

Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, Weekday

6:30 Dottie Keene †
9:00 Audry Briseid †

Tuesday, Nov. 20, Weekday

6:30 Rose Mehrstens †
9:00 Marge Kremidas †

Wednesday, Nov. 21, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 Josephine Zabel †
9:00 Marge Kremidas †

Thursday, Nov. 22, Cecilia, virgin, martyr

9:00 People of the Parish

Fri. Nov. 23, Weekday; Clement I, pope, martyr; Columban, abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, priest, martyr

6:30 Margaret Kremidas †
9:00 Iluminada Arllano †

Sat., Nov. 24, Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyr & his companions, martyrs

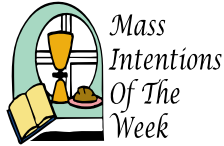
8:15 Mary Campbell †
5:00 Bernard & Philip Dever †

Sunday, Nov. 25, Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

7:30 Hugo & Beatrice Valdes †
9:00 Joao & Joaquina Margarinhos †
10:30 Priests of the Parish
12:00 People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of November 18, 2007

Sunday Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19
Monday 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50; Lk 19:41-44
Friday 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10, 11, 11-12, 12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9; Lk 20:27-40



Albert & Marie Balint
William T. Berry
Sonja & Soraya Borghese
Michelle Brewer
William Carnazzo
Esperanza Castillo
Juan Chirino
Michael Clarke
Carol Coad
Vincent Corcoran
Edward Cotter
Estelle Danielson
Marie Davalos
Lucille Dion
Denis Downey, Jr.
Bryan Downie
Pam Dunne
Phil Dunton
Winifred Feeney

Alec Gramann	Lang Nguyen
Kathleen Harrington	Ernest Oddono
Scott Harris	Al Parsons
Charles Harrison	Elia Priestley
Gary & Cindy Hogan	Joseph Riotto
Laura Holleran	Lois Riscile
Maureen Hollingsworth	Edelisa Samson
Muriel Jennings	Margaret Serrao
Mary Johnson	Leah Shannon
Mimi Johnson	Sister Marion
Billee Jordan	Barbara Skytell
Blanche Kane	Dolores Snyder
Shirley Kelley	Mary Spann
Col. James J. Kelly	Eileen Sweeney
Alice Koutsoumpas	Raymond Vagli
Katherine Malcolm	Theresa Vartanian
Annette McGovern	Graham Waite
Carter McNally	Mary Ellen Waite
Ferenc Molnar	Lily Winkle
Matthew Morgan	
Marilyn Middleton	
Edmund Milauckas	
Nancy Miller	
Monica Mizerek	
June Nage	

Let us know when you would like to be taken off the prayer list.

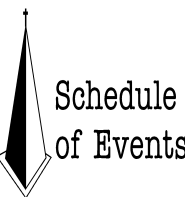
From the Pastor



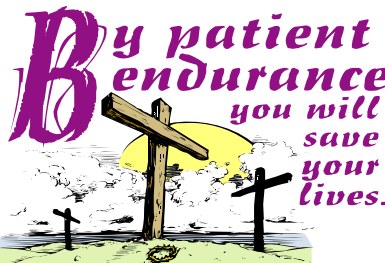
On Thanksgiving Day we will take up a collection which will be for Share and our own Parish Social Outreach. Please be generous.

The Chant workshop that was held here was a success. We had a self-imposed limit of 100 attendees and we surpassed that number. Although we hosted the workshop and sponsored it, it drew people from 6 states and several dioceses. We will continue with another one next year. This workshop as with similar workshops across the country (as well as the one each summer at Catholic University) is a response to Pope Benedict's pastoral exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis* (The Sacrament of Love) in which he strongly urges the use of Gregorian Chant in our liturgies. The workshop is also a response to the Second Vatican Council which said that Gregorian Chant was to be given pride of place in the Mass.

We will be introducing more chant into our Masses soon.



