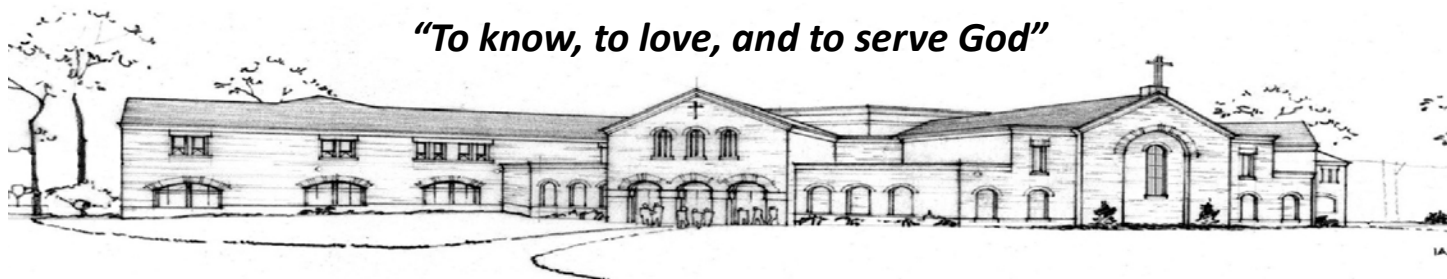


"To know, to love, and to serve God"



February 12, 2017 – Sixth 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.

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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, February 12: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am LINK Food Drive—Narthexes
8:30 am Donut Sunday Sponsored by PTO—Parish Hall & Kitchen
12:00 pm Norbertines—P211/Library
1:30 pm Ablaze High School Youth Group—St. John Paul II Room & Church
2:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group
6:30 pm Youth Apostolate Parent Meeting—Parish Hall

Monday, February 13:

8:30 am Holy Mass
11:30 am Confessions
12:15 pm Holy Mass
2:00 pm School Use—Acolyte Room
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes
7:00 pm Patricians—Acolyte Room
7:30 pm RCIA—St. John Paul II Room

Tuesday, February 14:

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
6:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle—Sacristy
6:45 pm Religious Education Classes
7:00 pm Legion of Mary—Acolyte Room

Wednesday, February 15:

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 16:

8:30 am Holy Mass
9:00 am ENDOW—Acolyte Room
12:15 pm Holy Mass
4:30 pm Children's Choir—P208
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus—P209
7:30 pm Adult Choir—P208
8:00 pm Knights of Columbus—Parish Hall

Friday, February 17:

8:30 am Holy Mass
11:30 am Confessions
12:15 pm Holy Mass
7:30 pm Ignite Middle School Youth Group—Parish Hall

Saturday, February 18:

6:30 am TMiy—Parish Hall & Kitchen
8:30 am Holy Mass
9:00 am Holy Rosary
9:00 am Confessions
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, February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30 am Frank Seng
5:00 pm Ian A. Birdsall +

Sunday, February 12: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Mark Spehar +
9:00 am The People of St. Veronica
10:45 am Aaron Redd +
5:00 pm William E. Laughrigh +

Monday, February 13

8:30 am Michael Grepps +
12:15 pm Special Intention

Tuesday, February 14: Saints Cyril and Methodius

8:30 am Isadore Caputo +
12:15 pm Marine Sergeant Craig Julian "Guppy" Higginbottom +

Wednesday, February 15

8:30 am Thana Dixon +
12:15 pm Rita Isbela Baliza
7:30 pm Thana Dixon +

Thursday, February 16

8:30 am Elsa Rivas
12:15 pm Thana Dixon +

Friday, February 17: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:30 am Stephen Wong +
12:15 pm Alicia Acker

Saturday, February 18

8:30 am Joyce Forrest +
5:00 pm Jack and Marge Quinn ++

Sunday, February 19: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Estefana Monsale +
9:00 am Elizabeth Patsuk
10:45 am The People of St. Veronica
5:00 pm Marilyn Mauk +

