

"To know, to love, and to serve God"



January 29, 2017 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacramental Information

Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date. It is best for us to hear from you as soon as you become engaged to set up your initial appointment.

Baptisms: We welcome your new addition! Generally, baptisms take place at 12:15 pm the first and third Sunday of each month, with some flexibility based on circumstances. Baptism preparation instruction is required for first-time parents or parents who have not previously attended a class. Please call the parish office to begin the process of scheduling the baptism.

Holy Communion & Anointing of the Sick: God bless you! If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick at Fair Oaks Hospital, Sunrise Assisted Living at Fair Oaks, or at home, please call the parish office to arrange a visit.

Parish Registration: Welcome! If you would like to register as a parishioner at St. Veronica, please pick up a registration form in one of the church vestibules or in the parish office. Upon completion, you may drop the form in the Sunday collection basket, or you may mail it in. If you are moving out of the parish or have a change of address, please contact the parish office.

Initiation of Adults and Children: The RCIA process leads older youths and adults into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office or email RCIA@stveronica.net for details.

Parish Office

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Saturday: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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Mass Schedule*

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am & 5:00 pm

2:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Weekdays: Monday—Friday 8:30 am & 12:15 pm

Wednesday & First Friday 7:30 pm

Friday (except First Friday) 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Saturday 8:30 am

Holy Hour Schedule*

Wednesday: 7:00 pm (includes Exposition, Holy Rosary,
 Benediction & Mass)

Confession Schedule*

Monday and Friday: 11:30 am—Noon

Wednesday: 6:30 pm through the Holy Hour

Saturday: 9:00 am—10:00 am & 3:30 pm—4:30 pm

First Friday of the Month: After the 8:30 am Mass & 6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration*

Monday: 9:00 am—Saturday: 8:00 am

** Please listen to pulpit announcements & parish office recordings, and consult current bulletin & website homepage for schedule changes.*

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 28: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Doughnut Sunday Hosted by PTO—Parish Hall & Kitchen
1:30 pm Ablaze High School Youth Group—St. John Paul II Room & Church
3:15 pm Charismatic Prayer Group—Training Room

Monday, January 29:
8:30 am Holy Mass
11:30 am Confessions
12:15 pm Holy Mass
1:30 pm School Use—Acolyte Room
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes
7:30 pm RCIA—St. John Paul II Room

Tuesday, January 30:
8:30 am Holy Mass
10:00 am 50+ Women's Bible Study—Acolyte Room
12:15 pm Holy Mass
3:15 pm STEM—P202
6:45 pm Religious Education Classes
7:00 pm Legion of Mary—Acolyte Room
7:00 pm PTO General Meeting & Babysitting—Parish Hall & St. John Paul II Room

Wednesday, January 31:
8:30 am Holy Mass
12:15 pm Holy Mass
6:30 pm Confessions
7:00 pm Holy Hour with Exposition, Holy Rosary and Benediction
7:30 pm Holy Mass
8:00 pm Young Adults—Parish Hall

Thursday, February 1:
8:30 am Holy Mass
12:15 pm Holy Mass
4:30 pm Children's Choir—P208
5:30 pm Pre-K Movie—Parish Hall & Kitchen
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus—P209
7:00 pm Saint Mother Teresa Outreach Apostolate Meeting—Acolyte Room
7:30 pm Adult Choir—P208

First Friday, February 2:
8:30 am Holy Mass
9:00 am Confessions
11:30 am Confessions
12:15 pm Holy Mass
6:30 pm Confessions
7:30 pm Holy Mass
7:30 pm Adult Team/Youth Apostolate—St. John Paul II Room

First Saturday, February 4:
6:30 am TMIY—Parish Hall & Kitchen
8:00 am Exposition, Rosary Meditation and Benediction
8:30 am Holy Mass
9:00 am Holy Rosary
9:00 am Confessions
9:00 am Knights of Columbus—Parish Hall
9:30 am Luminaries of Holy Mary—Acolyte Room
3:30 pm Confessions

