



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, January 15, 2007, Weekday**

9:00 The Dixon Family

**Tuesday, Jan. 16, Weekday**

6:30 Craig Richardson  
9:00 The Giaimo Family

**Wednesday, Jan. 17, Anthony, abbot**

6:30 Kurt Bubolz †  
9:00 The Thunder Family

**Thursday, Jan. 18, Weekday**

6:30 Noah Sidenburg †  
9:00 Carolyn, Jack, Dodi Reagan †

**Friday, Jan. 19, Weekday**

6:30 Mary Warchot  
9:00 The Myer Family

**Saturday, Jan. 20, Fabian, pope, martyr; Sebastian, martyr; Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:15 Betty Kornieck †  
5:00 William Hundley †

**Sunday, Jan. 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 Louis Mehrtens †  
9:00 Jose & Alice Marques †  
10:30 People of the Parish  
12:00 Edward O'Keefe †

**Readings for the Week of January 14, 2007**

Sunday Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11  
Monday Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110; Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111; Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110; Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday Heb 7:25---8:6; Ps 40; Mk 3:7-12  
Friday Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85; Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47; Mk 3:20-21



**Please Pray For**

Ronald Bashion  
Sonja &  
Soraya Borghese  
Esperanza Castillo  
Juan Chirino  
Harry Clarke  
Michael Clarke  
Carol Coad  
Vincent Corcoran  
Edward Cotter  
Estelle Danielson  
Marie Davalos  
John Delaney  
Lucille Dion  
Denis Downey, Jr.  
Bryan Downie  
Pam Dunne  
Marie Gillespie  
Alex Hargenrader  
Kathleen Harrington  
Charles Harrison  
Gary & Cindy Hogan

Laura Holleran  
Maureen Hollingsworth  
Muriel Jennings  
Mary Johnson  
Billee Jordan  
Blanche Kane  
Kathleen Keane  
Alice Koutsoumpas  
Katherine Malcolm  
John Malloy  
Annette McGovern  
Kaden T. Messing  
Ferenc Molnar  
Matthew Morgan  
Marilyn Middleton  
Nancy Miller  
Monica Mizerek  
June Nage  
Ernest Oddono  
Kennedy O'Donnell  
John Ozimina  
Al Parsons

Joseph Riotto  
Lois Riscile  
Edelisa Samson  
Margaret Serrao  
Leah Shannon  
Barbara Skylell  
Mary Spann  
Margaret Stimpfle  
Kimberly Strocka  
Eileen Sweeney  
Raymond Vagli  
Siegfried Wolf

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

**From the Pastor**

It's time to leave behind the wonderful Christmas that we enjoyed and move on. Again on behalf of myself and the other priests I want to thank those parishioners who remembered us at Christmas time. Be assured, we remembered you.

We are still waiting for the Holy Father to issue the two documents having to do with the liturgy. Last November Vatican sources said their release was "imminent", two weeks ago one of the Roman Cardinals involved with one of the documents replied "subito" when asked by a reporter when they would come out. Subito can be translated as "now" or "very soon". The Romans obviously have a different take on time than we do.

I want to publicly thank Blessed Theresa of Calcutta for the many blessings she has obtained for this parish, especially the school. One of these blessings is a generous bequest to the school for tuition assistance for those who cannot afford Catholic Education. I have designated this apostolic work, Project Fr. Solanus Casey in honor of the Detroit Capuchin miracle-worker who worked among the poor. Aren't our friends in heaven great! Blessed be the Communion of Saints.



**Please Pray for the  
Repose of the Souls of  
Pacita Gonzaga and  
Hortensia Von Bredow**



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW  
PARISHIONERS:**

Mr. & Mrs. Juan Villar, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Digges, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dolan, Miss Mary Elizabeth Murphy, Mr. & Mrs. Enriquez-Hesles, Col. & Mrs. Fischer

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions Jan.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.



