

Mon. Jan. 7, 2008, Weekday; Raymond of Penafort, priest

6:30 Mariah McCarthy †
9:00 James Rogers Sollers †

Tuesday, Jan. 8 Weekday

6:30 The Punaro Family
9:00 Jesse Dillon †



Wednesday, Jan. 9, Weekday

6:30 Joe & Laura Punaro
9:00 Francis & Fernandes Marceline †

Thursday, Jan. 10, Weekday

6:30 Jonathan Beach †
9:00 Constance & John LaMonica †

Friday, Jan. 11, Weekday

6:30 Doreen Vijayanathan †
9:00 Edward M. Hallinan †

Saturday, Jan. 12, Weekday

8:15 Charles Schimpf †
5:00 Antoinette Paul †

Sunday, Jan. 13, The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 Walter Goody †
9:00 Alecia & Jose Marques †
10:30 Margaret Widmaier †
12:00 People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of January 6, 2008

Sunday Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday St. Raymond of Peñafort, priest
1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38;
Mt 3:13-17

From the Pastor

A heart felt thank you from all the priests of St. John the beloved to all those parishioners who sent us cards and gifts. We are very thankful for them and also for you.

Thanks to all who made this a wonderful and memorable Christmas for all of us here at St. John the Beloved, especially the altar boys, the ushers and lectors, the extraordinary ministers of Communion, those who decorated the church and the musicians, especially our organist and Master of Music, and our choirs, the adult and children choristers.

Please join us for Solemn Vespers of the Epiphany today at 5:00 pm. Vespers is evening prayer and a wonderful way to bring the Christmas Season to a close.

Wanted: Some good men & women... We are seriously lacking ushers! Anyone, male or female, 18 or older who would like to volunteer for this special ministry please contact Head Usher, Greg La Sage @703-738-4576 or our Moderator of Ushers, Fr. Gripshover @ 703-356-7916, or you can call the parish office and leave your name.

Happy New Year



Please Pray For

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| Albert & Marie Balint | Gary & Cindy Hogan | Elia Priestley |
| William T. Berry | Laura Holleran | Joseph Riotto |
| Sonja & Soraya | Maureen Hollingsworth | Lois Riscile |
| Borghese | Muriel Jennings | Edelisa Samson |
| Michelle Brewer | Mary Johnson | Margaret Serrao |
| William Carnazzo | Mimi Johnson | Leah Shannon |
| Esperanza Castillo | Billee Jordan | Sister Marion |
| Juan Chirino | Shirley Kelley | Barbara Skytell |
| Michael Clarke | Alice Koutsoumpas | Dolores Snyder |
| Carol Coad | Caitlyn Lane | Mary Spann |
| Vincent Corcoran | Margaret Leefe | Eileen Sweeney |
| Edward Cotter | Katherine Malcolm | Jim & Margaret Taaffe |
| Estelle Danielson | Annette McGovern | Raymond Vagli |
| Marie Davalos | Carter McNally | Theresa Vartanian |
| Lucille Dion | Ferenc Molnar | Graham Waite |
| Denis Downey, Jr. | Matthew Morgan | Mary Ellen Waite |
| Bryan Downie | Marilyn Middleton | Lily Winkle |
| Pam Dunne | Edmund Milauckas | |
| Phil Dunton | Nancy Miller | |
| Winifred Feeney | Monica Mizerek | |
| Alec Gramann | June Nage | |
| Kathleen Harrington | Lang Nguyen | |
| Scott Harris | Ernest Oddono | |
| Charles Harrison | Al Parsons | |

Please let the parish office know when you can be removed from this list.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of William Laahs and Derrick MacInnis.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions January 2008

General: That the Church may strengthen her commitment to full visible unity in order to manifest ever more clearly her nature as a community of love in which is reflected the communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Mission: That the Church in Africa, preparing to celebrate the second Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for Africa, may continue to be a sign and channel of reconciliation and justice in a continent still suffering from war, exploitation and poverty.



Religious Education

CCD: SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2008

PreK - K ~ 10:30 - 11:30 am

CCD: MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008

CCD Gr. ~ 1,2,3 4:30 - 5:30 pm

CCD: TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008

Gr. 1 - 8 ~ 7:00 - 8:00 pm

We have come from the East



to visit the King.

