

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 5

Advent Weekday

- 6:30 Suzanne Poll †
 9:00 Raymond Ryabik †
 7:30 Barbara Jasionowicz †

Tuesday, December 6

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

- 6:30 Anna Le Thi Lai †
 9:00 Georgia Russell †

Wednesday, December 7

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 6:30 Anna Le Thi Lai †
 9:00 John Besket †

Thursday, December 8

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 6:30 Antonio Segura †
 9:00 Special Intention
 12:00 Arnold Harrington
 4:30 Mark Johnson
 7:30 Connie Seymour

Friday, December 9

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

- 6:30 Anna Le Thi Lai †
 9:00 Howie Meyer †

Saturday, December 10

Advent Weekday

- 8:15 Kathleen Scurry Todd †
 5:00 Stechschulte Family

Sunday, December 11

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7:30 Anna Le Thi Lai †
 9:00 Mariana and Dani Ibarguren
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Janice Poch †

IN TESTIMONIUM...

This past Friday evening a few dozen of our young parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation from His Excellency The Most Reverend Timothy Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services USA. He prayed over them and then anointed them with Sacred Chrism on the forehead saying "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." Each replied "Amen." and then he said:

,"Peace be with you."

to which they replied

"And with your spirit."

When next you witness our soon-to-be-newly-installed Bishop of Arlington The Most Reverend Michael Burbidge offer Holy Mass, you will hear and see him make the Sign of the Cross and then greet you with the words:

,"Peace be with you."

to which you will reply

"And with your spirit."

There is no liturgical moment when a priest says the words "Peace be with you" to the congregation. It is given only to bishops to do so. As a successor of the Apostles he alone is entrusted with the message of the Risen Christ to the same Apostles on Easter and the Sunday following, bearing the wounds of the Cross as the marks of His authenticity and the trophies of His victory (*John* 20,1.21;20,26).

*When you do exchange the Sign of Peace, the Church encourages you to accompany it with "*The peace of the Lord be with you always.*" and "*Amen.*" It need not seem stilted and awkward. It is rather noble actually. In the ancient, traditional and Extraordinary Form of the Mass the Kiss of Peace is exchanged with the words "*Pax tecum*" and "*Et cum spiritu tuo*", which mean "*Peace be with you*" and "*And with your spirit*". This then obviously is a noble privilege in the Sacred Liturgy. You who initiate the Sign of Peace are a herald of the Resurrection on behalf of Christ Himself. Yours is the episcopal salutation that priests may not speak at the beginning of Mass. What bishops impart to all of us, we are able to impart to each other, one person at a time.

Non dat quod non habet. What we have received we are able to give. We are not able to give anything that we don't possess. The Lamb of God is the cause of our peace. His is the only peace that will last forever.

May the peace of Christ and of the church abound in our hearts!

Rev. Christopher J. Pollard

*During these sniffly and sneezy months your priests will continue to follow our long-standing practice of refraining from prompting you to share the Kiss of Peace. Next week we will discuss how to exchange the Sign of Peace without extending your or reaching for a germ-laden paw.

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

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS December 2016

End to Child-Soldiers: That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Europe: That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
THURSDAY, 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**

St. John the Beloved will celebrate Solemn Vespers in the Church every Sunday during the Advent Season. December 4th at 3:30 p.m. Solemn Vespers takes place in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar, usually includes a homily after the reading and always concludes with Benediction. Come join in the official Evening Prayer of the Church.

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR BISHOP BURBIDGE

To welcome Bishop Burbidge to the Arlington Diocese, St John the Beloved will be presenting him with a Spiritual Bouquet on the occasion of his Installation on December 6th. For everyone wishing to contribute to this beautiful gift of prayer, there are Spiritual Bouquet pledge forms available in the pews and Church vestibule. Please place your completed form in the marked basket in the vestibule or the Parish office through this Sunday, December 4th.

