT LOCATION:**

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
3700 Old Lee Highway  
Fairfax, VA 22030

**Free Admission! No Reservations Required!**

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 **Remember In Prayer**

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| Chessa Atkinson       | Carolynne Letendre  |
| Josh Carr             | Katherine Malcolm   |
| Beth Castka           | Susan Mann          |
| Edward Cotter         | Mary Map            |
| Josephine Celenza     | Olivia McFadden     |
| Max Clark             | Bob McJury          |
| Vincent Corcoran      | Nancy Miller        |
| Ave Crawford          | Ann Motta           |
| Edith Costello        | Michael Murphy      |
| Elke & Blaine D'Amico | Ruth Murphy         |
| Lucille Dion          | June Nage           |
| Adm. Denis Downey     | James O'Brien       |
| Frank Gettings        | Kathryn Orf         |
| Marie Gillespie       | Maureen O'Toole     |
| Rosemary Griffin      | Brian Reyna         |
| William Hayle         | Concepcion Reyna    |
| Edward Hallinan, III  | Vince Richards      |
| Velma Harwood         | Fr. Paul Richardson |
| Chuck Heidel          | Joan Roperto        |
| Stanley Hollis        | Francis Schaefer    |
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| Jason Klein           | Louise Whyte        |
| Carl Klunk            |                     |
| Michelle Lederman     |                     |
- Please call 703-356-7916 to add or remove a name from this list.

 **Pray for our loved ones serving our country especially:**

LT Doesen, CPT Federigan, 1LT Haig, MAJ Kramlich, CPT Larson, LTC Ness, , 2LT Pluta, Matthew Scalia, LT JG Schroyer, Susan Swiatek and Michael Yamamoto. **Call 703-356-7916 if you would like your loved one included in this prayer column.**