Bulletin Deadline

10:00 am Friday, 9 days prior to the Sunday publication
Announcements should be sent to bulletin@stveronica.net.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 28: Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:30 am Nildy Torres
5:00 pm Robin Karr

Sunday, January 29: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Estefana Monsale +
9:00 am The People of St. Veronica
10:45 am The Young Family
5:00 pm George Isip +

Monday, January 30

8:30 am Tommie Jean Williams +
12:15 pm Julia Solis

Tuesday, January 31: Saint John Bosco

8:30 am Fernando Flores
12:15 pm Michael DeFazio +

Wednesday, February 1

8:30 am Ofelia and Austin Devereux
12:15 pm Janet Alexander
7:30 pm Pat Clarke +

Thursday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 am Mamie Elizabeth Alexander +
12:15 pm Rufino Macapagal +

First Friday, February 3: Saint Blaise; Saint Ansgar

8:30 am The Van Daele Family
12:15 pm Rita Pratsch +
7:30 pm Bill Schindler +

First Saturday, February 4

8:30 am Martha Calvert +
5:00 pm Jane J. O'Connor +

Sunday, February 5: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Tony Spehar +
9:00 am Michael Shemancik +
10:45 am The People of St. Veronica
5:00 pm Reverend Andrew Ulincy +

*Pray the Rosary Daily
Pray the Rosary Every Day*

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WORSHIP

From Green to Gold – January 29, 2017

After an eight week run of rather intense excitement and a two week "football high," as I mentioned the past two weeks, all of that came to a crashing halt last Sunday afternoon when my Green Bay Packers went down in defeat to the Atlanta Falcons, 44-21. The Falcons looked great and my Packers, not so good. They looked more like the team who lost to the Redskins back in November, 42-24. That seemed to be the turning point for the Packers. After four straight losses they came back with eight straight wins taking them to the NFC championship game last Sunday. Expectations were high, for the Packers were playing with an intensity that seemed unstoppable, but the Falcons rather easily found a way. As the Packer coach said after the game, "They ran out of gas." And that they did! No doubt there were some issues, such as the flu that struck some of the Packers, including our quarterback; there were numerous injuries; their plane had a three and a half hour delay getting into Atlanta due to weather. But really those are just excuses; the bottom line is they didn't get it done. So no Super Bowl and the season is over. It truly was a wonderful season, nonetheless, for two months ago nearly no one thought the Packers had a chance of even having a winning season, much less getting into the playoffs. It was an exciting end until this past Sunday for which I am grateful.

As with all things there is a spiritual lesson here. First we can never give up. Even when we fall, even when things seem totally off the rails, we have to persevere, and by the grace of God we can. We have to have the confidence the Packers seemed to have from November 20th through January 21st. With God there is always hope and we can never lose sight of that. We have to have an intensity, an excitement, for the Faith. But we cannot be overcome by that. There is still the necessity of turning to God and being humble and grateful when He does shower His graces on us. So while we are confident, we can't be over confident, for it is only by the grace of God that any good comes into our lives. Obviously, football is only a game. This too shall pass, but our salvation is no game, and we should never let any opportunity for an increase in grace to pass. Daily we have to trust in Our Lord and avail ourselves to the sacraments, especially Mass and confession, as well as to prayer and good works. All of this will ensure that someday heaven will be ours and that is our goal. It is not a Super Bowl (although that would have been nice), it is eternal salvation someday with God in the glory of heaven. And besides, when it comes to football, there is always next year! When it comes to salvation however we never want to wait until next year. We need to act now. I pray we always do.

That is in part why we prayed this past Friday for life. The March for Life was Friday, the 27th. This column was written before that event, so I have no report on it. I don't even know if Fr. Isenberg or I went. I do know we had a number of students from our school and some of our high schoolers and other young people going. We also had a bus from the parish going. In addition, as they have in the past, our Knights of Columbus were going to meet all of the March goers after their return and provide them a dinner. I am grateful to all who went, to our Knights, and to all who attended the Holy Hour that morning here at the parish or prayed throughout last week for life. I am also grateful to God for the gift of life and for the freedom we have in this country to stand up for life. Sadly, our nation also allows abortion, which is why we have to persevere. Just like when it comes to our spiritual lives, we can never give up. We have to continue to work and pray that this horrible evil be lifted from our world. There are many others evils we have to work against as well. I should say something about that next week. I will also mention something about the new president and our school as we begin Catholic Schools Week this Sunday.