The Epiphany event manifests Jesus as Israel's Messiah, the Son of God and Savior of the world. The Magi represent the pagan nations who will welcome the Gospel. By their coming to Jerusalem, they correctly seek in Israel the king of the nations. Only by turning toward the Jews can the pagans discover Jesus. All the nations are part of the "family of the patriarchs" and "worthy of the heritage of Israel" (St. Leo the Great).

In Our Parish

VESPERS: Please join us for Solemn Vespers of the Epiphany tonight in the church at 5:00 pm. Vespers is evening prayer and a wonderful way to bring the Christmas Season to a close.



COFFEE & DONUTS: will be served today. We welcome you back and wish you the best in the New Year. Come and join us and get to know your fellow parishioners. Today's hosts after the 9:00 and 10:30 am Mass are members of St. John's Cursillo group.

FATHER GARY SELIN will speak on Angelic Choirs on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at 9:30 am in the Adult Education room of the Cauwe Building. Come join Father Selin to learn about the creation and the structure of the nine choirs of the Bodiless Powers of Heaven. For more information, call Sabatino Carnazzo at 703-504-8733.



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.

Today is our Christmas sale! All Advent and Christmas merchandise is on sale for 30% off. Stock up for next year!

THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:

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

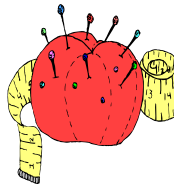
The Thrift Shop will reopen at 11:00 am on Jan. 2, 2008. All the volunteers of the Thrift Shop wish to thank you for your business this year and we wish you a Blessed New Year.



OVER 50 CLUB:

On Monday, Jan. 21, Marie Gillespie, Chairman of the St. John the Beloved Thrift Shop, will regale us with "Tales From the Thrift Shop". 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 church vestibule. Please leave a check for \$20, payable to St. John the Beloved with "Seniors" on the memo line, in the parish office by Thurs. Jan. 17. For information call Gladys Brennan, 703-821-2547.

SEW & SEW FORTHS:



Our first meeting of 2008 will be Mon. Jan. 7, 2008. In the past year we donated a total of 21 layettes and 11 baby blankets to Project Hope in Falls Church. Happy New Year to all!



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:

Mr. John Vignali, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hude, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Cristinzio, Mr. & Mrs. Marc Miguez, Ms. Christine Walsh, Mr. Lawrence James Quetsch, Mr. & Mrs. George Biolsi, Ms. Kathryn Carter, Mrs. Masako Watson.

VOLUNTEER / SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY:

The Catholic Charities Christ House Thrift Shop at 131 S. West St. in Alexandria (off of King Street in Old Town Alexandria) needs men and women and responsible high school youth to accept and sort donations, assist customers, market the store, and maintain attractive displays. Handypersons also needed to keep the shop in tip top shape. Must be able to work at least one four-hour shift (11:00 am-3:00 pm) Tuesday - Saturday. Please contact Sally O'Dwyer @ 703-841-3838 or sodwyer@ccda.net.

Altar Server Schedule

Novena/Mass: Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008

7:30 pm Riordan, Grady, P. McGiffin

Saturday: Jan. 12

8:15 am Fisher, O'Donnell, Dolan

5:00 pm **Vigil** Lundes, Mea, Zehnder

Sunday Masses: Jan. 13

7:30 am Baban, Kissingers

9:00 am Beattys, Crnkovich

10:30 am Coolidge, Mullers, Girardi

12:00 pm Defensor, G. & D. Kennedy, Mehigans,
Oeler, Ludwicks



A Special "Thank you" to the Altar Server Corps

The priests of St. John the Beloved, Mrs. Eileen Evans and I thank all the Altar Servers for their generous and dedicated service at the altar throughout the year and especially during this joyful Christmas Season. You are an inspiration to all of us! Happy New Year!

Mrs. Thunder

POPE BENEDICT, XVI will visit Washington, D.C., on April 15-17, 2008. Events during the Holy Father's visit include a Mass at the new Nationals baseball stadium on April 17. The Diocese of Arlington has not yet been advised as to how many tickets will be available for our diocese to attend the Papal Mass. When information is available, details on the process for obtaining tickets will be provided to parishes and published in the Arlington *Catholic Herald*.

