

Fasting Praying Repenting Forgiving



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

PastorRev. Father Dennis W. KleinmannParochial VicarRev. Father Richard E. DyerDeaconJ. Paul Ochenkowski

March 15, 2020: Third Sunday of Lent

Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement. Please

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 child. Generally, baptisms take place at 12:15 pm the first and third Sunday of each

Please call the parish office to begin the process of scheduling

Holy Communion & Anointing of the Sick: God bless you.

Communion or Anointing of the Sick at Fair Oaks Hospital,

Rehabilitation Center, Harmony at Chantilly, Arbor Terrace

Fairfax in Chantilly, or at home, please call the parish office

Parish Registration: Welcome. To register as a parishioner

of St. Veronica, please pick up a registration form in one of

completion, you may drop the form in the Sunday collection

basket, or mail it. If you are moving out of the parish or have

the church vestibules or in the parish office. Upon

a change of address, please let the parish office know.

If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy

Sunrise Assisted Living at Fair Oaks, Dulles Health &

contact the parish office at least six months prior to the

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.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

the baptism.

to arrange a visit.

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 (both Vietnamese)

Monday-Friday (week days): 8:30 am & 12:15 pm Wednesday & First Friday: 7:30 pm Friday (except 1st 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 & Friday: 11:30 am—Noon Wednesday: 6:30 pm—7:30 pm Saturday: 9:00 am—10:00 am & 3:30 pm—4:30 pm First Friday: 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. ** Call Adoration Chapel Hotline for up-to-date

information on Chapel schedule: 703-773-2033.

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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Closed: 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm Office Manager: Mrs. Mary Sadick Receptionists: Mrs. Kathy Bean & Mrs. Kitty Lochbaum Ministry & Events Coordinator: Mrs. Ana Riddell

Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Principal: Mr. Michael Busekrus

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

	INTENTIONS March 14 Jeff Cappel
5:00 pm	Oliver Frakes +
7:30 am 9:00 am	March 15: Third Sunday of Lent Mr. Fermo Accordino + Eleanor Catherine DiNovis + The People of St. Veronica Helen Gesiotto +
Monday , 8:30 am 12:15 pm	For the Intentions of the McGuire Family Alejandro+ and Juliana+
8:30 am	Diamitas ++ March 17: Saint Patrick John Sebastian Mikulsky + Delfin Del Mundo +
Jerusalem 8:30 am	ay, March 18: Saint Cyril of Emmanuel Lodevico + Angela Baric + Eugene Leuer +
Thursday of the Ble 8:30 am	, March 19: Saint Joseph, Spouse seed Virgin Mary Russell Pusey John Ress +
	<mark>arch 20</mark> Michael Busekrus Joseph Heinzelman
Saturday, 8:30 am 5:00 pm	March 21 Lisa Brady + Dwight Heinzelman
Sunday, N 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:45 am	March 22: Fourth Sunday of Lent Joe+ and Mary Jane+ Leonard ++ The People of St. Veronica Mr. and Mrs. John J. Bole on Their 50th Wedding Anniversary
5:00 pm	Mark Krutz +

Adoption Support Group

WEEK AT A GLANCE

2:30 pm 3:30 pm

	arch 15: Third Sunday of Lent
8:30 am	Doughnut Sunday Hosted by Youth
10.00	Apostolate – Parish Hall
10:00 am	Cookie Baking/Youth Apostolate – Kitchen
11:45 am	Luminaries of Holy Mary—St. John Paul II
1:00 pm	Room Fairfax Comitium—Parish Hall & Kitchen
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Monday, M	
8:30 am	Holy Mass
School Clos	
11:30 am	Confessions
12:15 pm	Holy Mass
5:00 pm	Religious Education Classes—Classrooms
7.00	& Acolyte Room
7:00 pm	Rangers – Parish Hall or Outdoor
7.00	Classroom
7:00 pm	Youth Board Games Night—St. John Paull II
7.20	Room RCIA Conference Ream
7:30 pm	RCIA – Conference Room
Tuesday, M	larch 17:
8:30 am	Holy Mass
10:00 am	50 & Over Women's Bible Study – Acolyte
	Room
12:15 pm	Holy Mass
3:30 pm	PSA Soccer—Fields
6:45 pm	Religious Education Classes—Classrooms
7:00 pm	Legion of Mary – Acolyte Room
Wednesday	. March 18:
8:30 am	Holy Mass
9:00 am	Young Mothers Rosary – Training Room
12:15 pm	Holy Mass
3:15 pm	STEM-P211
3:30 pm	PSA Football—Fields
6:30 pm	Confessions
7:00 pm	Holy Hour with Exposition, Holy Rosary
	and Benediction
7:30 pm	Holy Mass
8:00 pm	Meditation on the Gospel Scrutinies: "The Man
	Born Blind"/Fr. Dyer—Church
Thursday, I	March 19:
8:30 am	Holy Mass
9:00 am	St. Ćatherine of Siena Ladies Faith Group—
	Acolyte Room
11:00 pm	Bible Study, Gospel of Luke – Acolyte Room
12:15 pm	Holy Mass