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is Sat. Dec. 8 and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses: 8:15, 10:00, & 11:45 am. There will be a Vigil Mass on Fri. Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm. First Friday Adoration will be interrupted for an hour for the Vigil Mass and will resume afterwards.



The LORD comes to Rule the EARTH with JUSTICE.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions Nov. 2007

General: That those dedicated to medical research and all those engaged in legislative activity may always have deep respect for human life from its beginning to its natural conclusion.

Mission: That in the Korean Peninsula the spirit of reconciliation and peace may grow.



Religious Education

FIRST PENANCE & FIRST COMMUNION MEETING:

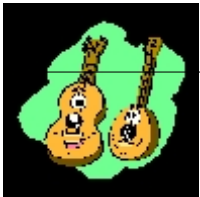
Fr. Gripshover will be conducting the Parents' First Penance & First Communion meeting on Thursday, **November 29** from 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Parents with children preparing for First Communion this school year are required to attend.

PLEASE NOTE: Students are required to attend Mass on December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, as it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Students should plan to attend a Vigil Mass on Friday night or an early Saturday morning Mass. (Evening Mass on Saturday, December 8 is the Vigil for Sunday, December 9 and will not fulfill the Saturday obligation.) Catholics are required to attend Mass on both Dec. 8 & 9, 2007.

In Our Parish



Collection **THIS** week for
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT




OVER 50 CLUB: See you tomorrow, Mon., Nov. 19, when the musical duo of "Annie and Mac" entertain us at lunch. For late reservations call Gladys Brennan at 703-821-2547.



BLOOD DRIVE: The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive on Saturday, **December 1st**, in the parish hall at St. Luke's Catholic Church. We urgently need donors to help save lives, and all the donated blood is used in the local region.

This drive is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of St. Luke's and co-sponsored by St. John's Knights who urge you to please consider giving. As a bonus, all donors will receive a nice Red Cross t-shirt. There are two ways to sign up: you can point your web browser to tinyurl.com/y7x94r and do it online. Or, you can call Carlos Roberts at 703 237-8738, and he will sign you up or answer any questions you may have. On behalf of all blood recipients, thank you!



During the month of November we pray for our beloved dead. A "**Remembrance Book**" will be placed in the Holy Family Chapel so you may record the names of deceased family and friends. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.***



News from
"The Word"

St. John Parish Book & Gift Shop

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

The WORD is closed today because we are in the school hall at the annual Parish Christmas Boutique! Please stop by The WORD's table to start your Christmas Shopping!

THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:

Tues. - Fri. 11:00 am- 2:00 pm & Sat. 10:00 am-1:00 pm.
We will close for Thanksgiving at close of business **November 20** and reopen again on **November 27**. Chances are available for the **Tom Tom One XL GPS Navigator**, valued at \$350, which we will raffle off December 19 at the close of business; they are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, and are available in the Thrift shop. Have a happy and safe holiday. Thank you for your support of the parish and these other organizations. If you have any questions call during business hours (703) 356-7420.



SENIORS: Last chance to sign up for our spectacular trip to Lancaster, PA for the "Sight and Sound" production of "Miracle of Christmas", replete with kings, angels and animals. **Tues., Dec. 11**, the bus leaves SJB at 8:00 am & returns by 6:00 pm. Cost is \$124 per person, \$108 for teens, & \$93 for children 12 and under. Lunch is included at an Amish restaurant. Space is limited. Sign up now. You must have signed up & paid by Weds. Nov. 21 to be assured of space. The sign-up sheet is in the church vestibule. Leave a check payable to Excursionaire with "Seniors Lancaster Trip" on the memo line in the parish office. Questions? Call Ray Bergan 703-288-0946.