Religious Education

No CCD classes Sun. Jan. 14, Mon. Jan. 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

In Our Parish



March for Life

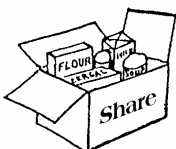
**DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE!**

Please mark your calendar for Monday, January 22nd and arrange to take the day off from work or school, and plan to join your fellow parishioners, family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers for this important event. If you need transportation a bus will be provided which will leave the parish parking lot at approximately 11:30am. Please sign up for this service on the sheet located in the church vestibule. Remember to **DRESS WARMLY!!!**

**Looking for ways to get involved in Pro-Life activities?** On Sunday, January 21st, a table will be set up in the Parish Hall during Coffee & donuts in the morning and again in the evening from 7:00 - 9:00pm to display Pro-Life information and organizations to support. **FREE** Pro-Life stickers will be available to place on your cars and on your clothing for the March for Life.

**STUDENTS FOR LIFE OF AMERICA CONFERENCE** is on Sat. Jan. 20 at Catholic University. Register at [www.studentsforlife.org](http://www.studentsforlife.org) or call 703-351-6280.

**OVER 50 CLUB:** See you this Monday, January 15th, for our Monthly Mass and luncheon. Mass will be at 11:30 am followed by lunch at noon in the parish hall. We will be welcoming in the new year with entertainment by "Gotta Dance". The group of tap dancing ladies is sure to enliven the event. For information call Nancy Ingrisano at 703-356-5538.



**SHARE SUNDAY** will be **January 21** and a vehicle will be parked outside church to receive your donations. Special needs include paper products, laundry and dish detergent, sugar, flour and cooking oil. Monetary donations to help families with emergency needs such as rent, utilities, medical and dental bills will also be gratefully accepted. Please make checks payable to St. John Church with "Share" on the memo line. Thanks for your support.



**MARTIN LUTHER KING** observance is Monday, Jan. 15 and the office will be closed and there will be **no 6:30 am Mass.**



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.

Catechisms are invaluable aids in learning and in teaching the faith. The WORD carries three catechisms: The full **Catechism of the Catholic Church**, the **Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church** (Q & A format), and the **United States Catechism for Adults**. Please stop by and review these important books to see which one may meet your needs.

**THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:**

**Tues. - Fri. 11:00 am- 2:00 pm & Sat. 10:00 am-1:00 pm.** We are having a half-price sale on **Children's Clothing, Accessories and Toys**. Because of our limited storage space we are currently accepting donations of winter clothing only. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions call 703-356-7420 during business hours.



**CALLING PROSPECTIVE AND EXISTING KNIGHTS...**

Now is your chance to become a Knight and take advantage of a fast track opportunity to attain your 3rd Degree --- all in one week! If you are interested, please reserve Tuesday evening, January 23, 7:00pm, for a 1st Degree Ceremony hosted by Father Diamond Council (at St. Leo's), by contacting Mike Mancino (703-790-1417) or Dr. Kurt Maggio (703-848-0273).

For existing Knights, those indoctrinated on January 23, you can attain your 2nd and 3rd Degrees that same week by attending a 2nd Degree ceremony Thursday evening, January 25, and a 3rd Degree Ceremony on Saturday, January 27, both hosted by Father Diamond Council. Again, we ask you to contact either Mike or Kurt. Hope to see all our prospects on 23 January and welcome you into the Knights of Columbus.

**MOTHERS GROUP** invites all mothers to please join the Mothers Group on Friday, January 19 in the Adult Ed Room from 10:00 am -12:00 noon. Guest speaker will be Father Michael Sliney, LC, founder of the Leadership Training Program, a program for boys in 5th - 8th grade. Topic: *Raising Boys to Men and the Power of a Mother's prayer.* Baby-sitter provided. Please

RSVP to **Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Daily Mass: Monday, Jan. 15, 2007**

