



Mon., January 30, 2006, Weekday

6:30 Susan J. Kelly †
9:00 Elden Miller †

Tuesday, Jan. 31, John Bosco, priest

6:30 Bobbe Gillian †
9:00 Mary Lou Hiller †

Wednesday, Feb. 1, Weekday

6:30 David Higgins
9:00 Frank Buckheit †

Thursday, Feb. 2, The Presentation of the Lord

6:30 Julie Rasmussen
9:00 Louis Trouart †

Fri., Feb. 3, Weekday, Blaise, bishop, martyr; Ansgar, bishop

6:30 Louis Lomeli †
9:00 Monique Caron †

Saturday, Feb. 4, Weekday, Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 Karen Margraf †
5:00 Catherine VanLandingham †

Sunday, Feb. 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Rev. Pierre Conway
9:00 Alice & Jose Marques †
10:45 People of the Parish
12:30 John Cedar †

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2006

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Ps 86; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Pope's Prayer Intentions January 2006

General: Unity of Christians: That the effort to bring about the full communion of Christians may foster reconciliation and peace among all the peoples of the earth.

Missionary: Migrants: That Christians may know how to welcome migrants with respect & charity, seeing in each person the image of God.



Remember In Prayer

Phyllis Addy
Maria Isabel Alves
Margaret Amorosi
Ronald Bashion
Toni Burger
Harry Clarke
Michael Clark
Polly Cedar
Peter Conrad
Vincent Corcoran
Edward Cotter
Marie Davalos
Lucille Dion
Denis Downey, Jr.
Pam Dunne
Charles Galligan

Pacita Gonzaga
Ronald Gripshover Sr.
Alex Hargenrader
Kathleen Harrington
Charles Harrison
Laura Holleran
Maureen Hollingsworth
Mary Johnson
Billee Jordan
Blanche Kane
Dorothy Kennedy
Joan Leitch
Katherine Malcolm
Lou McGuinness
Helene McGrath
Nancy Miller

Rita Mughir
Ernest Oddono
Joseph Riotto
Lois Riscile
John Ronan
Edelisa Samson
Martin Schaffer
Carole Schneberger
Mary Spann
Margaret Serrao
Margaret Stimpfle
Marie Watermaier

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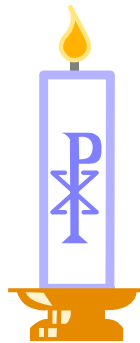
From the Pastor

This Thursday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, popularly known as **Candlemas Day**. On Thursday candles that are to be used in divine service are blessed and also those candles brought by the faithful. It is a tradition of the Church for people to have in their homes blessed candles. Why? Our late Holy Father reiterated the tradition of the Church on blessed candles when he urged Catholics to have them and to burn them during a storm or a particularly bad crisis or when someone in a family has gone astray. Only candles blessed on February 2 are used for this purpose.

The day after the Candlemas another sacramental is administered---the blessing of the throats. Throats will be blessed after both the 6:30 and 9:00 am Masses.

Looking for a New Year resolution? Or something sacrificial to do for Lent? Volunteer as an officer for our defunct Women's Club. The Women's Council here at St. John's has a glittering history. When all McLean was one big parish, St. John's would host a fashion show at Hickory Hill, the residence of John Kennedy and the late Robert Kennedy. The Women's Council even sponsored a talk on the liturgy given by yours truly in 1971. The requirements for this office are: 1.) Catholic 2.) parishioner (although the time may come when we will accept imports) 3.) a woman (this also may be waived in the future).

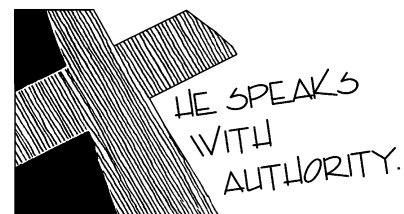
Candlemas Day



On Thursday, February 2, we will celebrate Candlemas Day. Candles will be available for a small donation in the vestibule of the church in honor of The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Candles will be blessed during the Mass. You may also bring candles from home.

From this week's readings:

*If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.* ♥





Religious Education

CONFIRMATION: Students in private Catholic schools (Oakcrest, Heights, etc.) who are in 7th grade or above and **who have not been confirmed** should **register** with the Religious Education Office **now** for Confirmation in the Fall of 2006. Please call 703-356-5275 and leave a message including name, grade, school and home or cell phone number. Preparation for the sacrament begins immediately.