MCLEAN CURSILLO ULTREYA will meet at 7:30 pm on **Nov. 20** at the home of Freddie Wall: 6200 Beall Drive McLean, VA. All are welcome! Learn more about the Cursillo method of spiritual enrichment through piety, study, and action. We'll have song, witness, fellowship and good food. Join us! Contact Mark Clemente 703-847-1575 with questions.



St. John Christmas Boutique

Today, Sunday, Nov. 18

School cafeteria

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Come & Shop

For unique items.

See you there!

Altar Server Schedule

Novena/Mass: Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007

7:30 pm Sniezeks, Oeler

Daily Mass: Nov. 22 **Thanksgiving**

9:00 am (TBA)

Daily Mass: Nov. 23

9:00 am Baban, J. McCoy

Saturday: Nov. 24

8:15 am Potocki, D'Ermes, O'Donnell

5:00 pm **Vigil** Quinn, Russo, Mullers

Sunday Masses: Nov. 25

7:30 am F. & A. Mehigan, Stechshulte

9:00 am Arevalo, A. Glover, J. & B. Ludwick

10:30 am B. & C. Evans, Kennedys

12:00 pm Cameron Payne, Hickey, Oeler, Hylton, C. Kirtley, Defensor, Allgood, & others



Altar Servers

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TESTING FOR 8TH GRADERS

applying to Diocesan High Schools Saturday, **Dec. 8, 2007** from 8:30 – 12 Noon at the following locations: Bishop Ireton, Alexandria; Bishop O'Connell, Arlington; Paul VI, Fairfax; St. Francis of Assisi School, Triangle (for Pope John Paul the Great HS) Eligible students: any 8th grader not attending Arlington Diocese Catholic Schools. Requirements: Students must fill out a High School Placement Test Registration Form (available under "School Forms" at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/offices/schools>). The registration form must be submitted to the test site not later than Wednesday, December 5, 2007.



COFFEE & DONUTS Nov. 18 hosted by St. John's Office of Evangelization RCIA group. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Council #11806 for being the hosts last week.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THURS. NOV. 22 & FRI. NOV. 23, AND NO 6:30 AM MASSES THOSE DAYS.



St. John Youth Corner

Senior Youth Group

NEXT SENIOR YOUTH MEETING ~

SUNDAY, December 2

For information about WORKCAMP 2008, please call Sabatino at 703-504-8733.



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.



Baptism

PLEASE WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Charles Donovan Prince, Ryan Patrick Mansinne, Evelyn Josephine Ivanauskas, Annalise Candace Marie De Matteis, Caroline Louise Warchot, Leo Phan Lederman, Fiona Rae Markey, Christian Patrick Liess.






MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE ADVENT PARISH RETREAT:

Friday - Sunday, Dec. 14, 15, 16. Rev. Mark Gruber, OSB, will talk on

"The Desert Passage of Faith".

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
NOV. 18, 2007	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>CCD PreK - K 10:30 - 11:30 am</p> <p>CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE</p> 	<p>Sew & So Forth 9:45 am DR Rm</p> <p>SENIOR LUNCH</p> <p>CCD Gr. 1,2,3 4:30 - 5:30 pm</p> <p>Legion of Mary 7:30 pm DR Rm</p>	<p>CCD Gr. 1 - 8 7:00 - 8:00 pm</p> <p>Jr. Legion of Mary 3:30 pm DR Rm</p>	<p>ADORATION</p> <p>Confessions 6:45 - 7:15 pm</p> <p>Novena Prayers & Rosary 7:10</p> <p>Eucharistic Holy Hour 7:30</p> <p>RCIA 7:00 pm</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED No 6:30 Mass</p> <p>THANKSGIVING DAY</p> <p><i>Let Us Give THANKS</i></p> 	<p>OFFICE CLOSED No 6:30 Mass</p>	<p><i>My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.</i></p> 

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

SALVATION (part 3)

Over the past two weeks, we have considered the issue of salvation, as it is understood from both the Catholic and Protestant positions. From the Catholic perspective, salvation consists in being made a sharer in God's own life, and by this gift or grace, man is justified, or made right, in the eyes of God. From the Protestant perspective, God's grace is not something that justifies man interiorly, rather it is God's declaration of justification. In other words, God declares man to be justified, apart from any real interior justification of the soul. Today, we will consider the reason for the Protestant position. Next week, we will consider the foundation for the Catholic answer.