~ In Christ, Fr. Kleinmann

The Holy Father's January Prayer Intentions

Evangelization: *Christians at the service of the challenges of humanity.* That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Weekly Readings



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31;
Mt 5:1-12a

Monday

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

First Friday

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

First Saturday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Monday through Friday Mass Location Change

Our church renovations are well underway. During the week, most 8:30 am Masses, all 12:15 pm Masses, and some 7:30 pm Wednesday evening Masses will be said in the St. John Paul II Room. Confessions will still be heard in the church. Weekend Masses will be in the church. Watch for signs on the church, grand staircase and parish hall doors indicating specific locations.

St. Veronica Catholic School Open House— Catholic Schools Week

Are you searching for a school that will provide your child with exceptional academics AND a vibrant religious education? A school with an atmosphere permeated by respect, love, and the modeling of virtues? Look no further—that school is St. Veronica Catholic School. We welcome and invite all interested families to join us on **Wednesday, February 1st** at 9:30 am for our open house in celebration of Catholic Schools Week. You will have the opportunity to meet our administration and teachers, student ambassadors, visit our classrooms, and ask questions you may have regarding our school, curriculum, extracurricular programs, and community. To RSVP, please contact Mrs. Kendra Turchiarolo at 703-773-2020 x150 or by email to kturchiarolo@stveronicaschool.org. We look forward to seeing you on the 1st!

St. Veronica Youth Orchestra Auditions

The St. Veronica Youth Orchestra is holding auditions for the spring semester on **Monday, January 30th** from 4:00-6:00 pm. If this time does not work for you, arrangements can be made for separate auditions. Please contact our Music Director/Organist, Emily Mason, at emason@stveronica.net, or stop by the organ after Mass if you are interested. The orchestra plays four times a year for special feast day Masses at 9:00 am, as well as spring and fall concerts. No prior experience playing for Mass or in a group is needed. The group is open to grades 5-12. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 5:45-7:00 pm.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Chantilly Smiles

Family and Cosmetic Dentistry

Please see their ad in the back of the bulletin and support all those who make this bulletin possible. We are grateful for their support of our parish.

Join St. Veronica Usher Team

St. Veronica is in need of additional ushers. It is a great way to serve St. Veronica Church. Primary usher duties include assisting parishioners as needed entering the church for Mass, ensuring that parish bulletin holders are filled, selecting a family to bring gifts to the altar, performing collections during Mass, and straightening materials in pews following Mass. For more information or to sign up as an usher, contact Dave Pacia, Head Usher at 703-298-8542 or davepacia@yahoo.com.

Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins

This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2017 BLA is "*Offering hands to serve and hearts to love.*" After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. Through your support of this important appeal, you become the hands and heart of our Lord Jesus!

Second Collection Next Weekend

The Second collection next weekend, **February 4th and 5th**, is for the *Arlington Catholic Herald*. Your generous donations help defray the amount the parish is assessed. The suggested contribution is \$24, but any amount is gratefully accepted. If you are a Faith Direct user, please take a moment to update your account for the *Herald* because the amount has changed. Thank you for your generosity to St. Veronica.

C O R N E R S T O N E

January 22, 2017

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| Regular Sunday donations | \$ 10,403.96 |
| Faith Direct* | \$ 11,727.47 |
| Monthly Mortgage Payment | \$ 250.47 |
| Faith Direct* | \$ 2,369.60 |
| Church in Latin America | \$ 1,477.04 |

414 Families Donating through Faith Direct

Thank you, and may God bless you for your continued support and generosity.

*Contributions via Faith Direct are deposited in parish bank account once a month. The total deposit designated for Regular & Debt Reduction has been divided by the number of weeks for that month and added to the weekly totals.

