

Worship the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

6:30 Julie Perrottet

9:00 Laura Gomes

8:00 Teresa Ezzell

Tuesday, January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop

6:30 Stuart and Serina Beckett

9:00 Timothy B. Livingston †

Wednesday, January 6

St. André Bessette, Religious

6:30 Margaret Flores

9:00 Madelene Suttie

Thursday, January 7

St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

6:30 Edward LeCluyse †

9:00 Francesca Ryan

Friday, January 8

Christmas Weekday

6:30 Thomas & Joseph O'Malley †

9:00 Julien Perrottet

Saturday, January 9

Christmas Weekday

8:15 Ian Stark †

5:00 Nancy Dickerman †

Sunday, January 10

Baptism of the Lord

7:30 Christine Hodgson †

9:00 Lucas Gallegos †

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 Isabelle Ezzell †

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Patricia Ahern

Frank Bohan

Carmel Broadfoot

John Cartelli

Edward Ciesielski

Victoria Grace Czarniecki

Kerry Darby

Tara Flanagan-Koenig

Alexa Frisbie

Susan Glover

Francisca Grego

Arnold L. Harrington III

Colleen Hodgdon

David Johnson

Mark Johnson

Christopher Katz

Margaret Kemp

Dorothy Kottler

Sue Malone

Carmella Manetti

Cristina Marques

Richard Meade

Diana Meisel

Bonnie Moran

Veronica Nowakowski

Anita Oliveira

Emelinda Oliveira

John Peterson

Mary Pistorino Reilly

Shelby Rogers

Thomas Rosa

Murielle Rozier-Francoville

Avery Schaeffer

Merle Shannon

Gloribeth Smith

Glenn Snyder

Bill Sullivan

Brian Turner

Ana Vera

Mary Warchot

Marie Wysolmerski

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

Robert Ayala

Jonathan Choo

Edward Cieselski

Nicholas Galvan

Harry Griffith

Bill Jones

Elisabeth Maddrell

Brendan Murphy

Lynn Partik

Michael Shipley

Kimberley Templer

Michael Templer

Jesus Toledanes

Justin White

Donald Yamamoto

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† ADRIENNE DOWNS †

† CYNTHIA BRITTO †

† MICHAEL MUTERSBAUGH †

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

JANUARY HUMAN FRATERNITY

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Learn the Faith

In Testimonium...

Solemnity of the Epiphany

There is no feast for the Flight into Egypt. Had we celebrated last Sunday the Feast of the Holy Family then we would have heard that passage from the Gospel of Matthew which describes their narrow escape from Herod: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23. Below is the text. The intermediate verses recount the Massacre of the Holy Innocents, which the Church celebrates a week earlier on December 28. Just as puzzling, in the Extraordinary Form, the Gospel account of the Flight into Egypt is read on the Vigil of Epiphany. Anyway, here is Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23:

13 Now when [the Wise Men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 20 "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." 21 And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. 23 And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

The last verse of the Gospel for the Solemnity of the Epiphany (Matthew 12,1-12) says: "And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way."

Do you notice that the Wise Men and the Holy Family needed to be warned separately? Why is that? I want to know if the Wise Men shared with Joseph the warnings they received in their dreams. Did the visitors try to warn St. Joseph but unsuccessfully? Did they not speak of it for fear of spies? Had they already parted company by the time they received their warnings? God knows. It is said that after their return home, the Wise Men were baptized by St. Thomas and became great saints.

It would seem that each household needed its own blessing... as do ours. Be sure to take home your blessed chalk and place the Epiphany Blessing over your door.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard



Saint John the Beloved
ACADEMY



ST. JOHN
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

FAMILY EVENINGS OF PRAYER & CATECHESIS
EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 7:00-7:45PM

There are no meetings this week. Happy New Year!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
ATTENTION PARENTS OF 2ND GRADERS

If you would like your child to receive First Confession and First Holy Communion in May 2021 please contact the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

SPORTS & SCRIPTURE (Wednesdays, 4-6pm)

- 7TH —12TH graders welcome!
- Enjoy sports and pizza while getting to know Christ !

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHTS

- - 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month, 7:00-8:30pm
- - Encounter Christ while having fun with other Catholic youth

For more info, email: mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org

Be an Apostle



DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON NEWS

FROM THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

THE EPIPHANY -- JANUARY 3, 2021

"They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Is God calling you to give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michaelisenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

ST. THERÈSE VOCATIONS SOCIETY

The St. Thérèse Vocation Society prays daily for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, and invites you to join them for a VIRTUAL Morning of Reflection on Saturday February 6. Register with the Office of Vocations (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. There is no cost to participate. Learn more about the St. Thérèse Vocation Society at www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/StTherese.

