

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

6:30 Raymond Ryabik †
 9:00 Peg McKeown †
 7:30 Sally Jorgensen

Tuesday, December 1

Advent Weekday

6:30 Jerry Hogan †
 9:00 Rosario Calvo †

Wednesday, December 2

Advent Weekday

6:30 Florence Towey †
 9:00 Peg McKeown †

Thursday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

6:30 Maria Eugenia de Zavala †
 9:00 Peg McKeown †

Friday, December 4

St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:30 Robert McJury †
 9:00 Maria Eugenia de Zavala †

Saturday, December 5

Advent Weekday

8:15 Raymond Ryabik †
 5:00 Raymond Ryabik †

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 Alphonse Moussa Thiaw †
 9:00 Maria Eugenia de Zavala †
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Janice Poch †

**THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 9:00 A.M.**

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 2015

Dialogue: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Pastors: That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

Having reviewed most of the theological sections of *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the document on the Sacred Liturgy from the Second Vatican Council, we can turn our attention to Pope Saint John Paul II.

His last major work touching on the Sacred Liturgy came in 2003 and is called *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* or "The Church of the Eucharist". Interestingly enough, in all of his one hundred four footnotes, he quotes only once from *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. His theological and historical is extensive and will help us fill in a complete picture.

The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates the heart of the mystery of the Church. In a variety of ways she joyfully experiences the constant fulfilment of the promise: "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28:20), but in the Holy Eucharist, through the changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord, she rejoices in this presence with unique intensity. Ever since Pentecost, when the Church, the People of the New Covenant, began her pilgrim journey towards her heavenly homeland, the Divine Sacrament has continued to mark the passing of her days, filling them with confident hope.

The Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium*, 11). "For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ himself, our passover and living bread. Through his own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, he offers life to men" (Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests *Presbyterorum Ordinis*, 5). Consequently the gaze of the Church is constantly turned to her Lord, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, in which she discovers the full manifestation of his boundless love.... The Church was born of the paschal mystery. For this very reason the Eucharist, which is in an outstanding way the sacrament of the paschal mystery, stands at the centre of the Church's life. This is already clear from the earliest images of the Church found in the Acts of the Apostles: "They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (2:42)

You can read it online: bit.ly/EcclesiaDeEucharistia **ENG**

This Sunday we all begin a new liturgical year. On Wednesday we start a novena to help our Confirmandi make the final preparations for a new life in Christ. Jesus is the Way and the Truth and the Life, unchanging and yet always new. May this new beginning lead us all deeper into the mystery of God among us.

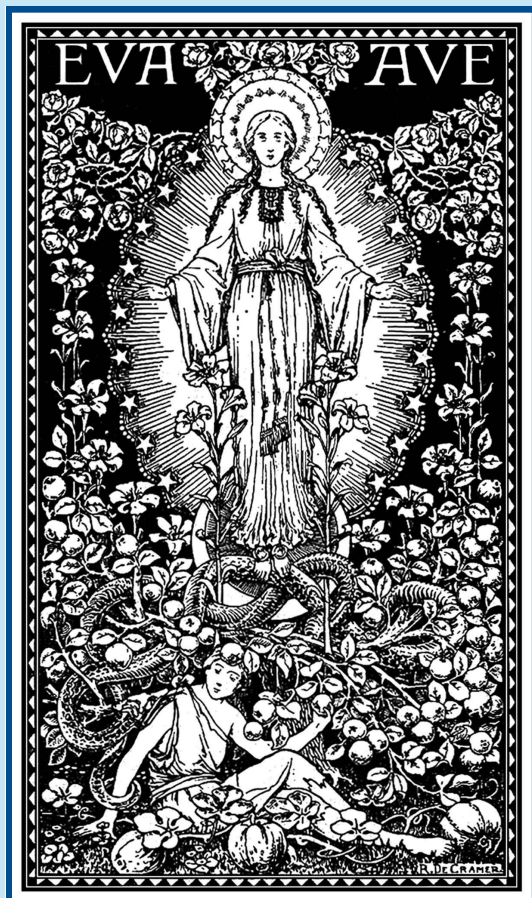
God bless you!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
LESSONS & CAROLS
5:00 p.m.



TUESDAY, 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.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RECEPTION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

An Evening of Advent Lessons and Carols 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 5:00 p.m. in the Church. The reception to follow in the Parish Hall will provide coffee, prosecco and mulled wine. Guests are kindly invited to celebrate and share a festive morsel.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS TIMES ON WEDNESDAYS DURING THE YEAR OF MERCY

Beginning on December 2, during this first Week of Advent, the priests of St. John the Beloved will be hearing extra confessions on Wednesdays. On 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. One day we will have green lights to indicate an available confessor. In the meantime please look for the white light glowing through the window.

FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY ADORATION

Adoration begins following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 4th 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 assure 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.

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 29 and follow the directions. For more information, call Anne at 301-633-6315 or www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

COFFEE AND DONUTS

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

EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN

Sponsored by
St. John the Beloved Women's Council
2015-16 Series

*"Mercy to Evangelization...
A Gift of Love from the Father"*

Monday, December 7, 2015

"Humility and Humbly Accepting God's Mercy"

by: Fr. Hofer, O.P.

7:00 p.m. Social

7:30 p.m. Talk in the Parish Hall

THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY ROSARY MONTHLY GATHERING: DECEMBER 5

The Confraternity of the Holy Rosary will meet to pray the Rosary at 4:30 p.m. at St. Mary's in Alexandria on Saturday, December 5th. We will then join the Arlington Diocese Young Adults for the Vigil Mass and caroling. Bring a snack to share. Please RSVP to Megan's email at: meganjm621@gmail.com.

WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME: DEC. 1

We will meet from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the St. John Academy Teacher's Lounge on Tuesday, December 1st. One of our volunteers will be speaking about Advent. How can your family have a Christ-centered preparation for Christmas? Why does the Church help us during Advent to be spiritually prepared for Christmas and Christ's return. Contact us at welcome@stjohncatholicmclean.org

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES IS HERE ON THURSDAYS

Gracie Ortiz, Director of Senior Services for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington is available to meet with parishioners all day on Thursdays following the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Conference Room in Parish Office. If you would like to schedule an appointment you may reach Gracie Ortiz at 571-970-8734 or at gortiz@ccda.net.



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 first three weekends of December.

2016 CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED

The 2016 religious art calendars have arrived just in time for Advent and are in the Church vestibule. Every family is welcome to take one.

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED 2015-16 SUNDAY LECTURES SERIES

A Spiritual Reflection:

MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

by Sr. Clare Hunter, F.S.E.

Sunday the 13th of December
4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Light reception to follow.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC STAFF

During the season of Advent, the music for the holy celebration of the Mass is influenced by the readings that anticipate the birth of Jesus. While limited use of the organ and silence is encouraged to reflect the character of these texts, there are beautiful hymns and chants that accompany this liturgical season. The following are popular Advent hymns/chants that we encourage you to listen to as we await the miraculous coming of our Savior:

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel (O Come, O Come Emmanuel)

Prepare the Royal Highway

On Jordan's Bank




People Look East

O Come, Divine Messiah

Conditor Alme Siderum (Creator of the Stars of Night)

Also, if you are interested in singing on Christmas Day, we need singers for the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 noon Masses.

Please email our Director of Music, James Senson, for more information at: jamesenson8@gmail.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 29	November 30	December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5
10:30am PreK & Kindergarten CCD	9:45am Sew&SoForth 4:30pm CCD 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsal	7:00pm WCH 7:00pm CCD 7:30pm LTMP 8:00 pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm  10 am-6 pm Confessions 7:00pm Holy Hour		FIRST FRIDAY 	FIRST SATURDAY  8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions



Saint John Academy

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE 2015

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 Friday, November 27th at St. John The Beloved Catholic Church (6420 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!

Hours of operation:

Friday, November 27th 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday (Nov. 30-Dec 23) 3:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday (Nov 28-Dec 20th) 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.



Trees

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

Wreaths

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

Garland

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

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

There will be no Youth Night tonight due to Thanksgiving Holidays.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 3rd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please bring your Bible and meet in the Youth Corner.

WORKCAMP MONTHLY MEETING

Sunday, December 6th at 5:15 p.m. in the Youth Corner. Applications and \$100 deposit are due at this time.

BANICA MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge. Applications and \$250 deposit will be due at this time.

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Monthly trip on Saturday, December 12th from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please bring a permission form and lunch money and let Kevin know if you wish to attend since seating is limited.

CONFITEOR CLASSES

Freshmen and Sophomore aged students are welcome to attend the Confiteor Classes on Thurs. nights 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

RCIA CLASSES

Juniors and Seniors are welcome to audit RCIA classes in the Adult Ed. Room on Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Topics are:

Nov. 30: Pentecost, The Holy Spirit, & The Church

Dec. 7: Parousia, The Holy Spirit & The Holy Trinity

Contact Information:

Kevin Corcoran
703-356-7916

kcorcoran@stjohncatholicmclean.org

DJO PRO-LIFE INITIATIVE: "MARCH FOR ME"

If you will **not** be able to participate in next year's March for Life on January 22, 2016, students from Bishop O'Connell High School can be sponsored to go in your stead in exchange for a donation that will cover their transportation costs. Students from DJO will be available after all the Masses on the weekend of December 5 and 6. Even if you will march for life, your donations would be welcome.

Novena Prayers to the Holy Spirit

*offered nine consecutive days
in immediate preparation for*

the Sacrament of Confirmation

*to be celebrated in our parish
on Friday, December 11, 2015 is
available online at*

bit.ly/TheBelovedConfirmationNovena

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmel Broadfoot	Paul Kemp
Salvatore Calabro	Dorothy Kottler
John Paul Charles Carver	Jay LaMonica
Virginia Connelly	Sharon LeMaster
Sheila Corallo	Pat Malloy
Antonio Castro	Sue Malone
Lastenia Cortavarria	Carmella Manetti
Edward Cotter	Patrick McDonough
Mary Jane DeCorps	Marilyn McNemar
Richard DeCorps	Diana Meisel
William Dunne	Bonnie Moran
Joe Elias	Veronica Nowakowski
Sandra Elias	Mary O'Bryan
Francesca Greco	Anita Oliveira
Fran Green	Briner Orillo
Paul Griffith	Maureen O'Toole
Gayle Grinstead	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Matthew Grinstead	Patricia Richer
Edward M. Hallinan III	Shelby Rogers
Helen Hargenrader	Kathleen Scully
Emily Hazlett	Connie Seymour
Agnes Henley	Merle Shannon
David Johnson	Carolyn Steinhoff
Mark Johnson	Bill Sullivan
Lars Jorgensen	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...

Michael Black	Michael Shipley
Harry Griffith	Kimberley Templar
Bill Jones	Michael Templar
Richard Kazunas	Jesus Toledanes
Brendan Murphy	Justin White
Lynn Partik	Nicholas Galvan