3:15 pm	STEM-P200 & P211			
3:15 pm	ENDOW Middle School Girls-			
	Catacombs			
4:15 pm	Children's Choir-Church			
5:45 pm	Youth Orchestra – St. John Paul II Room			
7:00 pm	Adult Choir-P203			
7:00 pm	Bible Study – St. John Paul II Room			
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus – P209, Parish Hall &			
-	Kitchen			
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Friday, March 20:				
8:30 am	Holy Mass			
11:30 am	Confessions			
12:15 pm	Holy Mass			
3:30 pm	PSA Basketball-Sport Court			

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4:30 j	m	Rangers Mulch—North Parking Lot
6:00 i	m	Lenten Meatless Supper Hosted by PTO-Parish
1		Hall
6:30 p	m	Confessions
7:00		Stations of the Cross-Church
7:30		IGNITE Middle School Youth Ministry -
		Parish Hall
8:00 J	m	Holy Mass in Vietnamese
Satur	day, M	larch 21:
6:30 a	m	Rangers Mulch–North Parking Lot
6:30 a	m	TMIY Men's Group – Parish Hall & Kitchen
8:30 a	m	Holy Mass
9:00 a	m	Holy Rosary-Church
9:00 a	m	Confessions

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Exodus 90-P202

Confessions

10:00 am Friday, 9 days prior to the Sunday publication. Send announcements to bulletin@stveronica.net.

Pray the Rosary Daily Pray the Rosary Every Day

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WORSHIP

FROM GREEN TO GOLD—MARCH 15, 2020

We enter yet another week of Lent, that penitential season of increased prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent is meant to be a time of intensifying our efforts to grow in holiness and virtue, to deepen our love for Christ and our neighbor, to turn from sin, and quite simply become better people who are more focused on Our Lord. That is why we have the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings for the parish and on varying afternoons for our students in our parish school. That is why we have the meatless suppers on Fridays. That is why we have the extra confession times on Friday and Wednesday evenings. That is also why we began the Reflection Series on the Three Scrutinies last week on Wednesday night. It continues this Wednesday and next following the 7:30 pm Mass. That is why the diocese has its annual appeal during this same time period. In that regard I again thank Paul Chadowski, the parish's lay leader for this effort, and the parish office staff for all the help they have been with the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Additionally, I thank all of you who have given to the BLA. Our parish goal is \$223,000 (the same as last year). Currently we have reached 69 percent of that goal or nearly \$154,000, which means we have another \$70,000 to go. We have also reached a 27 percent participation rate. So, if you haven't already given, I ask you to consider doing so if your means allow, and you deem it worthy of a donation.

We should be mindful that this season of Lent is a time of sacrifice. Our Lenten practices should lead us to a greater sense of self-denial. This in turn should help us grow in holiness and get closer to the glory of heaven someday. Sometimes that sense of sacrificing is almost forced on us. Things can happen unexpectantly. Something could occur at work or with one of our family members that would bring us suffering or anguish. An illness is certainly an example of that. Another example of something affecting our nation and the world, especially such places as China and Italy, is the coronavirus scare. This situation has now hit our state as well. Thankfully, we are not as hard hit as the state of Washington or some of these other countries. But no doubt things can and probably will get worse as this virus spreads, as it seems want to do. Is this God's wrath as some have suggested, I'm not so sure. Certainly, God allows evil and illness to enter our world. When this does occur at times there is a human cause; other times there really is little to no explanation. Regardless, with this or really any illness we need to be cautious and do what we can to contain or limit the effects of it. Obviously, we should take care of ourselves. God demands that! This requires proper diet, exercise, good hygienic habits, and enough sleep. We should want to be both reasonable and prudent.