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St. John Youth Corner

SENIOR YOUTH MEETINGS:

~Mandatory Work Camp Meeting (Youth and Parent) Jan. 20, 2008 at 1:30 pm.

~ Youth Group LIFE meeting, Jan. 20, 7:00 pm. Good food, good friends, & a really good time. Join us for our annual March 4 Life night. Come make signs & hang-out with your friends! This meeting is for ALL youth group members even if you are going to the March with another group.

~Attention ALL PARENTS & FRIENDS: The Youth Group is currently establishing a YOUTH REC ROOM for hanging-out with our friends! We need your help. Do you have an extra couch, recliner, ping-pong table, foosball table, etc.? Call Sabatino @ 703-504-8733.

~March 4 Life will be held Tues. Jan. 22. If you would like to go with St. John's please contact Sabatino.

Sabatino @ 703-504-8733 for information.




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.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| January 6, 2008 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| <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>Jr. Legion of Mary</u> 10:00 am DR Rm | <u>CCD Gr. 1 - 8</u> 7:00 - 8:00 pm <u>Bible Study</u> 7:30 pm | ADORATION <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 |  | "Angelic Choirs" w/ Fr. Selin 9:30 am |

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

From the Saint Thomas Institute . . .

REJOICE!

Today, the Church of God celebrates with great festivity the wondrous day of the Lord's Epiphany. Let us, therefore, turn our attention one last time to the great spiritual masters that have gone before us. Today, we sit at the feet of Pope Saint Leo the Great and gaze upon the glory of the Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord, Dearly Beloved, again I say rejoice: since a brief while after Christ's birth, the solemn event of His manifestation takes place: and He whom the Virgin brought forth on that day, on this the world acknowledged Him. For the Word that was made flesh, has so ordered the beginnings of His life as man, that the newborn Jesus is made visible to those who believe in Him, and remains hidden from those seeking to destroy Him.

Then indeed did the heavens proclaim the glory of God (Ps. 18), and the sound of His truth went forth into all the earth (Rom. 10:18), when to the shepherds appeared the host of heaven, announcing the birth of the Savior. And a star that went before them, led the Magi to adore Him, so that from the East unto the West, the birth of our true king might shine forth; since through the Magi the kingdoms of the East would learn the truths of faith, nor were they to be hidden from the empire of Rome.

Even the cruelty of Herod, seeking to destroy at birth Him Whom he feared might be king, ministers unawares to the purposes of God: so that while intent upon his horrid crime, and pursuing in the indiscriminate slaughter of the infants the Child that is unknown to him, he everywhere makes known, by a more extraordinary fame, the birth of the Ruler that was announced from the heavens. Both the strangeness of the heavenly sign, and the impiety of this most cruel tyrant caused it to be more speedily and more precisely spoken among men.

Then also, the Savior was carried into Egypt, so that a people given over to longstanding errors, would now be called, by this secret grace, to share the salvation that was nigh; and that they who had not yet rejected their ancient superstitions, might now receive Truth as guest.

Fittingly, Dearly Beloved, is that day made sacred by the Epiphany of the Lord, held in special honor throughout the world. And it should also shine with becoming brightness in our hearts, so that not by faith alone, but also by our understanding, we may show reverence to the course of these divine events.

Let us then, Dearly Beloved, acknowledge in the magi adoring Christ, the first fruits of our calling and of our faith, and with souls rejoicing, let us celebrate this beginning of our blessed hope. For from that time we began to enter into our eternal inheritance; from that time the words of Scripture that were obscure have revealed Christ to us; and the truth which the blindness of the Jews rejected, has shed its light upon all nations.

May this sacred day be therefore honored among us, in which the Author of salvation revealed Himself to all men: and let us adore the Omnipotent in heaven, Him Whom the Magi adored, an Infant in His cradle. And as they from their treasures offered to the Lord mystic kinds of gifts, so let us bring forth from our hearts gifts that are worthy of Him. For though He is the Giver of all gifts, yet He also looks for the fruits of our diligence: for the kingdom of heaven is not given to those who sleep, but to those who labor and watch in the commandments of God; so that if we have not wasted His gifts, through that which He gave us, let us merit to receive that which He promised.

