

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, January 1

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

7:30 Mark and Tony Bailey and Family

9:00 Don and Margaret Yamamoto

## Tuesday, January 2

### *Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*

6:30 Manuel David Family

9:00 Vida Payne †

## Wednesday, January 3

### *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

6:30 Albert Balint †

9:00 Cleo Reyna †

## Thursday, January 4

### *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*

6:30 Angela DeMaria †

9:00 Eva and John Reyna

## First Friday, January 5

### *Saint John Neumann, Bishop*

6:30 Rebecca Conaty

9:00 Tereza D. Benevides

## First Saturday, January 6

### *Saint Andre Bessette*

8:15 Andrea Bayer

5:00 Tereza D. Benevides

## Sunday, January 7

### *THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*

7:30 Mary McNerney †

9:00 Ann and Jim Thunder

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 Dominick Calderazzo †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 AT 9:00 A.M.**

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

**JANUARY 2018**

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia  
That Christians, and other religious minorities in  
Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in  
full freedom.

## IN TESTIMONIUM...

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luke 2,19-21



*The Circumcision*  
(Peter Paul Rubens, 1605)

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

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**

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."

### **FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY ADORATION**

Adoration begins following the 9:00 am. Mass on Friday, January 5th and continues through the night into Saturday. Please come spend an hour in the presence of Our Eucharistic Lord. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule to ensure adorers are present every hour. Saturday's 8:15 a.m. Mass will be followed by Investiture with the Miraculous Medal, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction.

### **WEDNESDAY CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

To perpetuate receiving the mercy of Christ the priests of St. John the Beloved 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.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING JANUARY 4**

The St. John's Council of the Knights of Columbus will be holding its next regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 4, at 7:30pm in the Adult Education Room. For those who wish to do so, we will be praying the Rosary at 7:10pm before the meeting. All Knights are invited. If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please call Lloyd Miller at (571) 296-0840.

### **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).

### **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. We have reserved a bus to transport parishioners to and from the March

### **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](http://RenewMarriage-VANorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or [703-646-1521](tel:703-646-1521).

### **HELP WANTED: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is seeking an experienced Administrative Assistant to perform a variety of complex and confidential duties in support of the Office of the Bishop and the Bishop's Delegate for Canonical Affairs. This position works independently under general supervision or as part of a team on special or ongoing projects. The successful candidate will have exceptional written communication skills and the ability to work independently. Fully-initiated practicing Catholics are encouraged to apply. For the full job description and to apply online please visit: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/employmentopportunities](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/employmentopportunities).

**Expiration Date:** January 22, 2018

**MASS OBLIGATION IN SEVERE WEATHER**

All baptized Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. However, there are particular circumstances or conditions that may excuse a Catholic from this obligation. If you are ill, homebound, or if there are severe weather conditions that make attending Mass dangerous to your safety or that of others, you are excused from the obligation. In such cases, if you are unable to attend Mass, the Church recommends making a spiritual Communion and spending time in prayer.

**ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PRAYER CHAIN**

You are invited to become a member of the St. John Prayer Chain. It is an e-mail group of several hundred souls dedicated to praying for the intentions of parish and school families and their loved ones. Prayer requests are sent by the coordinator via email, sometimes several times a day, as they are received along with suggested prayers for each intention. If you would like to pray with us for the intentions of others, please send your email address to [StJohnPrayerChain@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org](mailto:StJohnPrayerChain@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org).

**THANK YOU**

A heartfelt thanks to all who cooperated, conspired, and coordinated to make our Christmas and New Year's celebrations so beautiful. May God reward your generosity.

**2016 END-OF-YEAR TAX LETTER**

By the end of January, everyone registered at St. John the Beloved will receive an "End of the Year Tax Letter" showing the total amount given in 2016 by your family in support of your parish. These tax statements reflect contributions that have been given to us by Faith Direct and through use of Our Sunday Visitor Envelopes. Collections like the Bishop's Lenten Appeal and the emergency collections are not recorded by the office. If you feel your statement is not accurate please contact the parish office.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 1 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR**

**ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY****HAPPY NEW YEAR! NO SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT**

No Sunday Youth Night tonight. The Youth Ministry wishes you a Happy New Year! We will resume again on January 14, 2018!

**CONFITEOR CLASS**

The next Confiteor class will be Monday January 22nd!

**WORKCAMP 2018**

We are now accepting applications for WorkCamp 2018! WorkCamp will take place June 23rd - 29th. The first meeting will be Sunday January 21st at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please contact James Clement for more information and/or application packet.

**SKI TRIP (2/3)**

On Saturday February 3rd, the youth ministry is hitting the slopes at Whitetail Resort in Pennsylvania! Open to all 7th - 12th graders, this is a great opportunity to have fun with your friends and learn to ski/snowboard if you don't know how to. This is an all day event. The cost is \$125 and includes lift ticket, rental equipment, an optional lesson, transportation and dinner. Discount for those with their own equipment. Please email James Clement to sign up or with any questions. In case of poor weather, we will postpone the trip to Saturday February 24th. **Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Jan 21st.**




**James Clement**

703-356-7916

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**THANK YOU TO THE SERVER CORPS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

In thanksgiving for your reverent service at the altar during the Christmas Season. May the Lord continue the good work He has begun in you and abundantly bless you and your families in the coming year.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 31	January 1	January 2	January 3	January 4	January 5	January 6
10:30am NO CCD  No Youth Night	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  4:30pm NO CCD 4:30 pm No Confiteor  7:00pm No RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsal	     7:00pm NO CCD 8:00pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am - 7:30pm    Confessions Hourly 10:00am - 6:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour	     7:00pm KOC	     	       8:45am Confessions  3:30pm Confessions





Has it been a long time since you have attended Mass, or gone to Confession, and you are thinking about returning? Do you go to Mass occasionally but do not really see the point? Do you go to Mass regularly but have yet to experience a deepening connection with Christ or the Church?

