

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 31

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity

St. Sylvester I, Pope

- 6:30 Ralph Peters †
- 9:00 Paul Somerville †
- 5:00 Mary Rubin
- 11:30 Maureen Hurley

Tuesday, January 1

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 7:30 Bill Hottinger †
- 9:00 Germaine Daigneault †
- 10:30 People of the Parish
- 12:00† David French

Wednesday, January 2

Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

- 6:30 Maureen Earner & Family
- 9:00 Patrick McDonough †

Thursday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 6:30 Eliza Ball
- 9:00 Lucas March †

Friday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

- 6:30 Kate Broadfoot †
- 9:00 Shannon Rowan

Saturday, January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop

- 8:15 Charles Hargest
- 5:00 Patrick McDonough†

Sunday, January 6

The Epiphany of the Lord

- 7:30 James Reilly Palmer †
- 9:00 Marilyn & John F. Shank †
- 10:30 People of the Parish
- 12:00 Anne-Julia Karnbrock

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† All the Faithful Departed †

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS JANUARY

Evangelization – Young People

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

This Feast of the Holy Family has plenty of options with regard to the first two readings. Here is one option some of us never hear. And even when the priest does select this unpopular reading it does not always mean that we listen.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Colossians 3,18-21

On the 21st Sunday of the Year we also hear from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, but this nugget is optional:

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5,21-24

The more we avoid the difficult question the more it is misunderstood. The headship of the father is natural, biblical, doctrinal *and also easily misunderstood and exaggerated*. Every Christian woman has a conscience to be informed with reason and Divine Revelation (guided by the magisterium of the Church) and which she must obey. St. Paul even gives instruction in cases when a woman must separate from her husband (1Cor 7,11). The symmetry of St. Paul's language about marriage puts to rest the notion that the New Testament fails to honor husbands and wives with equal dignity: "For the wife does not rule over her own body, but the husband does; likewise the husband does not rule over his own body, but the wife does" (1Cor 7,4). "Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ" (Eph 5,21). Pope Pius XI even points out that "if the husband neglects his duties, it falls to the wife to take his place in directing the family" (*Casti Connubii*, 28). He also states so beautifully "for if the man is the head, the woman is the heart, and as he occupies the chief place in ruling, so she may and ought to claim for herself the chief place in love" (*Ibid.*, 27).

This is but one of the many reasons that women in the Roman Empire were converting to Christianity in droves.

Thank God for Christian Families!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, save us!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

p.s. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (*Heb 13,8*). Amen? Amen! Happy New Year!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Youth Nights

No Youth Night tonight.

All 7th-12th graders are invited to an Epiphany party next Sunday, January 6 from 6:15 – 8:00pm. Bring a wrapped gift (\$5 or under in value) for a white elephant gift exchange. Pizza dinner will be provided.

Life is Very Good Rally – January 17, 6:30pm

What: A rally with hundreds of youth to celebrate the goodness of life! The night includes a live concert, amazing speakers, and Adoration.

Where: EagleBank Arena at George Mason University

Cost: Suggested donation of \$18

Contact Michael to sign up, a limited number of tickets is available.

WorkCamp

All 9th-12th graders are invited to WorkCamp this summer from June 22-28. Come serve those in need through significant home-improvement projects! Registration deadline is January 11, and space is limited. Contact Michael for details.

Adults: be a partner in youth ministry

At St. John, our goal is to offer a wide variety of youth activities and programs to inspire and equip every young person in the parish to live in a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. The only way this is possible will be if many adults step forward to serve the youth.

