

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

6:30 Adrienne M. Hiddleston †

9:00 Maria & Wilhelm Karnbrock †

8:00 Patrick Joseph Johnson †

Tuesday, November 26

Weekday

6:30 Richard Schmidt

9:00 Rev. Franklyn M. McAfee

Wednesday, November 27

Weekday

6:30 Wanda Mocarski †

9:00 Rev. Gary Selin

Thursday, November 28

Weekday

Thanksgiving

6:30 Norman Goyette †

9:00 Joseph Kuchel †

Friday, November 29

Weekday

6:30 Roy T. Peraino †

9:00 Rev. Lewis Hejna

Saturday, November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

8:15 Col. James J. Kelly †

5:00 Walter Krasinski †

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

7:30 Joseph Kuchel †

9:00 Alexander & James Harrington

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 Jerry Kwiatkowski †

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† **Right Rev. Joseph Francavilla** †

† **Gen. Volney F. Warner** †

† **Walter Wierzbicki** †

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

24 November 2019

Give thanks.

Before rushing out the door, off to the television or into the kitchen to do the dishes, take a few extra moments to pray *after* dinner.

GRACE AFTER MEALS

We give Thee thanks, almighty God,
for these and all Thy benefits,
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
R. Amen.

BENEDICTIO POST MENSAM

Agimus tibi gratias, omnipotens Deus,
pro universis beneficiis tuis,
qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.
R. Amen.

Anime omnium fidelium defunctorum
per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.
R. Amen.

My question is whether we should pray Grace After Meals between Thanksgiving dinner and dessert. We tend to take a polite pause between the two. The children may have been excused from the table to be spared the adults' lingering at table. One or more uncles might have repaired to the couch to rub their (own) bellies or to take a quick nap. Perhaps the table needs to be reset for lack of space for all those pies. Do you pray after dinner? After dessert? After both? I can't resolve that dilemma.

For those of us who will simply be grateful to have survived another awkward Thanksgiving reunion, I salute you. Be kind. Be patient. Be humble. Be prepared to have your buttons pushed. And be forthright. We might not be able to solve all the world's problems but we might make a breakthrough. Listen first. Be peaceful. Keep in mind something of your adversary that makes you grateful. Always remember that you belong first and last to God.

God bless you!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
(Heb 13,8)

Saint John the Beloved Academy



Christmas Tree Sale

November 29th to December 22nd

Special Opening Day November 29th : 10 am – 7 pm

Wednesday-Friday: 4 pm – 7 pm

Saturday-Sunday: 10 am – 7 pm

Come to St. John the Beloved for this year's fresh cut trees, garland and wreaths. Don't miss this opportunity to support St. John the Beloved Academy and have the best tree, wreath and garland in the community!

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church
6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101

Trees 5' to 11' (plus) starting at \$50

Wreaths starting at \$20

Garland (White Pine or Fraser Fir)



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EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN*Sponsored by**St. John the Beloved Women's Council***2019-2020 Series**

Monday, December 9th

Guest speaker: Dr. Robin Maas

6:30pm Social/ 7:00pm Talk

in the Parish Hall

Please RSVP to: womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com**THE WORD**

St. John's Book and Gift Shop is closed until vestibule renovations are completed. However, we can coordinate your purchase of the Magnificat - December and January issue (\$6.30) and Advent Companion (\$5.28). We also have copies of the 2020 Liturgy of the Hours Guide (now available in large print) and 2020 Christian Prayer Guide, a limited supply of the St. Joseph New Catholic Bible (in Large print), 1962 Latin Missal, scapulars, Imitation of Christ, daily inspirational guides and children's books which make nice gift items. Just email us at theword@stjohncatholicmclean.org to coordinate purchase and arrange for pickup at parish office. We look forward to serving you.

FALL YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES**SPORTS NIGHT**

Friday nights twice a month beginning at 8pm

Youth in 7th grade and up are invited

RSVP to Michael to vote for your favorite sport:

soccer, basketball, or volleyball!

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHTS1st and 3rd Sundays (and 5th Sundays)

Optional dinner from 6:30-7:00, Youth Night

activities begin at 7:00

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS**(Note schedule change):**

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00pm, beginning December 4

Take time to spiritually prepare for Christmas by

studying the Advent Mass readings

Pizza, fruit snacks, and desserts included

Meet in the youth corner – bring your Bible!

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER YOUTH MINISTRY**CALENDAR:**

Dec 1: Sunday Youth Night

Dec 4: Advent Bible Study

Dec 6: Sports Night

Dec 11: Advent Bible Study

Dec 15: Sunday Youth Night

Dec 18: Advent Bible Study

For more information about youth ministry activities, contact Michael at mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Advent begins next week. As we prepare for Christmas please remember the less fortunate. The collection for Catholic Charities will be December 7th and 8th. The theme for this year's collection is



"With Love & Charity". As you get ready to celebrate Our Lord's birth please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial donation to Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities exists to bring the love of Christ and to acknowledge the God-given dignity of everyone, especially those in need. To do this, they partner with each parish in serving the least among us.

