

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, November 24

#### *Saint Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs*

- 6:30 Jack Meyers †  
 9:00 Estela Scully †  
 7:30 Mary Reilly Hunt †

### Tuesday, November 25

- 6:30 Wayne Greenlee †  
 9:00 Mary Valerie Scully †

### Wednesday, November 26†

- 6:30 Oliver Sandifer  
 9:00 Adena Holsinger †

### Thursday, November 27

- 6:30 Brother Salvador Yanzon, S.S.S.  
 9:00 Daniel J. Scully †

### Friday, November 28

- 6:30 Waltrud & Klaus Trares  
 9:00 Pauline Scully Conklin †

### Saturday, November 29

- 8:15 Daniel P. Scully †  
 5:00 Tom Russo †

### Sunday, November 30

#### *First Sunday of Advent*

- 7:30 Theodore Sanford-Besh †  
 9:00 Rosa & Avelino Esteves †  
 10:30 People of the Parish  
 12:00 Richard & Erna Bailey †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON  
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 9:00 A.M.**

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

**NOVEMBER 2014**

**Lonely people:** That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

**Mentors of seminarians and religious:** That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.

## IN TESTIMONIUM...

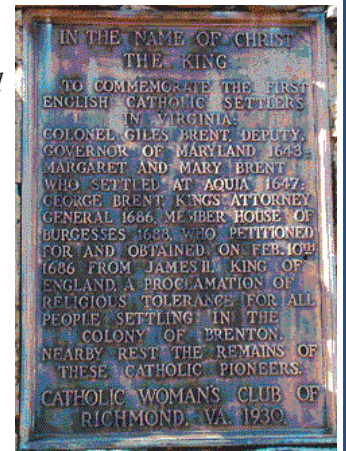
Thanksgiving services were routine in what was to become the Commonwealth of Virginia as early as 1607, with the first permanent settlement of Jamestown holding a thanksgiving in 1610.

The first documented thanksgiving services in territory currently belonging to the United States were conducted by Spaniards in the 16th century. More importantly Spanish missionaries were the first to offer Holy Mass in these parts, not just in the continent but even in what we now call the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In 1570 a shrine to Our Lady of Ajacan was dedicated and a year later the first Catholic martyrs met their end in two different massacres: Fr. Luis de Quiros, Baptista Mendez and Gabriel De Solis on 14 February 1571 and Fr. Juan Baptistia De Segura, Cristobal Redondo, Pedro Linares, Gabriel Gomez and Sancho Zevallos on 18 February 1571. All were brothers or fathers of the Society of Jesus.

Only a few decades later the Brent family moved to Stafford from the North to escape religious persecution and established the town of Brenton, later known as Aquia. Their cemetery was rediscovered in 1897. A plaque marks the spot:

*In the Name of Christ the King  
 To commemorate the first  
 English Catholic Settlers in  
 Virginia: Colonel Giles Brent,  
 Deputy Governor of Maryland  
 1643; Margaret and Mary  
 Brent who settled at Aquia  
 1647; George Brent, King's  
 Attorney General 1686,  
 Member House of Burgesses  
 1688, who petitioned for and  
 obtained on Feb. 10th 1686  
 from James II, King of  
 England, a proclamation of  
 religious tolerance for all  
 people settling in the Colony  
 of Brenton. Nearby rest the  
 remains of these Catholic pioneers.*



God bless them.  
 God bless our Commonwealth.  
 God bless you.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

## **DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ARLINGTON IS HERE ON THURSDAYS**

The holidays can be a great time to spend time with long-distance family members, keep family traditions, and enjoy meals together. The holidays can also be a good time to have much needed conversations about planning ahead as we think about goals for the coming year. It is good for all of us to get our affairs in order. For example, are you aware that the Diocese has Advance Directives that prevent you from being unprepared in a crisis? If you are a senior or family member who would like to obtain the Diocesan Advance Directives, contact Senior Services Director Gracie Ortiz ([571-970-8734](tel:571-970-8734)) who is here at St. John the Beloved every Thursday. She can discuss such topics as long-distance caregiving, dealing with differences of opinions between family members, and how to best care for yourself and your loved ones during the holidays.