You can help by: committing to pray for the youth and adult volunteer leaders, supporting the practical needs of our youth ministries (like snacks and meals), or helping to lead a youth ministry activity (such as Sunday nights, Sports nights, Movie nights, "Going deeper groups", activities for younger kids, or your ideas)

For more information about the youth ministries, contact Michael Jacobeen: mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org, or call (703) 356-7916 ext. 140

THANK YOU TO THE SERVER CORPS AND THEIR FAMILIES

In thanksgiving for your reverent service at the altar during the Christmas Season. May the Lord continue the good work He has begun in you and abundantly bless you and your families in the coming year.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you..." (Jer 1:5)

"Truly children are a gift from the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward" (Psalm 127:3)

"You knit me in my mother's womb...nor was my frame unknown to you when I was made in secret" (Psalm 139:13,15)

"You have been my guide since I was first formed...from my mother's womb you are my God" (Psalm 22:10-11)

"A child is born to us, and a Son given to us, and the government is upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, God the Mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace" (Is 9:6)



Human life is sacred and inviolable at every moment of existence, including the initial phase which precedes birth. All human beings, from their mothers' womb, belong to God who searches them and knows them, who forms them and knits them together with his own hands, who gazes on them when they are tiny shapeless embryos and already sees in them the adults of tomorrow whose days are numbered and whose vocation is even now written in the "book of life" (cf. Ps 139: 1, 13-16). There too, when they are still in their mothers' womb- as many passages of the Bible bear witness- they are the personal objects of God's loving and fatherly providence._

~ Taken from Evangelium Vitae: The Gospel of Life, Encyclical Letter of Pope John Paul II

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

MASS SCHEDULE



MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:00 PM Vigil Mass
10:30 PM Holy Hour
11:30 PM Vigil Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

7:30 AM Mass
9:00 AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass
12:00 PM High TLM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 30	December 31	January 1	January 2	January 3	January 4	January 5
7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon Latin Mass 3:30pm Rosary to End Abortion 4:00pm Vespers	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 5:00pm 10:30 Holy Hour 11:30 Vigil Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:40pm Futsol	NEW YEAR HOLY DAY 7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30 am Mass 12:00 TLM 8:00pm Hoops	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass ADORATION 9:30am–7:30pm Confessions Hourly 10:00am – 6:00pm 7:00pm Holy Hour	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass Pray at the Falls Church Abortion Center 7am-7pm	6:30 Mass 9:00 Mass	8:15 Mass 9:00am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass

**BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019**

On Saturday evening January 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the church, the venerable and powerful blessing of Epiphany Water will be done according to the Traditional Latin Rite. If you wish to bring blessed Epiphany Water home, please bring a small empty container, worthy of and designated for this use. If unable to attend, please see the sacristan to obtain Epiphany Water.

**TAKE HOME BLESSED CHALK FOR
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 6, 2019**

For the Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 6, the blessing of the chalk will take place at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 5 so that parishioners can take the Blessed chalk that weekend to inscribe the names of the Three Wise Men (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) and the date on the lintel of their homes.

20+C+M+B+19

CMB also refers to the Latin motto:

Christus Mansionem Benedicat, "May Christ bless this house."

CHARITABLE GIVING OPPORTUNITY

This Christmas season offers a special giving opportunity for anyone 70½ years or older to make a Charitable gift to Saint John the Beloved Parish or St. John Academy from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Until the end of the year, a gift of up to \$100,000 will be excluded from your taxable income. This allows you to make distributions directly to one or more charities from your traditional or Roth IRA, as long as you are at least 70 ½ years old when you transfer the gifts. Such gifts can be made without increasing your taxable income or withholding. Additionally, funds transferred from your IRA to a charity will NOT subject your Social Security income to higher tax levels, and will count toward your minimum required distribution. This information is not intended to be legal or tax advice. If you are interested in donating a gift to us in this way, we urge you to seek the advice of a competent professional. What better time than at Christmas to share in the joy that Saint John the Beloved Parish and St. John Academy share with all those around them, the love of Jesus Christ.