*Pray the Rosary Daily
Pray the Rosary Every Day*

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WORSHIP

From Green to Gold – February 12, 2017

Last Sunday was Super Bowl Sunday. Sadly my Packers weren't there, but as most of us do know the New England Patriots and the Atlanta Falcons were. I was torn whom to root for, as the Patriots have been there eight times, but the Falcons more or less destroyed the Packers three weeks ago. As I mentioned at one Mass last Sunday, I may have been tempted to seek vengeance against Atlanta, but as Our Lord says, "Vengeance is Mine." I guess He got it! The Falcons had a great first half, leading 21 to 3, and then after two and a half quarters, New England woke up. They tied the game taking it into overtime and proceeded to win 34 to 28. It was quite the game, exciting no doubt as we watched the Patriots have the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history. It was also the first Super Bowl that had to go to overtime. New England's long time, 39-year old quarterback, set all kinds of other Super Bowl records. As much as it pains me to say so, what he did was just short of miraculous. I thought Green Bay was God's team (and I still do, after all we are wearing green and gold during this season of Ordinary Time), but perhaps the Patriots are as well. At least it seems that way, as they appear "to have it." One last comment on football, the Super Bowl truly has become a national phenomenon. The excitement that leads up to it; the opportunity for families, friends, neighborhoods, etc. to get to get together and celebrate; the thrill of watching the game, the halftime show, and the commercials all add to the significance of this annual event. All of that is fine and good, but we should have a similar, really an even greater sense of excitement about our Faith. After all a Super Bowl is not going to get us to heaven, and it may even hinder us if we over eat or over drink or if it is a cause for cursing. On the other hand our Faith will help us achieve eternal salvation with God in heaven someday. So as we move on from another football season, may we all the more focus on growing spiritually and on becoming more holy.

In addition to the above football talk, I want to bring a few things to your attention. The construction on the church continues, and we seem to be on target to complete everything in Phase I by Holy Week. Lent has to come first, but is a bit late this year, starting on March 1st. We will have a three part Lenten Reflection series towards the latter part of Lent, which will address the three typical temptations (bodily pleasures, money, and power). We will also have the Lenten Meatless Suppers on Friday evenings. Starting this weekend the Bishop's Lenten Appeal gets underway. Paul Chadowski has agreed to be the lay leader this year and will speak today at the end of all Masses about this annual fund raising effort of the diocese. You will hear more about this next week and then the following weekend is commitment weekend. There will be more information here in this column in the next week or two as well. Way in advance so you can mark your calendars, we have scheduled another Farm, Food, and Faith dinner at Clyde's Willow Creek on September 17th. Also another Octoberfest is in the works, scheduled for, you guessed it, October. There will also again be the Casino "Knight" sponsored by our local Knights of Columbus council on May 20th. This year, however, it will be a bit more involved for as many of you have heard there will not be a Gala this year. This is for various reasons, but we still want to have an opportunity to celebrate as a parish and to raise some funds for the parish or, specifically, the school in this case. So this May 20th it will be a Casino "Knight" and **Auction!** The school PTO joins the Knights in hosting this exciting evening. It will be a much expanded evening of casino games, numerous auction items that have been part of the Gala and the casino night, as well as additional food options. There will be a raffle as usual and drinks of course. And all of this at the usual price of \$25.00 a ticket. Watch for more info. Finally, the annual Car Raffle run by All Saints Church in Manassas is now underway. This too is a great way to support our parish. As always please pray for St. Veronica's and one another.

~ In Christ, Fr. Kleinmann

The Holy Father's February Prayer Intention

Universal: *Welcome the needy.* That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Weekly Readings



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10;
Mt 5:17-37 or
5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday

Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

Friday

Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday

Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23;
Mt 5:38-48

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass Location During Renovations

Just a continuing reminder: While our church renovations are underway, most 8:30 am Masses (the exception being some Friday Masses) and all 12:15 pm weekday Masses will be said in the St. John Paul II Room. So far, we have been able to celebrate 7:30 Wednesday evening Masses in the church, but please make sure to watch for signs on the church, grand staircase and parish hall doors updating Mass locations. Confessions are still being heard in the church, and weekend Masses are in the church.

Broken Rosaries and Sacramentals?

Drop them off at the parish office. A team of skilled parishioners will lovingly restore and return them for pick-up. Alternatively, you may donate them for repair and use by others.

Next Norbertine Third Order Meeting

New Location! On **Sunday, February 12th** after the 10:45 am Mass, there will be a Novitiate meeting of the Norbertine Third Order in the Library, P211. The agenda will start with "bring your own" lunch, followed by a recorded lecture. Please join us. Contact Wes or Madeleine Marchesseault at 703-793-1020 with any questions.