PLEASE NOTE: If you ordered a **DVD of the 2005 CONFIRMATION** and have not yet received it, please call the Religious Education Office (703-356-5275) to arrange to pick it up.

First Penance for CCD children: Mon., Feb. 6, 7:00 pm

In Our Parish



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS begin after the 9:00 am Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please come and spend a grace-filled hour in the presence of Our Eucharistic Lord. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule of the church to make certain that

adorers are present each hour.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: This Saturday, the 8:15 Mass will be followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotions and Benediction. Come and pray for peace and Respect for Life through Our Lady of Fatima.

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR MILITARY OVERSEAS: If you have a family member deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan or other areas of hostility and would like to join other parishioners to pray them home safely please contact Ann Thunder at (703)442-0668 or thundergroup@juno.com

COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH SCHOOL:

TODAY. "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them. It is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Mark 10:14



CATHOLIC EDUCATION

JAN. 30 - FEB. 3 is Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year is **Catholic Schools---Character, Compassion, Values.** Each of the following groups will be highlighted each day of the week: teachers, staff, pastor & priests, students, and parents. On Friday, parents may join their children for Mass, Open House, and lunch. We are proud of our St. John School community and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the children who attend the school.

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP: The next meeting of the Widows/Widowers group will be on Thursday, February 2, in the Adult Ed room following the 9:00 am Mass. Anyone who has suffered the loss of a spouse is most welcome to join us.



News from "The Word"

St. John Parish Book & Gift Shop

The WORD is open on Wednesday evenings, Friday mornings and Sundays after all the Masses.

First Penance for students in St. John School is on February 1st. The WORD has a fine selection of gifts, books and sacramentals to help your first penitent remember this very special encounter with the mercy of Our Lord and Savior.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS—Quality at Bargain Prices:

Tuesday - Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm & Saturday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

We will continue the half price sale on children's (clothing and toys) and household goods. Thank you for your support. Should you have any questions please call (703) 356-7420 during business hours.

OUR LADY'S MISSIONARIES OF THE EUCHARIST

invites you to see the poster in the church vestibule about a way to find spiritual fulfillment and how to encourage the growth of faith for you and your family. Call 703-241-2582 for more information.



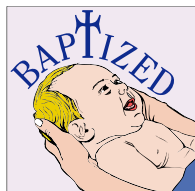
OVER 50 CLUB: A President's Day Treat!

Carole L. Herrick, a local author, will join us on Monday, February 20. Her latest book, "August 24, 1814: Washington in Flames" is a readable, almost hourly account of the British sacking and burning of Washington during the War of 1812. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am with lunch following at noon in the Parish Hall. A sign-up sheet can be found in the church vestibule. Please leave a check for \$15.00 made payable to St. John the Beloved, with 'Seniors' on the memo line, in the parish office by Thursday, February 16. For added information, call Nancy Ingrisano 703-356-5538.

BLESSING OF THROATS: at Masses on Friday, Feb. 3, Feast of St. Blaise



PRE-K OPEN HOUSE: St. John School Pre-Kindergarten Program invites you to attend the Pre-K Open House on Thursday, February 9 from 10:00 – 11:00 am in the Adult Education Room. The school is located at 6422 Linway Terrace, McLean 22101. For further information telephone (703) 356-7554.



Please welcome to our family of faith the following children who were recently baptized: Christina Abigail Elliott, Adam John Belgin, Bella Anna Spignardo, Claire Margaret Feehan, Izabella Rose Barrie, Charles Borromeo Molineaux VI, John Thomas Digges, Bailey Frank Small, Kiernan Patrick Mulcahy, Elise Thoa-Uyen Newgen, Finnian Joseph Brendan Rowan, Jacob Lawrence Steenson, Jessica Diogo Fernandes, Ashley Diogo Fernandes.

