

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, December 4

### *Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

6:30 William and Donna Moraca †  
 9:00 Horst Blume †  
 7:30 Helen and Louis Hargenrader †

## Tuesday, December 5

### *Advent Weekday*

6:30 Robert McJury †  
 9:00 Jake Crouch

## Wednesday, December 6

### *Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

6:30 The Goody Family  
 9:00 Capt. Thomas Francis, Sr. †

## Thursday, December 7

### *Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

6:30 Bill Craig  
 9:00 Edward J. Saunders †

## Friday, December 8

### *THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

6:30 Albert Balint †  
 9:00 Tereza D. Benevides  
 12:00 Rev. Alphonse Kabore  
 4:30 People of the Parish  
 7:30 Albert Balint †

## Saturday, December 9

### *Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*

8:15 Alice Woods †  
 5:00 Lynn Griffiths †

## Sunday, December 10

### *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

7:30 Beverly Dube †  
 9:00 Arlene Naughton †  
 10:30 People of the Parish  
 12:00 James P. Gordon †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON  
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 9:00 A.M.**

## 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...

THANKS BE TO GOD  
 FOR THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
 POURED OUT ON OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED!

<i>Catherine C. Allen</i>	<i>Michael P. Katson</i>
<i>Aneka M. Andrews</i>	<i>Brandon L. Lee</i>
<i>Maximilian P. Beatty</i>	<i>Emily M. Leonardi Carapaica</i>
<i>Laura R. Bingham</i>	<i>Elyse R. Lochmann</i>
<i>Sayda R. Bir</i>	<i>Gregory T. Maleski</i>
<i>Rodrigo E. Borjas Curé</i>	<i>Margaret B. Malone</i>
<i>Nia J. Brockelman</i>	<i>Liam Q. McGarry</i>
<i>Nathaniel R. Carter</i>	<i>John P. McGinn</i>
<i>Rachel M. Cermak</i>	<i>James A. Mea</i>
<i>Ina F. Chung</i>	<i>Manuel G. Muñoz</i>
<i>Mary Catherine Coakley</i>	<i>Mario G. Muñoz</i>
<i>William A. Davis</i>	<i>James F. Murray</i>
<i>Beatriz De Los Heros de Uriarte</i>	<i>Magalen L. Nichols</i>
<i>Kathryn H. de Marcellus</i>	<i>Elizabeth B. Nugent</i>
<i>Robert L. de Marcellus</i>	<i>Eric T. Olsen</i>
<i>Donovan M. DiLenge</i>	<i>Luke J. Olsen</i>
<i>Mia A. G. Dimatulac</i>	<i>Bridget E. O'Shaughnessy</i>
<i>Joseph C. Duncan</i>	<i>Nicholas S. Pereira</i>
<i>Aisling B. Flett</i>	<i>Katherine C. Pickens</i>
<i>Johnpaul L. Gagliardo</i>	<i>Catherine S. Pope</i>
<i>Patrick T. Gallagher</i>	<i>Maxwell F. Profaizer</i>
<i>Jack E. Gharib</i>	<i>Katelyn A. Redding</i>
<i>Nathan D. Ho</i>	<i>Catherine A. Thomas</i>
<i>Gabriel L. Hoernig</i>	<i>Emma E. Workmaster</i>
<i>Simone Immè</i>	<i>Ryan A. Zuber</i>
<i>Anthony R. Jeffress</i>	

All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 by water and the Holy Spirit  
 you freed your sons and daughters  
 and gave them new life.  
 Send your Holy Spirit upon them  
 to be their Helper and Guide.  
 Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
 the spirit of right judgment and courage,  
 the spirit of knowledge and reverence.  
 Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe  
 in Your presence.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen and Amen. God bless you all!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**



### MASS SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

12:00 noon (Low Latin Mass)

4:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

### SOLEMN VESPERS EVERY SUNDAY DURING ADVENT AT 4:00 P.M.

St. John the Beloved will celebrate Solemn Vespers in the Church every Sunday during the Advent Season. **This Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00 p.m.** Solemn Vespers takes place in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament enthroned on the altar, includes a homily after the reading and concludes with Benediction. Come join in the official Evening Prayer of the Church.

### THRIFT SHOP IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Get a jump on your Christmas shopping. Thrift Shop hours are 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Tues.-Fri, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Saturday. For additional information please call the Thrift Shop during business hours at: 703-356-7420.

### WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

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 weekly on Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge at St. John Academy. On Tuesday, December 5th we will discuss: *The Sacrament of Confession*. We will consider more fully and deeply the sacrament of confession where Christ and His mercy meet us in the most difficult and painful places in our lives. For additional info: [welcome@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:welcome@stjohncatholicmclean.org)



### ST. PETER CLAVER SOCIETY CHRISTMAS ANNUAL SALE OF SEE'S CANDY AND AMARYLLIS

The St. Peter Claver Society will be selling See's Chocolates and Amaryllis Gift Kits following all **Sunday Masses** on the first three weekends of December. (Please note that we will be unable to sell on Saturday Evenings.) Both make wonderful hostess gifts for holiday parties. Teachers and work colleagues especially appreciate receiving these as gifts, and all profits go directly to the needs of African orphans

### ADVENT GIVING TREE: “GIVE A GIFT FOR LIFE” SUPPORT WOMEN, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

As you prepare for Christmas, include a Gift for Life on your shopping list by supporting Gabriel Project pregnancy assistance and Project Rachel post-abortion healing ministries right here in our local area. Your tax-deductible contribution will make a big difference in the life of an expectant mother or a woman who is suffering from the after effects of an abortion. It's easy to give! Just take a *gift tag from the giving tree* in the vestibule starting this Sunday, December 3rd and follow the directions. For more information, please call Andrea at 703-790-1724 or visit:

[www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)

### SJA CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Christmas is nearing and it's never too early to start thinking about your tree! This year's fresh cut Fraser fir trees, garlands and wreaths arrived on November 24<sup>th</sup> at St. John's. There will be trees in many sizes. Don't miss this opportunity to support St. John Academy and have the best tree, wreath and/or garland in the community. The quality of these trees is amazing. We will be selling thru December 23rd. Hours of operation: Monday - Friday 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### COFFEE & DONUTS

Everyone is invited to Coffee & Donuts following the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses in the Parish Hall.



# An Evening of Advent Lessons and Carols

In Honor of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady  
Including Sacred Scripture, Poetry, and Advent Carols for all to sing

With music by  
The Choir of Our Lady of Ephesus  
Elizabeth Black, director


James Senson, organist  
and

First Light Ensemble

## Saturday, December 16th at 7 PM in the Church

A dessert reception will follow with prosecco and punch in the Parish Hall

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9
10:30am CCD  4:00pm Vespers	9:45am S & S Forth  4:30pm CCD 4:30pm Confiteor 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsol	7:00pm CCD 7:00pm WCH 8:00pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am – 7:30pm  Confessions Hourly 10:00am – 6:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour	3:00pm Soccer	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  MASS SCHEDULE 6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 noon (LLM) 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	8:45am Confessions  3:30pm Confessions

**THE SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 10 WILL BE FOR THE  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

**SENIORS' CLUB MONTHLY GATHERING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**

We are so fortunate to have our highly skilled Director of Music, James Senson, leading members of our children's choir in a memorable selection of Advent and Christmas hymns and songs at our next gathering on Monday, December 18. James has promised a very special program for all of us. Please mark your calendars and bring family and friends to this celebratory event. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following Mass which will be said at 11:30 a.m. 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, December 15. Those who arrive without reservations are welcome but, unfortunately, we cannot offer them lunch. The suggested donation is \$15.00 per person to be collected at the door. For further information or if you would like a ride to the luncheon please call Phil at 703-356-9788.

**CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS!**

Many thanks to all who helped make the St. John confirmation and reception with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge so beautiful. This includes Fr. Pollard, Fr. Sina, All the SJA & CCD teachers, Mr. Senson, Ms. Starrs, the choir, Ms. Pennefather, Mrs. Johnson, 7<sup>th</sup> grade room mothers and volunteer parents. **Congratulations to the 51 confirmandi and sponsors.** May you continue to be filled with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit!

**PARISH VOLUNTEER FOR CHRIST HOUSE**

On the 2nd Friday of every month at Christ House in Alexandria, a team of four volunteers prepares and serves a nutritious, well balanced evening meal for about 75 persons and families from the Alexandria community. Danielle Aguilar, one of the long-time co-coordinators has to step down and a volunteer replacement is *greatly* needed. Lead responsibilities will be shared with the other coordinator. Training is provided. If you are interested in helping with this important outreach ministry, please contact Michele Mrozek at: [mmrozek@frpark.com](mailto:mmrozek@frpark.com). Thanks to Danielle for serving the poor and those most in need.

