

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 5

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

6:30 Clare Rowan
9:00 Mary Warchot
8:00 Richard Miller †

Tuesday, August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

6:30 Rowan Family
9:00 Leo Family

Wednesday, August 7

St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs;

St. Cajetan, Priest

6:30 Angela Gilander
9:00 Mary Cannon

Thursday, August 8

St. Dominic, Priest

6:30 Rowan Family
9:00 Leo Family

Friday, August 9

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr

6:30 Marjorie Dannenfelser
9:00 Mark Christopher Wilson †

Saturday, August 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

8:15 Rev. Paul Scalia
5:00 Rev. Christopher Pollard

Sunday, August 11

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Rev. Diego Deza
9:00 Mike Kelliher †
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 John D. Kim †

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† SPENCER LUNDE †
† BILL EVANS †
† MARY JANETATOS †

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

FOR AUGUST 2019

Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love,
become ever more clearly "schools of
true human growth."

IN TESTIMONIUM...

4 August 2019

Psalm 128

1 A Song of Ascents. Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways!
2 You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.
3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.
4 Lo, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
5 The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!
6 May you see your children's children!
Peace be upon Israel!

My Old Testament professor would hit the roof when "blessed" is mistranslated as "happy". I can hear him say "They are the Beatitudes, not the Be-Happy-Tudes!"

When good souls suffer childlessness... when a godly family suffers the loss of a child... they are anything but happy but they can be blessed. The inscrutable Providence of God permits us to share in the Cross. Words cannot unravel the mystery of the Cross. Words help only so much. We can marvel at Our Lord's Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Immaculate Heart full of love even in the darkest hour. When we also refuse to let the terrors of the world to take our eyes off our Father in heaven, we live by Faith.

When we try to make sense of everything here and now, our words will be worse than futile. The pre-Christian interpretation would blame every misfortune on someone's sin. Mindful of each of us being a sinner, save Mary and her Divine Son, we still can't accuse the innocent of bringing disaster on themselves. A childless couple should not have to suffer being accused of contracepting. A soul in torment should not be left to compound its anguish with torturous self-recrimination.

We live in fallen world in which all elements of the universe are afflicted by the effects of Original Sin. Only the Word of God can give life and heal souls. Only the Word of God can repair the damage wrought by the Evil One who lured Adam and Eve into failing to honor and worship the Creator.

After Psalm 128, listen to the next words of Sacred Scripture: "'Sorely have they afflicted me from my youth,' let Israel now say 'Sorely have they afflicted me from my youth, yet they have not prevailed against me.'" (Psalm 129,1-2)

The blessing of the Lord be upon us!
Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

6TH ANNUAL **Msgr. T.P. Scannell Cup** GOLF TOURNAMENT

*supporting Retired Priests of the Diocese of Arlington
providing scholarships to Saint John Academy*



Friday 6 September 2019

11 a.m. Registration & Lunch

1 p.m. Shotgun Start
Complimentary Cigars
Beverage Cart

6 p.m. Dinner & Prizes

- *Fred Couples-Designed Golf Course*
- *Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary*
- *Golf Digest "Best Places to Play" 2018*
- *Zagat Guide "America's Top Golf Courses" 2018*
- *Golf Styles "Top 25 Must Play" Mid-Atlantic 2018*

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13940 Balmoral Greens Avenue
Clifton, VA 20124
(703) 631-3300
www.westfieldsgolf.com

EARLY REGISTRATION <i>before August 1:</i>	\$175 per Golfer	\$650 per Foursome
REGULAR REGISTRATION:	\$250 per Golfer	\$900 per Foursome



Priests and Wounded Veterans play free.

Sign Up Online: bit.ly/2019ScannellCup

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"You are a child of God!"



SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

DISCIPLESHIP NIGHTS:

Mondays from 6:30-8:00pm (July 1 – Aug 12)

Rising 9th-12th graders invited

Snacks, games, and discovering how to know Christ as a Friend

SPORTS NIGHTS:

Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm (July 3 – Aug 14)

Rising 7th grade and up

Short talk, opportunity for Confession, and outdoor or indoor sports

DC UNITED GAME

August 4, game begins at 7:30pm

Rising 7th-12th graders, families welcome, \$25/ticket

Subscribe to the youth ministry email list: contact Michael at mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org.

CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER

The Word Bookstore is closed for the summer, and we will reopen in the fall. If there are any books or items that you would like to purchase, please contact us at theword@stjohncatholicmclean.org.



We would be happy to assist you in opening the store at a mutually convenient time on Sunday after one of the Masses. Thank you and have a blessed summer.

PRAY FOR THE UNBORN

PRO-LIFE PRAYER CHALLENGE



Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life.

"Only with prayer - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life." -Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops

Today we pray:

*For a growing love of each human person from conception to natural death;
That the life of every human person, from conception to natural death, might be enshrined and protected in our laws;
For a growing love of God's little ones, in the womb, in the nursing home or at death's door:
That we might love with the love of Jesus;
We pray to the Lord. Amen.*



Look for this monthly newsletter in the Bulletin Box by the exit doors. Growing in Faith helps parishioners become more active in their faith with suggestions for acts of mercy, forgiveness, charity and evangelization.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10
7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon Latin Mass 3:30pm Rosary to end abortion 4:00pm Vespers	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 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

FROM THE SEMINARIAN...

Dear parishioners of St. John the Beloved,

I want to continue the theme of Mary's motherhood from last week. A danger that exists with the study of Marian apparitions is to focus only on what we need to do in response. Certainly, Our Lady comes to ask us for conversion, to turn our hearts back to God, and that means concrete action, whether it be praying the Rosary every day, turning away from sin and certain vices in particular, or making a formal act of consecration following specific parameters. But even more important in all her messages is the love of God which she conveys to us and even portrays in her very self.



Consider the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe from the tilma of St. Juan Diego. Mary appears in beautiful dress, standing over the moon and in front of the rays of the sun. Yet her head is bowed down in humility, her hands folded in prayer. Her whole being displays the glory she has received, but gracefully submits to Him who is the source of all glory. In this image we see the love Mary has for God, because "He has loved us and sent His Son as expiation for our sins." (1 John 4:10) Careful inspection of the tilma will reveal that Mary is pregnant, affirming not only God's majesty but also His humility in becoming man. This is Mary's motherhood – not that she is mother because of what she accomplishes, but because God has chosen to be in intimate union with her.

It is from this very place that Mary demonstrates her motherhood. As she tells Juan Diego: "Am I not here with you who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection?" Her love is a pure maternal concern for our well-being and happiness.

Thank you all for your kindness to me throughout my assignment here at St. John the Beloved. Your devotion, your charity, and your joy have been beautiful to witness during my time here. As I head back to seminary to continue my formation, I pray that all of us may continue to experience the love of God in our lives and the protection of Mary through all our troubles.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us! -Kevin Kelly, Jr.

MARRIAGE, ADOPTION & MODERN DAY MAYHEM

Join Divine Mercy Care to hear pro-life spokesman Ryan Bomberger, who was conceived in rape, and his wife Bethany discuss creating a life-affirming culture through marriage and adoption. Promoting happy marriages and redemptive adoption stories creates strong, happy families that can serve as lights in the dark and confused culture. It's up to us to show that in the midst of modern-day mayhem, there's another way to live that brings beauty, wholeness, healing, and redemption. The event will be Thursday, August 8th at 7:30 pm at the Basilica of St. Mary. RSVP at divinemercycare.org.

