

**Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, Thomas Aquinas, priest,
doctor of the Church**

6:30 Sister Clare
9:00 Delmazia Cute



*Mass
Intentions
Of The
Week*

Tuesday, Jan. 29, Weekday

6:30 Maureen Terza
9:00 Anthony & Maria DeSanti †

Wednesday, Jan. 30, Weekday

6:30 Susan Kelly †
9:00 Rosi DeSanti †

Thursday, Jan. 31, John Bosco, priest

6:30 Bukowski Family
9:00 Timothy J. Huskey †

Friday, February 1, Weekday

6:30 The Bailey Family
9:00 Thomas Meisel †
7:00 Col. James J. Kelly †

Saturday, Feb. 2, The Presentation of the Lord

8:15 Christopher Bukowski
5:00 Gerald and Christopher McNally †

Sunday, Feb. 3, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Michael Culhane †
9:00 Joaquina & Yaa Magarinhos †
10:30 Mary Frances Weil †
12:00 People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of January 27, 2008

Sunday Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132; Mk 4:21-25
Friday 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51;
Mk 4:26-34
Saturday Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Sunday Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

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



From the Pastor

Rumors are usually wrong but this one was true--- I had an operation last Monday, January 21. The operation was on my spine because of two herniated discs. I have had this painful problem for 20 years. I could not sit nor drive a car and to bend brought on a pain akin to a knife in your lower back. With therapy and medication the discs returned to their places for awhile. At times they would protrude out but with rest they returned to their place.

When I arrived here 2 1/2 years ago the pain returned. The rebellious discs protruded once more and this time they brought a friend---stenosis, which is a narrowing of the spinal area. Now I could not stand nor could I sit. An epidural shot brought relief but only for 6 months. Another one in December lasted until after Christmas. I could not distribute Communion (I felt I was going to fall over) and eventually I could not celebrate public Mass. The hour long operation is intended to relieve the painful situation. Now comes the recuperation period, for I have to get my body used to being normal after 20 years of adjusting to the pain.

I have truly missed celebrating public Mass and giving out Holy Communion, and missed greeting you after the Masses. I know some of you have had this procedure and many of you know people who had it. Thank you for your prayers, petitions, suggestions of doctors and therapies. I appreciate them all. I have one favor to ask, please dissuade me if I ever choose to run the marathon! God love you all.



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

First Penance for CCD children will be **Monday, Feb. 4, at 7:00 pm.**

In Our Parish



BLESSING OF CANDLES: Candles for liturgical and home use will be blessed at the **beginning** of the 8:15am Mass on Saturday, **February 2** (the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord). Parishioners may bring their own candles for blessing or obtain blessed candles after Mass in the vestibule for a small donation.

BLESSING OF THROATS: **February 3** is the Feast of St. Blase. Blessings of throats will occur after all Sunday Masses (but **not** after the Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass).



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)

LOW TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS will be on the First Friday evenings of each month Feb.1, Apr. 4, May 2, etc. (except Lent, when there will be Stations of the Cross).



OVER 50 CLUB: Carol Herrick, author of "Yesterday", a collection of stories about old time McLean and Great Falls, will join us on Monday, Feb. 18. 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. Feb. 14. For info call Gladys Brennan at 703-821-2547.

Please see the Adult Ed page to check on opportunities for Lenten Bible Study topics.

PARISH EUCHARISTIC EVENING with Irish Tenor Mark Forrest (Faith and Family Foundation) on Sat. Feb. 9, has unfortunately been **cancelled**.

Please note: **Ash Wednesday: No Novena, Prayers or Rosary. Masses at 6:30 & 9:00 am, 4:30 & 7:30 pm. 7:30 pm Mass is a Low Traditional Latin Mass.**



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.

A couple of weeks ago Fr. Selin gave a wonderful talk about the angels. He mentioned a book about the angels, and the WORD carries this title. Stop by and pick up your copy today.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:

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

Come in and browse, see our Spring fashions as well as our Valentine's decorations and gifts. We are accepting slightly used, clean donations during our normal shop hours. 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. From encouragement of vocations to support of seminarians, to continuing education of priests, to training catechists, the Appeal funds those things that parishes can not do on their own. 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.



COFFEE & DONUTS this Sunday after the

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 & noon Masses is hosted by the St. John Academy PTO. Last Sunday St. John's Office of Evangelization RCIA and the Regnum Christi Movement were hosts. Thank you.