The reason for the difference between the Protestant position and that which the Catholic Church has traditionally given is rooted in the confused spirituality of Martin Luther. Luther, a Catholic monk, struggled with the problem of scrupulosity; a problem which led him to a distorted view of salvation. As a good monk, Martin Luther examined his conscience continually, always seeking to root out any sins which may have been lurking in the darkest parts of his soul. By his own account, Luther tells us, *"I was a pious monk, and so strictly followed the Rule of my Order, that I dare say if ever any man could have been saved by monkery, I was that monk. I was a monk in earnest.... If it had continued much longer, I should have carried my mortifications even to death, by means of watchings, prayers, readings, and other labours."* For Luther, dedication to prayer and penance became an obsession, and drew him to sacramental Confession and extraordinary penances more and more frequently. According to some accounts, Luther sought out sacramental confession daily, and on one occasion Martin Luther is said to have spent six hours confessing his sins. Exhausted with Luther's extreme scrupulosity, his confessor finally exclaimed: *"God is not angry with you. You are angry with God."*

At the root of Martin Luther's problem, which led him to his revolutionary view of salvation, was a confused understanding of sin. Feeling within himself a struggle between virtue and vice, Luther began to see his disordered appetites as formal sins. In other words, when Martin Luther examined his conscience, he identified not only his disordered actions as sinful, but even the urges which were the foundation for his actions. Seeing within himself a disordered appetite, that which the Church calls concupiscence, Luther declared that in every action, he sinned, since in every action some struggle for virtue was to be found.

A helpful way to understand Luther's confusion is to consider the case of a former smoker. Even many years after a former smoker has quit the habit, it is common for him to have urges which incline him toward smoking. No one in their right mind would consider these urges themselves to be equivalent to smoking, any more than one who has them can be called a smoker. Similarly, tradition has always considered disordered desire, or concupiscence, one of the effects of original sin, to be the "tinder" for sin, but not sin itself. Martin Luther, however, who saw concupiscence as sin, declared that in every action, man sins. *"When I was a monk,"* Luther wrote, *"I used immediately to believe that it was all over with my salvation every time I experienced the concupiscence of the flesh.... I used to try various remedies; I used to go to confession every day, but that didn't help me at all. For this concupiscence of the flesh was always returning, so that I could never find peace, but was everlastingly tormented with the thought, 'You have committed such and such a sin; ...and all your good works are just useless.'"*

Believing that he sinned in every act, Luther concluded that God had not justified man interiorly, but rather declared him free from divine wrath, regardless of the true state of his soul. Seeing all of his actions as tainted by sin, and yet believing that God had saved him, Luther concluded that a man's works could not be a determining factor in his salvation. Thus, Luther declared, *"Be a sinner and [sin](#) on bravely, but have stronger [faith](#) and rejoice in [Christ](#), who is the victor over [sin](#), death, and the world. Do not for a moment imagine that this life is the abiding place of [justice](#): [sin](#) must be committed. To you it ought to be sufficient that you acknowledge the Lamb that takes away the [sins](#) of the world, the [sin](#) cannot tear you away from him, even though you commit [adultery](#) a hundred times a day and commit as many [murders](#)."*Please continue reading next week.

Salvation is from the Jews
w/Sabatino Carnazzo
Tues. @ 7:30 pm Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11

Lepanto: The Battle & the Poem
Sun. Dec. 9
Advent Retreat Dec. 14, 15, 16
For more information please visit:
www.SJICC or call 703-504-8733

From the Music Desk...