## **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 the diocesan pregnancy assistance and 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 next Sun., November 30 and follow the directions. For more information, call Anne at 301-633-6315 or [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

SJB Parishioners Assistance Network: sharing our gifts and talents with our parish members needs additional volunteers who can occasionally give rides to appointments. Please call Beth Anderson at 703-536-2298 to sign up to be part of the ride network.

## **LET'S KNOCK ON SOME DOORS**

On the morning of Saturday, December 6, St. Nicholas Day, please join us as we go from house to house not bearing toys and treats but extending a kind and colorful invitation to the great many events happening at St. John's. Mr. Dave Scully is coordinating the efforts. Door-to-Door Evangelization has never been so much fun!

## **COFFEE & DONUTS**

After the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses the St. John Academy PTO will host Coffee & Donuts. Thanks to the St. John's Mothers Group for hosting Coffee & Donuts last Sunday.

## **THRIFT SHOP SALE**

**Sale One Day Only!** Tuesday, November 25th from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 25% off estate items and purple tags. 50% Off clothing for Men and Women. We will be closed Wednesday, November 26 thru Saturday, November 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays. Shop hours are 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mon-Fri, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Saturday. For information call: 703-356-7420.

## **WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME: DEC. 2**

Do you know someone in your family or neighborhood who is thinking about returning to the Catholic Church? St. John's apostolate, Welcoming Catholics Home, can help. We will be meeting from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the St. John Academy Teacher's Lounge on Tuesdays this fall. . On December 2, we will consider the Catholic liturgical season of Advent. For more information please contact us at [welcome@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:welcome@stjohncatholicmclean.org).



## **SPCS: ANNUAL SALE OF SEE'S CANDY AND AMARYLLIS**

As you shop for Christmas this year, consider buying amaryllis bulbs and See's chocolates from the St. Peter Claver Society after weekend Masses in December. To ensure your order, please use the preorder form located in church vestibule and next weeks bulletin. You can either mail order in or deposit at the SPCS table at the Parish Bazaar on Nov. 22. All profits go to meeting the vital needs of these orphans.

## **EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN**

*Sponsored by  
St. John the Beloved Women's Council  
2014-15 Series*

*"Friends of God... Begin Heaven on Earth  
with a Life Rich in Prayer"*

Monday, December 1

*Lectio Divina...Entering in the Scriptures  
by*

Fr. Andrew Hofer, OP

7:00 p.m. Social

7:30 p.m. Talk

in the Parish Hall

RSVP to: [womenseveningsofreflection@gmail.com](mailto:womenseveningsofreflection@gmail.com)

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
THURSDAY, NOV. 27 & FRIDAY, NOV. 28  
IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING**



### ST. JOHN ACADEMY HONORS VETERANS

On Wednesday, November 12, St. John Academy Students participated in an assembly honoring veterans. All grades participated in a musical performance including singing the service songs of the different branches of the military. The assembly included a slide show featuring photographs of veterans and active members of the military in our school community, student presentations, poems, and patriotic songs. Major Joseph Lahoud, USAF and our own Captain Edwin Smedberg, USN, Retired.

### SJA STUDENTS DONATE TO SHARE

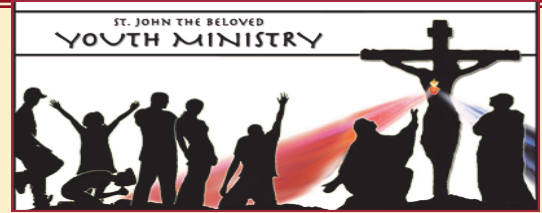
Students collected grocery store gift cards to donate to SHARE, so that local families in need could shop for their own Thanksgiving dinners. Thanks you to all of those who contributed.

### 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 will once again come from Cline Church Nursery in North Carolina, and will be on sale as of November 28<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.

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

On behalf of the staff and faculty, St. John Academy wishes all a very Happy Thanksgiving. The school will be closed from November 26 -30 for Thanksgiving break.



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

### SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

Bible Study and Youth Night continues tonight from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. There will be no Bible Study or Youth Night next week due to Thanksgiving Holidays.

### THEOLOGY CLASSES FOR TEENAGERS

There will be no Theology Class this week due to Thanksgiving.