9:00 am Hoernig, Potocki

**Novena/Mass: Wed. Jan. 17**

7:30 pm D'Ermes, Duffey, P. Loria

**Saturday: Jan. 20**

8:15 am Stechschulte, Girardi, Gross

5:00 pm Vigil A. Prabhu, Jabbour, J. & W. Tidwell

**Sunday Masses: Jan. 21**

7:30 am Delvecchio, Riordan, Burelli

9:00 am Bello, Murry, M. & M. Sniezek

10:30 am Himpler, Hickey, Gross, Crnkovich

12:00 pm P. & J. McCoy, Tata, C. & H. Dixon, Schuman,  
J. & D. McGiffin



**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.

**2007 ST. JOHN ACADEMY WINTER BALL**

*Friday, January 26, 2007*

*Ritz Carlton, Tysons Corner Hotel*

*6:00 pm Reception/ Silent Auction bidding*

*8:00 pm Dinner/ 9:30 pm Live Auction*

*Dancing follows Auction*


*Info: Jennifer Lunde 703-536-3358*



**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.



**Senior Youth Group Website— [www.sjsyq.org](http://www.sjsyq.org)**

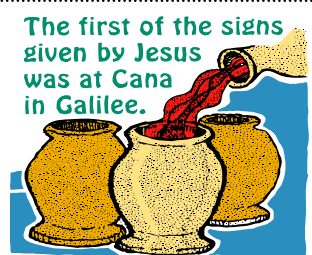
**NEXT SENIOR YOUTH MEETING ~**  
**SUNDAY, February 4, 2007**



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 needed 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.

**NOTE:** **NO CAR MAY BE LEFT OVERNIGHT ON PARISH PROPERTY,** this includes the school, without the Pastor's permission. It's against the law to have your car on church property (which is private property) at night without permission. If you need to park your car on the property, please contact Fr. McAfee or, in his absence, Fr. Gripshover. When you have obtained permission then call the parish office and inform them so that you may fill out the required paperwork. There have been recent occasions when a car was left for several days without permission and it makes it impossible for the telephone company to do their work. Cars parked without permission will be towed.

**THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS:** Because of you, this bulletin is furnished to our parish without charge. We hope that our kind sponsors renew their ads, and if others are interested in placing a new ad please call Diocesan Publications at 1-800-233-8200.

From this week's scriptures:



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 14, 2007	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>NO CCD PreK - K</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>No 6:30 am Mass</b>	<b>CCD Gr. 1 - 8</b> 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Confessions 6:45 -7:15 pm	RCIA 7:00 pm	<b>Mothers Group</b> 10:00 am	<b>Jr. Legion of Mary</b> 10:00 DR Rm
<b>TOMORROW:</b> 	<u>Sew &amp; So Forth</u> 9:45 am DR Rm	<u>Adult Education Bible Study</u> 7:30 pm	<u>Novena Prayers &amp; Rosary</u> 7:10 <u>Eucharistic Holy Hour</u> 7:30	<u>St. John Choir</u> 7:30 pm		
	<u>Senior Luncheon</u>	<u>School Open House</u> 9:00 am	<u>School Science Fair</u>			
	<b>NO CCD Gr. 1,2,3</b>					
	<u>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 pm DR Rm					

From the Office of Evangelization . . .

## LEARNING THE FAITH

### SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION PART II

## THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Confirmation is one of the most misunderstood Sacraments among Catholics today. For many Catholics, Confirmation is seen as a sort of Christian Bar mitzvah, or rite of passage, whereby teenage Catholics make their personal choice for Christ. Unfortunately, this misunderstanding often creates a bargaining tool for Christian parents. "If you complete CCD this year and get confirmed, you won't have to go anymore," the all-to-prevalent argument goes. For the teenager on the receiving end of this negotiation, Confirmation becomes the passageway to freedom; freedom from CCD, and eventually, freedom from Church.

Far from being a teenage rite of passage, Confirmation is the second-part of what Saint Cyprian called a "double sacrament." Baptism, whereby the person is plunged into the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, and Confirmation, whereby the person receives the gift of the Holy Spirit, are intimately united in such a way that Baptism prepares for and begins what will be completed and perfected in Confirmation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church warns that the "unity" of these sacraments "must be safeguarded" (CCC 1285). Historically, the Sacrament of Confirmation was bestowed upon the newly baptized immediately after Baptism. Thus, even infants received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the day of their Baptism. Again, far from being the mature and informed decision of a pubescent teenager, this mystery of the Catholic Faith was originally bestowed upon those who were not old enough to speak. Then what is this sacrament all about?

