



Mass Intentions

Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, Baptism of the Lord

6:30 Christopher Manciano †
9:00 The Paul Katz Family

Tuesday, Jan. 9, Weekday

6:30 Frances Ozimina †
9:00 The James Katz Family

Wednesday, Jan. 10, Weekday

6:30 Leonard Favloro †
9:00 Geraldine Shahin †

Thursday, Jan. 11, Weekday

6:30 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Glover
9:00 Edward M. Hallinan †

Friday, Jan. 12, Weekday

6:30 Mr. & Mrs. John Glover
9:00 The Caron Family

Saturday, Jan. 13, Weekday; Hilary, bishop, doctor; Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 James Schmitz †
5:00 Margaret Goldman †

Sunday, Jan. 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Joseph O'Malley †
9:00 Avelino Esteves †
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Modesto Correa †

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2007

Sunday Is 60:1-6; Ps 29; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Ps 97; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Tuesday Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95; Mk 1:40-45
Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19; Mk 2:13-17



Please Pray For

Ronald Bashion	Gary & Cindy Hogan	Al Parsons
Sonja &	Laura Holleran	Joseph Riotto
Soraya Borghese	Maureen Hollingsworth	Lois Riscile
Esperanza Castillo	Muriel Jennings	Edelisa Samson
Juan Chirino	Mary Johnson	Margaret Serrao
Harry Clarke	Billee Jordan	Leah Shannon
Michael Clarke	Blanche Kane	Barbara Skylell
Carol Coad	Kathleen Keane	Mary Spann
Vincent Corcoran	Alice Koutsoumpas	Margaret Stimpfle
Edward Cotter	Katherine Malcolm	Kimberly Strocka
Estelle Danielson	John Malloy	Eileen Sweeney
Marie Davalos	Annette McGovern	Raymond Vagli
John Delaney	Ferenc Molnar	Siegfried Wolf
Lucille Dion	Matthew Morgan	
Denis Downey, Jr.	Marilyn Middleton	
Bryan Downie	Nancy Miller	
Pam Dunne	Monica Mizerek	
Pacita Gonzaga	June Nage	
Alex Hargenrader	Ernest Oddono	
Kathleen Harrington	Kennedy O'Donnell	
Charles Harrison	John Ozimina	

Please let us know when you would like to be taken off the prayer list.
Rectory Staff

From the Pastor

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, one of the greatest feasts in the church. It was on the feast of the Epiphany (traditionally January 6) that gifts were exchanged. It is the 12th day of Christmas and thus brings to a conclusion all the Christmas cheer. The 12 days of Christmas are not the twelve days *before* Christmas, but the 12 days *after* Christmas. The Epiphany is also known as "Little Christmas." So, Merry Christmas!

God has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. May you experience his kindness and blessings and be strong in faith, in hope, and in love.

Because you are followers of Christ who appeared on this day as a light shining in darkness, may he make you a light to all your sisters and brothers.

The wise men followed the star, and found Christ, who is light from light. May you too find the Lord when your pilgrimage is ended.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions January 2007
General: That in our time, unfortunately marked by many episodes of violence, the Church's bishops and priests may continue to indicate the way of peace and understanding among peoples.
Mission: That the Church in Africa may become a constantly more authentic witness of the Good News of Christ and be committed, in every Nation, to the promotion of reconciliation and peace.

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Rev. Franklyn Martin McAfee, D.D., Pastor
Rev. Ronald J. Gripshover, Jr., Parochial Vicar
Rev. Gary B. Selin, In Residence

Sun. Mass: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

Sat. Mass: 8:15 am and Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses: 6:30 and 9:00 am

Novena Prayers & Rosary: Wednesday, 7:10 pm

Eucharistic Holy Hour: Wednesday 7:30 pm

Confessions: Saturday, following 8:15 am Mass,
& 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Wednesday, before the Novena 6:45 - 7:15 pm

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Religious Education

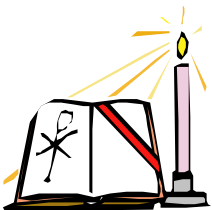
CCD classes have resumed for the New Year.

