

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 24

Weekday

- 6:30 Baby Perrottet †
 9:00 Debbie Campbell & Family
 8:00 Dorothy Dittoe †

Tuesday, February 25

Weekday

- 6:30 Dennis Suddarth †
 9:00 Spencer Lunde †

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 Werner Kitzinger †
 9:00 Digges Family
 Noon David Johnson
 4:30 Ray Komadja †
 7:30 Christa Karnbrock

Thursday, February 27

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 Spencer Lunde †
 9:00 Seraphine Heine †

Friday, February 28

Friday after Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 Isabella Suttie
 9:00 Rhena Beckman Fuchs †

Saturday, February 29

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

- 8:15 Joseph Suttie
 5:00 David McGill †

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 Wladyslawa Slowinska †
 9:00 Richard Lugar †
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Blaise Bailey

23 February 2020

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Quinquagesima Sunday

Ordinary Form

- Leviticus 19,1-2.17-18
 1Cor 3,16-23
 Matthew 5,38-48

Extraordinary Form

- 1Cor 13,1-13
 Luke 18,31-43

26 February 2020

Ash Wednesday

Ordinary Form / Extraordinary Form

- Joel 2,12-18 / Joel 2,12-19
 Matthew 6,1-6.16-18 / Matthew 6,5-13

The word "Lent" comes from the Old English "lencen," meaning "springtime". The season lasts from Ash Wednesday to the Vespers of Holy Saturday -- forty days, never mind the six Sundays which don't count as "Lent" liturgically. The Latin name for Lent, "Quadragesima", means forty and refers to the forty days Christ spent in the desert which is the origin of the Season. The last two weeks of Lent were traditionally known as "Passiontide," consisting of Passion Week and Holy Week. The last three days of Holy Week -- Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday we still call the "Sacred Triduum."

Lent is a particularly good time to make amends and rebuild broken relationships. Pray for the ability to truly forgive the repentant who've wronged us, and consider those whom we have wronged and whose forgiveness we should seek.

Lord, make our hearts contrite and humble.
 Give us fortitude to make right what we have done wrong.
 Have mercy on us, Lord!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

p.s. Alligator counts as fish.

Temptation on the Mount
 (Duccio di Buoninsegna, 1255-1319)

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

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

- † JOHN JOSEPH SHEEHEY, III †
 † ROSIE MULLINS †
 † RAY KOMAJDA †

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2020

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LENTEN SUPPERS ARE HERE AGAIN!

Join us in the parish hall for a delicious meatless meal (including a vegan and gluten free option) each Friday during Lent beginning Friday, February 28 - Friday, April 3 from 6pm - 7pm. This is a great way to get to know your parish family as well as build the tradition of Friday devotions. (Stations of the Cross follow at 7:30pm in the parish hall.) Volunteers are needed for each week: cooks (recipes and ingredients provided), servers and clean up crew (Hint:service hours!) Please contact Jennifer Beckett if you are interested in being part of this team: beckett2016@gmail.com or 703-241-7929. (Those who have previously volunteered will automatically receive the Sign Up Genius link.) Thank you. See you at supper!!

WOMEN'S COUNCIL LENTEN

MORNING OF REFLECTION

Saturday, March 21 in St. John Church

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Adoration 10 a.m.

Talk 10:30 a.m.

Confessions 11:00 a.m.

Rosary 11:30 a.m.

Mass at Noon

THE WORD

The Word Book and Gift Shop will be reopening on Today, February 23. We are open weekly immediately following all Sunday masses and briefly preceding the Wednesday



novena. We are stocked with some newly released books including Consecration to St. Joseph (Fr. Calloway), The Saint Monica Club (Maggie Green), and Nine Days to Welcome Peace (Fr. Jacques Philippe),

in addition to the March Magnificat, Lenten Companion, Liturgy of the Hours, and daily devotional books. Please stop by to see our wonderful new space! We look forward to serving you. Cash/Checks/Credit Card are accepted. Any questions, or if you would like to arrange for a pickup of an item outside of business hours, please contact us at theword@stjohncatholicmclean.org

7TH GRADERS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION IN PRIVATE SCHOOL OR HOMESCHOOL

Please contact the Religious Education Office at kmj@stjohncatholicmclean.org or 703-356-5275 and make arrangements to pick up your 2020 Confirmation Handbook. This handbook contains the Confirmation Registration Form, and all other paperwork and prerequisites necessary to receive Confirmation at St. John the Beloved.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26th is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses. Confessions will be heard at 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 6pm and 7pm.

