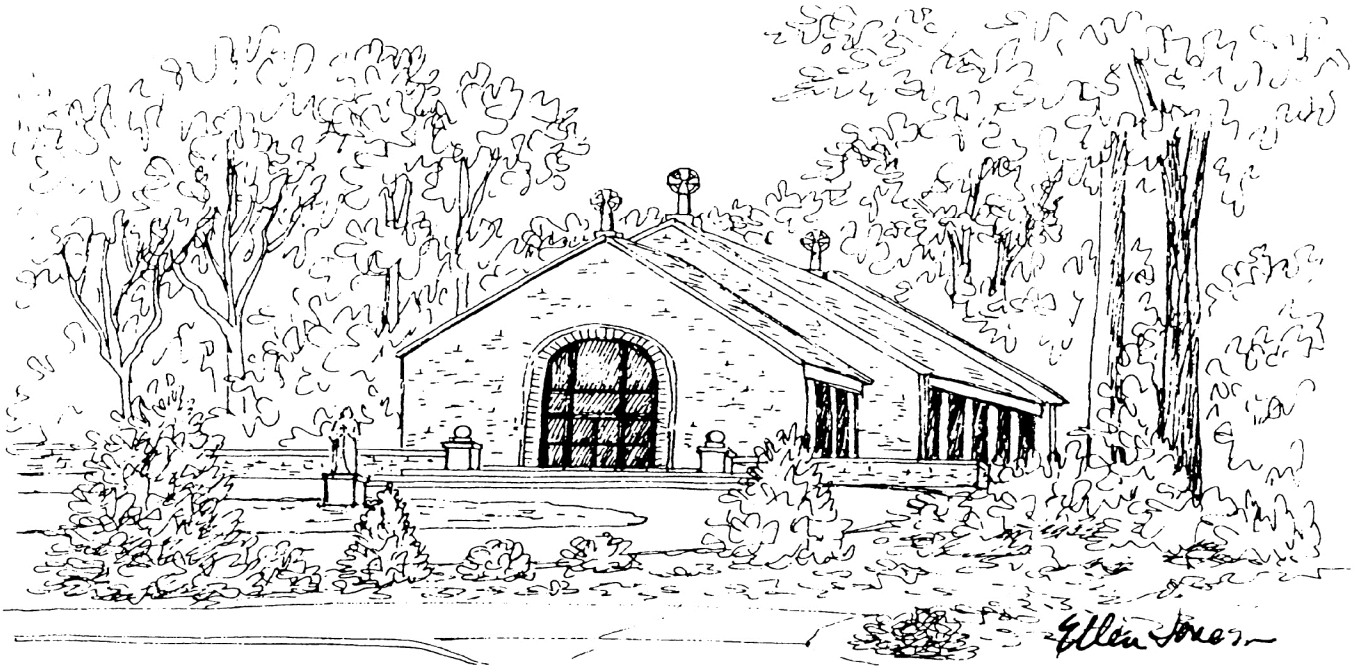


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PARISH REGISTRATION: Registration forms are available at the church after Mass each day. Catholic families and Catholic individuals who live within the parish boundaries are to be registered. Kindly complete the form and return it to the office. Receipt of completed forms will be acknowledged.

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH is required for reception of Baptism and Matrimony, and to participate in the ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS as well as in other parish activities.

BULLETIN NOTICES must be written and submitted to the office by 11:00 AM Friday for printing in the following Sunday's bulletin.

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM, Monday - Friday

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SATURDAY - 8:00 AM and VIGIL MASS 5:30 PM

SUNDAY - 8:00 AM, and 10:30 AM

HOLIDAYS - To Be Announced

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM and by appointment

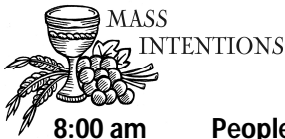
WEDDINGS: Catholic party(ies) must contact the office AT LEAST SIX MONTHS before proposed date of the wedding. After documents are in order, date will be confirmed.

BAPTISMS: Any Sunday except Easter, after 10:30 AM Mass, and on Saturdays by appointment. All parents must attend preparation meetings. Please call the office to schedule a meeting at least one month before the desired date for the baptism.