In Our Parish



OVER 50 CLUB: On Monday, January 22, the seniors will welcome 2007 with "Gotta Dance". The group of tap dancing ladies

is sure to entertain you. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am. Lunch will follow at noon in the parish hall. A sign-up sheet can be found in the vestibule. Please leave a check for \$20 made out to St. John the Beloved with 'seniors' on the memo line in the parish office by Thursday, Jan. 18. For information call Nancy Ingrisano at 703-356-5538.



LITURGY OF THE HOURS: Join Fr. Gripshover for the next Liturgy of the Hours class on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at 9:30 am. Learn how to pray the official prayer of the church. The Divine Office books will be available at the class.



News from
"The Word"

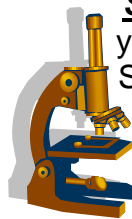
St. John Parish Book & Gift Shop

The WORD will be open on Wednesday evenings, Thursday mornings and Sundays after all the Masses.

Our book feature of the week is **The Theology of the Body Made Simple** by Rev. Anthony Percy. Many of you may remember the Australian priest who was in residence here at St. John's for one year of his studies. His book is an easy to understand summary of the teaching of Pope John Paul II on human sexuality, and is great for high school age and above.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:
Tues. - Fri. 11:00 am- 2:00 pm & Sat. 10:00 am-1:00 pm.

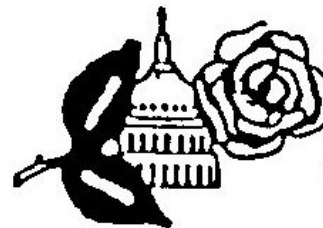
We reopened Weds., Jan. 3 for the New Year. Please come and visit us for winter clothing and other merchandise. Thank you for your support. Call 703-356-7420 for information.



SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED:

If you have a working knowledge of the Scientific Method and are willing to volunteer 3-4 hours of your time for our 7th and 8th grade student's Science Fair, please call St. John Academy's office at 703.356.7554. The Science Fair will take place on January 17th, 2007. The time will be approximately from 8:00 am -12:00 noon. Thank you!

**MARCH FOR LIFE ~
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007**



If you cannot attend the March for Life, please stop by the church and pray especially for LIFE. St. John Youth are reminded to sign up for the bus trip to DC. Permission slips are due tonight. See Youth Corner for more details.

Altar Server Schedule



Novena/Mass: January 10, 2007

7:30 pm B. Nugent, Oeler, R. Nugent

Saturday: January 13, 2007

8:15 am C. Earner, P. Loria, Potocki

5:00 pm **Vigil** The Mullers, The Kennedys

Sunday Masses: January 14, 2007

7:30 am J. McCoy, C. Beatty, Joe Beatty

9:00 am Giaimo, Schaumburg, Buckley, Allgood

10:30 am D. Arevalo, J. Arevalo, Defensor, Caron

12:00 pm Manns, Glover, Clark, Delvecchio, McCauley, Mehan



**SAINT JOHN ACADEMY
OPEN HOUSE:**

Saint John Academy will hold an Open House for Pre-school - 8th Grade on

Tuesday, January 16, 2007 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The Open House will include a presentation by the Headmaster at 9:30 am. Student council members will provide campus tours to Open House attendees. Please contact Tammy Di Benigno, Registrar, for additional information at (703) 356-7554.

NOVENA PRAYERS & ROSARY:
the Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers and the Rosary begin at 7:10 p.m. The Eucharistic Holy Hour will follow immediately at 7:30 p.m. All parishioners are encouraged to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and pray to the Blessed Mother for world peace and conversion of hearts.



ADORERS ARE NEEDED EVERY WEDNESDAY, and every First Friday and First Saturday of every month for Eucharistic Adoration. Contact Ann Thunder @703-442-0668 if you are able to spend an hour with our Lord or sign up for a specific hour on the **Schedule of Adorers Roster** in the vestibule of the church.

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St. John Youth Corner

Senior Youth Group Website- www.sisyq.org

NEXT SENIOR YOUTH MEETING

~ SUNDAY, Jan. 7, 2007


Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007 is our first Sr. Youth meeting of the new year. Our topic will be "Wonder: Looking at God" with Papa Sebastien Jansen. Plus, we will be doing some star gazing, too.

