

Monday, Jan. 21, 2008 Agnes, virgin, martyr

9:00 Louis Mehrstens †

Tuesday, Jan. 22, Weekday, Vincent, deacon, martyr

6:30 The O'Donnell Family

9:00 Jayne McGowan †

Wednesday, Jan. 23, Weekday

6:30 The Pennefather Family

9:00 Jonah Bergman

Thu. Jan. 24, Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor of the Church

6:30 The Jones Family

9:00 Mary Campbell †

Friday, Jan. 25, The Conversion of Paul, Apostle

6:30 John W. McCarthy †

9:00 Mr. & Mrs. Porter Lyons

Saturday, Jan. 26, Timothy and Titus, bishops

8:15 Anne McCabe †

5:00 Vera & Frank Gillespie †

Sunday, Jan. 27, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Katherine Malec †

9:00 Alberto Fernandes Esteves †

10:30 Manual Cruz †

12:00 People of the Parish

Readings for the Week January 20, 2008

Sunday Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Monday 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56; Mk 3:7-12

Friday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117;

Mk 16:15-18

Saturday 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 80; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;

Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



Mass
Intentions
Of The
Week

From the Pastor

According to the 1962 liturgical calendar which we follow for the noon Mass celebration according to the 1962 missal of Pope John XXIII this Sunday is Septuagesima Sunday which begins the pre-Lenten season. Septuagesima means "seventieth". Next Sunday will be Sexagesima Sunday (60th), and then follows Quinquagesima Sunday (50th). {*These names denote not the week but the period of 10 days during which each of these Sundays fall*}. The number tells you how many days until Easter. Though the post-concilium liturgical reforms did away with the Pre-Lent season, Episcopal churches and some Lutheran churches still follow it.

The reason for this season is psychological as well as spiritual. First you have Pre-Lent: purple vestments are worn, the Alleluia is not sung, but the organ plays, flowers adorn the altar, and there is no fasting. Then comes Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent. Then we have the organ only to sustain the singing, no flowers are allowed, and there is fasting. Then comes the Passiontide with the veiling of the stations and icons, then the Triduum which means no organ whatsoever and no bells. Finally at the Easter Vigil all the things lost since this Sunday are reclaimed. The church leads us into the Passion very carefully and teaches us along the way. For all of us these weeks are a time to prepare for Easter.

I would like to say that nothing delights me more than to look at our growing parish and see the diversity of mature and young families that attend Mass. I encourage families to bring their children to church as Christ said, "*Suffer the little children to come unto me.*" That being said I would like to ask parents with children that are experiencing a difficult time during Mass as most children do at one time or another, to be sensitive to those around them and step outside or make use of the cry room. I have struggled with how to approach this sensitive subject with parents as I do not want to appear discriminating and discourage you from attending Mass as a family.

A recent unfortunate incident that happened at Coffee & Donuts has left me no choice but to ask parents to be more conscious of their children. A parishioner was knocked down by unattended children that resulted in an emergency room visit and several stitches to a head wound. I do not want to cancel Coffee & Donuts as it is an opportunity for socialization and the children look forward to it. I thank you for your attention and cooperation concerning these requests.



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 Feeny

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO CCD on **Sun. Jan. 20, or Mon. Jan. 21** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

In Our Parish

OVER 50 CLUB: See you tomorrow when Marie Gillespie, Chairman of the St. John the Beloved Thrift Shop, joins us with anecdotes from her years of working there. For late reservations, call Gladys Brennan, 703-821-2547.



March for Life

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 pm.

YOUTH RALLY/MASS & MARCH FOR LIFE: On Tue., Jan. 22, 2008, Bishop Loverde will join hundreds of youth 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.

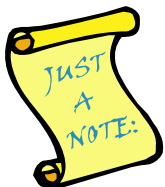
<http://www.arlingtoncatholicyouth.org/events/march.asp>

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.



MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2008
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
No 6:30 am Mass
No CCD on Sunday or Monday
Office closed



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.



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.

This Tuesday is the annual **March For Life**. The WORD carries several books, including the Catechism, which can assist you in explaining your pro-life position to friends, family and co-workers. Stop by and browse our selection.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:

Tues. - Fri. 11:00 am- 2:00 pm & Sat. 10:00 am-1:00 pm.
This week we will be having a **BAG SALE**. Thank you for your support of the parish. If you have any questions call during business hours (703) 356-7420.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL~Led by the Holy Spirit:

Letters from Bishop Loverde have been mailed asking for your financial support for the 2008 campaign. Please consider a generous pledge. The BLA funds help support diocesan offices and ministries that serve tens of thousands of people each year. All parishes benefit. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you consider your pledge. Make a sacrificial gift in gratitude for the gifts that God has given to you.



