



Mass Intentions

- Monday, December 30, Octave of Christmas
9:00 Ann Walsh Tuttle +
- Tuesday, December 31, Octave of Christmas
9:00 Leo Voytko +
11:00 People of the Parish
- Wednesday, January 1, Mary, Mother of God
9:00 Mary Eisenbeiss +
10:45 Robert N. Brennan +
12:30 Robert Meyer +
- Thursday, January 2, Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors
6:30 Edward Brennan +
9:00 Dave Coolidge +
- Friday, January 3, Weekday
6:30 Donald Gilmore +
9:00 William B. Campbell +
- Saturday, January 4, Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:15 Eva Maria Bamford +
5:00 Agnes Bronizewski
- Sunday, January 5, Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 Charles Ellis Escudero +
9:00 Viera Family
10:45 People of the Parish
12:30 Kenneth Kolb +

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
Tuesday, 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
Wednesday, Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
Thursday, 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
Friday, 1 John 2:29, 3:6; John 1:29-34
Saturday, 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
Sunday, Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Please pray for the ill of our parish family, especially, Judith Barracks, Ronald Bashion, Arthur Bertapelle, Genie Borne, Herman Bregg, Brian Boespflug, Virginia Bowker, Josephine Celenza, Esperanza Chandler, Harry Clarke, Nora Marie Collins, John Patrick Collins, Edith Costello, Clarence Coster, Lucille Dion, Denis Downey, Jr., Barbara Espisito, Edward R. Ettner, Sr., Marion Griffin, Blanche Kane, Leonard Jerabek, Mary Johnson, Stanley Jurgielewicz, Elena Kimberly, George Knovick, Jay LaMonica, Katherine Malcolm, Gerry McKeon, George Tracy Mehan, Eric Michaels, Mike & Regina Michaels, John Mott, Ernest Oddono, Lois Riscile, Joseph Riotta, Florence Sander, Anita Soto, Helen Spewak, Marge Stanfield, John Stapleton, Kaitlin Tracy, Theresa Vartanian, Constance Vetter and Marie Watermaier.



Year of the Rosary October 2002 - October 2003

From the Pastor

God's Family

Since the family is the basic cell or building block of society, a civilization of love and a culture of life will begin with each family seeking to become an image of the Trinity. The Trinity is a communion of divine persons united by love. The family is called to holiness and so must be an image not only of the Holy Family of Nazareth but also of the Holy Trinity. In his 1981 Apostolic Exhortation "Familiaris Consortio", Pope John Paul II listed four general tasks or purposes of the family: 1) to form a community of persons 2) to serve life 3) to participate in the development of society; and 4) to share in the life and mission of the Church. May Our Lady and St. Joseph intercede for our families to increasingly become the sign of hope for a culture of love in the New Year.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

This Wednesday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a *holy day of obligation*. (Please see the special box in today's bulletin for our Mass schedule at St. John.) Honoring Our Blessed Lady on this day is a most appropriate way of ushering in a New Year replete with fresh opportunities for spiritual growth and holiness. May we all call upon Mary, asking her powerful intercession for ourselves, our families, the Church and the entire world!

10-7-3

New Year? Time for new resolutions which should include seeking to live better our spiritual plan of life in Jesus Christ. Try 10-7-3 for beginners. Ten minutes of mental prayer at a set time daily, 7 minutes of spiritual reading from a recommended book related to living the faith, (check out *The Word Bookstore after Mass!*) and 3 minutes of scripture reading. 20 minutes a day to a new, more spirit-filled you.



Religious Education

IMPORTANT CCD NEWS! All CCD classes, to include Tuesday evening, Pre-K and Kindergarten on Sunday, and 1st Grade Monday afternoon session, will not be held this week due to the holidays. The normal schedule will resume on January 5, 2003. Call 703-356-5275 for information.

RCIA CLASSES There will be NO RCIA class December 31 due to the holidays. Class will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Room, when the topic will be "Holy Orders" chapter 34 in The Faith Explained.

Parish News

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS begin this Friday, January 3, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction will be at 5:00 p.m. It is our Catholic Faith that Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, is really present in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us for an hour or half an hour of adoration and receive the rich blessings that flow from this devotion. A sign-up sheet will be available in the church vestibule to make certain that during each hour an adorer will be present.

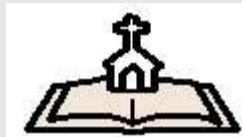
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS begin this Saturday, January 4, after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with rosary and special prayers to Our Lady of Fatima. Please join us.

NEW YEAR'S EVE RECEPTION The Pro-Life Committee of the Women's Council invites you to a New Year's Eve reception following the 11:00 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, December 31 in the Parish Hall. Join your fellow parishioners in welcoming the New Year!

THANK YOU! from the priests of St. John for your

News from
"The Word"

(St. John Parish Book
& Gift Shop)



Making your New Year's Resolutions? Start your New Year off right by resolving to do 15 minutes of spiritual reading every day. We have a wide variety of books available to provide nourishment for your spiritual journey. *The Word* is open after every Mass on Sundays, Wednesday evenings, Friday mornings and by appointment. The store phone number is 703-356-0839.



overwhelmingly generous Christmas gifts. May God reward your kindness and bless your families in the New Year ahead!

OVER 50 CLUB Join us on Monday, January 20, for an afternoon that will test your trivia skills. Get your group together and "rack your brains" at our next luncheon. Plan to attend Mass at 11:30 a.m. Lunch and an afternoon that promises to be a lot of fun will follow at Noon in the Parish Hall. Sign up on the list found in the church vestibule. Leave your check for \$15, made out to St. John Church with "Seniors" on the memo line, in the parish office by Thursday, January 16. For more information call Nancy Ingrisano at 703-356-5538.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS We will be closed this week for the Holidays and will be reopening on Tuesday, January 7, 2003 with a new selection of bargains for all. Our hours are Tuesday-Friday from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please come in or call us at 703-356-7420. We will gladly answer any questions. Thank you for your support. Happy New Year!

