

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 9

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:30 Thomas & Joseph O'Malley †
9:00 Bishop Michael F. Burbidge
8:00 Frank Nordly †

Tuesday, December 10

Advent Weekday

- 6:30 Fred Blanton Petty, Jr. †
9:00 Werner Jurinka †

Wednesday, December 11

St. Damasus I, Pope

- 6:30 Francesca Ryan
9:00 Nancy Christiani

Thursday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 6:30 William Brantley Harvey, Jr. †
9:00 Fr. Eric Shafer

Friday, December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

- 6:30 Helen Perrottet
9:00 Lawrence Singer †

Saturday, December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

- 8:15 Patty McAboy †
5:00 Peter Joseph Kidwell

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 Donald Steiner †
9:00 Julie Rasmussen†
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Patricia Fore †

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† ZBIGNIEW MATERKA †
† EDGARD SEVILLA †
† 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...

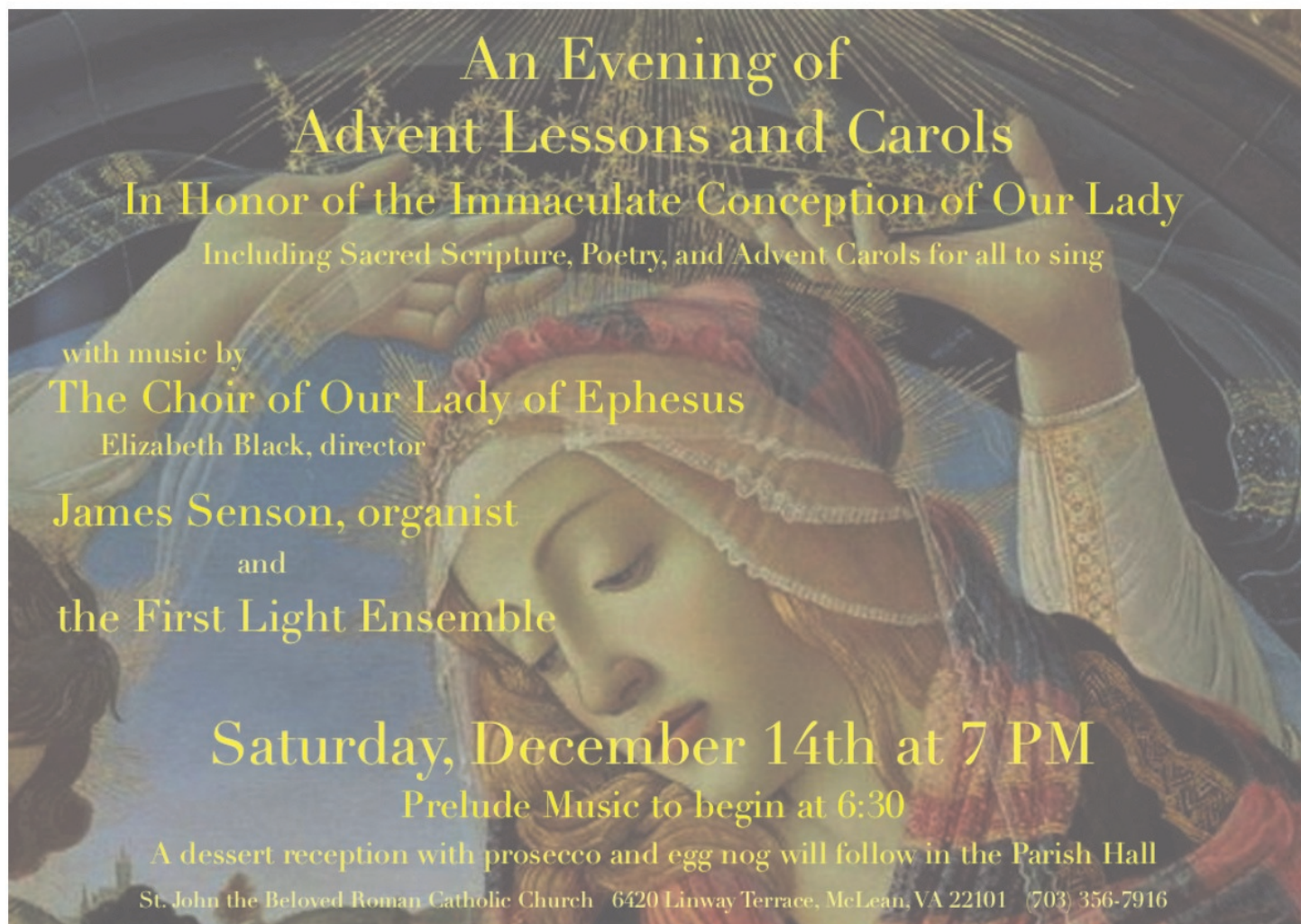
8 December 2019

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
observed on December 9 this year in the Ordinary Form