EDUCATION, CATECHESIS AND EVANGELIZATION

Share the Faith

As we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord this month, let us recall our own Baptism. We have all received the call to go and baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they too are ready to renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises. If there is someone you think would like to explore what Baptism in the Catholic faith means, ask him or her to contact Scott Bradford, RCIA@stveronica.net, to inquire about classes held Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the St. John Paul II Room. Our next class, **January 30th**, is on "Penance." Join us!



TMIY Has Returned

The spring semester of TMIY continues next weekend, on **Saturday, February 4th** in the parish hall, beginning with breakfast at 6:30 am. The course is entitled "The Bible and the Sacraments" and it will run for 11 weeks.

"The Bible and the Sacraments" Webpage for Participant Workbooks: Here is the link to the webpage through the St. Paul Center created specifically for TMIY classes. From here you can order Participant Books using the discount code below, order other optional materials, and will eventually be able to view sessions of the program. Web page: <https://www.bibleandthesacraments.com/tmiy>. *Password to enter website: LambofGod.

25% Discount Code to be used at checkout: TMIY.

Was the Catholic Church the Driving Force behind Western Civilization?

While that may sound far-fetched to many, there are strong arguments and evidence that this is so. It was the Catholic Church that worked tirelessly since the fall of the Roman Empire to rebuild civilization. In such fields as medicine, education, law, human rights, philosophy and science, the Church rebuilt, over centuries, the basics that we now take for granted. Some think religion is the natural enemy of civilization, order and reason, but a study of history reveals many surprises to the contrary. Come learn the facts so that you may explain them to your skeptical friends, families and neighbors when opportunity presents itself.

Please join us at the next Patricians meeting where this topic will be presented and discussed.

THE INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE

~ PRESENTS ~

Living Liturgy

Cycles of Nature & the Liturgical Calendar

~ WITH ~

Prof. John Cuddeback, Ph.D.

Sunday, February 19 @ 6:00 p.m.

*Dinner Included; lecture to begin @ 7:00 p.m.
No RSVP required.*

Event Location:

St. Veronica Church Hall

FREE ADMISSION! NO RESERVATION REQUIRED!

For more information, please visit

www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org or call (540) 635 - 7155



Father Isenberg will oversee the discussion. The date and time are February 13th at 7:00 pm in. The place is the acolyte room. Food and drink will be provided.

St. Veronica Young Adults Group 20's-30's

Join St. Veronica Young Adults as we sift through the murky waters of what is morally right and wrong. We will be studying *Back to Virtue: Traditional Wisdom for Modern Moral Confusion* by Peter Kreeft, chapters 2-4. Wednesdays, January 18th-February 22nd, 8:00 pm in the parish hall. ALL PARISHIONERS AND NON-PARISHIONERS ALIKE are INVITED.

For more details, email Cynthia at stveronicaya@gmail.com or visit our Facebook Group Page "St. Veronica Young Adults" or our webpage at www.ya.stveronica.net.

From the Office of Vocations

"God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong." God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called. Could He be calling you? Contact Father J.D. Jaffe at 703-841-2514 or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Catholic Doctrine Corner

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

To admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries, and pray for the living and the dead.

AROUND ST. VERONICA AND THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Women

Please join us for the Annual Women's Conference on March 11th at St. Joseph Herndon. This year conference is entitled "Breaking Free through Forgiveness" with speaker Immaculee Ilibagiza, author and survivor of the Rwandan Genocide. The day also includes confession, breakfast, lunch and Mass with Bishop Burbidge. Please go to www.arlingtondiocese.org for more details and to register. No registration at the door.

Men of the Diocese

All men of the Diocese are invited to the sixth annual diocesan Men's Conference on March 4th. This year's conference is titled "Girding for Battle." It will feature Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Ralph Martin and Fr. James Searby. Breakfast, lunch and Mass with Bishop Michael Burbidge will be included. Confessions will be offered from 7:30–8:45 am. No registration at the door. Parking is limited. Go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men for more details and to register.