VOCATIONS

Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Fr. Michael Isenberg, (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN

*Sponsored by
St. John the Beloved Women's Council
2018-19 Series*

Monday, January 14th

Guest speaker: Dr. Robin Maas

*The Catholic Family and
the Future of the Human Race:
Reflections on the 50th Anniversary of
Humanae Vitae*

6:30 pm Social

7:00pm Talk in the Parish Hall

Please RSVP to: womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com

SENIORS' CLUB

Our next gathering will be on Monday, 21 January. Mr. Gregory D. Lynch, Development Manager of Divine Mercy Care and Tepeyac OB/GYN, will discuss Divine Mercy Care's mission to make abortion and the unnatural end of life unthinkable. The timing and importance of this topic couldn't be more significant as it coincides with the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. Please mark your calendars and bring family and friends to learn about the extraordinary work done by Greg's organization to protect and promote human life in all its stages. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following Mass which will be said at 11:30 AM. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the parish office at 703.356.7916 by Friday, 18 January. 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.

**MARCH FOR LIFE: SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019**

Friday, January 18, 2019 is the 46th Annual March for Life. Please consider offering a day of work to be a witness for human dignity. **March** for those who cannot march or speak for themselves. **March** for those who may never have a chance to pray or play. **March** for those who may never have the chance to be born. **March** for those already lost to us.

Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule if you would like to ride the bus with your fellow parishioners.

Bishop O'Connell High School Pro-Life Initiative: "March for Me"

The Bishop O'Connell PTO Spiritual Life Committee and the student Pro-Life Club have developed a unique program called *"March for Me"* in which students participate in the March for Life to support the sacredness of human life on behalf of those in the community who are unable to participate.

You are invited to participate in a special initiative to support the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. On January 18, 2019, students from Bishop O'Connell High School will march in support of life.

students from Bishop O'Connell High School will be available after all the Masses on the weekend of January 12th-13th if you would like a student to march for you. Thank you for supporting and encouraging Bishop O'Connell students to march for life.

Donate Your Car to Catholic Charities

Thinking of replacing or getting rid of your old car? Please consider donating it to Catholic Charities. We take used vehicles and transfer them directly to qualifying families in desperate need of transportation. We also accept non-working cars, which helps to fund our volunteer ministries. Donating is EASY! We handle all the paperwork; you receive an IRS donation receipt. Avoid the hassle of selling your car, simplify your life, or reclaim that space in your garage. To donate, please email cars@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3898. Non- working 1-844-527-2232

YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL
Bishop O'Connell High School invites all 6th through 8th grade students to participate in their 4th annual Youth Music Festival on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019. This full day of music clinics and performances is free, but registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the website at www.bishopoconnell.org/youthmusic or email music@bishopoconnell.org.

SJB Parishioner Assistance Network...

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY WITH SONG

Carolers are needed
to sing at Powhatan Nursing Home
on Saturday, January 5th
Please meet at Powhatan at 4:00 p.m.

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmel Broadfoot	Andrew Katson
Bishop Burbidge	Christopher Katz
Salvatore Calabro	Dorothy Kottler
John Cartelli	Sharon LeMaster
John Paul Charles Carver	Sue Malone
Virginia Connelly	Carmella Manetti
Sheila Corallo	Cristina Marques
Victoria Grace Czarniecki	Diana Meisel
Elke D'Amico	Bonnie Moran
Richard DeCorps	Veronica Nowakowski
Joe Elias	Anita Oliveira
John Fiore	Briner Orillo
Tara Flanagan-Koenig	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Susan Glover	Patricia Richer
Francesca Greco	Shelby Rogers
Paul Griffith	Thomas Rosa
Edward M. Hallinan III	Avery Schaeffer
Jack Halpin	Merle Shannon
Arnold L. Harrington III	Gloribeth Smith
Emily Hazlett	Daniel Stadelmann
Agnes Henley	Carolyn Steinhoff
Colleen Hodgdon	Bill Sullivan
David Johnson	Mary Warchot
Mark Johnson	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	Robert B. Smolar
Jonathan Choo	Michael Shipley
Nicholas Galvan	Kimberley Templer
Harry Griffith	Michael Templer
Bill Jones	Jesus Toledanes
Brendan Murphy	Justin White
Lynn Partik	Donald Yamamoto
Jamie Robinson	