PARISH EUCHARISTIC EVENING with Irish Tenor Mark Forrest on Sat. Feb. 9, First Saturday in Lent. 7:30 pm. Includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture meditations/praise and worship music, Adoration, Benediction. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.



Wednesdays during Lent:

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

Fridays during Lent:

Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm



Jan. 27 collection is for the Church in Latin America



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Col. James J. Kelly whose funeral Mass will be at 8:45 am Thurs., Jan. 24 at Ft. Myer Chapel with burial to follow at Arlington National Cemetery.


Altar Server Schedule

Daily Mass: Mon. Jan. 21, 2008
9:00 am Evans, Rowan

Novena/Mass: Wednesday, Jan. 23
7:30 pm Potockis, Schuman

Saturday: Jan. 26
8:15 am Sniezeks, Scalia
5:00 pm Vigil Russo, Knise, Himplers

Sunday Masses: Jan. 27
7:30 am Clarks, Murry
9:00 am Quinn, Eyers, Prabhu
10:30 am Earners, Fisher, Hogan
12:00 pm D. & J. & Jon Mann, Haislmaiers,
J. & P. McCoy



Altar Servers



The week of January 27th begins Catholic School Week. This year's theme is *Catholic Schools Light the Way*. Students will briefly speak at the Masses next weekend. You are invited to the school cafeteria for refreshments after the Masses on Jan. 26 & 27 to check out the


school and receive general information on St. John Academy.

Catholic Schools Week ends with our **Winter Open House on Friday, February 1, 2008.** Please come from 9:00 to 11:00 am or 6:00 to 8:00 pm to see what wonderful opportunities are available for children who attend St. John Academy. Our Headmaster, Mr. Schultz, will give a presentation at 9:30 am & 6:30 pm. All are welcome. For further information please call Mrs. Tammy Di Benigno, Registrar, at 703-356-7554.



Today is Share Sunday 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.

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.



~Mandatory WorkCamp 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: We still need your help gathering furnishings for our Youth Group Rec Room. Appreciated would be: 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. St. John's has a bus scheduled.





Sabatino @ 703-504-8733 for information

NOVENA PRAYERS & ROSARY: *the Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers and the Rosary begin at 7:00 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. Sign up for a specific hour on the **Schedule of Adorers Roster** in the vestibule of the church.



PASSING THE TORCH: Despite being raised by Catholic parents with the expectation that they would follow the faith, large numbers of young people forget the help that the Church offers and they drift away from Christ. A group of St John the Beloved parents from the McLean Cursillo movement have put together a pamphlet based on decades of personal experience -- on how to identify causes and remedies, focusing on what can be done within the family to pass on the faith. These pamphlets will be available today after all masses in the rear of the church and will be maintained in the spiritual reading rack while supplies last.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DATE Jan. 20, 2008	21	22	23	24	25	26
WorkCamp Meeting 1:30 Sr.. Youth 7:00 NO CCD 	No 6:30 am Mass NO CCD Office Closed Senior Luncheon  Legion of Mary 7:30 pm DR Rm	MARCH FOR LIFE  CCD Gr. 1 - 8 7:00 - 8:00 pm Jr. Legion of Mary 3:30 pm Bible Study 7:30	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>Lecture Adult Ed.</u> 10:00 am Speaker Brendan McGuire	

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

LIFE AND DEATH

This coming Tuesday, hundreds of thousands of Christians from around the country will descend upon our nation's capital, in order to give a voice to the voiceless, and a face to the unseen. On January twenty-second, thirty-five years ago this Tuesday, the Supreme Court of the United States of America legalized abortion by declaring all state and federal laws restricting abortion to violate a woman's constitutional right to privacy, under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth amendment. Since this landmark ruling, approximately fifty-million babies have been aborted in the United States.

As faithful Catholics, we may feel bombarded by what may seem like the Church's "pre-occupation" with the abortion issue. Why is the Catholic Church so concerned with such a personal matter? Why does the abortion question hold such a prominent place in the Church's message today? In order to answer this question, we must recall a few fundamental points about Salvation History.

