

Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, Weekday

6:30 Richard Pabst †

9:00 Margaret Higgins †

Tuesday, Jan. 30, Weekday

6:30 William Cain †

9:00 Helene McGrath †

Wednesday, Jan. 31, John Bosco, priest

6:30 Susan J. Kelly †

9:00 Elizabeth Kornieck †

Thursday, February 1, Weekday

6:30 John Holland †

9:00 John Holland †

Friday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord

6:30 Marie Petros †

9:00 Frances Ozimina †

**Saturday, Feb. 3, Weekday; Blaise, bishop, martyr;
Ansgar, bishop; Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:15 Chuck Brutza †

5:00 Nora & Edward McLaughlin †

Sunday, Feb. 4, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Geraldine Shahin †

9:00 Alberto F. Esteves †

10:30 Helen Murphy †

12:00 People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of January 28, 2007

Sunday	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30
Monday	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48; Mk 6:7-13
Friday	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23; Mk 6:30-34



*Mass
Intentions
Of The
Week*

From the Pastor



This Friday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, popularly known as **Candlemas Day**. On Friday, 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 blessed candles in their homes. 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.

There will be a special Mass on Candlemas Day on February 2. We will have a 7:30 pm Mass which will begin with the blessing of the candles and procession. The Mass will be celebrated in candlelight. Blessed candles will be available after the 7:30 Mass for a small donation.

The day after the Candlemas another sacramental is administered ~ ~ the blessing of the throats. Throats will be blessed on Saturday morning after the 8:15 Mass and before First Saturday devotions.*

This week is Catholic Schools Week. We salute the great work that our parish school is doing. How can you support the school? By your prayers and by your support for its activities. Donations are always welcome and are the best investments. Imagine what a blessing it is to have one person praying for you. What a blessing when there are 230 people praying for you!



Please Pray For

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| Ronald Bashion | Laura Holleran | Al Parsons |
| Sonja & | Maureen Hollingsworth | Joseph Riotto |
| Soraya Borghese | Muriel Jennings | Lois Riscile |
| Esperanza Castillo | Mary Johnson | Edelisa Samson |
| Juan Chirino | 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 Downey | Marilyn Middleton | |
| Pam Dunne | Nancy Miller | |
| Marie Gillespie | Monica Mizerek | |
| Alex Hargenrader | June Nage | |
| Kathleen Harrington | Ernest Oddono | |
| Charles Harrison | Kennedy O'Donnell | |
| Gary & Cindy Hogan | John Ozimina | |
- Please let us know when you would like to be taken off the prayer list.**
Rectory Staff

**Fri. Feb. 2: First Friday
Special Candlemas Mass 7:30 pm
(Eucharistic Adoration resumes
following this Mass)**

**Sat. Feb. 3: First Saturday Mass 8:15 am
*Blessing of the Throats (St. Blaise)
First Saturday Devotions**

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.

In Our Parish



FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY (24-hour Eucharistic Adoration):

after the 9:00 am Mass on Friday, until the 8:15 am Saturday Mass followed by First Saturday Devotions as requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

ADORERS ARE NEEDED EVERY FIRST FRIDAY and First Saturday of each 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.

The Catechist Resource Group presents:

Pope Benedict XVI & The Reform of the Liturgy

A Morning Conference on Saturday, Feb. 10
St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, Va.

Rev. Franklyn M. McAfee, D.D.
Pastor, St. John the Beloved, McLean
& Rev. Paul D. Scalia
Parochial Vicar, St. Rita, Alexandria

- 8:45 am Holy Mass
- 9:15 am Registration/ Continental Breakfast
- 9:45 am "The History & Development of the Roman Rite" by Fr. McAfee
- 11:00 am "Pope Benedict XVI & Liturgical Reform" by Fr. Scalia
- 12:00 noon Closing Prayers & Door Prizes

Please mail your reservation fee in advance (\$10) to Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, 46639 Algonkian Parkway, Potomac Falls, VA. 20165. ATTN: Mrs. Sally Girardi, DRE (Payable to "Our Lady of Hope Parish")

Information: dnelson@st-andrew.org
Delores Nelson, DRE, St. Andrew Parish



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.

We have a few 2007 calendars left. We are offering these beautiful calendars, including the Calendar of Indulgences, for 50% the usual retail price. Supplies are limited so be sure to get your calendar today.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:

Tues. - Fri. 11:00 am- 2:00 pm & Sat. 10:00 am-1:00 pm.
We are continuing 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.



