

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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120 West Main Street Front Royal, VA 22630
540-635-3780(tel) 540-635-2683(fax) stjohns@sjtb.org

Welcome to St. John's Church

Mass Schedule

Sundays:

5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)
7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays:

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am
Monday - Friday: Noon
Wednesday: 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sacraments

Confession:

Monday-Friday, 8:30am
Monday-Friday, 6:30pm
Saturday, 8:30am & 3:30pm

Baptism:

Saturdays at 10:00am
Parish membership is required and an instructional class is required for parents.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months in advance. Parish membership is required.



JANUARY 28, 2024 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS
January 29 - Feb 4, 2024

MONDAY JAN 29

Weekday

8:30am +Holy Souls
 12:00pm +Louis Rostand

TUESDAY JAN 30

Weekday

8:30am +Mary Sager
 12:00pm +Eileen Criste

WEDNESDAY JAN 31

St John Bosco, Priest

8:30am +Gilbert Castellan
 12:00pm Terry & Carrie Quain
 7:00pm +Mary Lou Ames

THURSDAY FEB 1

Weekday

8:30am Fr Daniel Gee
 12:00pm Doug & Rozie Baker

FRIDAY FEB 2

The Presentation of the Lord

8:30am Fr M Duesterhaus
 12:00pm Marie Furtado

SATURDAY FEB 3

Weekday / St Blaise

8:30am Fr Tom Shepanzyk

SATURDAY VIGIL

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Beverly Elmquist

SUNDAY FEB 4

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am +Anita & Cletus Fries
 8:30am +Alicia Taborda
 10:30am Parish Family
 12:30pm Ze Lucien
 5:00pm Michael Townsend

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Friday:
 8:30am and 6:30pm

Saturday:
 8:30am & 3:30pm

JANUARY 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.”

~ Mark 1:27

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7-10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Keep in Touch

Sign up to receive St John’s email updates by going to <http://eepurl.com/djz4OT> to subscribe. www.sjtb.org

Second Collection

The Second Collection on Feb 3/4 will be for the Arlington Catholic Herald.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR FEB 3/4

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| 5:00pm | Greg, Luke, Mark & Isaac Hsu |
| 7:00am | Elijah McMahon, Samuel Price |
| 8:30am | Mark & John Bockrath, Michael Fisher, Simon Hepler, Max Stanmeyer, Isaac Fitzpatrick |
| 10:30am | Mark & Seamus Kelly, Liam & Marty Clark, James Chapman, Don Sternfels, Vincent & Becket Zepeda |
| 12:30pm | Santiago & Francisco Rodriguez, Leobardo Reyes, Juan Aviles |
| 5:00pm | Aidan, John & Louis Barragan |

Call the parish office if you’d like to volunteer as an altar server (age 10+), lector or usher. Thank you!



Catholic Schools Week
Entering its 50th year, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States.



It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week (Jan 28 – Feb 3). The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2024 is “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

In addition to the many Catholic home schooling families, St. John’s community is blessed with several Catholic School opportunities:

Divinum Auxilium Academy ~ Chelsea Academy

John Paul the Great Montessori Academy

John XXIII Montessori Center

Our Lady of Champion (opening fall 2024) ~ Padre Pio Academy

St Edith Stein School for Girls ~ St Joseph the Just School for Boys

Lenten Soup Nights 2024

Our annual Lenten Soup Nights return beginning on February 16th. Six nights of delicious soups, pasta and sides. Donations will support St. John’s Social Outreach programs. **Volunteers are needed** for soup and pasta making, serving, setup/clean up: please contact Cathy Remmers at remmers66@gmail.com



WorkCamp 2024

The annual diocesan WorkCamp will take place June 24-27 to make homes safer, warmer, or drier. Free home repair is offered in Warren, Clark and Fredrick Counties. If you or someone you know is in need of home repairs, call 703-841-2559 for more information or apply at www.arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp. Deadline to apply for home repair is 2/16.

Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) Missionaries

There will be a table set up after the Masses this weekend (1/28) to learn what AMS Missionaries do and how you can support them.

ST JOHN’S STAFF

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Parochial Vicar, frmrdr@sjtb.org

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Deacon Mark Jerge

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Deacon Gerald Solitario

Permanent Deacon

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Dr. Jeffrey M. Alban

Director of Music & Organist

David Wallace

DRE/Business Manager

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00am-Noon & 1:00pm-4:00pm

540-635-3780 (phone)

540-635-2683 (fax)

stjohns@sjtb.org (email)

Parish Membership

Welcome! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Church. Please notify the office when you are moving outside or within the parish and if your contact information is changing.

Hospitalized & Homebound Parishioners

Please notify the office if a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound that they may receive the pastoral care of the Church.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday of the previous week at 10:00am. All announcements must be in writing or sent via email.



2024 BISHOP’S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) BEGINS!

The 2024 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. The theme this year is shared with the theme of our Diocesan Jubilee: “Behold, I make all things new.” After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. As we look forward to the celebration of the 50-year Golden Anniversary of our diocese, let us renew our commitment to the Lord and be inspired to share what we have received from Him. You make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code.



SCAN ME

WORKCAMP 2024: CONTRACTORS NEEDED

WorkCamp is a week-long service opportunity for youth of our Parish to serve those in need throughout the Diocese. We are seeking people with home repair and maintenance skills who are willing to commit some of their time and talents to teaching young people and improving the lives of fellow Virginians in need. Visit arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp for more information.

Donate Your Vehicle to St. John’s

If you are interested in donating your vehicle to St. John’s Church, please go to www.vehiclesforcharity.org/Donate/SJTB.html

Mayflower Homeschoolers

It’s Catholic Schools Week: Consider a Catholic Homeschool Support Group! If you are a Catholic homeschooler, or thinking of becoming one, we enthusiastically invite you to consider Mayflower Homeschoolers (MH) for Catholic homeschool social support for all ages! We offer weekly clubs, social sports, field trips, Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, parent events, feast day parties, teen dances, academic fairs, and graduation for 8th and 12th graders! For more information www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org. Based in Warrenton, VA.



Vocation Awareness

You must refuse nothing you recognize to be his will.

- St. Jane Frances De Chantal

O LORD, my heart is not proud,
nor are my eyes haughty;
I busy not myself with great things,
nor with things too sublime for me.
Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted
my soul like a weaned child.
Like a weaned child on its mother's lap,
so is my soul within me.
In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.
O Israel, hope in the LORD,
both now and forever. Ps 131:1-3

When those who have believed receive the Holy Spirit, they find peace. Peace is one of the greatest benefits you receive upon choosing to do the Will of God. If you do the will of God, God ***fights for you***. If you refuse to do God’s will, God ***fights you***. When God is fighting for you, there is an assurance of victory.

Jesus told us that in the world there is tribulation but in Him there is peace.

God does not give us peace as the world does. The peace that we find in doing God’s Will surpasses human understanding.

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Arlington Diocese

“Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you.”

Do you think the Lord is calling you to the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

Vocational Discernment Retreat for Men

For men (ages 18-50), Friday-Sunday, Feb 16-18. Cost is \$150 and includes overnights and all meals. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg (see above). Deadline February 5.

Lights-Camera-Action

FIAT Day with the #MediaNuns

Calling high school girls to join the Daughters of St. Paul for an afternoon of media reflection, fun, and prayer. Sunday, February 25, 1-5 p.m. at Pauline Books & Media in Alexandria. Deadline to register: February 19. Space is limited, visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT or contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514.

Vocation Retreat with the Nashville Dominicans

March 7-10, 2024 for young women who are discerning their vocation and to explore the life and charism of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. To register Contact Sr. Mara Grace, the vocation director, at 615.256.0147 or through email at vocation@op-tn.org. Space is limited and an interview is necessary.

