

**Mon. Jan. 22, 2007, Weekday; Vincent, deacon, martyr**

6:30 Crumm Family  
9:00 Lawrence Honis †



*Mass  
Intentions  
Of The  
Week*

**Tuesday, Jan. 23, Weekday**

6:30 Fordham Family  
9:00 Helen Reamer

**Wednesday, Jan. 24, Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor of the church**

6:30 Eck-Rucker  
9:00 Mary Campbell †

**Thursday, Jan. 25, The Conversion of Paul, apostle**

6:30 John & Kim Francis  
9:00 Betty Kornieck †

**Friday, Jan. 26, Timothy and Titus, bishops**

6:30 John W. McCarthy †  
9:00 Margery Tracy †

**Saturday, Jan. 27, Weekday; Angela Merici, virgin; Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:15 Clete Limpach †  
5:00 Laura Behr †

**Sunday, Jan. 28, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 Helen Uzarowski †  
9:00 Ludobina & Jose Esteves †  
10:30 Thomas C. Lane †  
12:00 People of the Parish

**Readings for the Week of January 21, 2007**

Sunday Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19;  
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27;  
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
Monday Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98; Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40; Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110; Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117;  
Mk 16:15-18  
Friday 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 37; Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-70,  
71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41

**From the Pastor**

The delay for the construction of the garage is not the fault of your pastor, the delay is due to the Diocese. The delay has cost us more money (the project is now more expensive). It should begin any day now (I hope). The next Rooted in Faith project is the Garden for the Unborn which will be completed this Spring. Since we are doing it all ourselves and the cost is below \$20,000 it requires no other involvement but ourselves. Then after that will be the renovation and enlargement of the parish hall. This will take place this summer and will include a total renovation of the restroom as well as the hall and kitchen.

I have sent a letter from myself and the parish finance council to the Diocese asking for the go-ahead on the hall. When the new parish hall has been completed I am naming it Cauwe Hall after our founding pastor. All this is made possible by our percentage of the Bishop's Rooted in Faith Capital Campaign which occurred back in 2001. As you know the parish receives 20% of all proceeds and when a certain level is reached (which we have attained) the parish receives 50%. So I ask any of you who have unpaid pledges to the Capital Campaign to please pay off your pledge. Thank you.

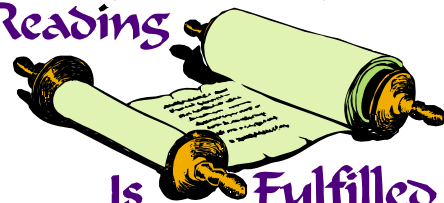


**Please Pray For**

Ronald Bashion	Gary & Cindy Hogan	John Ozimina
Sonja &	Laura Holleran	Al Parsons
Soraya Borghese	Maureen Hollingsworth	Joseph Riotto
Esperanza Castillo	Muriel Jennings	Lois Riscile
Juan Chirino	Mary Johnson	Edelisa Samson
Harry Clarke	Billee Jordan	Margaret Serrao
Michael Clarke	Blanche Kane	Leah Shannon
Carol Coad	Kathleen Keane	Barbara Skylell
Vincent Corcoran	Alice Koutsoumpas	Mary Spann
Edward Cotter	Katherine Malcolm	Margaret Stimpfle
Estelle Danielson	John Malloy	Kimberly Strocka
Marie Davalos	Annette McGovern	Eileen Sweeney
John Delaney	Kaden T. Messing	Raymond Vagli
Lucille Dion	Ferenc Molnar	Siegfried Wolf
Denis Downey, Jr.	Matthew Morgan	
Bryan Downie	Marilyn Middleton	
Pam Dunne	Nancy Miller	
Marie Gillespie	Monica Mizerek	
Alex Hargenrader	June Nage	
Kathleen Harrington	Ernest Oddono	
Charles Harrison	Kennedy O'Donnell	

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

**Today This Scripture Reading**



**Is Fulfilled In Your Hearing.**

**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.

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.



**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.



*In Appreciation*

Thank you to Gloria Carleton who has been the leader of the Sew & So Forths Sewing

Group that meets every Monday at the church. Thank you Gloria, for your 25+ years of service. Gladys Brennan will be the new person to contact if you are interested in joining these ladies with nimble needles. 703-821-2547.



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.

Tomorrow is the annual March for Life. The WORD has several books on Catholic doctrine that can help you understand and also explain to others the necessity of protecting life from conception to natural death. We also have a beautiful pro-life book on life in the womb written especially for children.

**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 **1/2 price sale** on **All Items except those specially marked.**

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 during business hours (703) 356-7420.

**OVER 50 CLUB:**

Start planning now for the next Seniors Luncheon on Monday, February 19 (President's Day), in the parish hall. Our guest speakers will address us on local and state-wide activities commemorating the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown. A luncheon sign-up sheet will be posted next week. For information call Nancy Ingrisano at 703-356-5538.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**CHANGE:** Since our Mass times have changed, we also

need to change the Mass intentions to reflect that the 12:00 noon Mass will be for the People of the Parish. If you have a Mass scheduled for 2007 at 12:30 (old time), it will be transferred to the 10:30 time slot.