Monday, Jan. 22, St. John's Youth Group will gather for Mass and then join over 100,000 Christians for the **March for Life** in Washington, DC. Permission slips are due today for this 8:30 am to 6:00 pm event. Following the March for Life, you will return to St. John's for a chili dinner. Sign up now for this important event and be counted among the defenders of Truth.



GIVING TREE: Please take ornaments off the Giving Tree in the vestibule for gift ideas to help benefit the outreach work of the Missionaries of Charity. Take an ornament, purchase the item and then return the item to the church vestibule by Feb. 2. Your gift of shoes, coats, hats and mittens, bicycles, grocery gift certificates or housecleaning gift boxes will help someone in need. If you have questions call Sabatino at 704-504-8733.

Lord,
*every nation
on earth
will adore you.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 7, 2007	8	9	10	11	12	13
EPIPHANY <u>CCD PreK - K</u> 10:30 - 11:30 am 	<u>Sew & So Forth</u> 9:45 am DR Rm <u>CCD Gr. 1,2,3</u> 4:30 - 5:30 pm <u>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 pm DR Rm	<u>CCD Gr. 1 - 8</u> 7:00 - 8:00 pm <u>Adult Education</u> <u>Bible Study</u> 7:30	<u>Confessions</u> 6:45 - 7:15 pm <u>Novena Prayers & Rosary</u> 7:10 <u>Eucharistic Holy Hour</u> 7:30	<u>RCIA</u> 7:00 pm <u>St. John Choir</u> 7:30 pm		<u>Jr. Legion of Mary</u> 10:00 am DR Rm

From St. John's Office of Evangelization . . .

LEARNING THE FAITH

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION PART I

The Baptism of the Lord

On Monday, January 8, the Roman Catholic Church will continue its festal celebrations by commemorating the Baptism of the Lord. Therefore, let us reflect upon the Sacrament of Baptism in order to enter more fully into this mystery in our own lives.

Let us recall that Baptism is not a uniquely Christian practice, but one that was prevalent among the Jews of Jesus' day. In order to gain a true understanding of baptism, it is necessary to reflect upon what it meant to the people from whom it originated. It was not uncommon for the Jews of Jesus' day and the early Church to see in baptism a correlation with certain Old Testament events. Saint Peter, in his second epistle, explains that our baptism corresponds to the flood of Noah. Just as in those ancient days when all evil men perished under the waters of the great deluge, so in our baptism, the sinful man is destroyed (2 Pet 2:5). Further, our baptism can be seen as a new crossing of the Red Sea. As Saint Paul explains, the Israelites underwent a baptism when Pharaoh and the Egyptians were buried under the waters of the sea and the people of God were saved and called to walk in the new life which God had bestowed upon them (1 Cor 10:2). Also, we may see our baptism as a type of Israel's crossing of the Jordan River after forty years of wandering in the desert. Just as Joshua led Israel into the Promised Land through the waters of the Jordan, so each of us who is baptized is led by Jesus into the promised land of the Church.

These Old Testament prefigurations of Christian Baptism receive their full meaning, however, at the Baptism of the Lord. What happened when Jesus was baptized? The Fathers of the Church give three answers. First, by entering into the water of the Jordan River, Jesus sanctified it and made the water of baptism a place for the working of the Holy Spirit. Secondly, because baptism among the Jews was seen as a ritual act of death and burial of the old man, Jesus confronted the Ruler of Death in the baptismal waters of the Jordan, that he might defeat death and bestow life upon all of creation. It was at the Baptism of Christ that Our Lord met his adversary of old, the Devil, and struck a decisive blow against him.

By his baptism into death, the giver of life destroyed the power of death, "death no longer has dominion over him" (Rom. 6:9). Finally, in his baptism, Jesus met all of us who were bound to death through the sin of our first parents, and taking us by the hand through the instrumentality of the priest, each one of us was raised from the dead, out of the baptismal waters. Through the resurrection of Christ, the tomb of the baptismal font becomes the womb of the Church, which gives new life to all who approach this Holy Sacrament.