The Sacrament of Confirmation is given by an anointing with sacred chrism (holy oil), and as with Baptism, it is not a uniquely Christian practice. In the Old Testament, oil was poured upon the head of the priests and kings as a sign of their consecration to the Lord. The chrism was, for Israel, the symbol of the descent of the Holy Spirit, which likened one to God by a sharing in divine life. The person who received this holy anointing, or *chrisma*, was called the "*christos*;" one who had received the chrism. Thus, a Hebrew King who had been anointed at his divine election was called the Christ (Heb., *Messiah*), and was given dominion over the kingdom of Israel. Throughout the writings of the prophets, we are told of a *Messiah* (Gk. *Christos*, Eng., Anointed) who would save the world from sin.

On the banks of the Jordan River, stood the One who was to come. Jesus, Son of Man and Son of God descended into the water to regain for man what

Adam had lost, a share in the divine life. Destroying the power of death, Our Lord was reborn at the hand of the Baptist and immediately the Holy Spirit descended upon his head. This moment of public anointing, of declaration that the Christ had come, was the beginning of Our Lord's public ministry. It was the beginning of the public working of the Holy Spirit at the hands of Christ (Acts 10:36-38). When John the Baptist sent his disciples to Jesus to find out if he was indeed the Messiah, Our Lord answered, "the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up" (Matt 11:5). In other words, the Holy Spirit was at work in the hands of Jesus, reconciling a sick world with it's God. Through the work of his hands, Jesus was shown to be the Christ!

Having been baptized into Christ, having died with him and having been raised with him, we who have received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, as Saint Cyril of Jerusalem states, "are rightly called Christ." "He (Jesus), having bathed in the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended personally upon Him . . . you also, when you came out of the pool of the sacred water, you received the anointing, the sacrament of that with which Christ was anointed."

Far from the modern emaciated misunderstanding of Confirmation as a rite of passage, Confirmation is the gift of the Holy Spirit whereby those who have been reborn into Christ are given a share in his divine life, in his kingship, and in his priesthood. Now we who have been confirmed in Christ, have the Holy Spirit working through us, reconciling the world to the loving Creator (cf. 2 Cor 5:16-21). Thus, rather than the sign of a mature decision already made, the Holy Anointing of Confirmation bestows upon those who come to receive this gift, the seal of the Spirit of God. Far from being the end, Confirmation is the beginning of our training for the battle; a battle that will not end until all of creation is reconciled to God.

If you are a baptized Christian who has not received the gift of the Holy Spirit through the Holy Anointing of Confirmation, please see your parish priest today. Do not delay! God is waiting for you to allow him to perfect what was begun in you on the day of your Baptism.

If you are a baptized Christian who has received the gift of Holy Confirmation, your battle has already begun! You are a soldier in the army of the Lord. If you open your life to him, and ask him to use you to further his kingdom, you will truly be amazed at what the Holy Spirit can accomplish through your hands.

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Salvation History Bible Study  
(Learn how to read the Bible)  
Tuesdays at 7:30 pm Adult Ed room  
Now through February 20

## *From the Music Desk...*

We had a beautiful Advent and Christmas season here at Saint John the Beloved. Today we enter into the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**. I have gleaned some information for you. Please read on.

In the Roman Catholic Church, Ordinary Time begins on the day following the [Baptism of the Lord](#) (liturgical color: white), the feast which normally falls on the Sunday after Epiphany ([6 January](#)) (white). American Catholics have altered the calendar so that Epiphany always falls on a Sunday; in those years when the Epiphany falls on January 7 or January 8, the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Monday immediately following the Epiphany.

Ordinary Time continues until [Ash Wednesday](#) (violet), which marks the beginning of the Season of [Lent](#) (violet). Thus for Roman Catholics, the period of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent may last from four to nine weeks, depending upon the dates of Epiphany (American Catholics) and Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a [moveable feast](#) based on the date of [Easter](#) (white).