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PRAYER CHAIN

You are invited to join the *St. John the Beloved Prayer Chain*. We are an email group of several hundred souls dedicated to praying for the intentions of our St. John Community. Prayer requests are sent by the coordinator via email along with suggested prayers for each intention. All members of our parish and school family are welcome to join us in prayer. Join - bit.ly/PrayerChainSignUp
Questions or Prayer Requests -
StJohnPrayerChain@StJohnCatholicMclean.org

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Those Catholics who are high school age (16 or older) or adults wishing to be confirmed, please contact the Religious Education Office at 703-356-5275 or email lgomes@stjohncatholicmclean.org as soon as possible. There will be four mandatory Confirmation classes to prepare for the sacrament. Dates of those classes are Thursdays: March 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the St. John Academy library. The Confirmation Mass will be in the Cathedral of St. Thomas More on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020 with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge.

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED**Vacation Bible School****June 15-19, 2020**

- **8:30am–12:00pm each day**
- **Rising Kindergarten–6th Grade**
- **Cost: \$80/child, family max of \$200**

Contact Michael for more info:**mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org**

*Live the Message
Fatima
Peace Through Prayer & Penance*

FALL YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES
SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHTS
1st and 3rd Sundays (and 5th Sundays)

Optional dinner from 6:30pm-7:00pm, Youth Night activities begin at 7:00pm

Upcoming youth nights:

March 1: Comfort in Christ – “Blessed are they who mourn”

For more information about youth ministry activities, contact Michael at mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org**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*
THE FAMILY INSTITUTE OF WASHINGTON
PRESENTS
The 2020 Parenting with Purpose Conference
“Strong Marriages, Happy Families”

A family conference for married and engaged couples

Saturday, March 7, 9am-1pm

Congressional Country Club

8500 River Road, Bethesda, MD

On-site childcare available.

Fr. Hathaway will celebrate 8am Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Cost: \$80 per couple; \$15 per child for childcare.

The emcee for the conference is Tom Spence.

Register and pay online at fiwdc.org, under EventsFor more information, contact: faminstitute@fiwdc.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	February 29
7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon Latin Mass	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 9:45am Sew & So Forths 4:00pm Theology for Teens 7:30pm Legion 8:00pm TLM 8:30pm Futsal	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 8:00pm Hoops	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass Noon Mass 4:30pm Mass 7:30pm Mass ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00pm Holy Hour 7:30pm Benediction	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass Pray at the Falls Church Abortion Center 7am-7pm	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass	8:15am Mass 8:45 Confessions 3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass

IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON



REBUILDING PROGRAM

Separated? Divorced? Widowed? The Rebuilding Program, sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life, helps people of all faiths who are separated, divorced, or widowed and want to move on with their lives. The nine week program starts Sunday, February 23rd and meets Sunday evenings 5:30 - 8:00 PM at the St. Martin De Porres Senior Center in Alexandria. Topics include adaptation, grief, anger, self-worth, openness, love, and relatedness. For more information email facilitator@copingrebuilding.com, or visit us on the web at <http://www.copingrebuilding.com>.

CALLED & CHOSEN EVENT FOR 8TH GRADERS

All 8th graders of the diocese are invited to the Go Forth: Called & Chosen event with Bishop Burbidge on Monday, March 9 at All Saints Catholic Church. The program begins at 10 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 a.m. For more information or to RSVP email vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703-841-2514 by February 24. (8th graders in Catholic schools will be coming with their classes.)

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME STEWARDSHIP

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

All men are invited to the 2020 Annual Men's Conference-Noble and Bold: Taking a Cue from St. Joseph. Join us on Saturday, March 7, 2020, for the Men's Conference at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Speakers include Father Roger Landry, Catholic columnist, author and papal attaché at the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations. Also, Dr. Mark Miravalle, renowned mariologist, professor at the Franciscan University of Steubenville and author. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington. To register, go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men.

