

Monday, Jan. 14, 2008; Weekday

6:30 The Warchot Family
9:00 Paul & Anemary Fernandes †

Tuesday, Jan. 15, Weekday

6:30 Mary Silveira †
9:00 Albert Paul Fernandes



Wednesday, Jan. 16, Weekday

6:30 Riordan Family
9:00 Pope John Paul II & Mother Teresa †

Thursday, Jan. 17, Anthony, abbot

6:30 Brian Pouliott
9:00 People who have died from Terrorists attacks

Friday, Jan. 18, Weekday

6:30 Norm Violette † & Bette Violette
9:00 Thomas Kallial †

Saturday, Jan. 19, Weekday; Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 Special Intention
5:00 Nora & Edward McLaughlin †

Sunday, Jan. 20, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Nora Edmonds
9:00 Avelino Esteves †
10:30 Helen Armstrong †
12:00 People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of January 13, 2008

Sunday Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38;
Mt 3:13-17
Monday 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8;
Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mk 1:40-45
Friday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



Please Pray For

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

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

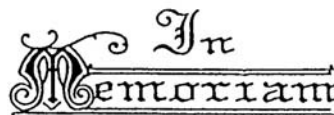
From the Pastor

Hopefully during the coming year we will totally renovate the school cafeteria turning it into the parish hall (while still serving as a school cafeteria). The room will be enlarged with a new floor, ceiling and drapes. New tables will also be added and chairs meant only for adults will be purchased. New lighting in the form of chandeliers will also be added. The bathroom will also be renovated. The cost will be covered by the Rooted In Faith Capital Campaign. By the time construction begins we will have \$600,000 in the Rooted in Faith fund. The question is "Will that be enough?" It might be enough to renovate the hall, but maybe not the two restrooms. Why? Because people who made a pledge have not honored it. Remember now we get back 50% of what is given to the Diocese. If people gave *most* of what they pledged, we would have enough.

The main gripe is that the Bishop has not moved on the Diocesan projects. True, the results were slow in coming but the Bishop fired those who were responsible for the delay. Now we have 1) a new Catholic high school 2) the Diocese Retreat house 3) renovation of Christ House 4) tuition assistance funds and 5) the Priests' retirement home is moving towards the construction stage. The Bishop has fulfilled his part of the bargain. Have you? Thanks to those who have paid their pledges.

The local projects were 1) the garage 2) the grotto for the unborn 3) parish hall. These were projects decided before I came, I am mainly carrying them through to fruition.

The commitments for the Increased Offertory project begin this weekend. I want to thank very much those of you who have pledged to increase your support of the parish. The parish can also receive grants and stock. Please remember the parish in your will.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Norm Violette

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

Sister Eliseea Papcioc, the Romanian iconographer who created the beautiful icon in our choir area, will be here on **Monday, Jan. 14** at 7:00 pm in the Adult Education Room. She will exhibit her newest icons and explain their theological significance. Many St. John parishioners have commissioned icons from Sister. Please join us for what is always a memorable evening, concluding with a wine & cheese reception. Contact the Religious Education office for more information.

In Our Parish

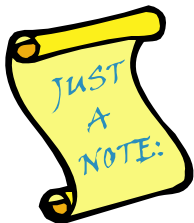


OVER 50 CLUB: On Monday, **Jan. 21**, Marie Gillespie, Chairman of the St. John the Beloved Thrift Shop, will regale us with "Tales From the Thrift Shop". Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am. Lunch will follow at noon in the parish hall. A sign-up sheet can be found in the church vestibule. Please leave 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.



WE SAY THANK YOU to two special women for their dedication to St. John Church. **Mai Warner** has been arranging flowers and preparing our church for worship for several years. **Fredericka Wall** (lovingly known as Freddie) has been the Lector Coordinator for the last several years. Many thanks for their service to St. John Church.

PARISH EUCHARISTIC EVENING with Irish Tenor Mark Forrest on Sat. **Feb. 9**, First Saturday in Lent. 7:30 pm. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.



END OF YEAR TAX LETTER: Everyone registered at St. John's will be receiving an end of year tax statement (letter) showing the total amount given in 2007 in support of your parish. This will be mailed out the last week of January.



COFFEE & DONUTS this Sunday after the 9 & 10:30 Masses is being co-hosted by the St. John's Knights of Columbus, Council #11806 and the Thrift Shop. Thanks CURSILLO for hosting last Sunday.



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.

Did you make a New Year's resolution to be more attentive to your spiritual life? If so, reading the Bible for a few minutes each day is a great way to get started. The WORD carries Bibles in different shapes and sizes and we have one just for you!

THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:

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

We hope that you had a Happy and Holy Christmas Season. Congratulations to **Pauline Reynolds**, a parishioner, on winning the **GPS**; we thank all that supported us by taking chances. **All Christmas items including clothing are ½ price.** Thank you for your support of the parish. If you have any questions call during business hours (703) 356-7420.