PARISHIONERS, who are **sick, homebound**, in the **hospital** or **nursing home** should be brought to the attention of the office, so that Father can visit them and provide the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Communion and the Anointing of The Sick.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ✱ FEBRUARY 25, 2024



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| Sunday, February 25 | 8:00 am | People of the Parish |
| | 10:30 am | Intention of Ryan Jones Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Jones |
| Monday, February 26 | 8:00 am | Intention of Susan Long Req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Long |
| | 8:00 am | Intention of Victor May Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Cyril May |
| Wednesday, February 28 | 8:00 am | In Memory of Peter Gioi Nguyen Req. by the Nguyen Family |
| Thursday, February 29 | 8:00 am | In Memory of Maria Correia Req. by Maria Barros |
| Friday, March 1 | 8:00 am | Special Intention Req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Manubag |
| Saturday, March 2 | 8:00 am | Special Intention |
| | 5:30 pm | In Memory of Endicott Ackerman Req. by Elizabeth Dixon |

Upcoming Second Collections

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| March 3 | Building Fund |
| March 17 | Catholic Relief Services |



Welcome! Starting Wednesday February 28th, our doors are open, and the light is on. **The Light is On For You**, is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington and the

Diocese of Arlington in which all Catholic churches across the DC metro area are open for quiet prayer and Confession, 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout Lent. Use our Confession Finder Map to locate times and locations near you! Visit [The Light is ON](#)



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus led Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed 'This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.' Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

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Sunday

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

First Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

First Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Pastor's Message

As we continue our journey through Lent, we are presented with two beloved sons of adoring parents: Isaac, the child promised to Abraham and Sarah; and Jesus, the Son of God. We are presented with the concept of incredible trust in God and God's ability to fulfill promises in mysterious ways. God, in spite of our interference, will keep His Covenant promise. We need to be like Abraham and simply say, no matter what, "here I am Lord." We need to be like the Disciples who were overwhelmed by the Transfiguration yet when told to not share it with anyone trusted in Jesus and kept that request.

This Wednesday and each Wednesday until Wednesday of Holy Week from 630 PM till 730 PM there will be Exposition of the Eucharist and an opportunity for you to go to confession before Easter.

Please keep those in our RCIA program who are getting ready to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil in your prayers.

Please remember to pray throughout Lent for the Bishops Lenten Appeal and help us reach our goal if circumstances permit.

Fr. Mike



Please Join us for RCIA! **Every Wednesday Evening** **at 7:30 pm**

Meet in the Church basement.

Please contact Deacon Mike for more information

deaconmike@stclareclifton.org

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2024

Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)



Behold, I make all things new: Each household is asked to make a BLA pledge or gift. This appeal provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family to support programs, ministries and services helping tens of thousands of people. After reflecting upon God's blessings to you, please consider a pledge to the BLA. Each donation is vital to the success of the appeal and the important work that it funds. You may complete a pledge card at Mass, mail in your pledge, go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA.

WE NEED ALTAR SERVERS!

Calling all 4th graders and up! Join our altar serving team—boys and girls are welcome! No experience required. Please contact the office for additional information.

703-266-1310 or office@stclareclifton.org



Second Week of Lent Schedule

Wednesday, February 28th

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM: Confessions

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM: Adoration and Benediction

Friday, March 1st

7:30 PM: Station of the Cross

Saturday, March 2nd

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Confessions



Children's Faith Formation & Other News

March 3rd - Regular Class Schedule

March 10th - Regular Class Schedule

March 17th - Regular Class Schedule

1st – 4th Grades; Sundays, 8:55 am – 10:25 am

5th – 8th Grades; Sundays, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

All classes meet in the basement.

OVERCOMING HUNGER

In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit csrceicebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.



Operation Clean Laundry

All Donations due by Noon, THIS Sunday, February 25th

OPERATION EASTER BASKET



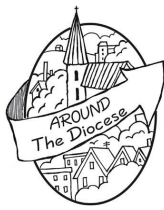
Our 8th graders will be filling Easter baskets on Sunday, March 17th, for families residing at Catholic Charities' St. Margaret of Cortona Family Transitional Housing residences. They need your support in providing the goodies and personal items to fill the baskets.

