

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, December 25

### *THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD*

- 7:30 Dolores, Philip and David Snyder †
- 9:00 The Altar Server Corps and their Families
- 10:30 People of the Parish
- 12:15 The Steiner Robles Family

## Tuesday, December 26

### *Saint Stephen, The First Martyr*

- 6:30 Mary Helen Haggerty †
- 9:00 Margo Munro †

## Wednesday, December 27

### *Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist*

- 6:30 Albina Skendi †
- 9:00 Walker H. Ford

## Thursday, December 28

### *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

- 6:30 Albert Balint †
- 9:00 Joseph M. Scheidler

## Friday, December 29

### *Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr*

- 6:30 Bruce Cofer †
- 9:00 Ivy Allam †

## Saturday, December 30

### *Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

- 8:15 Ernest Schroeder †
- 5:00 Jean Dolan †

## Sunday, December 31

### *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

- 7:30 Julia Neville †
- 9:00 Francisco Guevara †
- 10:30 People of the Parish
- 12:00 Harriet Shinn †

### *Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*

- 11:30 James and Alexander Harrington

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY and TUESDAY DECEMBER 25 and 26 IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS.**

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

**December 2017**

The Elderly: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations

## IN TESTIMONIUM...

The Second Vatican Council's earth-shattering document on Divine Worship that envisioned "radical adaptation of the liturgy... [which] entails great difficulties" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 40) still sought to preserve the universal language of the Roman Catholic Church:

"Nevertheless steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them." (SC 54)

In 2002 the revised General Instructions for the Roman Missal issued by Pope St. John Paul II reiterated that "since faithful from different countries come together ever more frequently, it is fitting that they know how to sing together at least some parts of the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin, especially the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, set to the simpler melodies" (GIRM 41).

As a singular Mass for all the faithful, our parish Midnight Mass for Christmas will take this to heart. We already can chant the Kyrie, Sanctus and Agnus Dei in ancient languages. Praying the rest of the "ordinary" in Latin will entail some lovely sung prayers and just three extended spoken prayers:

"I Confess to Almighty God...":

Confiteor Deo omnipotenti et vobis, fratres,  
quia peccavi nimis  
cogitatione, verbo, opere et omissione:  
mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.  
Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem,  
omnes Angelos et Sanctos,  
et vos, fratres, orare pro me  
ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands...":

Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis  
ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui,  
ad utilitatem quoque nostram  
totiusque Ecclesiae sanctae.

"Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof...":

Domine, non sum dignus, ut intres sub tectum meum,  
sed tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea.

The Mass will be glorious! I just purchased a few hundred copies of the booklet "Mass of Vatican II" to help you follow along. It is my personal gift to you. Your using it would be your gift to me.

Venite adoremus! God bless you! Merry Christmas!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

P.S. Maybe next week I will buy everyone German lessons so we can all sing "Silent Night" auf Deutsch! Frohe Weihnachten!



**FEAST OF ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST  
CELEBRATION OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH**



Everyone is invited to join us this Wednesday, December 27th as we celebrate the Feast Day of our patron, Saint John the Beloved with an **Open House** at the rectory following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018**

On Saturday evening January 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the church, the venerable and powerful blessing of Epiphany Water will be done according to the Traditional Latin Rite. If you wish to bring blessed Epiphany Water home, please bring a small empty container, worthy of and designated for this use. If unable to attend, please see the sacristan to obtain Epiphany Water.

**TAKE HOME BLESSED CHALK FOR  
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 7, 2018**

For the Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 7, the blessing of the chalk will take place at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 6 so that parishioners can take the Blessed chalk that weekend to inscribe the names of the Three Wise Men (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) and the date on the lintel of your home.

**20+C+M+B+18**

CMB also refers to the Latin motto:

*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, "May Christ bless this house."

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER  
(WWME) WEEKEND**

*"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me;..."*

Let your spirits be augmented by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend with your spouse. The next weekends are: Mar 2-4, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: **RenewMarriage-VANorth.org** or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or **703-646-1521**.

**ST. MARK'S ESL MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO  
JOIN THEIR COMMUNITY OF CULTURES!**

We are seeking new students and volunteers to participate in the Winter 2018 Term, starting January 16<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to 'Welcome the Stranger' and provide a program where adults from all ethnic and religious backgrounds can come and learn English and acclimate better to life in the U.S.! Registration for Spring Term is Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7pm to 8 pm at St. Mark Church. For additional registration information or to volunteer, call Monica at **703-980-9380**, email [stmarksesl@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksesl@gmail.com), or check [www.stmarkesl.org](http://www.stmarkesl.org).

**SENIORS' CLUB MONTHLY GATHERING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

On Monday, January 8th we will kick off the New Year with a big bang! Marc Lapadula, senior lecturer, noted professor of screenwriting at Yale and an alumnus of St. John Academy will be back by popular demand as our honored guest speaker. Using film clips, Marc will bring to life a selection of timeless American Films, expertly analyzing each and offering us fascinating insights into their importance and impact on American culture. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following 11:30 AM Mass for those who wish to attend. **Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the parish office at 703.356.7916 by Friday, January 5th.** Those who arrive without reservations are welcome but, unfortunately, we cannot offer them lunch. Suggested donation of \$15.00/person will be collected at the door. Call Phil for more information or if you need a ride.