AUDIO - VIDEO CLUB! We are ready to launch a great new parish ministry that many of you will appreciate. We have collected and purchased over 250 tapes, CDs and DVDs for our new Audio-Video Club and new material will be added as members join. All we need to get started is a team of volunteers to staff the lending library after Masses on Sundays. We need at least ten volunteers before we can open our library. Training will be provided. If you are willing to volunteer at least one half hour of time once a month, please contact Marty McWatters as soon as possible at 703-356-0536.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2003

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31 -

Holy Hour of Reparation for Peace with
Exposition & Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament - 10:00 p.m.
Mass - 11:00 p.m.

(A Reception sponsored by the Women's Council will
follow the 11:00 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.
Spend New Year's with us!)

Wednesday, January 1 -

9:00 a.m., (Organ & Cantor) 10:45 a.m., (Organ &
Cantor) & 12:30 p.m., (Organ & Cantor)

In Our Diocese / Area

ROOTED IN FAITH ~ FORWARD IN HOPE PLEDGE PAYMENTS The Diocese is assisting our parish by sending out reminders for the Capital Campaign. In order to assist our staff, please use the envelopes that are sent to you to make your pledge payment. If you have any questions or have not received information for your pledge, please contact the parish office or the Diocesan Development Office at 703-841-2570.



Senior Youth

Our next regular meeting will be on Sunday, January 5th. Come to our first ever Epiphany Party at Brandon Moore's house (6501 Linway Terrace). Bring a wrapped, goofy gift that you will exchange. After you've thanked Aunt Mabel for that lovely whatever...rewrap it and bring it to Brandon's and maybe you'll go home with something even goofier.

The March for Life is just around the corner. If you can tear yourself away from school for a noble cause on January 22nd, we'll have breakfast, attend Mass with the Bishop, and march together as the St. John SYG. Mark your calendars now.

Sign up now for Mount 2000 and Beyond, the 8th annual East Coast Eucharistic Retreat weekend at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This special weekend, February 7-9, is for Catholic youth and young adults, grades 9 - age 33. See SYG bulletin board for more information and applications.

The ski trips are coming!!! Start socking away any gift money you might receive this year so you can join us on both trips. Information and sign up sheets are on the SYG bulletin board in the vestibule. Limited space available on both trips so sign up early. Deadlines for sign up: one-day trip to Liberty - January 27; two-day trip to Winterplace, West Virginia - February 17.

NOTRE DAME GRADUATE SCHOOL Would like to learn more about the Faith? Why not consider taking a theology course at Christendom College's *Notre Dame Graduate School*? We welcome casual students for credit or audit, and have special discounts for catechists, Catholic School teachers, and senior citizens. Most of our courses are held evenings or Saturdays at our convenient campus next to Queen of Apostles Parish in Alexandria. Courses offered during the spring semester (January 13 through April 26) include *20th Century Theologians*, *Contemporary Bioethical Issues*, *Biblical Catechetics*, *The Social Teachings of the Catholic Church*, and many others. Please call 703-658-4304 for information or to register.

CATHOLIC RADIO IS HERE! AM 1120, WUST. Sponsored by Holy Family Communications, Monday through Thursday, 6:00-8:30 p.m., www.washingtoncatholicradio.org 202-478-1762.

Parish Office Holiday Schedule

*The Parish Office Schedule
for the remainder of the holiday period
will be as follows:*

Sunday, December 29 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday, December 30 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 31 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1 - Closed
Thursday, January 2 - Resume regular schedule

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Marriage Encounter is a 44 hours where married couples can get away from the job, the kids, chores and phones - and focus only on each other. If you would like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! The next Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in the Arlington Diocese is January 31-February 2, 2003. For more information and to register, contact John and Kathy Maddox at 703-583-0631 or by email at Novame@aol.com.

ADOPTION INFORMATION Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington will hold Adoption Information Meetings on Thursday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on January 9, 2003, February 6, 2003, March 6, 2003 at 5294 Lyngate Court, Burke, VA 22015. 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. They are especially seeking African/American and interracial couples interested in adopting. Registration fee is \$20. Please call 703-425-0100 to register.

AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM for Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families/Adult Children of Alcoholics. Does the "home for the holidays" bring tension and old hurts rather than joy? This is often the case in dysfunctional families. A class for ACDF/ACOA is offered to help understand family dynamics and heal the hurt feelings of growing up in such a family. This healing program seeks to improve coping and intimacy skills and to grow in appreciation of one's self and others. Six week sessions begin at St. Mary's in Fairfax on January 17, 2003. Call Carol Parowski, LPC at 703-644-3962 for information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 <u>Coffee & Donuts</u> after the 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Masses No CCD for Pre-K & Kindergarten Nursery during 10:45 a.m. Mass <u>Jr. Legion of Mary</u> 1:30 p.m. DR Rm.	30 Mass 9:00 a.m. only <u>Sew & So Forths</u> 9:45 a.m. DR Rm. No CCD Class - 1st Grade	31 <u>Masses</u> 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 p.m. No CCD Classes No RCIA Class	1 New Year's Day <u>Masses</u> 9:00, 10:45 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Parish Office Closed	2 Mass 9:00 a.m. only <u>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 p.m. DR Rm.	3 <u>First Friday Devotions</u> following 9:00 a.m. Mass_	4 <u>First Saturday Devotions</u> following 8:15 a.m. Mass

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BULLETINS IN THE PEW.