***** Donations Needed by noon March 17th *****

Samantha Williams, Director of Faith Formation

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CompTIA Online Classes - Registration Open

Are you interested in a career in IT? Take CompTIA online classes A+ or ITF. **Registration is open until February 26.** Classes are 18 weeks long and held via Zoom, 7-9 p.m. Scholarships available. Learn more: (571) 208-1572 or ewd@ccda.net.

Diocesan Day of Unplugging:

In this penitential season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, Bishop Burbidge invites you to participate in a diocesan-wide challenge to fast from excess screen time on **Friday, March 1**. Join fellow Catholics from around the diocese in the effort to “unplug” from digital devices to renew our relationship with God and neighbor. Find instructions for how to participate, ideas for how to spend your time offline, and FAQs arlingtondiocese.org/unplug.

Entrepreneurship in the Service of the Human Person:

Celebrating the Dignity of Work. Join Bishop Michael Burbidge on **Saturday, March 9**, and learn from former Swiss Guard, mentor, author, and business entrepreneur Andreas Widmer, from the Catholic University of America, how embracing creativity and the spirit of entrepreneurship celebrates the dignity of work and helps us and our neighbors to thrive. Sponsored by the Diocesan Peace and Justice Commission, this event begins at 5 p.m. with Mass at the Church of the Nativity, followed by dinner, then a special talk by Mr. Widmer and an 8-8:30 p.m. Q&A session. Mr. Widmer is author of *The Pope and the CEO: Pope St. John Paul's Lessons to a Young Swiss Guard*, and *The Art of Principled Entrepreneurship: Creating Enduring Value*. Register at: <https://Peaceandjustice2024.eventbrite.com>.

Diocese of Arlington Teacher Job Fair

Please join the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Arlington for our 2024 Teacher Job Fair on **Saturday, March 9** from 9-11 a.m. at St. Bernadette Catholic School, 7602 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Meet school representatives and representatives from the Office of Catholic Schools to explore teaching in one of our schools.

2024 AOH Gaelic Mass

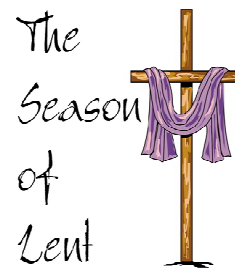
The Annual Gaelic Mass in Honor of St. Patrick will be held on **Monday, March 11, at 7 p.m.** at St. James Catholic Church (905 Park Avenue, Falls Church). The Mass is organized and hosted by Col. John Fitzgerald Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH). Sean O’Riada Mass in its original Gaelic will be celebrated with organ, harp, and chorus accompaniment. The celebrant will be Rev. M. Valentine Keveny from County Mayo, Ireland. A reception will follow. Contact Alex Wilson (ajwilzn@gmail.com) with any questions.

Mass and Anointing of the Sick

On **Saturday, March 16 at 11 a.m.** at Saint Ambrose Catholic Church (3901 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA) the Order of Malta will host a special Mass and Anointing of the Sick for those suffering from illness in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The faithful of the Diocese of Arlington are encouraged to arrive no later than 10:30 a.m. to secure parking and seating for the Mass. To RSVP for the Mass and Luncheon, please contact Brian Newsome, KM, via email at nova.malta.mass@gmail.com or via phone at 323-505-8846. Please provide the name(s) of those attending, along with a contact e-mail or telephone number, and any dietary restrictions for those attending the luncheon following the Mass.

English for Childcare - Online Classes

Begin your path towards a career in Early Childhood Education. This is a 48-hour course online Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Students learn how to communicate with parents, prevent accidents, report incidents, and treat common illnesses and injuries. Students receive American Red Cross Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED certification. To learn more: (571) 208-1572 ewd@ccda.net.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died – or rather, was raised – who is also at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.”

Saint Paul was trying to convince the first Christians in Rome of God’s concern for them and the saving work of Jesus as redeemer. We become blasé recalling the saving work of Christ in our behalf but fail to respond today for what He did for us on Calvary. That is why we need Lent.

With the chosen apostles on Tabor we are told to listen to God’s beloved Son, and as we begin the second week of Lent, to see that I am alone with Jesus. What do I say and do?

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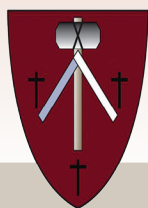
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