**MARCH FOR LIFE: SAVE THE DATE  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018**

Friday, January 19, 2018 is the 45th Annual March for Life. Please consider offering a day of work to be a witness for human dignity. **March** for those who cannot march or speak for themselves. **March** for those who may never have a chance to pray or play. **March** for those who may never have the chance to be born. **March** for those already lost to us.



# SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

## MASS SCHEDULE



### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:30 PM Holy Hour

11:30 PM Vigil Mass in English


“Ring in the New Year”

Champagne Toast Following Mass

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1

6:30 AM Mass

9:00 AM Mass

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 24	December 25	December 26	December 27	December 28	December 29	December 30
10:30am <b>NO CCD</b>  4:00pm Vespers	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>  4:30pm <b>NO CCD</b>  4:30 pm No Confiteor 7:00pm No RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsal	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>   7:00pm <b>NO CCD</b> 8:00pm Hoops	<b>ADORATION</b> 10:00am-7:00pm  9:30am Feast Day <b>Open House</b> 7:00pm Holy Hour <b>Confessions Hourly</b> 10:00am – 6:00pm			8:45am Confessions  3:30pm Confessions





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Christmas, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, we are profoundly aware of the need to pray that His peace will reign in our world, in our nation, in our homes and in our lives. We are witnessing much turbulence, unrest and division in our midst. Yet, we do not despair. Our newborn King has shown us the way to peace and unity.

We pray that the leaders of our nation and those throughout the world will allow the Lord to guide their decisions, being ever mindful of the sacredness of all human life and the dignity of each and every human person. We pray that all people will recognize that they are united as God's holy family and respond by treating one another with charity and respect. In our own lives, we pray for the grace to love, honor and forgive each other. In a special way, may our prayer always lead us to seek peace not in the empty promises of the world but in the One who alone can sustain and protect us.

It is my hope and prayer that what we do at Christmas will continue throughout the New Year: to keep our relationship with the Lord our highest priority; to share our gifts and resources with all those in need; and to be instruments of His peace in our communities, workplaces and homes.

Please be assured of a special remembrance at the Masses I will celebrate on Christmas. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may Our Lord Jesus fill you with his choicest blessings at Christmas and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Bishop Michael Burbidge*

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington



## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

### NO SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

No Sunday Youth Nights for 12/24, 12/31, 1/7. We will resume again on January 14th!

### CONFITEOR CLASS

No Confiteor Classes for the next four weeks. We will continue on Monday January 22nd!

### WORKCAMP 2018

We are now accepting applications for WorkCamp 2018! WorkCamp will take place June 23rd - 29th. Please contact James Clement for more information and/or application packet.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Youth Ministry extends a very Merry Christmas to you and your families! Know that you are in our prayers.

James Clement

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### PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIFE CLOSE UP NIGHT

All 8th graders and their families are invited to Paul VI's annual Student Life Close Up Night and Varsity Boy's Basketball Game, Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 5:00PM. Join us for pizza and dessert. Sit with the *VI Man* and cheer on our Panther Basketball team at 6:00PM. No cost for this fun, family event. Email [ehanley@pvipanther.net](mailto:ehanley@pvipanther.net) with questions.

### FINDING FREEDOM AFTER ABORTION

Are you in search of healing and freedom? Sign up for a retreat today. As one participant said after receiving help from our ministry: "Have courage...trust in God's mercy, let His graces rain upon you. You won't regret it". For Confidential Help After Abortion please visit [www.helpafterabortion.org](http://www.helpafterabortion.org).

### WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME

Welcoming Catholics Home is an apostolate at St. John the Beloved that serves those who are considering returning or returning more fully to the Catholic faith. We meet again on Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the teachers lounge. It will be an informal gathering and Q&A session.

## THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



Hark! the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise;  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmel Broadfoot	Christopher Katz
Mary Elizabeth Bergen	Dorothy Kottler
Salvatore Calabro	Sharon LeMaster
John Cartelli	Sue Malone
John Paul Charles Carver	Carmella Manetti
Virginia Connelly	Patrick McDonough
Sheila Corallo	Diana Meisel
Elke D'Amico	Bonnie Moran
Richard DeCorps	Veronica Nowakowski
William Dunne	Anita Oliveira
Joe Elias	Briner Orillo
Tara Flanagan-Koenig	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Susan Glover	Patricia Richer
Francesca Greco	Shelby Rogers
Paul Griffith	Thomas Rosa
Edward M. Hallinan III	Avery Schaeffer
Jack Halpin	Merle Shannon
Arnold L. Harrington III	Gloribeth Smith
Emily Hazlett	Carolyn Steinhoff
Agnes Henley	Bill Sullivan
Mark Johnson	Mary Warchot
Andrew Katson	Marie Wysolmerski



*God bless and protect all our family members and parishioners who are serving in the military and civil service for our defense, especially...*

Robert Ayala  
Jonathan Choo  
Nicholas Galvan  
Harry Griffith  
Bill Jones  
Brendan Murphy  
Lynn Partik

Michael Shipley  
Kimberley Templer  
Michael Templer  
Jesus Toledanes  
Alex Trujillo  
Justin White