Mornings of Mercy for Divorced Catholics

Join us for a series of morning retreats that deal with topics such as grief, parenting, suffering and hope. The next retreat will be **February 4th** at St. Theresa's Church in Ashburn. The mornings are free to attend, but please register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/divorced. All dates are available online. Please contact the Office for Family Life at 703-841-2550 with any questions.

Bishop Burbidge's Homilies Online

Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Shepherd? He records homilies posted weekly on our YouTube page. Go and take a look at youtube.com/arlingtondiocese.

Teacher Job Fair

The Office of Catholic Schools invites prospective teachers to a Teacher Job Fair on March 11th at Paul VI High School, Fairfax, 9:00–11:00 am. Principals from over 30 diocesan elementary schools, high schools and preschools will be on hand to talk with you about openings for the 2017-2018 school year. Representatives from the Office of Catholic Schools will answer questions about the application process. New teachers and those returning to teaching are welcome. (All teachers must be certified or ready to seek certification.) For more information, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools or call 703-841-2519. Join our excellent schools for a faith-filled experience.

St. Therese Vocation Society

Morning of Reflection

All are invited to join the St. Therese Vocation Society for their annual Morning of Reflection on **Saturday, February 4th** from 9:00 am-12:00 noon at St. Leo Church in Fairfax. The day will include Mass, continental breakfast, spiritual conference and Holy Hour. There is no cost, but RSVP to the Office of Vocations by **January 30th** at 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

"Holy Family Celebration: A Domestic Church Day Event" at the St. John Paul II Nat'l Shrine

"Holy Family Celebration" is a half-day celebration for families and engaged couples on Saturday, February 18th, 12:30 to 6:30 pm, which will feature a Mass and Consecration to the Holy Family with Cardinal Donald Wuerl, an inspiring talk for couples by Sr. Gaudia Skass, catechesis for teens by Tex Phelps, and children's catechesis. Following the talks, there will be opportunities for confession and praise and worship Eucharistic adoration led by Michael Corsini. The event will conclude with a family style meal, entertainment, and a gift to enrich your family prayer. The cost of attendance is \$10 for couples and \$20 for families of three or more, and includes a meal after Mass. To register visit www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com. This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the DC State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.

Separated? Divorced? Widowed?

The Rebuilding Program sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office for Family 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 26th and meets Sunday evenings 5:30 - 8:00 pm at the St. Martin De Porres Center in Alexandria. Topics include adaptation, grief, anger, self-worth, openness, love, and relatedness. For more information email facilitator@copingrebuilding.com, visit us on the web at <http://www.copingrebuilding.com> or call us at 703-596-2673.

Sign Up to Get Inspiring 2 Minute Reflections and Weekly Challenges

Go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue.

APOSTOLIC SERVICE, PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

Christmas Giving Tree: Thank you

Each year, you, the parishioners of St. Veronica's show your compassion and love for those in need through your generosity and selfless response to the annual Christmas Giving Tree. On behalf of the less fortunate in the counties of Madison, Culpeper, Rappahannock and Orange and the residents of Manor Care Nursing Home, the Saint Mother Teresa Apostolate extends its deepest gratitude for your gifts. Please keep these individuals in your prayers and know that each of you will be remembered in the prayers of the Saint Mother Teresa Apostolate. God bless you!

Mother-Daughter Retreat

The Women's Apostolate to Youth invites you to a Mother-Daughter retreat (for girls in grades 7-9) on "Spiritual Warfare: Resisting Feminine Temptations" with St. Michael the Archangel and St. Joan of Arc, the Virtues of Purity of Heart/Humility and the Sacrament of Confirmation. The retreat will be held March 4th, 8:30 am-3:30 pm at St. Raymond of Penafort Church, 8750 Pohick Rd. Springfield. The \$50 fee includes materials, breakfast and lunch for both mother and daughter. For more details call Angela Smith at 703-266-6756 or go to <http://www.womensapostolatetoyouth.blogspot.com>. Register by February 10th. Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door.