**TODAY IS SHARE SUNDAY:**

Contributions may be placed in the vehicle parked outside church or in the Share Basket in the vestibule. Monetary donations to help families with emergencies 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. Thank you for your continued support.



**DO YOU HAVE TIME BETWEEN 2: 00 & 3:00 PM ON WEDNESDAYS?**

We are in need of permanent adorers to fill this timeslot for Eucharistic Adoration. Perhaps you are a new parishioner and aren't aware of our all-day Adoration. Could you help us out? Please contact Ann Thunder 703-442-0668 or Lori Francis 703-532-3273.

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Novena/Mass: Jan. 24, 2007**

7:30 pm P. & B. Pacious, Schuman

**Saturday: Jan. 27**

8:15 am C. & Joe Beatty, Burelli

5:00 pm **Vigil** Grady, D'Ermes, Myer, Riordan

**Sunday Masses: Jan. 28**

7:30 am Duffey, K. & A. Clark

9:00 am Hoernig, Guillen, Coolidge, Hickey

10:30 am Quinn, A. & P. & S. Loria

12:00 pm Manns, Ogdod, Crouch, M. & M. Sniezek, C. Evans



**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.

**BISHOP O'CONNELL SUPERDANCE FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS:** Since, 1975, Bishop O'Connell has hosted its annual fundraising event, Superdance. As the largest high school fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in the nation, and one of the largest high school fundraising events in the country, O'Connell has raised over \$2,000,000 over the past 32 years. We will be collecting outside after Mass for this year's Superdance. Please invest in the lives of those with the disease. Working together we can help assure CF patients a brighter tomorrow and a better future. Every penny helps. Thanks and God Bless!



Next week: **Church in Latin America**

**COLLECTION**



**St. John Youth Corner**

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

**NEXT SENIOR YOUTH MEETING ~**

**SUNDAY, February 4, 2007**

**Sunday, Jan. 21 @ 7:00 pm**

**March for Life Meeting**

**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.**



**Parish Support**



**CONTRIBUTIONS:** To make contributing to St. John more convenient for our parishioners we can automatically debit your checking or savings account (EFT) from your own bank, or you may pay monthly with a credit card. You may come by the parish office to fill out forms to start this process.

**2007 PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST** is on! Open for 7th - 12th graders in home, parochial, private or public schools. Questions? Call Dr. K. Maggio at 703-848-0273. Deadline is Feb. 18. Monetary prizes.



**Your words, Lord, are SPIRIT and LIFE.**

**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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 21, 2007	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>CCD PreK - K</b> 10:30 - 11:30 am	<u>Sew &amp; So Forth</u> 9:45 am DR Rm <b>CCD Gr. 1,2,3</b> 4:30 - 5:30 pm <u>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 pm DR Rm	<b>CCD Gr. 1 - 8</b> 7:00 - 8:00 pm	<u>Confessions</u> 6:45 - 7:15 pm <u>Novena Prayers &amp; 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
Tomorrow: <b>MARCH FOR LIFE</b>						

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

**LEARNING THE FAITH**

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION part III**

**The Holy Eucharist: Food for the Journey**

Having been reborn with Jesus in the waters of the Jordan River, and having received the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Holy Confirmation, we stand this week with the disciples of Our Lord and listen as the Savior speaks the words of salvation, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give . . . is my flesh" (Jn 6:51). Why does Jesus offer us his flesh and blood to eat? Why is the Eucharist so central to our Christian life?

In order to understand the importance of the Eucharist to our lives as followers of Christ, it is necessary to consider this sacrament in light of Salvation History. Let us recall that in the beginning, God created man in his image and likeness, and offered him a share in the divine life. But man chose to seek life apart from God, and to his bitter dismay he discovered only death. Instead of freedom and power, mankind discovered bondage and exile; bondage to the Devil and exile from God. Throughout the Old Testament, we hear the story of mankind's struggle to restore its relationship with the Creator, and find its way back to that Garden of Delight lost by our first parents. From the story of Cain and Abel, to that of the Maccabees, over and over again we read the sad tale of a wandering people trying to make their way home to God.

It was because of this exile from Paradise, the home of the Heavenly Father, that our loving God sent his only Son. The Word of God, born of the Father from all eternity, was born of the Virgin Mary to find the children of God, lost in a world of sin. Being God, Jesus knew where his lost children were to be found; being God, Jesus knew what his children would need for the journey home.

It was within this worldview, the view of a world stained by the sin of our first parents and estranged from its loving God, that Jesus delivered to us the mystery of his life-giving flesh. It is therefore necessary to gain a right understanding of this unfathomable gift by seeking insight into this mystery within its historical perspective.

