## **MASS INTENTIONS**

## Monday, December 11 Saint Damasus I, Pope

6:30 Enrique Guerrero †

9:00 Margaret Mary Markey †

7:30 Adam Stadnik †

#### Tuesday, December 12

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 Maurice Foster Kennedy †
9:00 Sr. Rose Marie Pennefather

#### Wednesday, December 13

#### Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

6:30 Oliver Karnbrock and Family

9:00 Fr. Franklyn McAfee

#### Thursday, December 14

#### Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30 Teresa Lorenzo † 9:00 John Carpenter †

#### Friday, December 15

#### Advent Weekday

6:30 Ludmilla Druther Kukuvka †

9:00 Tereza D. Benevides

#### Saturday, December 16

#### Advent Weekday

8:15 Sandra Elias †

5:00 Maria Ngon Phan †

#### Sunday, December 17

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 Albert Balint †

9:00 Jose and Rosa Pinto †

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 Joseph Sheehan †

THE SCHOOL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 9:00 A.M.

## THE SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLLECTION

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#### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS DECEMBER 2017

The Elderly: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

## In Testimonium...



Remember, O most gracious Virgin of Guadalupe, that in your heavenly apparitions on the mount of Tepeyac, you promised to show your compassion and pity towards all who, loving and trusting you, seek your help and call upon you in their necessities and afflictions. You promised to hear our supplications, to dry our tears, and to give us consolation and relief.

Never has it been known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly to you, O Mary, ever-Virgin Mother of the true God! Though grieving under the weight of our sins, we come to prostrate ourselves before you. We fully trust that, standing beneath your shadow and protection, nothing will trouble or afflict us, nor do we need to fear illness or misfortune, or any other sorrow.

O Virgin of Guadalupe, you want to remain with us through your admirable Image, you who are our Mother, our health, and our life. Placing ourselves beneath your maternal gaze, and having recourse to you in all our necessities, we need do nothing more.

O Holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

## SOLEMN VESPERS EVERY SUNDAY DURING ADVENT AT 4:00 P.M.

St. John the Beloved will celebrate Solemn Vespers in the Church every Sunday during the Advent Season. This Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 p.m. Solemn Vespers takes place in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament enthroned on the altar, includes a homily after the reading and concludes with Benediction. Come join in the official Evening Prayer of the Church.

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

The St. Peter Claver Society will be selling See's Chocolates and Amaryllis Gift Kits following all **Sunday Masses** on the first three weekends of December. (Please note that we will be unable to sell on Saturday Evenings.) 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.

## 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, December 3rd and follow the directions. For more information, please call Andrea at 703-790-1724 or visit: <a href="https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife">www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife</a>

#### WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

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. On Tuesday, December 12th we will host *An Informal Gathering and Fellowship* for CCD parents and returning Catholics.

#### **ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO ST. JOHN**

For your convenience sign up for the Faith Direct Offertory program. www.faithdirect.net our code: VA77

#### CONFESSION SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Due to a mandatory Advent Day of Recollection for all the priests in the diocese we will only be able to have morning confessions at 10:00 a.m. and will resume at 4:00 p.m. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

## ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Everyone is invited to attend *An Evening of Advent Lessons and Carols* this Saturday, December 16. Sacred Scripture, sacred music and poetry as well as familiar Advent carols for all to sing at 7:00 p.m. in the Church with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. Guests are kindly invited to celebrate and share a festive morsel.

## SENIORS' CLUB MONTHLY GATHERING MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

We are so fortunate to have our highly skilled Director of Music, James Senson, leading members of our children's choir in a memorable selection of Advent and Christmas hymns and songs at our next gathering on Monday, December 18. James has promised a very special program for all of us. Please mark your calendars and bring family and friends to this celebratory event. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following Mass which will be said at 11:30 a.m. 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, December 15. 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 at 703-356-9788.

#### 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 arrived on November 24<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. We will be selling thru December 23rd. Hours of operation: Monday - Friday 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### THRIFT SHOP IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Get a jump on your Christmas shopping. We have a great selection of gently used clothing, toys, household items and Christmas décor. Thrift Shop hours are 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Tues.-Fri, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Saturday. For additional information please call the Thrift Shop during business hours at: 703-356-7420.

### **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

10:00 A.M.

4:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M.

From 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:45 A.M.