5-Car Raffle Helps the Entire Parish

Once again this year, All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas has invited us to participate in their multi-care raffle. Prizes include five 2017 vehicles from Koons of Manassas—Honda Civic, Buick Verano, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV and Honda Odyssey Van. One \$5 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles, plus 20 cash prizes. AND, 60% of ticket proceeds is returned to our parish!

Tickets have been sent to each family in the parish by mail; additional tickets may be purchased at the parish office. (Please note that ticket purchases are not deductible for IRS purposes.)

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

StoneSprings Hospital Center

HCA Virginia Health Systems

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.

Message from Bishop Burbidge on the World

Day of the Sick, February 11, 2017

"On this World Day of the Sick, we are especially mindful of those who are suffering and in need of our prayers. We also thank God for their faithful witness as they are united to Christ on the cross. As Pope Francis reminds us, the sick 'have a gift of their own to share' and merit our renewed gratitude, respect, and tender attentiveness. God's healing is a free and pure gift, available to each of us. May we recommit to daily prayer for the needs of the infirm and those who care for them confident that the Lord's healing and miraculous love, always at work within us, will sustain them. Rooted in deep faith, may we be witnesses to this year's theme for the World Day of the Sick and, like Mary reflect 'amazement at what God has accomplished' and say: 'The Almighty has done great things for me' (Lk 1:49).

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 18th and 19th**, is to help pay our monthly mortgage. Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Veronica.

C O R N E R S T O N E

February 5, 2017

Regular Sunday donations	\$ 12,056.75
Faith Direct*	\$ 12,673.34
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$ 472.00
Faith Direct*	\$ 3,119.50
Arlington Catholic Herald	\$ 3,435.00

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

Come and See

Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Do you struggle with questions about life, death, suffering, hope, forgiveness, love, God? If you are exploring these and other issues in relation to our Catholic faith, contact Scott Bradford, RCIA@stveronica.net, to inquire about classes held Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the St. John Paul II Room. Join us on Monday, **February 13th** when we explore the sacrament of marriage.

TMiY Continues Next Saturday



The Bible and the Sacraments continues next **Saturday morning, February 18th** in the parish hall. Join the men of our parish as we discover the deeply spiritual roots of the sacraments, the mystery behind these God-given channels of grace, why the sacraments are foundational to our faith, how the sacraments are prefigured in the Old Testament, and the power that comes forth from the Body of Christ.

The themes covered in our next gathering are:

- Old Testament prefigurements of Baptism in Easter Vigil liturgy;
- Confirmation as a share in the mission of the Messiah;
- Oil as the sign of Confirmation; and
- How we're anointed to be priests, prophets and kings.

Doors open at 6:30 am with breakfast, and the session begins at 7:00 am. All men of the parish are welcome and can join at any time. Email to tmiy@stveronica.net for more information, and please consider joining us.

Catholic Business Network-Dulles Chapter

Presents Steve Hemler, Tuesday, February 21st:

"Proclaiming the Reality of God: Human Evidence of God's Existence," Part 2

This multimedia presentation covers compelling evidence from human nature demonstrating God's existence, which will strengthen your faith and is an excellent opportunity to develop persuasive reasons for belief, valuable for sharing with family and friends who may have doubts about the existence of God. All are welcome, even if you missed Steve's first talk, since Steve will review that scientific evidence of God's existence. This schedule is: networking and general business, 4:00-4:15 pm; presentation, 4:15-5:00 pm; Q & A, 5:00-5:15 pm; networking and conversation (with beer, wine and heavy hors

d'oeuvres), 5:15-6:00 pm. The location is: Re/Max Premier 44675 Cape Court #110, Ashburn. RSVP Georgiagraves@bridgmancom.com, 571-237-6202, tom@visualimpactproductionsllc.com, 703-674-9466, and register at <http://www.cbnnova.org/event-2449899/Registration>. Members are \$20, non-members \$25 (after noon, February 20th, \$25 for everyone).

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 in the acolyte room, **Monday, February 13th** at 7:00 pm, where this topic will be presented and discussed. Father Isenberg will oversee the discussion. Food and drink will be provided.

St. Veronica Catholic School Open House

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 Thursday, March 2nd at 9:30 am for our open house. You will have the opportunity to meet our administration, teachers and student ambassadors, visit our classrooms, and ask questions you may have regarding our school, curriculum, extracurricular programs, and community. Spaces are filling quickly, so don't miss out. 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 2nd.