ST. PETER CLAVER SOCIETY



To quote the words of a then six-year-old orphan at St. Anthony Children's Village, in Ndola, Zambia: "Dear Jesus, bless all the people far and near who are good to us and wish us well. They are now our parents and relatives. Thank you, Jesus, for loving us and providing for us." Because of parishioners' generosity during the 14 July Special Collection, the St. Peter Claver Society was able to top off earlier donations and send the desperately needed \$10,000 to St. Anthony's to provide shelter, nutrition and health care for over 100 children and special needs young adults. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and donations are always welcomed.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)

serves single Catholics 40 and over. Meet us for: golf (every Monday); lunch (every Thursday); Mass and brunch at Ft. Belvoir (Aug. 11); Queens-of-Egypt exhibit (Aug. 17); Nationals baseball (Aug. 18); Rus Uz Restaurant (Aug. 25); Plaka Grill (Aug. 27); tour of Lee-Fendall House (Aug. 31); picnic at Huntley Meadows (Sept. 1); Annual Beach Weekend (Sept. 20-23). For details, see our website: bit.ly/ptsc. RSVP to Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

THRIFT SHOP

Do you have 3 hours a month to devote to a great cause? St John the Beloved Thrift Shop needs your help. We are looking for happy folks with people skills who enjoy retail. Is that you? We open after Labor Day and close for the summer in mid-June. Call Susan Clemente at 571.338.1575.



HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

AUGUST 15—SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption, and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be offered at the church at the following times:

- 6:30 am
- 9:00 am
- 12:00 Noon (Low Traditional Latin Mass)
- 4:30 pm
- 7:30 pm

MOTHER DAUGHTER RETREAT

The Women's Apostolate to Youth invites you to a Mother-Daughter retreat (for girls in grades 7-9) entitled, "God's Plan for My Life: The Vocation of Woman" on September 21, 2019. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to forge a stronger bond with your daughter by sharing and deepening your devotion to the great Archangel St. Gabriel--chosen by God to help us understand our true vocation and intercede for us to develop an obedient spirit and a love for our Eucharistic Lord.

The retreat includes talks, activities (fun!), as well as opportunities for confession, adoration, and Mass and begins at 8:30 am and concludes at 3:30 pm at St. Raymond of Penafort Church, 8750 Pohick Rd. Springfield. The \$55 fee includes materials, breakfast, and lunch for both mother and daughter.

For more information and to register (by Sept. 3, 2019), visit <https://www.waywomen.com/daystar-stgabriel>

Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door.

**DON'T MISS MASS THIS SUMMER
WHILE ON VACATION!
MASSTIMES.ORG**

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



At-Large Candidates for Fairfax County School Board (2019) continued...

Ilryong Moon (Democrat)
Incumbent

Lost his bid for endorsement from Fairfax Democrats and subsequently resigned FCDC. Appears to be considering a run for re-election as an Independent.

Email: ilryong.moon@fcps.edu

Tel. 571.423.1090

<https://www.moon4schoolboard.com/>

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Rhena Beckmann Fuchs	Sharon LeMaster
Carmel Broadfoot	Sue Malone
Salvatore Calabro	Carmella Manetti
John Cartelli	Cristina Marques
Virginia Connelly	Diana Meisel
Victoria Grace Czarniecki	Bonnie Moran
Richard DeCorps	Veronica Nowakowski
Joe Elias	Anita Oliveira
Tara Flanagan-Koenig	Briner Orillo
Lucas & Earlene Gallegos	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Susan Glover	Patricia Richer
Francesca Greco	Shelby Rogers
Paul Griffith	Thomas Rosa
Edward M. Hallinan III	Avery Schaeffer
Mildred Hallinan	Merle Shannon
Jack Halpin	Gloribeth Smith
Arnold L. Harrington III	Daniel Stadelmann
Colleen Hodgdon	Carolyn Steinhoff
David Johnson	Bill Sullivan
Mark Johnson	Mary Warchot
Christopher Katz	Marie Wysolmerski
Dorothy Kottler	

*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	Lynn Partik
Jonathan Choo	Jamie Robinson
Nick Fogle	Michael Shipley
Nicholas Galvan	Kimberley Templer
Harry Griffith	Michael Templer
Bill Jones	Jesus Toledanes
Brendan Murphy	Justin White
	Donald Yamamoto