3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

#### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

Hourly at the top of each hour 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. From 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**

9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

8:45 A.M. UNTIL THERE IS NO LINE 2:30-4:30 P.M.

or anytime by request

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15	December 16
10:30am CCD 4:00pm Vespers	9:45amS & S Forths  4:30pm CCD 4:30pm Confiteor 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsol	7:00pm CCD 7:00pm WCH 8:00pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am –7:30pm  Confessions Hourly 10:00am 4:00pm–6:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour	3:00pm Soccer		8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions 7:00pm Lessons & Carols

## Christmastide Mass Schedule

# Christmas, Nativity of the Lord SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

5:00PM Vigil Mass 7:30PM Vigil Mass

11:15PM Music Prelude

MIDNIGHT Solemn Latin Mass (Ordinary Form) ~with readings in English~

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

7:30AM Mass

9:00AM Mass

10:30AM Mass

12:15PM High Traditional Latin Mass

# Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday, December 27th

Open House at Rectory

Following 9:00AM Mass

## Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

5:00PM Vigil Mass

10:30PM Holy Hour

11:30PM Vigil Mass in English

"Ring in the New Year" Champagne Toast Following Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST

7:30AM Mass

9:00AM Mass

#### St. John's Youth Ministry

#### **SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT (12/10)**

Sunday Dec. 10, 6:15-8:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Faith topic is Lust vs. Chastity. Food and drinks provided!

#### WORKCAMP 2018 INFO SESSION (12/13)

All high schoolers please join us for an Info Session on Wednesday Dec. 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

#### LIVG RALLY AND MARCH FOR LIFE (1/19)

Attention all 7th-12th graders: the youth ministry will be attending the Life Is Very Good Rally on January 19 at George Mason University and then participate in the March for Life in D.C. This is an all day event, 7:15 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Come witness to the sanctity of life! Check out this promo video at http://bit.ly/LIVG18promo. Sign up by Wednesday Dec. 13. Cost is \$20. Signed permission form needed.

#### **CATHOLIC YOUTH TRIVIA NIGHT (12/17)**

Join us from 6:15-8:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Questions will include Catholic faith and random trivia. Youth will form teams and the highest scoring team wins a prize! Confessions will be available at the beginning of the night.

#### **CONTACT:**

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#### DECEMBER BOOKWORM CLUB BOOK FAIR!

Come shop Monday or Tuesday, December 11th and 12th, from nine to 4:00 p.m., or Wednesday morning December 13<sup>th</sup> until noon. The book fair also will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday December 10th.

#### CHRISTMAS PAGEAN T AND CONCERT - DECEMBER 15

Please join our school families Friday evening December 15th, for the annual Christmas pageant and concerts, to include the SJA band, songs by the elementary, middle school classes, treble and advanced choirs, and the beautiful annual Christmas pageant by our 4th grade. The program will be in the gym, from 7:00-8:30 pm on the 15th. There will also be a morning concert by the younger grades, Preschool through1st grade, scheduled for 10:30 am on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>

#### SJA BASKETBALL

Girls and Boys teams are busy with practices for the winter season. Stay tuned for game schedules!

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD † Philip Katz †

#### THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



Did you marry someone virtuous? beautiful? Intelligent?

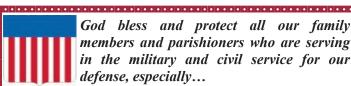
> Do us all a favor and have many children.

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmel Broadfoot Mary Elizabeth Bergen Salvatore Calabro John Cartelli John Paul Charles Carver Virginia Connelly Sheila Corallo Elke D'Amico Richard DeCorps William Dunne Joe Elias Tara Flanagan-Koenig Susan Glover Francesca Greco Paul Griffith Edward M. Hallinan III Jack Halpin **Arnold Harrington Emily Hazlett** Agnes Henley Mark Johnson

Dorothy Kottler Sharon LeMaster Sue Malone Carmella Manetti Patrick McDonough Diana Meisel Bonnie Moran Veronica Nowakowski Anita Oliveira Briner Orillo Mary Pistorino Reilly Patricia Richer Shelby Rogers Thomas Rosa Avery Schaeffer Merle Shannon Gloribeth Smith Carolyn Steinhoff Bill Sullivan Mary Warchot Marie Wysolmerski

Christopher Katz



God bless and protect all our family members and parishioners who are serving in the military and civil service for our defense, especially...

David Blau Jonathan Choo Nicholas Galvan Harry Griffith Bill Jones Brendan Murphy Lynn Partik

Michael Shipley Kimberly Templer Michael Templer Jesus Toledanes Alex Trujillo Justin White Dr. Paul White