Some of the reaction to this coronavirus scare seems to have gone beyond reasonable, but who am I to say. What I can say is that to date the diocese, which has taken a very reasonable approach to this, has given us some suggested directives. They have asked us to consider not distributing Holy Communion from the chalice, which we do not do. They have also asked us to consider suspending the sign of peace at Mass, which we have done, starting last Sunday. They have also asked us to remind employees and parishioners that if they are sick with any flu-like symptoms to remain home. Above all we should pray. This seems to be a given, but it is always wise to be reminded of this necessity. During the course of history, the Church has called the faithful to ask God for deliverance and assistance during situations such as this. How important it is then! In particular, Our Lady's intercession should be invoked. Saying the Rosary for the intention of protection would be wonderful. Praying the Novena to Our Lady of Monte Berico could also be. More on that next week! ~ *In Christ, Fr. Kleinmann*

THE HOLY FATHER'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

Evangelization: Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



WEEKLY READINGS

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From **now** through April 5th, the Lenten 40 Days for Life Campaign – 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion – will occur outside abortion mills throughout the world. Because the nearest high volume abortion mill is located in Falls Church, 40 Days for Life is again asking St. Veronica's parishioners to commit to offering intercessory prayers for one hour each weekday before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for families harmed by abortion. In addition, we are asking parishioners to join Steven Grist each Saturday morning during 40 Days from 9:00 am to noon in a peaceful prayer vigil outside the mill on 900 S. Washington Street in Falls Church. To sign up, please contact Steven Grist at 703-973-6528 or steve.grist@cox.net, or go to https://40daysforlife.com/.

CRAFT FAIR AT ST. VERONICA?

We are exploring the possibility of hosting a craft fair at St. Veronica. Please email Ana Riddell, ariddell@stveronica.net, if you might be interested in hosting a table beloing to organize the fair and/or

hosting a table, helping to organize the fair, and/or attending the event.

LENTEN CROSS CAMPAIGN RETURNS

St. Veronica parish invites you to participle in the Lenten Cross of Mercy to support of the mission of the House of Mercy in Manassas. The Lenten Cross, found in the north vestibule, provides us with an opportunity to take part in prayer and almsgiving during Lent. It contains a variety of tags, for either spiritual or corporal works of mercy. Please select one or more tags and help make Christ's mercy visible for those in need in our community. Return material items to the foot of the cross and monetary items to the parish office or mail them to the House of Mercy in the envelopes found at the foot of the cross. Your donations that make it possible to share God's love.

HELP PRESERVE OUR HYMNALS

Our *St. Michael Hymnals* are starting to show their years of devoted use. A talented and generous parishioner has been repairing them as their bindings tear. If you notice one in need of attention, please place it on the organ where it can be removed to receive the timely care it needs.

\$1000 RICHARD J. MARRONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Knights of Columbus Council 12579 is pleased to announce the Richard J. Marrone Memorial Scholarship for 2020. This \$1,000 award will be made to a deserving

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Please see their ad in our bulletin, and support all those who make this bulletin possible. We are grateful for their support of our parish. parishioner of St. Veronica Catholic Church, Chantilly Virginia, who will graduate from high school in the year of the award and study engineering in his/her first year of college. For details and an application, please visit our web site at https://tinyurl.com/y9sfqe7u and select the link on the left "News & Announcements." Applications will be accepted until April 15th.

CAR RAFFLE UPDATE

Ticket sales are underway. Please sell or purchase the tickets mailed to you. There are 20 chances to win cash, \$100 to \$5,000, and 5 chances for 2020 vehicles; Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Truck, Honda CRV SUV, and Honda Odyssey Van. Mail your ticket stubs and payment to "All Saints Church" using the addressed envelope provided. For extra tickets, contact Spencer Rainey at sjrainey@verizon.net.

NEW TO ST. VERONICA?

We welcome you, and ask that you complete a parish registration form. This form may be found in the church vestibules and on our website, www.stveronica.net.

~ Fast & Pray for Persecuted Christians ~

2020 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

Steadfast in Faith and Joyful in Hope The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is critical to our diocesan needs, and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work – works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people. Thank you!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend, March 21^{st} and 22^{nd} , is for Catholic Relief Services.

CORNERSTO	NE
Sunday Offertory	
Weekend of 3/8/2020	\$ 11,055.89
Faith Direct 1 of 5 Weeks/March (projected)*	\$ 12,468.89
Monthly Mortgage	
Weekend of 3/8/2020	\$ 3,953.25
Faith Direct 1 of 5 Weeks/March (projected)*	\$ 3,945.48
Special Collections	
Mother Teresa/Poor Box 3/8/2020	\$ 216.83
Faith Direct/March	\$ 1,435.00
401 Families Donating through Faith Direct	

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

As of 2/29/2020	
Principal paid to date	\$ 3,476,906.60
Mortgage balance	\$ 4,937,693.57
Monthly payment	\$ 38,968.67

*Contributions via Faith Direct are deposited in the parish bank account once a month. The total deposit designated for Sunday Offertory and Monthly Mortgage has been divided by the number of Sundays for that month and added to the weekly totals.