MARCH VIGIL: The March For Life Vigil Mass is Mon., January 21, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception – **Mass will begin at 7:00 pm** followed by prayers throughout the night.

YOUTH RALLY/MASS & MARCH FOR LIFE:

On **Tue., Jan. 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>

St. John's will be sponsoring a bus for the March

and you may sign up for the bus on the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule.

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.

Altar Server Schedule

Novena/Mass: Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008

7:30 pm Oeler, O'Donnell, Nash

Saturday: Jan. 19

8:15 am Hoernig, Grady, J. Himpler

5:00 pm **Vigil** Katzes

Sunday Masses: Jan. 20

7:30 am Evans, Rowan

9:00 am Bello, Wunderlich, Arevalo, Pacious

10:30 am Dixons, Potockis

12:00 pm D. & G. Kennedy, D. J. & P. McGiffin, Nash,
J. & W. Tidwell, Alligood, , Mehan, Delvecchio



MOTHERS GROUP: Mothers Group will be meeting this Friday, January 18th at 10:00 am. Fr. Michael Sliney will be speaking on the topic "Wife first, or mother??" All mothers of the parish are invited, and feel free to bring a friend.

Please come and find out more about your vocation. Babysitting will be provided, as well as coffee and refreshments. Please bring a snack to share. Info: contact Mary Alice Poulsen (703)556-0018

mary_alice_poulsen@hotmail.com



SHARE: Share extends its sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. John for their generous contributions during the holiday season. The Thanksgiving food/ certificate program and the Christmas Gift Store helped to make the holidays brighter for approximately 150 families in need. A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who assisted in so many ways to make this possible. Our next Share Sunday will be January 20 and a vehicle will be parked outside church to receive your donations. Needs: 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. Thank you for your continued support.



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.

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. 13, 2008	14	15	16	17	18	19
CCD PreK - K 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>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 pm DR Rm <u>Sr. Eliseea Icons</u> 7:00 pm Ad.Ed. Rm	CCD Gr. 1 - 8 7:00 - 8:00 pm <u>Jr. Legion of Mary</u> 3:30 pm DR Rm <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	<u>Mothers Group</u> 10:00 am	A circular logo with a chalice in the center and the text "My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink" around the perimeter.

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

INFANT BAPTISM

Before the Advent and Christmas season began, we considered the topic of salvation from both the Catholic and Protestant views. Today, as we meditate upon the mystery of the Baptism of Christ, we are met with one more issue that divides Catholics and Protestants in their view of salvation. Unlike the Catholic understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism, most fundamentalist Protestants do not believe that any real change occurs in person when he is baptized. Baptism, from this perspective, is simply a public declaration of the person's newly-found faith in Jesus Christ, and is not a necessary component of the Christian life. From this, it is argued that Baptism is to be reserved for those who have reached the age of reason, and is never to be administered to infants. Infants, it is concluded, are not capable of making an act of faith, and therefore should not be baptized. From the Catholic perspective, Baptism incorporates one into the Body of Christ, and opens his soul to receive the life of God. Thus, just as parents give their children the necessary food for bodily health, so they must bring their children to the font of life, in order that they may receive into their souls the life-giving grace of God. Far from being a Christian *Bar-mitzvah*, the Catholic Church teaches that Baptism is the supernatural way in which men are born again into the life of God. Which of these positions holds to authentic biblical Christianity?

In Acts of the Apostles, we learn of the ancient practice of the nascent Church. As the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles on Pentecost, Peter stood among the Jews gathered in Jerusalem and proclaimed, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you *and to your children* and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him" (2:38-39). Later, when Saint Paul preached to Lydia we read, "She was baptized, *with her household*" (Acts 16:15). And similarly, when the jailer who held Saints Paul and Silas in bondage converted to Christ, we read, "he was baptized, *with all his family*" (Acts 16:33).

Evidence for the practice of infant Baptism in the earliest days of the Church is not confined to the Sacred Scriptures. For example, Saint Irenaeus, writing in the second century teaches, "He [Jesus] came to save all through himself; all, I say, who through him are reborn in God: infants, and children, and youths, and old men. Therefore he passed through every age, becoming an infant for infants, sanctifying infants; a child for children, sanctifying those who are of that age . . . [so that] he might be the

perfect teacher in all things, perfect not only in respect to the setting forth of truth, perfect also in respect to relative age" (*Against Heresies* 2:22:4 [A.D. 189]). Similarly, Hippolytus, writing in the third century catechizes his flock, saying, "Baptize first the children, and if they can speak for themselves let them do so. Otherwise, let their parents or other relatives speak for them" (*The Apostolic Tradition* 21:16 [A.D. 215]). And Saint Cyprian of Carthage states, "If, in the case of the worst sinners and those who formerly sinned much against God, when afterwards they believe, the remission of their sins is granted and no one is held back from Baptism and grace, how much more, then, should an infant not be held back, who, having but recently been born, has done no sin, except that, born of the flesh according to Adam, he has contracted the contagion of that old death from his first being born. For this very reason does he [an infant] approach more easily to receive the remission of sins: because the sins forgiven him are not his own but those of another" (*Letters* 64:2 [A.D. 253]).