Catholic Doctrine Corner

The Evangelical Counsels

Chastity, Poverty and Obedience

AROUND ST. VERONICA AND THE DIOCESE

A Marriage Day of Enrichment and Celebration

Sponsored by Teams of Our Lady, will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church, Annandale, on **Saturday, February 18th** in the All Purpose Room of the Junior School. The event will be from 9:30 am until 3:00 pm and lunch is included. This day is for married couples seeking to live the sacrament in today's world. Cost is \$15 per couple to be paid at the door. To participate, please contact Carol and Dave McCaffrey, themccaffreys22003@gmail.com, to reserve your place and facilitate our planning. To learn about Teams of Our Lady, you can go to <http://www.teamsofourlady.org/>.

Lenten Day of Prayer, Saturday, March 4th

Escape to San Damiano in White Post, VA and make this a more fruitful Lent. Fr. John Cregan will lead the Day. Please pre-register by calling San Damiano at 540-868-9220 or emailing h.esparza@arlingtondiocese.org. Check-in begins at 9:00 am and the day concludes after Mass, about 3:00 pm. The cost for the day is \$30 and includes lunch.

Huge Children's Consignment Sale

Little Flower Consignments is looking for consignors, volunteers and shoppers to help make this our biggest sale yet. The sale is being held Saturday, March 11th starting at 8:00 am at St. Theresa's Catholic School in Ashburn. Consigning and shopping with us is easy and 100% of proceeds are donated to Divine Mercy Outreach, a Catholic charity that serves local families in need by providing emergency housing payments, utility assistance, medical payments, bedding, food, clothing, and so much more. For more information, visit us at www.facebook.com/LittleFlowerConsignments and at www.LittleFlowerConsignments.org.

St. Veronica Parish Scholastic Achievement

Congratulations to the following students from the parish who were on the Second Quarter Honor Roll at Paul VI Catholic High School:

Principal's Honor Roll (at least a 4.0 GPA)—Julia Coan, Olivia Coan, Julia Davis, Zachary Evans, Alexandra Huang-Queiroz, Kwanhyo Kim, Paolo Nicholas Lagdameo, Eleanor Lane, Grace Lloyd, Grace Lyons, Daniel Malinowski, Christina Mastracchio, Tristan O'Shea, Christopher Perry, and Nathaniel Smith; **Honor Roll** (between 3.5 and 3.9 GPA)—Tehya Adkinson, Cyrus Banta, Caroline Cassidy, Brooke Davis, Rachel Davis, Reagan Foley, William Forrest, Gavin McDonnell,

Liam McDonnell, Andrew McHale, Patrick McHale, Sean McHale, Paige Morris, Chloe Offerdahl, Emma Smith, Ellen Thurneysen, Isabella Turchiarolo, and Michelle Vo.

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.

Praying College Moms

This new ministry at St. Timothy's invites mom's of nearby parishes to join us. Through mutual support for each other and our college age children and through prayer and friendship, the group is meant to be a pillar of strength and resources for all who may be going through the same experiences. We meet the third Thursday of the month to gather for fun, prayer, conversation and to discuss the book *And So We Pray* (information on www.prayingcollegemoms.org), in St. Tim's Multi Purpose room. By using chapter topics, the book provides our monthly agenda. Next gathering is 7:00 pm **Thursday, February 16th**. Contact Mary Ellen Walsh at mewsingz@gmail.com with any questions.

Next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Is Nearby

"For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God." Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is March 31st-April 2nd in Herndon. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women

An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, March 25th. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For further information and confidential registration, contact Project Rachel at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

APOSTOLIC SERVICE, PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

Cooking with our Saints

Save the date: Saturday, February 25th will be a class devoted to Indian recipes to honor St. Francis Xavier, who traveled to Goa and introduced residents to Catholicism. St. Veronica parishioner Joe Fernandes, a native of Goa, will lead this interesting class and teach some native Goan recipes.

The two-and-one-half-hour Saturday class includes hands-on instruction, a chance to sit down and eat what students cooked, and a take-home folder of the recipes so participants can cook "saintly" meals at home. Price: \$15 per session. Class size limited to 15. Time: 11:00 am to 1:30 pm in the parish hall and kitchen.

For information or to register, please email Sandy Greeley at cookasia@verizon.net or Fernando Flores at model_un@hotmail.com.