Activities & Events

Prayer Vigil for the Unborn

Please join the St. John's Young Adults and the St. James Young Adults in Falls Church in one hour of prayer for the end of abortion. Feb 3rd at Falls Church Healthcare Center from 10:30-11:30am (recurring on First Saturdays). Followed by lunch and fellowship.

Save the Date!

The SJTB Senior Group is sponsoring a movie in Fr Ruehl Hall: The Scarlet and The Black on Saturday, March 16 at 1:00. The 1983 movie stars Gregory Peck and Christopher Plummer and was based on J. P. Gallagher's book, The Scarlet Pimpernel of the Vatican. The film tells the story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, a real-life Irish Catholic priest who saved thousands of Jews and escaped Allied POWs in Rome. Tickets required, but free. Tickets are available at the parish office or stjohnsseniorsgroup.ludus.com

The Trini-Tea

Come to a Ladies' Tea Party benefitting the SOLT Sisters Motherhouse Campaign on Jan 27th from 11am - 1pm at the Shenandoah Valley Golf Club. Special Guest speaker: Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT www.solt.net/trinitea See website for more details.

Lenten Soup Nights

Lent comes early this year: Feb 14, and our Lenten Soup Nights take place every Friday beginning Feb 16. Volunteers needed to donate soup & pasta, serve, setup, cleanup. Contact Cathy Remmers at remmers66@gmail.com



Christendom College Open House

Christendom College will be hosting its first open house of the semester on February 24. Visitors will hear from our president, Dr. Timothy O'Donnell, sit in on a sample class, and learn about Christendom's unique mission. Come and see why Pope St. John Paul II said, "Christendom College is doing a great work for the Church." Visitors may sign up at www.christendom.edu/openhouse.

Chelsea Academy Open House

Come see if Chelsea Academy is right for your family at our Open House on Feb. 15, 4-6pm. Chelsea is the Shenandoah Valley's full day K-12 Catholic school. Chelsea is a place where faith, friendship, academics, and adventure are the heart of the education experience. Chelsea is an independent school officially recognized by the Arlington Diocese. The Open House will be held at our new campus, 1190 Progress Dr., Front Royal. www.chelseaacademy.org.

Virginia March for Life 2024

Feb 21, 2024, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM 1000 Bank St, Richmond, VA Register Today for Virginia Pro-Life Day Did you know the Virginia General Assembly session began January 10? A "right to abortion" Constitutional amendment resolution has already been introduced for consideration during the 2024 session. We need your voice to help stop this bill and protect the sanctity of life. Join thousands of pro-life advocates from across the state for Virginia Pro-Life Day on February 21. Meet with your legislators in the morning and then join the rally and March for Life at the state capitol. Learn more and register at www.vaprolifeday.org.

Ongoing Activities

SJTB Seniors Group

Meets every third Saturday in Padre Pio Hall from 9:30-11:00am.

The Women of Saint John's

Monthly activities for women parishioners aged 18 and up. Email thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com

Young Adults of St. John's

In your 20's or 30's? Follow event info on FB [@youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist](https://www.facebook.com/youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist), IG [IG@st_johns_young_adults_va](https://www.instagram.com/st_johns_young_adults_va) or to join the e-news-letter email youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist@gmail.com

That Man Is You

Saturdays 6:30am FRH

RCIA classes

Mondays 6pm Frassati Hall **Youth Group**—Mondays 7-8:30pm-Fr. Ruehl Hall-next meeting Jan. 22nd. (twice monthly)

The Divine Office (Lauds)

Mon-Sat at 8:10am in main church

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month, 3:30pm in main church

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Prayed after 8:30am Mass M-Sat.

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays 6:30pm – PPH

Junior Legion of Mary

Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm – PPH

Children's Holy Hour

Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm

Little Flowers

Monthly meeting for registered girls in grades 1-6 4-5:45 FRH Sept-May

Flame of Love Rosary

Mondays after the noon Mass

Knights Corner
John Carrell Jenkins Council #7771
www.kofc7771.org



Super Bowl Sub Sales Return: Stop by the tables after all Masses on the weekend of February 10-11 and get one or two of the Knights of Columbus world-famous Super Bowl submarine sandwiches! Two sizes – Super Size for \$20 and Half Size for \$12. Cash or card accepted.

Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus John Carrell Jenkins Council 7771 here at St. John The Baptist is more than 200 members strong. Our common bond is our devotion to the Catholic Faith and our brotherhood in Christ. We have joined together to help one another become better Catholics, better husbands, better fathers, better providers for the financial protection of our families and better citizens here in Front Royal. Contact Grand Knight John Stieb at 703-755-5345, or Council Membership Chairman Leo Carling at 540-631-7555 for more information.

Firewood Project: The Council helps parishioners who rely on firewood to heat their homes. If you would like to help or if you know of a parishioner in need, please contact Leo Carling (540-631-7555).

Contact us: Grand Knight John Stieb, 703-755-5345, or gknightjs@gmail.com. Field Agent Cory Cook, 703-665-1388, or cory.cook@kofc.org.

Candlemas

On February 2nd we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary, who complied with the Jewish law (Lev 12:1). Since the eleventh century the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Lord have been celebrated with the blessing of all the candles and candlesticks that are going to be used during the year. This is done with the hope that there will never be a lack of light, either material or spiritual, in the houses of the faithful.

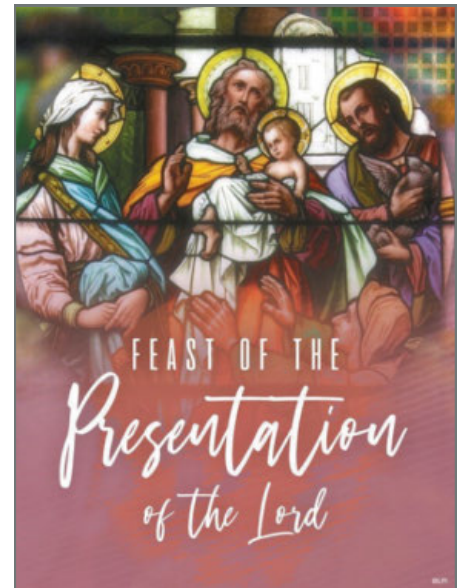
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DIVINE MERCY SAID:

“I desire that priests proclaim this great mercy of Mine towards souls of sinners. Let the sinner not be afraid to approach Me. The flames of mercy are burning Me—clamoring to be spent; I want to pour them out upon these souls.”

(St. Faustina Diary, 50)

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| Altar Guild | Marlene Lundberg, 635-0541 | Outreach Committee | outreach@sjtb.org |
| Church Flowers & Decor | julie.thedaughter@protonmail.com | Parents' Support Group Children w/Special Needs | Winnie Ehlinger, 636-1688 Laurie Adams, 540-683-1767 |
| Divine Mercy for the Dying | mbodoh@sjtb.org | Prayer Chain | Marlicia Fernandez, 622-2637 setonmom@gmail.com |
| Dominicans Third Order | Rene Bergeron 540-664-1186 rene.l.bergeron@gmail.com | Prison Ministry | Chris Manion, 540-635-9166 |
| Eucharistic Adoration | adoration@sjtb.org | Religious Education | David Wallace, 540-635-3780 |
| Fasting Brothers | tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net | RCIA | Parish Office, 635-3780 |
| Flame of Love | Boots Sargis bootssargis@yahoo.com | Seven Sisters | tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net |
| Lectors | Mary Kay Moose, 635-7628 | Saint Johns Athletics | www.saintjohnsathletics.com |
| Legion of Mary/Adults | Andrew Armstrong, 540-631-4620 | That Man is You! | Forest Selby 703-268-3554 |
| Legion of Mary (Juniors) | Viviano Rodriguez, 559-347-4585 | Vocations Liaison | Cindy Rhodes, 443-440-0121 sjtbvocations@gmail.com |
| Little Flowers (Gr. 1-6) | littleflowersofsjtb@gmail.com | Youth Drama Club | www.stjohnsdrama.org |
| Meals for New Moms / Postpartum Support | thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com | Front Royal Pregnancy Center | (540) 635-6181 frontroyalpregnancy.org |
| Music & Choirs | Jeffrey Alban, 635-3780 | | abortionpillreversal.com |

For full list of ministries, go to www.sjtb.org or call the parish office for specific inquiries.