It was not by chance that the night on which Jesus chose to communicate his Eucharistic flesh to mankind was that of the Jewish festival of Passover. Let us recall that, for Israel, the feast of Passover commemorated the night of deliverance from the bondage of slavery in Egypt and from the death of the firstborn as the angel of God passed over the houses of Israel. . At the first Passover, each family sacrificed

an unblemished lamb, spread its blood upon the mantle of their door, and gathered together in the dark of night to prepare for their journey out of slavery in Egypt to the mountain of promise. To prepare for this long journey, the sacrificed lamb became their nourishment; it was upon the flesh of the Passover lamb that each family fed in order to strengthen them for the long journey ahead. It was this event which was commemorated by Israel each year at the feast of Passover, and it was this event that Jesus chose as the backdrop to his own passion; the Passover that would change the world forever.

As Jesus sat with his closest followers on the night of the festival meal, while all of Jerusalem ate the sacrificial Passover lamb, the words of John the Baptist must have rung in ears of the disciples, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). If Jesus was the true Passover lamb, as John the Baptist had rightly proclaimed, then only one thing remained to be accomplished: he must be sacrificed, and his followers must eat his flesh as their nourishment for the journey of their lives. This journey would take them from the bondage of the world, to the Paradise of God. And the Lamb of God said, "Take, eat, this is my body" (Matt 26:26). With these words, the world was given what only God could provide: the Lamb of sacrifice that would be for the "healing of the nations" (Rev 22:2). With these words, mankind was given the nourishment for its journey back to Paradise.

Two thousand years later, we who worship the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for our salvation, gather at each Mass for the celebration of the Passover feast. This Passover frees us from the darkness of our spiritual Egypt, and brings us to the Light of the Garden of God. For the man who receives this great gift of God, life can never be the same. We come born again in Holy Baptism and Anointed for the Passover feast in Holy Confirmation. We come prepared for this great mystery as children on the pilgrimage of life. Come to the table of the Lamb, and eat the food of salvation, the Holy Eucharist, and let us never turn back to the land of bondage, but always journey toward the land of promise.

**Saint John Institute Presents:**  
*(St. John's Adult Ed Program)*

**Who Are You?**  
 The Nature of Man  
**Dr. John Cuddeback**  
 Wednesday's @ 8:00 PM- Jan 24, 31, & Feb 7  
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**Salvation History Bible Study**  
 Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm through February 20  
**Q? - Call the Office of Evangelization @ 703-504-8733**

## *From the Music Desk...*



Attention all parents: the Saint John Academy **Treble Choir** of children is now accepting new members. The Treble Choir is a group of interested students from grades 3 - 8 who want to learn more about the human voice and how to sing with expertise. It is like any sports team, school club, or group activity where members actually learn the rules (in this case... how to read music and sing properly); fine-tune and display their skills (through practices / rehearsals / Mass); function under the guidance of a coach (ME---Mr. Lang.) The Treble Choir has had a wonderful first semester, and it is now time to open the door to newcomers. AND, now that we have reached the halfway point in the school year, those in the **SECOND GRADE** may join. The Treble Choir meets every Tue. Wed. and Thu. mornings at 7:30 a.m. Miss Bissex, our school music instructor, has graciously offered to work with our newcomers as they assimilate into the present choir. See below for information on how to reach me.

Now, **ATTENTION all teenagers and adults** who like to sing: it's time to form a volunteer choir. Four to five of you have expressed an interest in this type of unique ministry. More are needed to form a choir for the 10:30am Mass on Sundays. Sign up NOW! Rehearsals would likely be held in the choir room on Wednesday evenings. Warm up for 10:30 Mass on Sundays would likely begin at 9:15. See below for information on how to reach me.

Let me hear from you! The sky is the limit. The choir room number is 703-356-3639 and my email is [dlangee@yahoo.com](mailto:dlangee@yahoo.com)

In Christ,

Mr. Lang

## *In Our Area*

**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.

**FILIPINO FAMILY FUND** invites you to attend the inaugural reception honoring Congressman Chris Smith & his wife. After the March for Life on Mon. Jan. 22 there will be a reception from 5 - 7 pm at 520 N. Capitol, NW Washington. \$35 heavy hors d'oeuvres. There are several special guests. Fr. Jerome Magat will be giving the benediction. **[emc@FilipinoFamilyFund.org](mailto:emc@FilipinoFamilyFund.org)** or call 703-314-3020 for more information.

**BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL GALA & AUCTION**, "Mission: Possible" is on Saturday, Jan. 27 at the McLean Hilton starting at 5:30 pm. Proceeds from this event continue to upgrade the technology infrastructure of the school. Information 703-237-1437.

**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.

**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'?"

**RETROUVAILLE**, a program for married couples who are frustrated in their marriage, has an upcoming Jan. 26 weekend planned. Call 703-351-7211 or visit our website:

**[www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)**