~ Fast & Pray for Persecuted Christians ~

Save the Date for Casino Knight

We'll have our next Casino Knight to benefit St. Veronica school and scholarship program on Saturday, May 20th, 7:30-10:30 pm. This year's event will be bigger and better than ever as our PTO is co-sponsoring it with the Knights. We'll have more donations, larger crowds so please mark your calendars and join us if you can. Tickets will be sold at the monthly Knights Sunday pancake breakfasts. Tickets are still \$25/person, which covers your drinks, food, raffle tickets and funny "\$" for gaming. You can also purchase tickets through Russ Gustin, RussellGustin@msn.com. Get your group together and join us!

Pray for a Priest Each Day

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

February 12 Rev. Robert Langone, S.A.
February 13 Rev. Kevin Larsen
February 14 Rev. Hung Le, O.P.
February 15 Rev. Thomas Lehning
February 16 Rev. Richard Ley
February 17 Rev. Bjorn Lundberg
February 18 Rev. Jerome Magat

Words of Our Lady of Fatima

"If only people knew what eternity is, they would do everything in their power to change their lives. People lose their souls because they

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. 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.

Please mark your calendars for our living stations rehearsal schedule:

March 5, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm Rehearsal—Role Assignment

March 12, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm, Rehearsal

March 19, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm, Rehearsal

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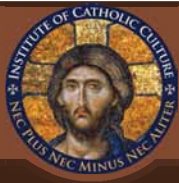
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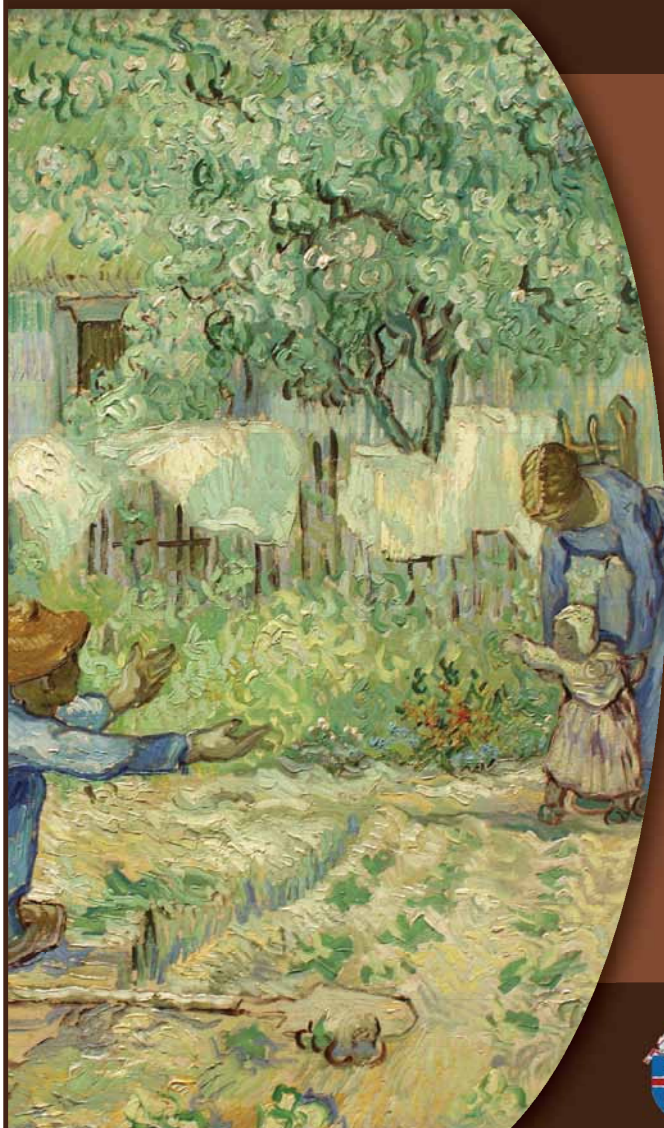
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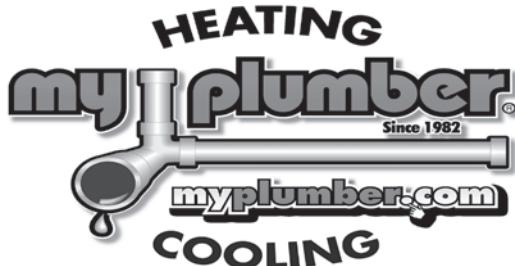
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