Ordinary Time resumes on the Monday following Pentecost (red) and continues through Saturday afternoon before the first Sunday of [Advent](#) (violet, or blue in some traditions), some five or six months later. The last Sunday before [Advent](#) is celebrated as the [Solemnity of Christ the King](#) (white) and in the Roman Catholic Church always takes the place of the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the actual number of weeks of Ordinary Time in any given year can total 33 or 34. When there are only 33 weeks, the week that would normally follow the resumption of Ordinary Time following Pentecost Sunday is omitted. For example in a year with only 33 weeks in Ordinary Time, if the Sunday before Ash Wednesday were the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the day after Pentecost Sunday would begin the 8th Week in Ordinary Time.

The term *Ordinary Time* was first used with the liturgical reforms which followed the [Second Vatican Council](#). The reformed [liturgical](#) calendar took effect on the first Sunday of [Advent](#) in [1969](#) (before this there were two distinct seasons known as the season after Epiphany and the season after [Pentecost](#) respectively). Since then, many [Protestant](#) churches have also adopted the concept, along with the [Revised Common Lectionary](#) which is based on the Catholic liturgical reforms of the late 1960's.

If you would like more information about liturgical seasons of the church, please take a look at the following website: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ordinary\\_Time](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ordinary_Time)

The Saint John Academy Treble Choir is now accepting new members. If your child (ages 8-12) is interested in singing or if you would like for your child(ren) to be part of a quality team of practiced and educated singers, please contact the music office at 703-356-3639 for further information. The newly formed Treble Choir has received RAVE reviews for their performance at the Saint John Academy Christmas program and their leadership at the 12:00 noon Mass on December 24th. GO TREBLES!!

Musically,

Director Lang

## *In Our Area*

### **THEOLOGY COURSES AT CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE NOTRE DAME GRADUATE SCHOOL:**

Spring semester starts January 15. Low tuition & discounts for catechists and seniors. For more information call 703-658-4304.

### **SHARE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND ITS SINCERE**

thanks to the parishioners of St. John for their generous contributions during the holiday season. The Christmas Gift Store and certificates for food helped to make the holidays brighter for over 200 families in need, many of whom were referred by Fairfax County and who otherwise would have had no help. A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who assisted in so many ways to make this possible.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP:** Young adults ages 21-39 are invited to Pat Troy's pub in Alexandria on Mondays, Jan. 8 - Feb. 12. "*Lessons in Heroic Virtue*" will be the topic. Come for food and fellowship and to discuss the Catholic faith with other young people. This series speakers may be found on the website. [yam@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:yam@arlingtondiocese.org) or Call 703-841-2550

**LADIES U-KNIGHTED** is looking for new members. We support and promote the goals of the Knights of Columbus, Edward Douglass White Council, by raising funds through volunteer efforts. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month in Arlington. Call Jo Balsamo Wood at 703-263-1185 for more information.

**DIOCESAN KINDERGARTEN FAIR** will be held on Monday, Jan. 22 in Benedict Hall at 6:30pm at St. Charles Church in Arlington. 703-527-0608. Information on a Catholic education and our Diocesan curriculum will be discussed. Principals and teachers from several Catholic schools will be available to meet with parents. Information on applications, financial aid, after-school programs and Preschool.

**POST-ABORTION EDUCATIONAL EVENT:** Come to the St. Thomas More Cathedral Fri. Jan. 19 at 8:30 am to noon to hear speaker Vicki Thorn, Founder of Project Rachel discuss the outreach program of our diocese for those suffering from abortion. The Office for Family Life 703-841-2504 provides more information as well as the following: [projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org)

**HOPE OF N. VIRGINIA** is in need of volunteers for its pregnancy assistance center in Falls Church. A spring training program begins Feb. 27. Please call to volunteer at 703-536-2020.

**FR. GROESCHEL** will be at Blessed Sacrament Church on Mon. Jan. 22 at 6:30 pm for Holy Hour for Life and a 7:30 pm talk on "The New Psychology: Is Virtue 'In'?"