**EVENING OF MUSIC
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

All parishioners and guests are cordially invited to an evening of music in St. John's Parish Hall on Saturday, December 10th, at 7:00 p.m. Music will be provided "by parishioners for parishioners" and will feature a variety of music on instruments such as the cello, piano, and voice. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share!

**ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RECEPTION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

An Evening of Advent Lessons and Carols and a reception in honor of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady will include Sacred Scripture, sacred music and poetry as well as familiar Advent carols for all to sing at 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall following Vespers. Guests are kindly invited to celebrate and share a festive morsel.

**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, November 27th and follow the directions. For more information, please call Andrea at 703-790-1724 or visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

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 weekly on Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge at St. John Academy. Please join us on December 6 for an informal gathering and fellowship.



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

As you shop for Christmas this year, consider buying amaryllis bulb gift kits and See's chocolates from the St. Peter Claver Society. The St. Peter Claver Society will be selling these great gifts following the Masses on the the first three weekends of December. 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.



SJA CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR

The St. John Academy Library will be sponsoring its December Book Fair, Monday, December 5 thru Thursday, December 8 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and will be using Bookworm Central, located in Manassas, Virginia. Good literature has the power to provoke thought, spark imagination, and shape character. Remember, books make great Christmas gifts. All money earned (25% of the profits) goes towards purchasing new library materials. On Monday, December 5 there will be a Family Event from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. We will be offering one lucky family the opportunity to win \$25.00 in materials from the Book Fair. The teacher of the winning family will also be able to select items from the Book Fair.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SJA CONFIRMANDI

St. John Academy students received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Timothy Broglio this past Friday. SJA confirmandi include: Anna Bloch (St. Rita); Charlotte Cox (St. Joan of Arc); Katrina Deighan (St. Therese); Kyleigh Friel (St. Veronica); Marie Hales (St. Teresa of Calcutta); Allie Mansinne (St. Maria Goretti); Alison Martin (St. Elizabeth of Hungary); Claire McLaughlin (St. Cecilia); Abigail Murphy (Blessed Chiara Luce Badano); Alejandra Najera (St. Casilda of Toledo); Kit Reed (St. Michael the Archangel); Anna Rodriguez (St. Anne); Regina Rowan (Mary Queen of Heaven and Earth); Greer Schuman (St. Christopher); Evelyn Waddick (St. Gemma); Mason Allen (St. Jerome); Garrett Brown (St. Bartholomew); Michael Casler (St. Jerome); Matt Digges (St. Joseph); Euan Flett (St. Paul); McLean Garrett (St. Patrick); Brian Gatti (St. Andrew); Luke Jackman (St. Joseph); Sam Kokolakis (St. Thomas the Apostle); Luke Maloney (St. Michael the Archangel); Nicholas Morabito (St. Christopher); Luke Morton (St. Patrick); Ethan Newgen (St. Peter); John Tuason (St. John the Baptist); and Jacob Wells (St. Ignatius).

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

Youth Night tonight Dec. 4th from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Open to all 7th - 12th graders. Meet in the Adult Ed. Room

SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Attention all High Schoolers: There is still time to be part of making a short film for the diocesan-wide Film Festival competition! This is an excellent time to showcase your talents and skills! The event will take place on Sat., Feb. 4th. Every Sunday we will be working on it during our normal Sunday Youth Night meetings. For more details or to sign up please contact James Clement. If there are any adults who would like to help coordinate these productions, please contact James Clement too.

WORKCAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN


All High School teens are welcome to join Saint Agnes Catholic Church and Saint John the Beloved on our 2017 Trip to WorkCamp from June 24th-30th! This is an amazing opportunity to put your faith into action! The total cost will be \$700, which includes a \$100 deposit to reserve a spot. This cost is all inclusive except for travel day meals. We will be doing fundraising. Space is limited and registration is necessary. Applications will be accepted no later than Dec 15th.