PAPAL BLESSING PARCHMENTS

The gift of an Apostolic Blessing, formally inscribed on parchment and sent from Rome, is a traditional means of marking milestone events such as wedding anniversaries, baptisms, first communions, confirmations and significant birthdays. These parchments are produced by the Holy See's Office of Papal Charities, or *Elemosineria Apostolica*, which is charged with exercising charity to the poor in the name of the Holy Father. Since the time of Pope Leo XIII, the production of these parchments has served as an important means of funding charitable works. Papal Blessing Parchments may now be ordered online directly from the Elemosineria Apostolica using their website, www.elemosineria.va (click on "Papal Blessing Parchments"). A number of beautiful formats are available for each type of event.

THE LAETARE BENEFIT

MARCH 22, 2020

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. The Laetare Benefit is our annual fundraising dinner for the cloistered nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery in Linden, Virginia in the Diocese of Arlington. As cloistered nuns, they depend on the charity of the people of God for their existence. They have needs for everyday items such as food and healthcare, and are also trying to build a much-needed Chapel at the Monastery. Please show your support and join us for a reception, dinner, and auction which will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, Virginia. Please note that this is a NEW venue! Seating is limited. RSVP by March 16, 2020. Tickets are \$175 each, if purchased by **March 9** (\$200 each after March 9). Please send a check payable to Friends of St. Dominic's Monastery, 524 N. Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, or to purchase tickets online through Faith Direct, please visit:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/3950#divTicketSelection>

Please contact: friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com for more information.

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.



STABAT MATER INSTITUTE

Cordially invites you to our
GALA DINNER & AUCTION FUNDRAISER
 In support of a future
RETREAT HOUSE

Saturday, February 29 at 7:00 pm
St. John the Beloved Parish Hall
 6422 Linway Terrace,
 McLean, VA 22101

INFO: 703-307-3466 \$50.00 per person
 aperezalca@cox.net \$35 for seniors

MONTHLY MINI-RETREATS FOR WOMEN

"A Path to Holiness...A Path to Happiness!"
 Discover the path to holiness and happiness that God has paved for you! The Women of Regnum Christi invite you to monthly mini-retreats focusing on personal conversion and transformation. Next Sessions: Evening retreat Wed, Feb 26, 7pm-9:45pm; Morning retreat Thurs, Feb 27, 9:45am-12:15pm. The mini-retreat includes: Mass, practical talk, personal reflection, opportunities for Confession, a meal and fellowship. Cost is \$20 per person. Go to www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Babysitting is available during the morning session for children 2yrs and up, and requires reservation. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

LENTEN REFLECTION FOR MEN

"The Spiritual Struggle of Following Christ: Winning Your Battles Between Virtue and Sin"
 Wed, Mar 4, 7:00-9:30pm. Join us for this month's installment of the Monthly Reflections for Men. The evening includes: Mass, a meditation and practical talk, time for personal reflection, opportunities for Confession, a meal and fellowship. Cost is \$20 per person. Visit our website to register www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Hosted by the Men of Regnum Christi. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO ST. JOHN THE BELOVED

For your convenience, please sign up for the Faith Direct Offertory program.
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STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



"Those who pray,"
 said the eminent statesman Donoso Cortes,
 after his conversion,
 "do more for the world than those who fight,
 and if the world is going from bad to worse,
 it is because there are more battles than prayers."

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Rhena Beckmann - Fuchs	Carmella Manetti
Frank Bohan	Cristina Marques
Kathleen Bonuccelli	Richard Meade
Carmel Broadfoot	Diana Meisel
John Cartelli	Bonnie Moran
Victoria Grace Czarniecki	Veronica Nowakowski
Richard DeCorps	Anita Oliveira
Tara Flanagan-Koenig	Emelinda Oliveira
Alexa Frisbie	Mary Pistorino Reilly
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Colleen Hodgdon	Daniel Stadelmann
Ann Howerton	Carolyn Steinhoff
David Johnson	Bill Sullivan
Mark Johnson	Brian Turner
Christopher Katz	Ana Vera
Dorothy Kottler	Mary Warchot
Sue Malone	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	Lynn Partik
Jonathan Choo	Michael Shipley
Nick Fogle	Kimberley Templer
Nicholas Galvan	Michael Templer
Harry Griffith	Jesus Toledanes
Bill Jones	Justin White
Elisabeth Maddrell	Donald Yamamoto
Brendan Murphy	