**WEDNESDAY CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

To perpetuate receiving the mercy of Christ, especially during advent, the priests of St. John will continue to hear extra confessions on Wednesdays. At the top of the hour every hour between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. a priest will be in the confessional and stay as long as there are penitents and again for the solid hour from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



**GRANDPARENTS DAY  
AT SAINT JOHN ACADEMY**

Saint John Academy held its Third annual Grandparents Day on Wednesday, November 21st. The day began with Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by a school assembly, musical performance and a light reception. Grandparents had the opportunity to visit their grandchildren's classrooms. Grandparents who had grandchildren in kindergarten were able to join the class for their Thanksgiving feast, a kindergarten tradition at Saint John Academy. A wonderful time was had by all.

**DECEMBER BOOKWORM CLUB BOOK FAIR!**

SJA Library is happy to offer you an Advent and Christmas shopping opportunity this week! We will be hosting a marvelous book fair, with high quality selections from Bookworm Central, a much-awarded local business out of Manassas. Please feel free to come and shop from Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>, through Wednesday morning December 13<sup>th</sup>. The book fair also will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**SJA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND CONCERT**

Please join our school families Friday evening December 15<sup>th</sup>, for the annual Christmas pageant and concert, to include the SJA band, songs by the elementary, middle school classes, treble and advanced choirs, and the beautiful annual Christmas pageant by our 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

**SEW & SO FORTHS**

*Sew & So Forths* is our parish sewing group and we invite you to join us on Mondays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We meet in the Dodi Reagan Room. We will also be glad to accept items you have made for baby layettes if you cannot attend our Monday meetings. Please contact Gladys Brennan at 703-821-2547 for more information. Join us!

**ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

Mark your calendars and save the date for *An Evening of Advent Lessons and Carols* on Saturday, December 16. Sacred Scripture, sacred music and poetry as well as familiar Advent carols for all to sing at 7:00 p.m. in the Church with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. Guests are kindly invited to celebrate and share a festive morsel.



## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

### SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT (12/3)

Youth night continues tonight Sunday December 3rd 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Faith topic for the night will be Gluttony vs. Asceticism with a fun social activity to follow. Food and drinks provided!

### CONFITEOR CLASS

Confiteor Class continues this Monday December 4th at 4:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed. Room. Open to all Freshmen and Sophomore High Schoolers.

### RCIA CLASS

RCIA Class continues this Monday December 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Ed. Room. Open to all Junior and Senior High Schoolers.

### WORKCAMP 2018 INFO SESSION (12/13)

Calling all high schoolers! Do you want to have one of the best weeks of summer you've ever experienced? Do you long to make a big difference in the lives of families who are in need? Are you looking to grow deeper in your faith? If you answer yes to any of these questions, come to our WorkCamp Info Session on Wednesday Dec 13th 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. WorkCamp will take place June 23rd - 29th.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**James Clement**  
703-356-7916

[jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:jclement@stjohncatholicmclean.org)

### NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

As we begin the season of Advent we would like to have scholas at *every* Mass in December as we anticipate the Christmas season. We would like to welcome anyone with prior singing experience for the Masses for the 5:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil), 9:00 a.m., and/or 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.

You may sing at just one Mass or more if you wish! Also, if you are interested in singing on Christmas Day, we need singers for the 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Masses.

Please contact our Director of Music, James Senson at: [jsenson@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:jsenson@stjohncatholicmclean.org) if you would like additional information.

## THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



*"The authority and honor of a king has been given to Christ; all peoples, tribes and nations will serve him forever."*

Antiphon for Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12  
Evening Prayer I for the Solemnity of Christ the King

## 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 Harrington	Gloribeth Smith
Emily Hazlett	Carolyn Steinhoff
Agnes Henley	Bill Sullivan
Mark Johnson	Mary Warchot
	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...*

David Blau  
Jonathan Choo  
Nicholas Galvan  
Harry Griffith  
Bill Jones  
Brendan Murphy  
Lynn Partik

Michael Shipley  
Kimberly Templer  
Michael Templer  
Jesus Toledanes  
Alex Trujillo  
Justin White  
Dr. Paul White