**WE CAN HELP.**

Please join us for informal evenings of good cheer (and wine) where we explore topics that can help reignite your faith and bring you closer to the truth and goodness of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

**January 9 – EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND RE-GIFTING PARTY** Please join us for the first gathering of 2018 following the Christmas Season. Bring a wrapped Christmas gift you received that you would prefer to pass on to someone else for our Re-gifting Party.

**January 16 – BECOMING A WITNESS FOR LIFE** Guest speaker, Andrea Dehrecchio, St. John Pro-Life Parish Leader, will give us the short version of a newly published 4-part high school curriculum on "Becoming a Witness for Life" that accompanies Terry Beatley's book, *What If We've Been Wrong – Keeping my Promise to America's "Abortion King"*.

**January 23 – A SHORT HISTORY OF MUSIC AND ITS ROLE IN THE MASS** Guest Speaker, James Senson, St. John's Director of Music, will treat us to a short history of music, its role in the Mass and canonical rules about music and the Mass, why there is music at Mass, and why there are different kinds of music at different parishes and Masses.

**January 30 – THE ROLE OF PILGRIMAGES IN CATHOLIC LIFE** Our entire life on earth is considered to be that of being a pilgrim on pilgrimage to the Heavenly Banquet. Why does the Church encourage us to come away from ordinary life with God on smaller, shorter pilgrimages to holy places or shrines or churches close to home or far from home?

**February 6 – INFORMAL GATHERING** There is no presentation. Returning Catholics and CCD parents are invited to gather in St. John's Teachers' Lounge to socialize. Please make yourselves at home and enjoy.

**February 13 – LENTEN AND EASTER PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS** Ash Wednesday is on February 14th this year. Just in time, we will have a presentation and discussion of the many Catholic Lenten and Easter practices and traditions and how they deepen our Lenten journey and Easter celebration.

**February 20 – EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES** St. John the Beloved will host a three-day presentation in the Gym from March 2-4 on Eucharistic Miracles. The history and scientific verifications will be presented for over 150 of such miracles. Two WCH volunteers have organized this event and will give us a preview. Come and learn about Eucharistic Miracles and why the Church carefully examines and protects the Body and Blood of Our Lord that manifest themselves in visible form from time to time.

**February 27 – LESSONS FROM FATIMA – CONTINUING THE STUDY OF OUR LADY'S APPEARANCE AT FATIMA, PORTUGAL 100 YEARS AGO** Fatima expert, Frank Spicer, will join us again and finish sharing his 13 lessons from 20 years of studying the relevance today of Our Lady's messages given at Fatima 100 years ago.

**March 6 – INFORMAL GATHERING** There is no presentation. Returning Catholics and CCD parents are invited to gather in St. John's Teachers' Lounge to socialize. Please make yourselves at home and enjoy.

**March 13 – THE MYSTERY OF ST. JOSEPH** The Church celebrates St. Joseph on March 19. Let us prepare to come closer to the heart of the man who raised Jesus and was spouse to the Blessed Virgin. Imagine! Scripture records no words of St. Joseph, yet he is a towering figure in Church history and devotion among the saints. We have a guest speaker whose love and devotion to St. Joseph will help us come to know and learn from this singular person in Church history.

**March 20 – THE ANNUNCIATION** Since the 7th Century, the Catholic Church has celebrated on March 25th the moment Christ was conceived in the Virgin Mary's womb upon her fiat to the Angel Gabriel. What is the significance of this celebration? What do we learn from this encounter about the Blessed Virgin and her Son?

Join us Tuesday evenings 7-8 PM Teachers' Lounge at St. John Academy • Questions? Contact us at [welcomestjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:welcomestjohncatholicmclean.org)  
St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101 • [www.stjohncatholicmclean.org](http://www.stjohncatholicmclean.org)

**FINDING FREEDOM AFTER ABORTION**

Are you in search of healing and freedom? Sign up for a retreat today. Hear what one participant had to say 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).

**NEW ST. JOHN PRAYER CHAIN INITIATIVE**

We are excited to announce that SJB is beginning a new initiative as part of its Prayer Ministry. Eucharistic Adoration Cards are now available in the former LightHouse media stand just outside the Word bookstore. Currently there are three card options with more to come. The inside includes a prayer and the following notation:

*I have made a private Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament for you and for all the intentions which are dear to your heart.*

There is a suggested donation of \$1 to cover the cost of the cards. We hope you will find this new addition a precious gift to give family and friends both in times of suffering and sorrow as well as in times of peace and rejoicing.

**SENIORS' CLUB MONTHLY GATHERING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8**

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 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. Please mark your calendars and bring a friend. 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. 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.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD**

† **Greg Quatman** †  
(Beloved brother of Melinda Mooney  
and uncle of Kelly Myer)

**THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

Oh God, who were pleased to give us  
the shining example of the Holy Family,  
graciously grant that we may imitate them  
in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of  
charity,  
and so, in the joy of your house,  
delight one day in eternal rewards.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**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	Michael Shipley
Jonathan Choo	Kimberley Templer
Nicholas Galvan	Michael Templer
Harry Griffith	Jesus Toledanes
Bill Jones	Alex Trujillo
Brendan Murphy	Justin White
Lynn Partik	