EDUCATION, CATECHESIS, AND EVANGELIZATION

HELP LEAD OTHERS OUT OF DARKNESS

Help bring to the Light those who no longer want to walk in darkness. Invite those who have never been baptized or who have been baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, as well as adult Catholics who have not been confirmed, to contact Scott Bradford to inquire about classes held Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the St. John Paul II room, RCIA@stveronica.net. On **Monday, March 16**th, we will discuss the 4th and 8th Commandments. You are welcome to join us.

Almsgiving, Prayer & Fasting in Action

As we begin the Lenten season, please consider joining our parish community each **Friday** evening at 6:00 pm in the parish hall for a meatless meal and the opportunity to chat with the Apostolate hosts. We always welcome new ideas, energy and your help in serving the parish.

The meatless meal **this week** is brought to you by the PTO, who will serve homemade butternut squash and spinach lasagna rolls, macaroni and cheese, salad and rolls. Stay for confessions at 6:30 pm and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

REGISTRATION FOR Vacation Bible School Is Open



St. Veronica is proud to provide the youth of our parish and community the

opportunity to grow spiritually with a one-week half day Catholic Bible School. Registration is limited and early bird registration ends June 1st. VBS will be held July 20-24th, 9:00 am-12:00 noon. To register or for more information visit our website https://tinyurl.com/wfc8szd, or grab a flyer in the church vestibules. Want to be an Adult Coach? Have Questions? Email vbs@stveronica.net.

NEW CONTENT ON FORMED

For Catholic resources including books, podcasts, studies, movies, and more visit www.formed.org.



Parish Evangelization Project - Saturday, May 2^{ND}

The Legion of Mary is sponsoring a Parish Evangelization Project (PEP) on May 2nd. We will be going door-to-door to visit people within our parish boundaries and inviting them to come to St. Veronica to share the Gospel. This is always done in a gentle, charitable and non-confrontation manner. Members of the Legion of Mary from nearby parishes will be joining us. People are always sent in pairs to specific neighborhoods. If you are interested, training and materials are provided. We really need your help please consider if Our Lady is calling you to join her Legion. Please attend any Legion meeting on Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the acolyte room or email Lou Perna at legionofmary@stveronica.net.

TMIY SPRING SEMESTER CONTINUES

TMIY spring semester continues next **Saturday, March 21**st. We continue our Lenten Journey, discussing "The Wounding of the Heart" with speaker Steve Bollman. We will meet in the parish hall for breakfast at 6:30 am, followed up by video presentation and small group discussions, and wrap up by 8:15 for those who want to attend the 8:30 Saturday Mass. For more information, email TMIY@stveronica.net.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group, led by Fr. Luan Pho, OP, will meet again on **Thursday, March 19**th, at 7:00 pm, in room JP2. We will be reading the Passion narrative according to the Gospel of Matthew (chapters 26 and 27). All are welcome to attend, regardless of how well you know the Bible. For more information, please contact Fr. Luan Pho at lavang@cttdva.com.

2MINUTES2VIRTUE

Get closer to Jesus through Sunday reflections given by the priests of the Diocese of Arlington. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue or TEXT "2m2v" to 84576 to sign up.

BALTIMORE CATECHISM

On the First Commandment, continued

- Q. Which are the sins against hope?
- A. The sins against hope are presumption and despair.
- Q. What is presumption?
- A. Presumption is a rash expectation of salvation without making proper use of the necessary means to obtain it.
- Q. What is despair?
- A. Despair is the loss of hope in God's mercy.
- Q. How do we sin against the love of God?
- A. We sin against the love of God by all sin, but particularly by mortal sin.

Now enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year

Contact Mrs. Mary Jo Smith for more information or to schedule a tour: mjsmith@stveronicaschool.org 703-773-2020 ext. 150.





St. Veronica Catholic School celebrated "Read Across America" this week with a number of fun activities. The nationwide celebration of reading takes place annually on March 2 – which is the birthday of the beloved Dr. Seuss.