Saint Paul in his epistle to the Romans gives the following catechesis, "Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. If we have been united with him though likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection" (1 Cor. 6: 3-4). Therefore, as Saint Paul explains, baptism is a sacramental act whereby we are mystically joined to the death and resurrection of Christ.

In his baptism, Jesus has reversed the curse of the fall. In his baptism, Christ has opened for the faithful that garden of delight closed by sin. In his baptism, Christ has restored Adam to all that he lost through disobedience. Let us who have been baptized into Christ see the ancient deceiver conquered. Let us who have been baptized into Christ see the baptismal waters as the place of sanctification for our souls. Let us who have been baptized into Christ see man once more enter into Paradise and here the Father's words of mercy, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased" (Lk 3:22).

Saint John's Institute of Catholic Culture...

Salvation History Bible Study

Learn how to read the Bible as one book.

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

Starting Jan. 9 through Feb. 20.

"Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ!"

- Saint Jerome -

*Q? - Call the Office of Evangelization
@ 703-504-8733*

From the Music Desk...

It seems like Christmas should be over, no? Today, the church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany. Here is an excerpt from an article by Dennis Bratcher:

Epiphany is the climax of the Christmas Season and the [Twelve Days of Christmas](#), which are usually counted from December 25th until January 5th. In most traditions, the day before Epiphany is the Twelfth Day of Christmas, the evening of which is called Twelfth Night. This is an occasion for feasting in some cultures, including the baking of a special King's Cake as part of the festivities of Epiphany (a King's Cake is part of the observance of [Mardi Gras](#) in French Catholic culture of the Southern USA). In some church traditions, January 5th is considered the Eleventh Day of Christmas, while the evening is still counted as the Twelfth Night, the beginning of the Twelfth day of Christmas the following day. In these traditions the Twelfth Day of Christmas is January 6th, the Epiphany.

If you would like to read and learn more about the liturgical feast of Epiphany, go to:

<http://www.crivoice.org/cyepiph.html>

"Wise men still seek Him."

In Christ,

David Lang



In Our Area

MISSIONARIES OF OUR LADY OF DIVINE MERCY need your help as volunteers at the House of Mercy clothing store in Manassas. They need volunteer workers to sort clothing and work in the store during business hours. Call 703-659-1636 to help out!

THEOLOGY ON TAP: You are invited to hear A Transformation of a Soul through Divine Mercy, a talk, on Monday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 pm at Pat Troy's Irish Pub in Old Town Alexandria. Info: 703-659-1636.

SEMINAR, What Every Catholic Should Know About Islam, will be held at St. Louis Parish in Alexandria on Jan. 11, 2007. Father Francis deRosa invites all to attend this presentation featuring Catholic author Daniel Ali, a former Muslim and the founder of the Christian-Islamic Forum. This talk will offer insights into the Islamic religion and will illustrate why it is so important for Catholics to be aware of the growth and influence of Islam. Call the St. Louis rectory at 703-765-4421 for more information

THEOLOGY COURSES AT CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE NOTRE DAME GRADUATE SCHOOL:

Spring semester starts January 15. We are conveniently located on the grounds of Queen of Apostles Parish in Alexandria close to the beltway. Study towards an MA in theological studies or just audit courses for personal enrichment. Low tuition & discounts for catechists and seniors. For more information call 703-658-4304.

STONE RIDGE TUESDAY TOUR Jan. 9, 2007 at 9:00 am for grades JK – Grade 12. Visit the campus, learn about curriculum, activities and the value of a Sacred Heart education. (Bethesda, MD. 301-657-4322 www.stoneridge.org)

ST. ANSELM'S ABBEY SCHOOL entrance exam for boys entering grades 6 – 12 in Fall 2007. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007 from 9:30 – 11:30 am. Contact 202-269-2379 or admissions@saintanselms.org

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS is an organization of over 230 Catholic adults in the Northern Virginia area, ages 40 – 70+, who hold social, cultural, and religious activities throughout the year. If you would like more information, please call Loida Lefebvre at 703-660-9187.