

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 15

Advent Weekday

6:30 Rev. Reginald Stohr, O.P.

9:00 Don Flynn †

7:30 Anne Jones †

Tuesday, December 16

Advent Weekday

6:30 Beatrice Kiernan †

9:00 Joel Guittard †

Wednesday, December 17

Advent Weekday

6:30 Charity McClelland †

9:00 Beatrice Kiernan †

Thursday, December 18

Advent Weekday

6:30 Al Manners †

9:00 Dec'd Members of Thomas Family †

Friday, December 19

Advent Weekday

6:30 Richard Fisher †

9:00 Joseph Calderazzo †

Saturday, December 20

Advent Weekday

8:15 Joseph Wysolmerski †

5:00 Tom Russo †

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 Mary Smith †

9:00 Jose and Alice Marques †

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 James Rahn †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 9:00 A.M.**

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 2014

Christmas, hope for humanity: That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

Parents: That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

At a formation session one evening the seminary rector told us emphatically with regard to preaching:

“Never repeat yourself! Never repeat yourself!”

His memorable lesson makes me cautious to mention past events except for the fact that they were so successful and enjoyable for the participants.

The door-to-door evangelization teams, having ventured out on St. Nicholas Day replete with red furry hats trimmed in white, reported back that they had a wonderful experience. The age range was magnificent. Hopefully this becomes not only the signature apostolate for seventh-graders preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation but also a favorite occasional if not even monthly activity. Dave Scully has been leading a great committee. Please contact him if you would like to help organize evangelization efforts OR participate from time to time in these events OR go door-to-door in your neighborhood but on your own schedule.

Equally impressive was the Advent Lessons & Carols that took place last Sunday in the Parish Hall under the direction of Alexandra Baldwin and Elizabeth Black. Mrs. Baldwin recomposed the traditional service and transformed it into a Medieval Marian experience. Sacred Scripture from Genesis, Isaiah, Jeremiah, St. Luke and St. Mark were paired with religious compositions by Alfonso X El Sabio, Henriette Renié and others along with poetry by Eleanor C. Donnelly, Condé Benoist Pallen, Rainer Maria Rilke and E. Seaton. All present joined in familiar carols such as *O Come O Come Emmanuel*, *Behold a Virgin Bearing Him*, *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* and *On Jordan's Bank*. Many rehearsals by First Light Ensemble and our very own Girls' Choir made for a spectacular evening. Prosecco afterwards did nothing to dim the mood. You will want to come next year. Since we nearly filled the Parish Hall this year we may need a larger venue in 2015. What a wonderful problem to have to solve.

May God bless the remainder of your Advent season. Please take advantage of the extra confession times that begin at the end of this week. It will be Christmas before you know it.

God bless you! God bless you!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

p.s. If you did not get your Parish Photo Directory after Mass this past weekend please come by the parish office to get yours. There is one for each registered family.

**THE 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS
FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**SENIORS' CLUB DECEMBER GATHERING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15**

Our next gathering will be this Monday, December 15. We are so fortunate to have our very own Children's Treble Choir performing a moving selection of Advent and Christmas hymns and songs. Please mark your calendars and bring a friend. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following Mass which will be said at 11:30 a.m. If you forgot to RSVP, please contact Phil Wehle at 703-356-9788 to confirm your attendance. The suggested donation is \$15.00 per person to be collected at the door. For information or if you would like a ride to the luncheon please call Phil.

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.

ST. PETER CLAVER SOCIETY

BARBEQUE WITH FR. POLLARD RAFFLE

SEE'S CHOCOLATES AND AMARYLLIS

The St. Peter Claver Society will be selling Raffle tickets for a private barbeque at the rectory for up to 12 people by our pastor, Father Christopher Pollard. We will also be selling See's Chocolates and Amaryllis Gift Kits. Tickets, chocolates, and gift kits will be on sale following Masses today. All proceeds go to projects for African orphans.

COFFEE & DONUTS

After the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses St. John's Spiritual Reading Group will host Coffee & Donuts. Thanks to the members of St. John's CURSILLO for hosting last week.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† Maria Eugenia de Zavala †
(beloved mother of Gracia Escudero)

† Marie Danch †

† Peg McKeown †

† Jerry Hogan †

**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 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.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS:

50% Off CHRISTMAS SALE

Come in and shop for all your holiday entertaining essentials and Christmas gifts for the whole family. We have 50% off all regular priced men's, women's, and children's clothing. 50% off regular priced shoes, scarves and handbags. 50% off all housewares, Christmas Décor and frames. We will also have 25% off purple tag jewelry. Our hours of operation are: Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions please contact us at 703-356-7420 during business hours.