Staying on theme, the fun kicked-off on Monday with Dr. Seuss's birthday. Red and white striped hats were spotted all over the lower school and prekindergarten classes.

On Wednesday, we had the annual parade of book characters throughout the lower school. From PreK3 to 2nd grade, students dressed as their favorite character and paraded through the classrooms while holding a copy of their book. Among the preK and K set the familiar Dr. Seuss characters were well represented: Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 and Thing 2, Horton, Whos and more!

Reading buddies met up with each other after lunch. Big kids reading to their little buddies inspires the little ones to read and encourages the big kids to be good reading examples. Even cuter though, is when the little kids read to their big buddies.

After a busy day of reading and celebrating reading, the children attended a LASER reading assembly. Through moving LASER images and exciting music, the kids learned actual tips and tricks to being a better reader. What a great way to end a fun "Read Across America" celebration day!











St. Veronica Catholic School Now Enrolling St. Veronica offers an academically challenging curriculum within a small class setting. Our test scores are historically above the Diocesan and state averages. We provide academic excellence in a Christ-filled setting. Our students participate fully in the life of the Church and are encouraged to live their faith in every aspect of their lives.

Bus service from South Riding is available to and from school. Before-care begins at 6:30 AM and after-care is available until 6PM.

For more information go to: stveronicaschool.org/admissions

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APOSTOLIC SERVICE, PRAYER, AND FELLOWSHIP

SERVE, a Junior High Work Camp: Registration is now open for this summer's camp. July 5th -8th, 2020 all rising 7th-9th grade students are invited to join us for a wonderful day camp focused on service, sacraments, and community. Home base for camp is St. Leo's Catholic Church in Fairfax. Crews of youth will be helping



with projects at local parishes, visiting residents at nursing homes, conducting a huge food drive to support families in need and much more. The cost for camp is only \$75. What a deal! Contact us today—

youthapostolate@stveronica.net—for more details. Space is limited. In the past, we have had to turn away youth because camp fills up quickly.

High School Youth Conference: We have two open spots for the High School Youth Conference to be held at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio on July 17-19, 2020. All youth in rising 9th grade through graduating seniors are invited to consider joining us for this incredible experience. A \$50 deposit and registration forms are required to reserve one of the two remaining spots. The total cost is \$350 per person. However, we have begun fundraising efforts to help offset these costs. All transportation, housing, and most meals included. Please contact us today for more information.

Youth Apostolate Doughnut Sunday: Volunteers are needed to assist with serving coffee and doughnuts between 7:00 am and 12:30 pm **this Sunday, March 15**th in the parish hall. Contact us to sign up for a shift! All proceeds this weekend will help support our young people who will be attending the high school youth conference this summer at Franciscan University.

Cookies for the Homeless: All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us from 10:00 am until noon in the parish kitchen **this Sunday, March 15**th. We only have space for 10 bakers. RSVP by email to reserve a space. No cost for this activity but a suggested donation of \$5 to help offset baking supplies is requested.

Do you enjoy board games? We do too! Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us on the third Mondays of the month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm for our youth board game night. The evening will include snack, prayer, discussion on relevant topics of faith, and challenging board games. We have many games to choose from or bring one of your own. Invite some friends and have a fun evening study break. No cost and no permission slip required. Meet us at the JPII modular with a parent at 7:00 pm to sign you in. Our next evening of board games is **Monday, March 16**th. Contact youthapostolate@stveronica.net for more information.

Encouragement for all Young People: "Jesus loves hidden souls. A hidden flower is the most fragrant. I must strive to make the interior of my soul a resting place for the Heart of Jesus." - St. Faustina

THE GIFT OF A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

Abortion leaves the living wounded in its wake. Please consider offering a Spiritual Bouquet on behalf of the women attending the Day of Prayer and Healing on **March 21**st and 28th. Some suggestions are as follows: a letter of encouragement, a holy hour, praying a rosary, Mass, or a personal sacrifice. Please submit your spiritual bouquet to info@helpafterabortion.org or call 703-841-2504 up to one day prior to the retreat.

PAPAL BLESSING PARCHMENTS

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Words of Our Lady of Fatima

"Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of the war. Pray! Pray a great deal and make sacrifices yourselves for sinners, for many souls go to Hell for not having someone to pray and make sacrifices for them. The sins that bring the most souls to Hell are the sins of the flesh."

PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY

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

March 15	Rev. Francis Peffley
March 16	Rev. Edwin Perez
March 17	Rev. John Peterson, Y.A.
March 18	Rev. Khanh Duy Pham, O.P.
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