COLLECTION

Today's collection is for
the Church in Latin America

Pastoral projects & programmatic expenses for Latin America and the Caribbean are made possible through this collection.

Next week: Diocesan Newspaper



America's 400th Anniversary

OVER 50 CLUB: Local author Carole Herrick will join us on Monday, Feb. 19. She will discuss plans for the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Jamestown settlement. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am followed by

lunch at noon in the parish hall. A sign-up sheet can be found in the church vestibule. Please leave a check for \$20 may payable to St. John the Beloved, with Seniors on the payment line, in the parish office no later than Thursday, Feb. 15. For added information contact Nancy Ingrisano at 703-356-5538.

ATTENTION WOMEN

SAVE THE DATE MARCH 8: The Womens' Day of Recollection will be held on Thursday, March 8 at Marymount University. Rev. Gary Selin will be our Retreat Master.

More to come.....

Please Note 

During inclement weather our parish office follows the Fairfax County School schedule. If the school is delayed 2 hours, our office hours are delayed 2 hours.

I will SING of your
salvation.

In
Memoriam

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF HARRY CLARK & JOHN RICHARD BUSIK.

Altar Server Schedule

(note: We will begin listing family members together as one name this week.)

Novena/Mass: Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007

7:30 pm Hylton, Mehigans

Friday, Feb. 2, Candlemas Day

7:30 pm (special assignment)

Saturday: February 3

8:15 am Duffey, McCauley, Oeler

5:00 pm **Vigil** Kennedys, Zehnder, Russo

Sunday Masses: February 4

7:30 am Hoernig, Berry, D'Ernes

9:00 am O'Donnell, Himpler, Bello, Guillen

10:30 am Caron, Hurley, Defensor, Breed

12:00 pm Glover, Tata, A. & F. Mehigan, Moran,

C. Evans, Crouch



St. John Youth Corner

Senior Youth Group Website- www.sjsyq.org

**NEXT SENIOR YOUTH MEETING ~
SUNDAY, February 4 at 7:00 pm**

The topic will be LOLLIPOPS. We will have Open Gym and indoor soccer. Pizza is the menu selection. Bring a friend to the meeting and remember to sign up for the ski trip 2007!

Questions? Call Sabatino 703-504-8733.

SAINT JOHN



ACADEMY

Happy Catholic Schools Week

2007 PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST is on! Write a 500 - 700 page essay on end of life issues that includes a thesis, supporting points, conclusion. Use of source materials such as the Bible, Catechism, and papal encyclicals is permitted but must be noted. Themes may include the value of prayer, suffering, and human dignity. (See the website for more info). Open for 7th - 12th graders in home, parochial, private or public schools. Questions? Call Dr. Kurt Maggio at 703-848-0273. Deadline is Feb. 18. Monetary prizes.



OFFERING 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.



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.



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
DATE Jan. 28, 2007	29	30	31	February 1, 2007	2 First Friday	3 First Saturday
<u>CCD PreK - K</u> 10:30 - 11:30 am	<u>Sew & So Forth</u> 9:45 am DR Rm Catholic Schools Week <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 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>Who Are You/ Adult Ed series</u> 8:00 pm	<u>RCIA</u> 7:00 pm <u>St. John Choir</u> 7:30 pm	<u>Candlemas Day Mass</u> 7:30 pm 	<u>Blessing of the Throats (St. Blaise)</u> After 8:15 am Mass <u>Jr. Legion of Mary</u> 10:00 am

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

LEARNING THE FAITH

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION PART IV

The New Covenant

Having completed our festive celebrations of the Holy Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we now look forward to the beginning of the Lenten season. Over the past few weeks, we have reflected upon the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion). Let us now conclude these reflections by drawing upon our renewed understanding of these sacraments, and seek to understand each of them in light of the grander picture of God's desire for mankind.

Let us recall the principle of participation in divine life, as we have in past columns. When God created the world, he made man in his own image, after his own likeness, thus giving him a share in his own divine life and truly making him a son of God. But man despised this great gift of God and sought life apart from the Living One. As a result, God's masterpiece, the human race, found itself exiled from its creator and wandering in a world of sin. It was for this reason, as Saint Athanasius explains, that God the Father sent his only son to be born of the Virgin Mary "because it was He alone, the Image of the Father, Who could recreate man made after the Image" (*De Incarnatione*). Therefore, God became man and gave mankind back what had been lost by our first parents, namely the gift of divine sonship. In Christ, man is restored because in Christ, humanity and divinity are made one. This is the "New Covenant" that we hear about so often in the Sacred Scriptures. In a covenant, two parties are joined together and act as one in relation to the object sealed under the covenant agreement. Thus, for example, in the marriage covenant, the scriptures teach that a "man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh" (Gen 2:24). The New Covenant, in which divinity and humanity are made one, is simply Christ himself. In him, humanity and divinity are united and man is once again called a son of God. In the Son, we are made sons. As Saint Athanasius stated so bluntly, "God became man that man might become God" (*De Incarnatione*). This was the Father's plan for his creation in the beginning, and this was the reason that the Father sent his only begotten Son.