### RCIA CLASSES

Upcoming topics for the Monday night RCIA classes from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., open to Juniors and Seniors, are:

**Nov. 24:** Parousia, The Holy Spirit & The Holy Trinity

**Dec. 1:** The Christian Life at its Fullest: The Virtues & Beatitudes

### WORKCAMP 2015 INFORMATION SESSION



Looking for an opportunity to serve? Want to love your fellow neighbor? Maybe you just want to get your hands dirty or get some service hours? Come to WorkCamp 2015! This is a weeklong mission trip to residents within our Diocese in the Shenandoah County. There will be an information session on Sunday, Dec. 14th from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. in the school to let you know what this service trip is really all about. We'll explain what the week includes, the cost, fundraising, registrations, and preparation meetings. Hope to see you there!

### Contact Information:

Kevin Corcoran

703-356-7916

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 23	NOVEMBER 24	NOVEMBER 25	NOVEMBER 26	NOVEMBER 27	NOVEMBER 28	NOVEMBER 29
	9:45am Sew&SoForth		ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm 	HAPPY THANKSGIVING 	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	8:45am Confessions  3:30pm Confessions
	7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion	8:00 pm Hoops	6:30pm Confessions 7:30pm Holy Hour 8:30pm Futsol	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. KING OF THE UNIVERSE



# CALLING ALL ALUMNI

**ST. JOHN ACADEMY**



60th ANNIVERSARY 1954-2014

**60th Anniversary Mass and Cocktail Party  
January 31, 2015**

**— RSVP Event —**

**Please Register to be Included on our Mailing List**

Contact Susie Mea, Director of Development, at [alumniassociation@stjohnacademy.org](mailto:alumniassociation@stjohnacademy.org) • 703-448-3826

Or Register Online at [www.stjohncatholicmclean.org](http://www.stjohncatholicmclean.org) (click on 60th Anniversary)

Visit us on Facebook at Saint John Academy Alumni Association

## INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE



### Sing to the Lord a New Song: An Advent Journey Through the Psalms

Prof. Ben Reinhard, Ph.D. & Prof. David Clayton  
Thursdays, December 4 and 11, 2014 @ 7:30 p.m.  
St. John the Beloved Church Hall  
6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101

### Jolly St. Nick? Reclaiming Christmas for Christ

Christopher Check  
Saturday, December 6, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.  
St. Ambrose Church Hall  
3901 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA 22003

### Rejoice in the Lord! Gaudete Sunday Dinner & Vespers with the ICC

Chorus Sine Nomine & Rev. Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo  
Sunday, December 14, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner included; lecture & Vespers to follow at 7:00 p.m.  
No RSVP required.  
St. Veronica Church Hall  
3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly, VA 20151

Director of the Institute: Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo  
<http://www.instituteofcatholicculture.org/>

## THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



The election to fill the seat of Barbara Comstock will take place on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

If you live in the boundaries of the 34th District for the Virginia House of Delegates please make sure you are registered to vote. Check here to see if you would be an eligible voter:

<http://whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov/>

and then register here: <https://www.vote.virginia.gov/>

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Silvia Armijo	Karen Jezierski
Carmel Broadfoot	David Johnson
Salvatore Calabro	Mark Johnson
Polly Cedar	Andrew Katson
John Paul Charles Carver	Margaret Kemp
Virginia Connelly	Sharon LeMaster
Sheila Corallo	Jennifer Lyons
Antonio Castro	Pat Malloy
Lastenia Cortavarria	Carmella Manetti
Edward Cotter	Peg McKeown
Bradley Coury	Diana Meisel
Anthony D'Amico	Franklin P. Michels
William Dunne	Shimaayi Muntemba
Marie Gillespie	Veronica Nowakowski
Francesca Greco	Mary O'Bryan
Fran Green	Briner Orillo
Paul Griffith	Maureen O'Toole
Gayle Grinstead	Mary Pistorino
Edward M. Hallinan III	Concepcion Reyna
Donald Hanrahan	Patricia Richer
Helen Hargenrader	Shelby Rogers
Emily Hazlett	Mary Rouse
Agnes Henley	Carolyn Steinhoff
Soledad Ibar	Mary Warchot



*God bless and protect all our military and civilian service personnel whose duty puts them in harm's way. Please pray for all those serving our country, especially from among our family members and parishioners:*

Robert J. Elliott	Michael Shipley
Nick Fogle	Kimberley Templer
Harry Griffith	Michael Templer
Bill Jones	Jesus Toledanes
Richard Kazunas	Justin White
Brendan Murphy	Donald Yamamoto
Lynn Partik	