PRAYER LIST

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| Gabby Abril | Gary Garcia | Judy Ratigan |
| Nellie Adkins | Paul Gerrick | Manuel Reyes Avila |
| John Alsberry | Michael Greco | Shoana Riccio |
| Allison Andrews | Eileen Hawkins | John William Rice |
| Brenda Bailey | Nancy Heywood | Mary Alice Rice |
| Rozie Baker | Billy Hooten | Maggie Roberts |
| Dianne Boen | Norman Hunt | Gabbi Rodgers |
| Rose Britain | John Janaro | Elaine Ryan |
| Elijah Carino | Erik Jurek | Judy Samborsky |
| Mary Ann Carlson | Donald Kerns | Dan Schneible |
| Tony Casarotti | Susan Kirby | Mary Shaffer |
| Joseph Centrella | Peggy Leonardi | Sophie Shannon |
| Jorge Daniel Chang | Maureen Lewis | Sophie Sheppard |
| Dominique DeClue | Manuel Reyes Martinez | Robin Spencer |
| Linda Donahue | Carol B. May | Wendy Stout |
| Clara Anne Duda | Laura McMahon | Anee Stanford |
| Al Dudeck | Edward Meinsen | Deby Stears |
| Ignatius Ehlinger | Merridee Michelsen | Mary Ellen Sullivan |
| Kathy Elar | Marie Miller | Judith Thompson |
| Maggie Elliot | Peter Monfasani | Karen Waldron |
| Ned Farinholt | Barbara Ann Orozco | Kathy Winkle |
| Mike Ferris | Kris Pondo | John Yarborough |
| Tahlia Fernandez | Carmela Rao | Geneve Yarborough |
| Laura Fusto | | |

Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2023

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Next Week's Second Collection . . .

Help Our Parish Support the Catholic Herald!
The Arlington Catholic Herald is the official newspaper and news source of the Diocese of Arlington. This award-winning, biweekly newspaper delivers Catholic news and information about our diocese, U.S. bishops and the Vatican to more than 100,000 homes across Virginia and beyond -- and 24/7 at catholic herald.com. Please consider donating to the annual second collection the weekend of 2/4, which helps our parish support the Catholic Herald in spreading the Good News. You may make a check payable to (name of parish) and write "ACH Second Collection" on the memo line. Cash is also welcome. Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

2024 Bishop's Lenten Appeal
Behold, I Make All Things New
For more information go to:
www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla/


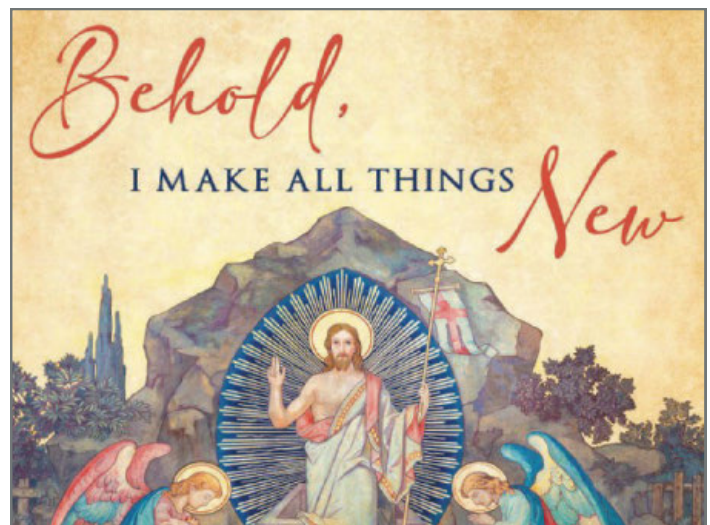
Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of