Last December this collection made a tremendous difference in allowing them to expand our Mother of Mercy Clinic, delivering food and supplies to poor rural parishes, and creating a program to redirect prisoners to a healthy lifestyle. With your continued support, they hope to make 2019 an even greater success.

Look for a special insert/contribution envelope in the parish bulletin next weekend. If you put a check in the collection basket please note "Christmas Collection/ Catholic Charities" on the memo line or make a gift online at www.cdda.net.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30
7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon Latin Mass	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 9:45am Sew & So Forths 4:00pm Theology for Teens	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 8:00pm Hoops	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass ADORATION 10:00am—7:30pm Confessions Hourly 10:00am—7:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour 7:30pm Benediction	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass THANKSGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED Pray at the Falls Church Abortion Center 7am-7pm	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass OFFICE CLOSED	8:15am Mass 9:00 am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass

NEXT SENIORS' CLUB GATHERING

WHAT: Mass at 11:30 for those who wish to attend, followed by Luncheon & Musical Presentation at 12:00 in the school auditorium.

WHEN: Monday, 16 December

WHO: Dawn Kuker, St. John Academy Music Teacher, and the Academy Youth Choir

TOPIC: Saint John Academy Music Teacher Dawn Kuker and her Choir Accompanist, Stephanie Ng, will lead members of the St. John Academy Youth Choir in a memorable selection of Advent and Christmas hymns and songs. Dawn has promised a very special program for all of us

RSVP: Sign up on the sheet in the Parish Office or call the Parish Office at 703-356-7916.

DEADLINE: Friday, 13 December. Those that arrive without reservations are welcome but, unfortunately, we cannot offer them lunch.

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$15.00 at the door. For further information or if you would like a ride, please call Phil at 703-356-9788.

SPCS: ANNUAL SALE OF SEE'S CANDY As you shop for Christmas gifts this year, please consider buying Zambian coffee and See's chocolates from the St. Peter Claver Society, a parish organization which supports projects to benefit African orphans. Given the ongoing vestibule construction, SPCS will not be able to sell outside the church this Advent. Thus, Chocolates and Zambian coffee will be available at all December Coffee and Donuts. You can also mail in the order form to request home delivery. Teachers and work colleagues especially appreciate receiving See's as gifts, and your purchase will help vulnerable Zambian orphans. Please see the order form in the bulletin next week.



NOTA BENE! BULLETIN REQUESTS PLEASE READ

Normally, to guarantee placement of your information in the bulletin, please send all announcements that you would like to have publicized in the bulletin to the following email address: bulletin@stjohncatholicmclean.org. Please send the text in New Times Roman 11 pt, justified. Deadline: Friday, 14 days before the bulletin date.

However, due to the holidays approaching, bulletin submission times necessarily change. Here is the schedule to send your request to the office:

December 29th bulletin submissions must be in by Noon Wednesday, December 18th.

January 5th bulletin by Noon Thursday, December 26th.

Thank you!



*Fr. Pollard, Fr. Melmer, Fr. Rampino,
and the staff
of St. John the Beloved
wish everyone a Blessed and Happy
Thanksgiving Holiday*

SHARE SUNDAY IS ALWAYS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

With the holidays approaching there is always a need for donations. Food items, cash donations, and grocery cards are greatly appreciated. Please consider donating bread, milk, diapers, baby wipes, canned fruit and vegetables, mayo/mustard/catsup, 100% juice, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, snack foods, PB, grape or strawberry jelly, sugar, rice, pasta, coffee, tea, chunky chicken soup, toothpaste, soap, laundry soap, cereal, tuna. Clothing such as new underwear for adults and children, blankets and comforters are also appreciated. Cash or checks payable to St. John with Share in the memo line are used for emergency financial assistance. To arrange furniture donations, please call 703-448-1054.

PRAY FOR THE UNBORN



IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

GIVE A GIFT FOR LIFE

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. An expectant mother wrote: "I learned I was pregnant and knew that I needed support and prayer. Gabriel Project helped me with rent, and my 'Angels' helped with items for the baby, rides and meeting up for coffee. They also provided much needed support, encouragement and prayer." For more information and/or to donate: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife



ARLINGTON DIOCESE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Give a child the gift of a Catholic education and receive most of your donation back in tax savings! The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program will award a 65% state tax credit for donations made to the Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation, which will, in turn, provide scholarships for new students wishing to attend our diocesan Catholic Schools. You do not have to itemize in order to receive the 65% tax credit! Donations must be preauthorized in advance. Please call Jeanne Combos at 703-841-2764 or go online to download the preauthorization request form at: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Scholarship-Foundation/>

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*May God bless and protect our loved ones
in the military and civil service
who are serving these United States
in dangerous places, especially...*

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