Lent

Tuesdays of Lent @ 7:30 pm

Lenten Parish Soup Night

Speakers discuss: *Icons of Conversion*

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

Saturdays of Lent: *Salvation History Talk*

10:00 - 11:30 am Adult Ed

Altar Server Schedule

Novena/Mass: Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008

7:30 pm Mehigans, Kirtley

Saturday: Feb. 2, First Saturday

8:15 am Lundes, Mea

5:00 pm **Vigil** Miro, Evans

Sunday Masses: Feb. 3

7:30 am Murry, Tidwells

9:00 am Bello, Buckley, Wunderlich, Schuman

10:30 am Riordan, Mullers, Schaumburg

12:00 pm Stechschulte, A. & D. Glover, Dolan, Nash,

Delvecchio, Defensor, Moran



Altar Servers



SAINT JOHN ACADEMY

St. John Academy will begin the celebration of Catholic Schools Week by providing coffee & donuts

in the school cafeteria this Sunday, Jan. 27th following the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. Light refreshments and adult beverages will be available after the Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass.

Many of our parishioners are products of this great education. Its importance to the church and to our Catholic community cannot be over stated. The great dedication and teaching tradition started by our beloved Sisters of Notre Dame continues with our Headmaster, Mr. Peter Schultz and our wonderful teachers. Please join us for this celebration.

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. Peter 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.



CAR RAFFLE UPDATE: The Car Raffle is back and tickets have been mailed to each family. You should receive them soon! We are participating with All Saints---a more generous venture than purchasing a vehicle on our own and each purchaser has a chance to win five cars! This makes "selling" at work or to family and friends more like an opportunity – just show them the ticket – it will sell itself! Thank you for all your prayers, help and support!



St. John Youth Corner

SENIOR YOUTH MEETING ~ SUN., February 10, 7 pm

~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.



WORKCAMP meeting: **Sun., Feb. 17th, 1:30 pm**

Sabatino--703-504-8733 for information



Today's **2nd collection** is for the Church in Latin America. Next week's is for the Diocesan Newspaper.



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.




FAITH DIRECT OFFERTORY OPTIONS: We are introducing a new way to support our parish offertory & second collections through direct debit deductions.

Faith Direct also provides you with an itemized statement at the end of the year for tax purposes, plus offertory cards to place in the collection basket. You may visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is VA77.



Pray the rosary for world peace

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DATE Jan. 27, 2008	28	29	30	31	FEB.1 First Friday	2 First Saturday
<u>CCD PreK - K</u> 10:30 - 11:30 am Catholic Schools Week	<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>CCD Gr. 1 - 8</u> 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> 7:00 <u>Eucharistic Holy Hour</u> 7:30 <u>RCIA</u> 7:00 pm	<u>St. John Choir</u> 7:30 pm	<u>St. John Academy Open House</u> 9-11 am & 6-8 pm Low TLM Mass 7:30 pm	<u>Blessing of Candles</u> at 8:15 Mass 

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

REPENT

"Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand" (Matt 4:17). With these words of our Blessed Savior, proclaimed in today's Gospel passage, we are once again faced with a division in understanding within the Christian fold. What role does repentance play in man's salvation? Following the Lutheran doctrine of salvation by faith alone to the exclusion of good works, serious Protestants must admit that repentance does not have any real impact on the question of man's salvation, and can only be understood as a sign of God's predilection for a given soul. Remember, for Luther, justification is simply the exterior juridical declaration of God's forgiveness, and leaves man's soul as it is—corrupted by the sin of our first parents. Thus interior repentance, however heartfelt, is tinged by sin, and can not be an ingredient in man's salvation. How far this position is from the Catholic and biblical understanding!

In order to properly understand the role of repentance in the Christian life, let us turn to another passage of Holy Scripture. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul writes, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions . . ." (Col 1:24). Immediately, we must ask ourselves what could possibly be lacking in the afflictions of Christ, and how could the sufferings of Saint Paul possibly "complete" the all-sufficient sacrifice of Jesus? For Protestants, this passage is bewildering, since salvation is thought to be dependent upon God's favorable judgment of man, in light of Christ's sacrifice, and apart from man's sinful state. However, for Catholics, Saint Paul's teaching should be self-evident and is based upon the continuation of the sentence quoted above. "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church." The key to understanding Saint Paul's teaching just quoted, and the key to understanding the Catholic teaching on the role of repentance in our salvation, is the Pauline concept of the Church as Christ's body. For Catholics, salvation is a "corporate" affair, and Christ is the binding agent which knits the parts of the body together and gives them their identity. For Saint Paul, and for the Catholic Church, Christ's once-for-all sacrifice was perfectly pleasing to God and was not lacking in any regard. However, it was not Christ who was in need of the Father's forgiveness, but men who had inherited Adam's fallen nature. Christ's sacrifice is lacking, in as much as those whom he came to save are not yet incorporated (made one body) with him. Christ accomplished the salvation of

man when he died upon the Cross and raised our dead souls to life in the resurrection, but that salvation is not, and will not be applied to us until we are each brought into union with Christ. There is no salvation outside of Christ! What is lacking in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ? Look in a mirror, and you will see the answer! Until each one of us is "sacrificed," with Christ, his saving passion will be said to be "lacking." From a Catholic perspective, this is where the question of repentance enters into the matter of our salvation.