But some may respond, "How does all of this involve me?" It may be nice for Jesus that he is the Son of God, but what about me and you? This is where the sacraments come into the picture. The sacraments are not, as some may think, institutions invented by a medieval Church, but are God's own plan to bring a lost creation back into covenant with

him. As we learned regarding Holy Baptism, the person who enters into the sacred waters of the baptismal font, enters into the mystery of Christ's own death, burial, and resurrection (cf. Rom 6:1-11). The person who is anointed with the Holy Chrism of Confirmation is anointed with the same Spirit as Christ. And the person who receives the life-giving mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood in Holy Communion is given a share in God's own eternal life. Through the Holy Sacraments of the Catholic Church, the faithful followers of Christ enter as through a mysterious door, into God himself.

As we look forward in a few short weeks to the beginning of Lent, let us reflect more and more upon God's great plan for our life, a life that ultimately must be about one thing: entering more fully each day into the life of God. In this way we may one day be able to say with Saint Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 3:20). In the weeks ahead, let us begin our preparation for our full incorporation into Christ, let us begin now to die with Christ, let us begin now to be buried with Christ, so that when the forty long days of our Lenten journey come to their fulfillment in the morning of the Holy Resurrection of God, we too may walk forth from the tomb with the Risen One.

St. John Institute of Catholic Culture Presents:
(Saint John's Adult Education Program)

WHO ARE YOU?

THE PERENNIAL QUESTION OF MANKIND

- Dr. John Cuddeback -

Wednesdays Jan. 24, **Jan. 31** and Feb. 7.
8:00 pm (following Holy Hour)

SALVATION HISTORY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays - Jan. 30, Feb. 7, Feb. 14, and Feb. 20.

ISLAM

- Dr. William Marshner -
Saturday, Feb. 17 .

9:30 - 10:30 - Islam: Its History & Leaders
10:45 - 11:30 - Allah & Yahweh, Friends or Foes?
(Theological Considerations)

11:30 - 11:45 - Q & A

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

"Lent Practicum" w/ Fr. Gripshover
Sat. Feb. 24 at 9:30 am.

**QUESTIONS - CALL ST. JOHN'S OFFICE OF
EVANGELIZATION @ 703-504-8733**

Choir *From the Music Desk...*

In Our Area



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

In Christ,

Mr. Lang

MARYMOUNT GRADUATE BUSINESS INFO

SESSION: brunch on Sat. Feb. 3 at 10:30 am at MU's Ballston Center--1000 N. Glebe, Arlington. Learn about graduate degrees and professional certificates in several fields of study. For information call 703-284-5902 or www.marymount.edu/infosession

MOTHER/DAUGHTER OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Spend a winter night getting closer to your daughter and to Christ! An overnight retreat led by Legionnaires of Christ for mothers and daughters who have made their First Communion and older will be held on Feb. 18. The evening includes spiritual and practical talks for Moms and girls, craft activities, opportunity for confession, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Bring comfortable clothes and sleeping bags for the girls. \$95 per Mother/Daughter pair, \$20 for each additional Daughter. Begins on Sunday at 5:00 pm and ends on Monday with lunch (Monday is the President's Day Holiday). Space is Limited! Register today!!

THE CENTER FOR FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

7007 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817
301-365-0612 jnewstedt@bethesdaecd.org

SHARE of N. Virginia urgently needs **furniture** to distribute to people in need. Share, an all volunteer, non-profit organization, helps needy individuals & families in Arlington and Falls Church. Share picks up used furniture and delivers it without charge. Especially needed are beds, cribs, sofas, dining tables and chairs, dressers, chest of drawers. Donated furniture must be in good condition (such as furniture for your child's college room.) Please, no sofas, large pieces of furniture or large appliances. These donations are tax deductible. Please call 703-448-1054 and leave a message. Volunteers will call back to arrange for pickups which are done on Saturdays. iauerbach@cox.net

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 or Call 703-841-2550

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.