Therefore, we exhort your charity, that you refrain yourselves from every evil work, and follow after those that are chaste and just (Rom 13:12). For the children of light should cast from them the works of darkness. Accordingly, turn away from hatreds, put away lying, overcome pride with humility, cast out avarice, love bountifulness: for it is fitting that the members are in harmony with their Head, that we may merit to be sharers of His promised joys: through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, world without end.

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CATECHISM 102

w/ Sabatino Carnazzo

Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29
St. John the Beloved Catholic Church

Join us for this seminar series on the
catechism of the Catholic Church.
Bring your Bible & Catechism!

Angelic Choirs

w/ Fr. Gary Selin

Sat. January 12 at 9:30 am

Learn about the creation & the
structure of the nine choirs of the
Bodiless Powers of heaven.

Info: Sabatino @ 703-504-8733

LORD,
every nation on Earth
will adore You.

From the Music Desk...

A warm thank you to all who participated in any of the Masses for Christmas. All of the celebrations were glorious because of you, our lectors, servers, ushers, choir members, cantors, organists and instrumentalists, and to our Sacristan, Ann Thunder, for keeping us all on the same page... Thank you for your service to us all and for the pleasantness and thoroughness that accompany your work. God bless you!

All of us in the Music Department of St. John the Beloved Catholic Church wish you a happy, peaceful a joyous New Year.

Musically,
Director Lang

Happy New Year

In Our Area

ADOPTION

Interested in learning more about **adopting from Russia or China?** Join us for an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. to hear about the program of Catholic Social Services of Charlotte, N.C. CSS has been helping children from Russia and China find loving, permanent homes since 1993 and have been involved in over 800 placements. We will have families from this area who have adopted from CSS share their stories. Call Catholic Charities for reservations at (703) 425-0100. **Space is limited.**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington will hold **Adoption Information Meetings** at 5294 Lyngate Court, Burke, VA 22015. The meetings will be from 6:00-8:30 p.m. on 1/17/08, 2/21/08, 3/13/08, 4/17/08, 5/15/08, and 6/12/08. The presentation will cover Catholic Charities Domestic, International, Interstate and Parental Placement Adoption Programs with emphasis on the home study, placement and supervision of children as well as resources from which to adopt and local adoptive parent support groups. We are especially seeking African/American and interracial couples interested in adopting. Registration Fee: \$20.00. Please call 703-425-0100 to register.

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS is the continuing series of monthly programs on Catholic Social Teachings. St. Mary's and Church of the Nativity and Catholic Charities all sponsor this program. On **Jan. 15**, at 7:30 pm at St. Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax, Joan Rosenhauer, Dept. of Social Development and World Peace, will talk on "Call to family, Community, and Participation. Call 703-978-4141x18 for more information.



MARCH VIGIL: Please note the change in the Mass time for the Vigil Mass for the March For Life on Monday, January 21, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception – **Mass will begin at 7 p.m.**, followed by prayers throughout the night.

YOUTH RALLY/MASS & MARCH FOR LIFE: On Tuesday, January 22, 2008, Bishop Loverde will join hundreds of youth from our diocese and thousands from all over the country for the March for Life Youth Rally and Mass at 8:45 am, prior to the March on the National Mall. Following the Mass, Bishop Loverde will walk in the **34th Annual March for Life** to mark the Roe vs. Wade decision and to continue to raise awareness about the sanctity of life. <http://www.arlingtoncatholicyouth.org/events/march.asp>.

STAND UP FOR LIFE: Mark your calendars now for the 34th Annual March for Life on January 22, 2008. **Walk** for those who may never have the chance to walk. **Walk** for those who may never have the chance to speak. **Walk** for those who may never have the chance to play. **Walk** for those who may never have the chance to pray. **Walk** for those who may never have the chance to be born. **Walk** for those already lost to us. Show the nation that there are some of us who still care about the unborn.

Vocation Prayer

O Mary, virgin and mother, draw close to your heart all those who are discerning the vocation to which your Son Jesus is inviting them. Help them realize the presence of the Word within them, and teach them to listen to Him in the silence of prayer, that they may respond with faithfulness and love. Amen.