Finally, one may ask what evidence is there in the Scriptures and history of the Church for the practice of withholding baptism from infants. Let us be clear, there is no such biblical evidence. For those that claim to hold to the Bible as their sole authority and rule for the Christian life, reservation of Baptism for those who have reached the age of reason is not easily defended. In fact when a related situation was presented to our Blessed Savior in the Gospel of Luke, we read, "Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God'" (Luke 18:15-16).

Taking the Sacred Scriptures as our guide, let us renew our dedication to the spiritual health of our children, always bringing them to the Church services that they may grow in wisdom in the ways of the Lord. Let it never be said of Catholics that we rebuked the little ones for their innate desire and faith in God, but rather, like true followers of the Lord, let us always seek to hand on the precious gift of faith that we have received. Let the little ones come unto him!

Saint John Institute of Catholic Culture . . .

CATECHISM 102

w/ Sabatino Carnazzo

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

Angelic Choirs

w/ Fr. Gary Selin Sat. January 12 at 9:30 am

Info: 703-504-8733 www.SJICC.com

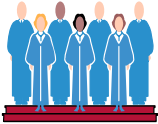
From the Music Desk...

Happy New Year!

We celebrated Epiphany Vespers this past Sunday evening at Saint John the Beloved. Vespers is an evening service of psalms, canticles, and hymns. This service was open to all. Here is a little excerpt about Vespers...

Vespers is the evening [prayer](#) service in the [Roman Catholic](#), [Eastern \(Byzantine\) Catholic](#), and [Eastern Orthodox](#), [liturgies](#) of the [canonical hours](#). The word comes from [Latin](#) *vesper*, meaning "evening." The term is also in limited use in some [Protestant](#) (especially [Lutheran](#) and [Seventh-day Adventist](#)) denominations to describe evening services, and in some Anglican circles is used unofficially to refer to [Evening Prayer](#).

Our next Vespers service will be held on February 10th (1st Sunday in Lent) at 5:00 in the evening. I promise you will be transformed if you attend.



Many thanks to our Gregorian schola for singing so beautifully at the Vespers service.


In Christ,
Director Lang


p.s. For more information about Vespers, go to: <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/15381a.htm>

Events in the near future:

Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6

LENT Special Parish Eucharistic Evening with Irish tenor Mark Forrest on Sat. Feb. 9 at 7:30 pm

 Wednesdays during Lent:
7:00 pm Novena, Prayers, Rosary followed by 7:30 pm Low TLM (Traditional Latin Mass)

 **Stations of the Cross** Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm

In Our Area

Bishop O'Connell High School Jubilee Gala and Auction: Come for an evening of silent and live auctions on **January 26**, 2008 at the McLean Hilton Hotel starting at 5:30 PM. The evening will include cocktails, silent and live auctions, formal dinner and dancing. Cost for this wonderful evening is \$150 per person or reserve a table of ten and receive discounted prices of \$125 per person. For information on ticket reservations, donations or program advertising, please contact Judy Hickey at 703-448-2076 or visit www.bishopoconnell.org under "Support O'Connell".

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on **January 25-27** call 703 351 7211 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION OPPORTUNITY: The Catholic Charities Christ House Thrift Shop at 131 S. West St., Alexandria, needs men and women and responsible high school youth (service hours!!!) 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 am – 3 pm) Tues. – Saturday. Please contact Sally O'Dwyer at 703-841-3838 or email at sodwyer@ccda.net Also needed: your donations of gently used in season clothing, small knickknacks and household items.

PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL is accepting applications for admission to the Class of 2012. Deadline of Jan. 25. Questions? Contact Eileen Hanley at 703-352-0925 x331 or ehanley@paulvi.net

PAUL VI OPTIONS PROGRAM serves intellectually disabled students and the Options Program is now accepting applications for 2008/9 year. Information: Mrs. Desmarais, at 703-352-0952 x333.

CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY: Online seminars Jan. 21 – Feb. 11 w/ Dr. Matthew Bunson & Jan. 28 – Feb. 18/w Rev. Bevil Bramwell. CDU's online classes fit your schedule. Seminars are open 24/7 and all you need to participate is a connection to the internet. To learn more and to enroll, visit CDU at www.cdu.edu, call 1-888-254-4238 ext. 700 or email admissions@cdu.edu.