The liturgical year is about to come to its close. The final Sunday will be November 25th. On December 2nd, we shall be celebrating the 1st Sunday in Advent - the beginning of a new church year. During this pre-Christmas season, we not only anticipate the Incarnation of our Lord, but also hear from both scripture and song aspects of His second coming.

Musically, Advent has a special character... one of more quietness and reserve; however, we also experience excitement and even the feeling of royalty at times in the music. Who could not become ecstatic about the coming of a Savior? A Messiah? An Ascended Christ? Why shouldn't the mood of the music paint the picture along with the words? Advent has neither the somberness of Lent nor the sweetness of Christmas. This is intentional. Isn't it amazing?

The best composers through time knew how to truly capture the "mood" spoken about above. Bach's "Wake, Awake" and Handel's "Every Valley" are annual classics. Hymns that ring out in my mind are "The King Shall Come" and "Lift Up Your Heads." What about chant? Did Gregorian chant capture the mood also? Absolutely! For those who attend the 12:00 Mass, you will notice a different "flavor" in the chant melodies. And, would Advent be the same without Veni, Veni, Emmanuel - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel? Of course not!!



Be sure to get your special edition Saint John the Beloved 2007 Christmas ornament. Coming soon to a narthex near YOU!

Until next week...
Director Lang

A FAITHFUL FRIEND SUPPORT LINE: Sometimes you need A Faithful Friend to talk with, to listen, to understand, and to help Christ's Light shine through. Call A Faithful Friend for support and comfort during difficult times. Confidential, anonymous, free of charge. 703-532-0011.
<http://www.afaithfulfriend.org>

WHEELS OF HOPE helps Medicare recipients with mobility limitations. Call 1-866-631-3022.

In Our Area

COFFEE TALK WITH MERCY: Please join the Missionaries of Our Lady of Divine Mercy **Sun. Nov. 18** from 2:00-4:00 pm at St. Raymond's church in Springfield. Please bring your Bibles. RSVP to 703-659-1636 or divinemercynow@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

The Missionaries of Our Lady of Divine Mercy will host about 100 poor people for **Thanksgiving Dinner** from noon until 4:00 pm. We need food, organizers, and volunteer servers. Call 703-659-1636 to help.

UNITED WAY # FOR A WOMAN'S CHOICE PRO-LIFE CENTER: For federal workers and those who participate in the United Way Campaign, you may want to consider allocating an ongoing donation to A Woman's Choice Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Center. Your support helps families in crisis. Please visit our website at www.awomanschoiccenter.com Our new 5-digit CFC code is #30564; United Way # is 8044. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF THE ORPHANS are looking for volunteers who have experience with Youth Ministry to serve in our homes in Latin America. We need tutors, Speech pathologists, occupational therapists, and a Home Correspondent. Visit www.nph.org

VA. LARCUM CONFERENCE Make plans now to attend this leadership convocation conference in Arlington from **Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, 2007**. The Diocese of Arlington, Lutheran and Anglican churches and also the United Methodist Church meet for a program of prayer, presentation and discussion. Call Beth Gillis at 757-495-1886 or email bgillis56@hotmail.com to register.

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE: Order walnut, poppyseed & apricot rolls for \$10 each from Epiphany Byzantine Church on Sun. **Nov. 25 & Dec. 2** from 9:00 am - noon and on Tues. **Nov. 20 & 27** from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. For information call 703-455-6510.

MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY BOUTIQUE: On Sat. **Dec. 1** from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Marymount's Main House will be **The Shops at Main**, a holiday boutique with unique gifts. Proceeds will go to support Marymount Angels Endowed Scholarships. Tickets are \$12 before Nov. 15, and \$15 after that date and at the door. For more info go to www.marymount.edu/shopsatmain

EVENING OF PRAISE, WORSHIP, & ADORATION with music by *VISION* is every First Saturday of every month at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax. 7:00 - 8:30 pm. (Dec. 1)