ANTHONY ANTUNES
IRMA DUPLESSIS

Active Military Prayer List

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| Esther Alger | Zachary Francis | Chris Reinhard |
| Brady Anderson | Jasmine Frank | Michael Reuwer |
| Colin t. Barrett | Dustin Goard | Anthony Reyes |
| Nick Barton | Kristina Grdina | Jose Reyes |
| Jeffrey Bayne | Steven Gregg | Lxex Robles |
| Mark Belton | Benjamin Gregory | David Rogers |
| David Berry | Jonathan Hamilton | Alex Rojas |
| Stephen Bill | Steven Held, Jr. | Bobby Saxon |
| Heather Bill-Blanchard | Daniel Heywood | Truman Sayre, Jr. |
| John Bowes | Peter Hickson | David Schmitt |
| Shannon Brugh | Erik Hickson | Forest Selby |
| Joseph Buono | David Kelleher | Paul Shannon |
| Paul Buono | David Larsen | Andrew Shorter |
| Ben Cabreva | Glen Lash | Richard Skelton, Sr. |
| Christian Carino | Timothy Marra | Devon Smith |
| Hannah N. Christman | Joseph Marsch | Timothy Smith |
| Nathan T. Christman | Christine Marsch | Sean Smith |
| Sean Conroy | Matthew Mooney | Keegan J. Thomas |
| Robert Cooke | Emma Morgan | Brian Tilley |
| Kevin Corella | Clement M. O'Reilly | Jamie Troutman |
| Rory Crooks | Daniel Nejia | Manuel A. Vicente |
| Vince E. Cruz | David Parnes | Kieran Vieira |
| Trey Dusseault | Justice M. Parrott | Samatha Wilkinson |
| Matthew Farrall | Jason Pettingill | Michael Wood |
| Parker Feiring | John C. Price | Mark Zepeda |
| | Jason Pugh | |

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Please join us for the annual

Chelsea Lecture

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Guiding Images of Thomas More

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
7 PM | CHELSEA ACADEMY



*An annual presentation dedicated to the
life, faith, and thought of St. Thomas More
and the spirit and culture that he nurtured
in his home and among his friends.*

PRESENTED BY

DR. MATTHEW MEHAN

*Please RSVP by February 2nd
or call 540.635.0622*



Dr. Matthew Mehan is the Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Government at Hillsdale College's Graduate School of Government. He is a graduate of the University of Dallas and the valedictorian of his class. Dr. Mehan received a B.A. in politics, an M.A. in English, and a Ph.D. in Literature (with honors) for his dissertation on Shakespeare, Thomas More, and the education of leading citizens.

He is also the author of *The Handsome Little Cygnet* as well as *Mr. Mehan's Mildly Amusing Mythical Mammals*, an illustrated, best-selling book of poems that one critic called "a new classic" in children's literature.



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Bishop Michael Burbidge and the Members of the Host Committee cordially invite you to attend

THE *Laetare* BENEFIT

with Reception, Dinner and Auction
supporting the Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery
in Linden, Virginia

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

5:00 to 8:00 PM

Westwood Country Club
800 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, Virginia
Cocktail Attire

RSVP by February 23

Purchase tickets online or using the form below.

For more information,
please contact friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com

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RSVP ^{THE} *Laetare* BENEFIT

ACCEPT WITH PLEASURE

Levels of Sponsorship (includes table of 10):

- \$10,000 St. Catherine of Siena \$3,500 St. Margaret of Hungary
 \$5,000 St. Rose of Lima \$2,000 St. Margaret of Castello

- I/We would like _____ ticket(s) @ \$200 per ticket (\$225 after February 9)
 I/We would like to sponsor a Dominican friar and/or brother
_____ ticket(s) @ \$200 per ticket

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

DECLINE WITH REGRET

I/We cannot attend but would like to enclose a donation to help the nuns.

For my contribution of \$ _____ as per the selection at left or above, please...

- accept a check payable to Friends of St. Dominic's Monastery
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