Unlike Luther's juridical concept of justification, Catholics believe that in order to be saved, man must be fully regenerated, from the inside out. In other words, for man to be saved, he must be remade, body and soul, intellect and will, into the image and likeness of God. What is repentance from the Catholic perspective? It is man's essential first-step in his restoration. It is man's realization of who he is, where he has gone, and where he ultimately must go. It is the suffering of detachment from sin, from our former lives, that begins our incorporation into Christ's sacrifice. In order to be saved, our free-will must be rectified, that we may freely choose to love God. Like the Prodigal Son who turned back to Father while in a foreign land, we too must turn our hearts back to our Creator, in order that he may freely pour his saving life into our souls.

In less than two weeks, the Catholic Church will begin its Lenten journey. Let us heed the Master's call to repentance, and like the Prodigal Son, turn our hearts to our Father's house. In order to make this journey successfully, let us begin by being honest with ourselves and with God, accepting who we are, where we have been, and where we ultimately must go. Thus, taking up our cross and following Christ, let us pray with the Church, the body of Christ on earth, 'Open to us, O Lord, the doors of repentance that we may enter in.'

Saint John Institute of Catholic Culture . . .
(Saint John's Adult Ed Program)

Icons of Conversion w/Rev. Pollard, Dr. Cuddeback,

Dr. Clark, Rev. deRossa, Sabatino Carnazzo

Tuesdays of Lent @ 7:30 pm

Lenten Parish Soup Night

February 19 - March 18



Salvation History w/ Sabatino Carnazzo

Bring your Bible and learn to read it the right way!

Saturdays of Lent @ 10:00 - 11:30 am

February 16-March 15

www.SJICC or call 703-504-8733

From the Music Desk...

Allow me to introduce you to Therese Butkiewicz, an alto in the choir at Saint John the Beloved.

"I was born in 1954 in Georgetown U hospital, and I am a native of Washington DC. There are not too many of us around here!

Raised in Vienna, and McLean, VA, I graduated in 1980 from George Mason University with a BME (Bachelor of Music Education) to teach music in grades K-12.

After graduation, I worked in the Pentagon (as there were no close-by music teaching jobs available in the summer of 1980.)

In 1980, I won an audition to sing for the US Navy Band Sea Chanters and sang locally with them and on national tours for 11+ years.

I have been a member of the renowned Washington Bach Consort, and I have sung as a church musician substitute at many different churches in NOVA and DC. I find that my favorite of all musical situations is the chorister as part of a small group in a fast-paced environment where individual interpretation is essential and sight-reading skills paramount.

Married in 1990 to Daniel Butkiewicz, we have two children, born in 1993 and 1995.

In addition to music, I am very interested in animal behavior. I have a therapy dog (Sheba, our greyhound) that I take to the Virginian as part of Fairfax Pets on Wheels; currently inactive. I've been working as a pet-sitter for "Animal Nannies" of Northern Virginia since August of 2006.

For me, musical activity has always taken second place to other issues such as care for people with long-term illnesses. Therefore, I've come to look at music more from a therapeutic point of view, and how people can benefit from hearing either live or recorded music played for them. This music therapy goes hand in hand with my strong feelings that music is also worship; one of the reasons why it should be performed with the very best of one's ability."

Musically in Christ,
Director Lang



In Our Area

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's 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.

PAUL VI 25 YEARS: In Aug. 1983 Paul VI High started with 350 students. We have grown since then. We ask that you consider a tax deductible contribution to help us continue providing quality Catholic education to our youth. Mail us at 10675 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Va. 22030-4314.

LENTEN RETREAT Feb. 8-10 at Dominican Retreat House in McLean. Fr. Greg Salomone will be the retreat director. Call 703-768-1696 for more information.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a powerful spiritual weekend designed to help separated, divorced and widowed people make a new beginning in their lives. There will be a weekend in Washington, DC **Feb. 22-24**. Call 703-590-2803 for more information.

HIDDEN EVIL OF THE OCCULT: HOW TO PROTECT MYSELF & MY FAMILY: Holy Trinity Jubilee Park, Inc. invites you to a 2-part series retreat at St. Andrew parish in Clifton on Sat. **Feb. 23, 2008 & Sat. June 28, 2008**. Both sessions cost \$50. Learn about New Age Spirituality, cults, Satanism, possession, x-rated media. Includes Prayer, Exposition & Benediction. Info: Call Dr. Seggy Acosta @ 703-392-6420.

CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY: Online seminars Jan. 28 – Feb. 18/w Rev. Bevil Bramwell and February 11 – March 3 w/ William Saunders. 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.