~ Fast & Pray for Persecuted Christians ~

Special Events for Middle School Students at JP

John Paul the Great coaches and teachers are hosting a number of tournaments, events, and clinics for students in middle school (and in some cases, high school students): February 25th, 3v3 Basketball Tournament; and March 4th, Baseball Clinic. Please visit jpthegreat.org for more information and to register.

Words of Our Lady of Fatima

"They must act before the Blessed Sacrament as is proper."

Divine Mercy Corner

"Tell souls not to place within their own hearts obstacles to My Mercy, which so greatly wants to act within them. My Mercy works in all those hearts which open their doors to it. Both the sinner and the righteous person have need of My Mercy. Conversion, as well as perseverance, is a grace of My Mercy." Jesus to St. Faustina, *Dairy* 1577. JESUS I TRUST IN YOU!



ST. VERONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH
YOUTH APOSTOLATE

Ablaze, New Schedule: Our High School Youth Apostolate is now gathering on Sundays from 1:30 pm-4:00 pm in the St. John Paul II Room for Ablaze. On the 3rd Sundays of the month, Ablaze will join the "Donuts and Field Day" activities that begin at 1:00 pm. The new schedule provides us with the opportunity to pray in the church and gives families Sunday nights back for dinner and homework. All youth in grades 9-12 are welcome.

Help Stock the Catacombs: Please consider donating one of the following items to support our youth ministry. Donations can be brought directly to the Catacombs or to the parish office. Thank you for your help.

- * Individual bags of chips or snacks
- * Granola bars
- * Mini bottles of water or Gatorade
- * Juice boxes
- * Fresh fruit (apples or oranges)
- * Small boxes of raisins
- * Popcorn
- * mini-notebooks (20)
- * Paper products (9 oz paper cups and paper bowls)

Living Stations of the Cross: It's time to start planning for the Living Stations which will take place this year on Friday, April 7th at 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars and plan to join us. Rehearsals will begin at the end of February. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us as actors for this prayerful depiction of Our Lord's passion and death. For more information email youthminister@stveronica.net.

Pray for a Priest Each Day

We continue our daily prayers for priests by praying each day this week for:

January 29 Rev. Jose Eugenio Hoyos
January 30 Rev. James Hudgins
January 31 Rev. Michael Isenberg
February 1 Rev. Joel Jaffe
February 2 Rev. John Kelly
February 3 Rev. Michael Kelly
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January 29, 2017

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

United with all dioceses across the country, we celebrate National Catholic Schools Week beginning on *Sunday, January 29th* and concluding on *Saturday, February 4th*. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the great gift of Catholic education here in the Diocese of Arlington. The theme this year from the National Catholic Education Association is once again: *Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service*. Our diocese is blessed with 37 elementary schools, four high schools, four stand-alone preschools, and four independent Catholic schools that educate over 17,600 children from Winchester to Arlington and from Fredericksburg to Alexandria. Catholic Schools Week is a perfect time to learn more about our Catholic schools and I encourage you to attend one of the many Open Houses throughout the Diocese.

We have much to celebrate here in our Diocese regarding Catholic Education. Our elementary schools are innovative, faith-filled, and exciting places to learn. Over sixty percent (60%) of our schools are U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools which honors schools with top academic programs. Our Catholic schools are guided by gifted pastors and principals and with the dedicated service of over 1,400 educators who provide a quality, Christ-filled education each and every day.

We are blessed, too, with vibrant, Catholic high schools that truly live the theme of communities of faith, knowledge and service. We graduate 100 percent of students from our high schools and 98 percent are accepted into colleges and universities. Last year, our students received \$83.2 million in scholarships and provided over 350,000 hours of service both at home and abroad. Our students truly embrace the Gospel message as reflected in their generous service on behalf of others and our communities and by the fact that over 130 vocations to Priesthood and Consecrated Life have come from graduates of our high schools.

I am grateful to all those in our Catholic schools who assist parents in the education and formation of their children and to the many people throughout our diocese who give of their financial resources and time to support our schools. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

May Our Lord Jesus continue to shower his blessings upon our Catholic schools so that they may remain *Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service*.

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