

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, December 23

### *St. John of Kanty, Priest*

- 6:30 Colman Rowan  
9:00 Henry Pitt Warren, III †  
8:00 Mary Helen Dunn †

## Tuesday, December 24

### *Late Advent Weekday*

- 6:30 Helen Little †  
9:00 Lucille Calderazzo †  
5:00 Philip & Mary Ann Katz †  
7:30 Michael & Jennifer Lyons  
12:00 Special Intention

## Wednesday, December 25

### *The Nativity of the Lord*

- 7:30 Harrington Family  
9:00 Joe & Nela Crnkovich & Family  
10:30 People of the Parish  
12:15 Johnson Family

## Thursday, December 26

### *St. Stephen, The First Martyr*

- 6:30 Ernest J. Denz †  
9:00 Charlton L. Ellis

## Friday, December 27

### *St. John, Apostle & Evangelist*

- 6:30 Andrew Mansinne, Jr. †  
9:00 Albina Skendi †

## Saturday, December 28

### *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

- 8:15 Margaret Ann Trapp †  
5:00 Elayne Fivenson

## Sunday, December 29

### *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

- 7:30 Margaret Ann Trapp  
9:00 John D. Kim †  
10:30 People of the Parish  
12:00 Margaret Ann Trapp †

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† KAY CRNKOVICH †

† JOSEPH DUBOIS †

† ANNAMARIA VISICH †

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2019

### **The Future of the Very Young**

That every country take the measures necessary to  
prioritize the future of the very young, especially those  
who are suffering.

## IN TESTIMONIUM...

22 December 2019

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Ordinary Form

Sunday Gospel

Matthew 1,18-24

Extraordinary  
Form

Sunday Gospel

Luke 3,1-6

Joseph Seeks a Lodging in Bethlehem  
James Tissot (1886-1894)

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



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Christmas, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Psalm at Mass on Christmas proclaims: "A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us!" It is this truth that fills us with joyful hope even in the midst of the darkness we experience. There is no reason to despair. The Light has conquered the darkness! Our call is to allow this Light to guide us as we strive daily to grow in holiness, faithfulness and integrity.

We are also sent forth each day to radiate the presence of Christ to others. We do so by loving all people without exception, by forgiving those who have offended us and by sacrificially and generously serving those in most need.

Each year we hear the timeless story of the three wise men who set out on a long journey with only a star to guide their way. What tremendous trust they must have had in God, not to know where they were going, but to obey humbly and do as they were asked. What a powerful witness for each of us. May we follow God's call in our life with trust and obedience, so that at the end of our journey here on earth, we may embrace Jesus Christ, the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings.

It is my hope and prayer that during this Christmas season and into the New Year, we place our relationship with the Lord as our highest priority and remain instruments of His peace, joy and light in our parishes, homes, workplaces and communities.

The Lord is born for us! May He fill you with abundant blessings this Christmas and always. Merry Christmas to one and all!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington



# CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 PM Vigil Mass *in English*

7:30 PM Vigil Mass *in English*

11:00 PM Music Prelude

(Handel's Messiah)

MIDNIGHT Solemn Mass *in Latin*

(Readings in English)

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

7:30 AM Mass *in English*

9:00 AM Mass *in English*

10:30 AM Mass *in English*

12:15 PM High Traditional **Latin** Mass

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 22	December 23	December 24	December 25	December 26	December 27	December 28
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 9:45am Sew & So Forths  4:00pm Theology for Teens  7:30pm Legion 8:00pm TLM 8:30pm Futsol	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass  5:00pm Mass 7:30 pm Mass  8:00pm Hoops 11:00pm Music Prelude Midnight Mass	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass 12:15pm Mass  <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>  7:00pm Holy Hour 7:30pm Benediction	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass   <b>Pray at the Falls Church Abortion Center 7am-7pm</b>	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass  <b>ST. JOHN THE BELOVED FEAST DAY OPEN HOUSE AFTER 9:00 MASSS</b>	8:15am Mass 9:00 am Confessions   3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass

### FALL YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

#### SUMMER WORK CAMP 2020

All high school youth are invited to join us for a week of helping those in need by performing significant home-improvement projects. Registration is ongoing, space is limited.

When: June 20-26, 2020

Where: Winchester, VA

Cost: \$200 deposit and commitment to fundraising

To apply: [mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org)

#### SPORTS NIGHT

Friday, January 17 at 8pm

Youth in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited

RSVP to Michael and vote for your favorite sport: soccer, basketball, or volleyball!

#### SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHTS

Next youth night: January 5, Epiphany party! Bring a wrapped gift (please keep it around \$5 in value) for our annual white elephant gift exchange. If you can, bring some of your favorite Christmas cookies to share.

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays (and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

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

January youth nights:

1/5 – Epiphany party

1/17 – “And the greatest of these is love...”

What does the virtue of Charity have to do with daily life?

For more information about youth ministry activities, contact Michael at [mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org](mailto:mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org)

### *SJB Parishioner Assistance Network...*

#### CELEBRATING WITH SONG

If you are interested in caroling to the homebound please contact Beth Anderson at 703-536-2298 to let her know.

### DECEMBER 27 FEAST OF ST. JOHN OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY & TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF WINE



Everyone is invited to join us this Friday to celebrate the Feast Day of our patron with an **Open House** at the rectory following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Bring any wine that you want to have blessed.

### 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](mailto: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:

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

#### PLEASE REMEMBER SHARE THIS SEASON

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.

#### HELP SERVE EVENING MEAL AT CHRIST HOUSE

On the 2nd Friday of every month at Christ House in Alexandria, a team of four St John the Beloved volunteers prepares and serves a nutritious, well balanced evening meal for about 75 persons and families from the Alexandria community. If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry, go to <http://bit.ly/ChristHouseEveningMeal>. Questions? Contact Melissa Elias [melissaelias2018@gmail.com](mailto:melissaelias2018@gmail.com) or Michele Mrozek [mmrozek@ggic.com](mailto:mmrozek@ggic.com).

#### RAFFLE TO ROME!

The winner of the raffle will be flown to Rome and will spend 8 days and 7 nights visiting some of the most beautiful sites of the world; hotel, personal tour guides, and daily mass included, plus \$1,000 for additional expenses. Tickets cost \$100 each and only 1,000 tickets will be sold, so buy your tickets early before they sell out! The proceeds of the raffle will benefit Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, supporting their mission to serve thousands of people every year through spiritual retreats and marriage programs. Go to [www.raffle2rome.org](http://www.raffle2rome.org) to buy tickets and learn more details. We will pull the winning ticket during a Facebook Live event on January 6, 2020! Take a chance! We hope you win!

## IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

### GIVE A 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 day [retreat] made me realize how far I have stuffed this experience and how much healing I need...I am glad I took this step - thank you for making the start of healing possible." For more information and/or to donate: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)



### A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Couples..... want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend. Attend one of the upcoming weekends on Mar 20-22, 2020 in FAIRFAX, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: **RenewMarriage-VANorth.org** or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or call us at 703-646-1521.

### What is #JOY?

How can you experience more JOY this Advent and Christmas? Our #JustOneYes (JOY) movement encourages all in the diocese to increase their connection to God. How can you join the movement? Commit to a daily Rosary, daily Mass, your favorite prayer, or an extra holy hour a week, something that brings you closer to Christ. Register your JustOneYes at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/JustOneYes](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/JustOneYes)  
Text JustOneYes to (833) 602-8554 to receive weekly encouragement during the Advent Season to complete your "yes"!

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness, is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org)

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."  
Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may led us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

## STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



Hark! the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise;  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Rhena Beckmann - Fuchs	Sue Malone
Carmel Broadfoot	Carmella Manetti
John Cartelli	Cristina Marques
Virginia Connelly	Diana Meisel
Victoria Grace Czarniecki	Bonnie Moran
Richard DeCorps	Veronica Nowakowski
Tara Flanagan-Koenig	Anita Oliveira
Alexa Frisbie	Briner Orillo
Earlene Gallegos	Mary Pistorino Reilly
Susan Glover	Patricia Richer
Paul Griffith	Shelby Rogers
Edward M. Hallinan III	Thomas Rosa
Mildred Hallinan	Murielle Rozier-Francoville
Jack Halpin	Avery Schaeffer
Arnold L. Harrington III	Merle Shannon
Colleen Hodgdon	Gloribeth Smith
Ann Howerton	Daniel Stadelmann
David Johnson	Carolyn Steinhoff
Mark Johnson	Bill Sullivan
Christopher Katz	Mary Warchot
Dorothy Kottler	Marie Wysolmerski
Sharon LeMaster	

*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	Lynn Partik
Jonathan Choo	Jamie Robinson
Nick Fogle	Michael Shipley
Nicholas Galvan	Kimberley Templer
Harry Griffith	Michael Templer
Bill Jones	Jesus Toledanes
Elisabeth Maddrell	Justin White
Brendan Murphy	Donald Yamamoto