LIFE IS VERY GOOD RALLY 2017

Attention all 7th - 12th graders, mark your calendars, the youth ministry will be attending the Life Is Very Good Rally on January 27th at George Mason University and then participate in the March for Life in D.C. The rally will include Mass and confessions and also feature Sr. Miriam James Heidland SOLT and Ben Walther Band. Come witness to the sanctity of life! Sign up by contacting James Clement. More details to come.

James Clement

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

Saint John Academy's

Christmas Tree Sale

Nov. 28 - Dec. 23

Monday - Friday: 3:30pm - 7pm

Saturday & Sunday: 9am - 7pm

This year's fresh cut Fraser fir trees, garlands and wreaths will once again come from Cline Church Nursery in N.C. and will arrive on November 23 at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church (6422 Linway Terrace, McLean).

We will have trees of many sizes ~ Don't miss this opportunity to support Saint John Academy and have the best tree, wreath and/or garland in the community! The quality of these trees is amazing!

Fill out the form below and send it in to pre-order. Payments will only be accepted when you pickup.

We Proudly Feature...

NORTH CAROLINA
FRASER FIR

The Perfect Christmas Tree

Trees (circle size and how many you want on line provided)

4-5 ft.	\$35	_____
5-6 ft.	\$45	_____
6-7 ft.	\$60	_____
7-8 ft.	\$70	_____
8-9 ft.	\$95	_____
9-10 ft.	\$110	_____
10-11 ft.	\$135	_____
Tree for Needy	\$25	_____

Garland (please circle)

Fraser Fir	75 ft.	\$50	_____
White Pine	75 ft.	\$35	_____

Wreaths (circle size & number / size = outside diameter in inches)

16-18"	\$15	_____
20-22"	\$18	_____
24-26"	\$20	_____
30-32"	\$25	_____
36"	\$35	_____

Name:

Address:

Phone/Email:

Mail to: St John Academy 6422 Linway Terrace McLean Va 22101
Or—Email order to kdigges@verizon.net including name/phone/order specifics

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED 2016-17 SUNDAY LECTURES SERIES

A DISCUSSION ON: PRAYER AND THE EMOTIONS

Featuring: Fr. Gabriel O'Donnell, O.P.

Sunday the 18th of December

4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
Admission is free of charge

SENIORS' CLUB MONTHLY GATHERING MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

Our fourth gathering of this season will be on **MONDAY**, December 19. We are so very fortunate to have our own Director of Music, James Senson, leading members of our children's choir in a beautiful 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. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the parish office at 703-356-7916 by Friday, December 16. **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.

COFFEE & DONUTS

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

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS

Hourly: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

SATURDAYS

8:45 A.M.

3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

FIRST FRIDAYS

9:45 A.M.

or anytime by request

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† Jane Snyder †

† Alfonso Zavala †

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

Matthew 25,34b-36

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmel Broadfoot	Christopher Katz
Karin Brough	Paul Kemp
Salvatore Calabro	Dorothy Kottler
John Cartelli	Sharon LeMaster
John Paul Charles Carver	Pat Malloy
Eugene Champagne	Sue Malone
Virginia Connelly	Carmella Manetti
Sheila Corallo	Patrick McDonough
Lastenia Cortavarria	Diana Meisel
Edward Cotter	Bonnie Moran
Elke D'Amico	Veronica Nowakowski
Richard DeCorps	Anita Oliveira
William Dunne	Briner Orillo
Joe Elias	Maureen O'Toole
Sandra Elias	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Marie Gillespie	Patricia Richer
Francesca Greco	Shelby Rogers
Paul Griffith	Stephanie Salinas
Gayle Grinstead	Connie Seymour
Edward M. Hallinan III	Merle Shannon
Helen Hargenrader	Gloribeth Smith
Arnold Harrington	Carolyn Steinhoff
Emily Hazlett	Rita Steininger
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