When God created the world, he gave to all of creation a certain participation in something that was his alone. Creating out of nothing, God granted to his creation the gift of life / existence. The One who had existed from all eternity offered the gift of existence to the world. Man, created in God's image and likeness, was granted the highest gift of this life: an immortal soul, through which he was destined to live with God forever. But we all know the story well; man, tempted by the Devil, disdained God's greatest gift—the gift of Himself—and sought life apart from the Living One. To their dismay, Adam and Eve discovered death, for apart from God, the gift of life is not to be found. In walking away from his loving Creator, man walked away from his source of life. It is for this reason that Christ was sent into the world by the Father; that by taking upon himself our human nature, Christ would re-infuse God's life into mankind, and once again make eternal life possible for creation. Thus, when the giver of life, Christ our God, descended into the tomb, he destroyed the power of death from the inside. As a light which is struck in darkness destroys the darkness around it, so when the Light of the World entered the darkness of death, he destroyed the strangle-hold which death held over mankind.

For those who have been baptized into Christ, death no longer has dominion over them. By entering into the mystery of Jesus Christ, Christians are re-born into the loving gift of God's own life; a life which cannot be destroyed.

Why does the Catholic Church seem pre-occupied with the issue of abortion? The answer is: because the Catholic Church is pre-occupied with the issue of Jesus Christ.

The abortion issue touches the very heart of the good news, which the Church is on earth to proclaim: that God once again offers mankind a participation in his own life. When man acts to snuff out the gift of God, he, like his first parents, turns his back upon his Loving Creator. No matter what man seeks by procuring an abortion, no matter what Adam was seeking when he disobeyed his God, the Church knows that he will only discover death, darkness, separation from God. Please join Christians throughout our nation, on January twenty-second, by beseeching our good God to bring an end to the scourge of abortion in our land, and restore to us the image and likeness in which we were created.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live. (Deut. 30:19)

Saint John Institute of Catholic Culture . . .

(St. John's Adult Education program)

CATECHISM 102

w/ Sabatino Carnazzo

Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church

The Building of Christendom

w/ Brendan McGuire

Saturdays Jan. 19 & 26 @ 10:00 am

- ~Introduction to Christian History
- ~Constantinople & Rome: the State of the Empire
- ~The Birth of Islam & the Arab Assault
- ~The Coronation of Charlemagne & the Holy Roman Empire



**This is the
LAMB
OF GOD
that takes
away the
SIN
of the
WORLD.**

From the Music Desk...

Wow! Your singing at Masses last weekend was stupendous! As I have mentioned previously, the more enthusiastically you sing, the more excited we all become. It's really contagious!!

To expound on Father McAfee's column in today's bulletin, because today is Septuagesima Sunday, you will hear at the 12:00 Mass what is called the "Tract." The Tract immediately follows the Gradual and takes the place of the Alleluia. The Gloria is also omitted now until Holy Thursday.

In the upcoming weeks, I would like to introduce you to folks in the music department. Watch for bios and pictures of those who so faithfully serve the parish through the ministry of music. Maybe you will be able to put a face with a name eventually.

Musically,
Director Lang

Events in the near future:



**Ash
Wednesday
Feb. 6**



**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: An evening of silent and live auctions on **January 26, 2008** at the McLean Hilton Hotel. Cost for this wonderful evening is \$150 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".

REMINDER TO 8TH GRADE STUDENTS: The application deadline for the Class of 2012 at Bishop O'Connell High School is **Jan. 25, 2008**. Interested students may apply online at www.bishopoconnell.org **applyonline**. Questions may be directed to Mary McAlevy, Director of Admissions, at 703-237-1433.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION OPPORTUNITY: The Catholic Charities Christ House Thrift Shop in 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. Please contact Sally O'Dwyer @703-841-3838 / 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.



PAUL VI HS PANCAKE SUPPER:

Please join Paul VI High School Campus Ministry's Team for its 18th Annual Pancake Supper, **Feb. 5**, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the school cafeteria. There will be entertainment, games, face painting, and fun for all the family. Adults: \$6, children under 6: \$4, omelet bar additional \$3.50. For more info: Mrs. Denyse Kline, campus minister, 703-352-0925 x330.



STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? – There

is less than a week left to sign up for Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it.

This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment, deep misery and even divorce. 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