Altar Server Schedule



Novena: Weds. Feb. 1, 2006

7:30 pm H. Dixon, C. Dixon, A. Prabhu

Saturday: Feb. 4

8:15 am D. Kennedy, Beaver, D'Ermes

5:00 pm **Vigil** Holmes, Sullivan, Zehnder, Russo

Sunday Masses: Feb. 5

7:30 am Lunde, Soltero, B. Evans

9:00 am Joe & Jam. Towey, Bre. & Bri. Murphy

10:45 am John & Jim Beatty, D. & S. Ogdod, Mehan, P., C., & H. Dixon, Schuman, Moran, Crouch, Buckley, Giaimo

12:30 pm Alligood, Hickey, Adams, Ensher

In Our Area



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Flowers? Candy? Give your wife what she really wants: a weekend to renew your marriage. Enjoy 44 hours of time together to focus on YOU. Next Marriage Encounter weekend: Feb. 17-19. Call 703-631-5289 or marriageencounter@cox.net

GANG ACTIVITY IN FAIRFAX COUNTY: The Ladies Guild of Holy Transfiguration Church on Lewinsville Rd. is hosting a 30-minute presentation by Sergeant Bresson from the Fairfax Police Dept. on Feb. 4, concerning criminal street gangs in N. Va. This program is to raise awareness to the general public about youth involvement in street gangs. Please call 703-759-5300 or connie.herrmann@cox.net



HOPE IN NORTHERN VA is a pregnancy aid organization in Falls Church that is searching for caring, dedicated volunteers to work with pregnant women facing problem pregnancies. If you can help please call 703-536-2020 for more information.

SEMINAR AT OAKCREST SCHOOL: On Friday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 pm at Oakcrest School in McLean will be a talk entitled "Helping Teens Make Positive Cultural Choices in our Modern World". The speakers will be Art and Laraine Bennett. Art is a marriage counselor and Laraine is a freelance writer with articles published in "The Liguorian", and the "National Catholic Register".



St. John Youth Corner

Website: www.sjsyg.org
Sebastien Jansen, Youth Director

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Car Raffle: It's time to have a new car!!!

St. John's Catholic Church is having a raffle to give you the chance to win a FREE NEW CAR. This fundraiser benefits the Youth Group tremendously and gives them the opportunity to attend WorkCamp. Please be an active participant and buy tickets to support St. John's Youth Group.

March For Life: We thank all families who graciously opened their homes to our Southern Pilgrims who came from Alabama to march for life on January 23.

Ski Trip: Our Two Day Ski Trip is coming soon in late February/early March. Please be on the lookout for upcoming dates. Don't forget to save some money for this weekend event!!!

WorkCamp: Thanks to all who attended the work party to stuff all the envelopes for the upcoming car raffle.



WorkCamp 2006: June 24 - 30.

BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL GALA/AUCTION. "WIRED to the HEART" will be held on February 4, 2006. Come for an evening of silent and live auctions, accompanied by dinner and dancing. For information on ticket reservations, donations, and program advertising, please contact Bishop O'Connell High School by calling 703-237-1437, or advancement@bishopoconnell.org. Thank you for your support!

LOCAL SCHOOLS:

ST. ANSELM ---Washington, DC--Entrance exam, boys grades 6-12 for Fall 2006; Sat. Feb. 4, 9:30 - 11:30 am. Call 202-269-2379 or admissions@saintanselms.org

BISHOP IRETON ---Bull & Oyster Roast on Sat. Feb. 4 from 6:00 - 11:00 pm. Charcoal meats, oysters and clams, BBQ, Soup & drinks for \$50 per person. Call Terry at 703-212-5182.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan. 29, 2006	30	31	February 1	2 Candlemas Day	3 First Friday	4 First Saturday
<u>CCD PreK - K</u> 10:45 - 11:45 am	<u>Sew & So Forth</u> 9:45 am DR Room	<u>CCD Gr. 1 - 9</u> 7:00 - 8:00 pm	<u>Confessions</u> 6:30 pm	<u>Blessing of Candles</u> <u>Presentation of the Lord</u>	<u>Feast of St. Blaise,</u> <u>Blessing of Throats</u>	<u>Missionaries of Charity</u> 9-noon Ad Ed room
<u>Scouts</u> 6:30 pm Gym	<u>CCD Gr. 1,2,3</u> 4:30-5:30 pm		<u>Novena</u> 7:30 pm	<u>Widows/Widowers</u> Ad Ed Room 9:30		<u>Latin Class</u> 9:00 - noon PH
<u>Senior Youth Group</u> 7:30 pm	<u>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 pm DR Rm		<u>Family Choir</u> 7:30 pm	<u>RCIA</u> 7:00 pm		<u>Jr. Legion of Mary</u> 10:00 am DR Rm
				<u>St. John Choir</u> 7:30 pm		