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, January 5, 2015

***Keeping your Eye on the Prize...
Detachment from things of this World***
by

Fr. James Searby

7:00 p.m. Social

7:30 p.m. Talk

in the Parish Hall

RSVP to: womenseveningsofreflection@gmail.com



SJA CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Christmas is nearing and it's time to get a tree! This year's fresh cut Fraser fir trees, garlands and wreaths will once again come from Cline Church Nursery in North Carolina. 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.

ST. JOHN ACADEMY BLOOD DRIVE

On Tuesday, December 16, 2014, St. John Academy will hold a blood drive from 3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the SJA cafeteria. Give the gift of life and sign up today! Go to www.redcrossblood.org and search by Sponsor Code: **STJOHNACADEMYVA**, or call 1-800-REDCROSS to speak with a representative. Eligibility Questions? Please call 1-866-236-3276.

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE A SUCCESS

Thank you to St. John Academy Brownie Troop 6697 for sponsoring the second annual *Toys for Tots Drive* at St. John Academy. The toys collected will make less fortunate children happy this Christmas.

SJA BOOK FAIR RAISES MONEY FOR LIBRARY

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Book Fair, December 8-12, a great success. Good literature has the power to provoke thought, spark imagination, and shape character. All money earned (25% of the profits) goes toward purchasing new library books.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life for this coming year will be on **Thursday, January 22, 2015**. Save the date and arrange to take the day off. We have a bus reserved.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

SATURDAYS

8:45 A.M.

3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

FIRST FRIDAYS

8:45 A.M.

or anytime by request

TWAS THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.


TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19	December 20
	9:45am Sew&SoForth 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion	8:00 pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am – 7:30pm  6:30pm Confessions 7:30pm Holy Hour 8:30pm Futsol		6:30-7:30pm Confessions	8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions

Christmastide Mass Schedule

Christmas, Nativity of the Lord

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

5:00PM Vigil Mass

11:30PM Lessons and Carols

MIDNIGHT Solemn High Mass in Latin

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

7:30AM Mass

9:00AM Mass

10:30AM Mass

12:15PM Mass

Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

8:15AM Mass

9:00-10:00AM Holy Hour

Open House at Rectory to follow

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

5:00PM Vigil Mass

9:00PM Happy Hour in the Parish Hall

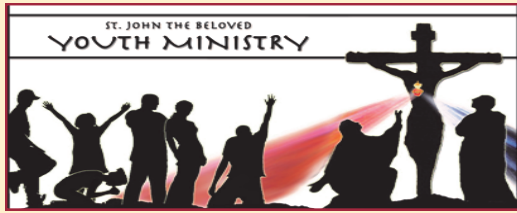
10:30PM Holy Hour

11:30PM Vigil Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY, 1ST

7:30AM Mass

9:00AM Mass



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

We resume our regular Bible Study and Youth Night tonight from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Our activity tonight will be Confessions in the Church in our Advent preparation. There will be no Sunday meetings for the next two weeks. We will resume on January 4th.

THEOLOGY CLASSES FOR TEENAGERS

No Confiteor class this Thursday or for the following two weeks.

RCIA CLASSES

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

Dec. 15: Prayer, Worship and the Sacred Liturgy

Dec. 22: Holiday, No Class

WORKCAMP 2015 INFO 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!

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Our monthly Junior High Youth Ministry will be moved back a week to Friday, the 19th due to the SJA Christmas Pageant. The activity for the night will be creating our own gingerbread houses out of graham crackers, icing, and candy. Parents, please contact me to sign-up for donating candy. Regular time of 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. I will need an accurate head count ahead of time please so I can purchase enough materials.

Contact Information:

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THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



Save the date for a lecture at St. John the Beloved by

Ronald J. Rychlak

Butler Snow Professor and Lecturer in Law
The University of Mississippi School of Law

Author of

Hitler, the War, and the Pope (2nd ed., 2010)

Disinformation (WND Books, 2013)

on Sunday, January 18 at 4:00 p.m.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Silvia Armijo	Agnes Henley
Carmel Broadfoot	Soledad Ibar
Salvatore Calabro	Karen Jezierski
Polly Cedar	David Johnson
John Paul Charles Carver	Mark Johnson
Virginia Connelly	Andrew Katson
Sheila Corallo	Margaret Kemp
Antonio Castro	Angela Kovacev
Lastenia Cortavarria	Sharon LeMaster
Edward Cotter	Jennifer Lyons
Bradley Coury	Pat Malloy
Richard DeCorps	Carmella Manetti
William Dunne	Diana Meisel
Joe Elias	Franklin P. Michels
Sandra Elias	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	Patricia Richer
Donald Hanrahan	Shelby Rogers
Helen Hargenrader	Mary Rouse
Emily Hazlett	Carolyn Steinhoff



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	