Immaculate Conception
1628
Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640)

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



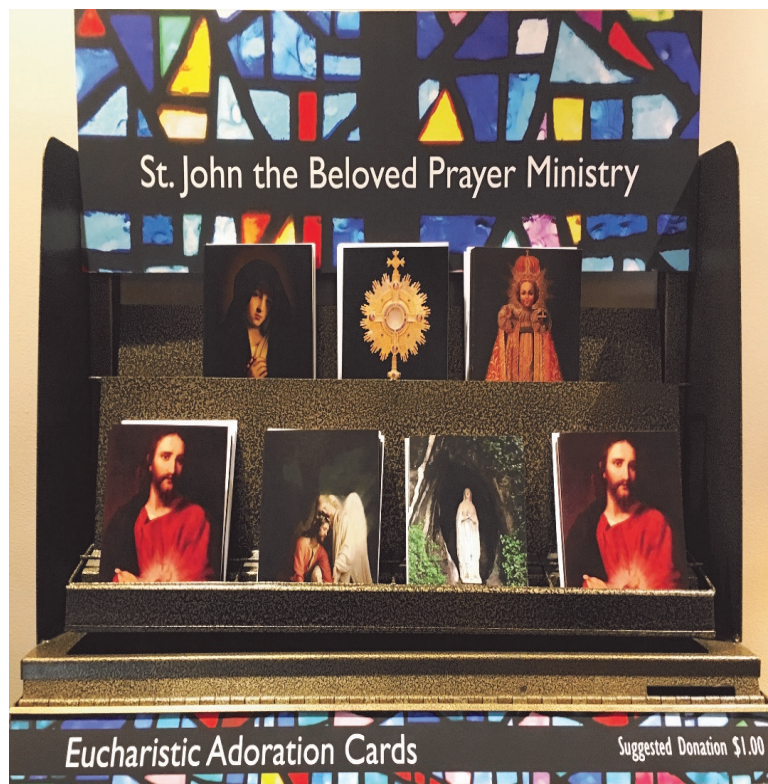
An Evening of
Advent Lessons and Carols
In Honor of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady
Including Sacred Scripture, Poetry, and Advent Carols for all to sing

with music by
The Choir of Our Lady of Ephesus
Elizabeth Black, director

James Senson, organist
and
the First Light Ensemble

Saturday, December 14th at 7 PM
Prelude Music to begin at 6:30

A dessert reception with prosecco and egg nog will follow in the Parish Hall
St. John the Beloved Roman Catholic Church 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101 (703) 356-7916



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CARDS

Consider spending precious time with our Lord in prayer and offering that time for the need of a family member or friend. Let them know you were holding them up in prayer by sending a Eucharistic Adoration Card with the following notation:

*I have made a private Holy Hour before
the Blessed Sacrament for you
and for all the intentions which are dear
to your heart.*

Each card is designed with a beautiful image and meaningful prayer, appropriate to occasions of suffering and sorrow as well as peace and rejoicing.

Suggested donation of \$1 to cover printing costs.

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 NIGHTS

1st 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

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!

DECEMBER YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR:

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 has begun! As we prepare for Christmas please remember the less fortunate. The collection for Catholic Charities is this weekend. 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.

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
December 8	December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14
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 Futsal	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 Pray at the Falls Church Abortion Center 7am-7pm	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass	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: Mr. James Senson, Director of Music



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.

DAYS OF RECOLLECTION FOR MEN AND WOMEN DISCERNERS

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Office of Vocations will hold a day retreat for men on Saturday, December 14, and a day retreat for women on Sunday, December 15. Both run from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and are open to those 18 years and older. Religious sisters will be present for the women, and seminarians, priests and men religious will be at the men's retreat. For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations by phone at 703-841-2514 or email vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS

1. GO TO CONFESSION
2. RECEIVE THE HOLY EUCHARIST
3. SAY FIVE DECADES OF THE ROSARY
4. MEDITATE FOR 15 MINUTES ON THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

All this should be offered in **REPARATION** for the sins of blasphemy and ingratitude which are committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception, Blasphemies against her virginity, Blasphemies against her divine maternity, at the same time the refusal to accept her as the Mother of all men, Instilling indifference, scorn and even hatred towards the Immaculate Mother in the hearts of children Direct insults against Her sacred images

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 this 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!

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.





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



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 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

Text JustOneYes to (833) 602-8554 to receive weekly encouragement during the Advent Season to complete your "yes"!

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	Annamaria Visich
Dorothy Kottler	Mary Warchot
Sharon LeMaster	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	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