FROM THE OFFICE OF MARRIAGE, FAMILY & RESPECT LIFE

MORNINGS OF MERCY

Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats. The morning will include Holy Mass, talk, and Benediction. The next retreat is Saturday, February 20, 2021 at St. Veronica in Chantilly. Retreats are led by Very Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church. There is no cost to attend, but please register at arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy.

GIFT FOR LIFE

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Project Rachel provide counseling and healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One participant wrote: "The genuine love and support from the Project Rachel retreat has enabled me to let go of my anger and deep pain from my abortion. I am like a new person who has left the darkness and entered the light." For more information and/or to donate: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

The Thomas More Guild for Catholic Legal Professionals invites you to a free Lunchtime Zoom Collaborative with Olivia Gans Turner at Noon on Thursday, January 14, 2021. She is the President of the Virginia Society for Human Life, the first organized state pro-life group in the country, founded in 1967. Since her own abortion in 1981 she is committed to protecting unborn children and their mothers under the law from the violence of abortion, working with the National Right to Life Committee. She brings a great deal of experience to the debate in Virginia. For more information: go to Guild@TMGLaw.org



ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PARISH NEWS

ADORING WATCHMEN NEEDED



The 6-days-a-week Adoration Mission at St. John's would not be possible without adoring watchmen committed to prayerfully standing guard in the presence of Our Lord as He is exposed and vulnerable. Can you come spend quality time with Him?

If you are not able to commit to a weekly scheduled slot, there is also a need for a reactive "Subbing Squad" to provide backup if the scheduled adorers are unable to fill-in for each other. To join the Adoration Team, please send an email to Matthew, our Adoration Team Lead, at Matt@ftml.net

THE WORD BOOKSTORE



The Word Bookstore will be open again on January 3. Generally the store is open after the 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 masses. Please enter through the main church entrance. We ask that you respectfully not enter the vestibule until after the Communion service is finished. Cash/Credit/Checks accepted. We are also open by appointment. Email us at theword@stjohncatholicmclean.org with your inquiry. We look forward to serving you.

CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE



High school juniors are invited to attend Christendom College's highly ranked summer program, The Best Week Ever, in Summer 2021. Use the promo code Christmas20 when applying to receive 30% off. This offer lasts until Epiphany (January 6), and spots fill up very quickly each year. So act soon! To learn more and apply go to www.yourbestweekever.com

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please send all announcements to be considered for publication in the bulletin to Celina Schneider at Bulletin@stjohncatholicmclean.org. Please send the text in New Times Roman 11 pt, justified. *Deadline: Friday, 10 days before the bulletin date.*



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD





January 28-31 (In-Person Only)
Feb 11-14, 2021 (Virtual Only)

The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. Determination about whether dates will proceed in-person or virtually will be made on a case by case basis and will reflect local mandates and guidance at the time. Space will be limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Find more information on the website <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/marriage/virtual-marriage-prep>.



"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning."

Don't wait – take time now for your marriage by participating in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** on Feb 2-23, 2021 in WARRENTON, VA and Jan 29-31, 2021 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: Renew-Marriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

Office of Catholic Schools
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**8TH GRADE TESTING REQUIRED FOR PLACEMENT IN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON**

For students who are prevented from taking the test on December 5, 2020, there will be one additional testing date as noted below:

TEST DATE:

Saturday, January 9, 2021
Winter HSPT at BI, DJO, PVI and JPG
or

Saturday, January 16, 2021
Snow Date, at BI, DJO, PVI and JPG

TEST TIME:

8:30 A.M. - 12 Noon

FEE:

\$35.00

This test is required for placement in these four high schools:

Bishop Ireton High School
Bishop O'Connell High School
St. Paul VI High School
Saint John Paul the Great High School

STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



*"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among men
with whom He is well pleased!"*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JANUARY 3	JANUARY 4	JANUARY 5	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 7	JANUARY 8	JANUARY 9
7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon TLM 4:00pm Vespers	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (also on Livestream) 8:00pm TLM Mass	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (also on Livestream)	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (also on Livestream) Confessions Hourly 10:00am-7:00pm 7:30pm Holy Hour	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (also on Livestream)	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (also on Livestream)	8:15am Mass 8:45am confessions 3:30pm confessions 5:00pm Mass