

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 2

Advent Weekday

- 6:30 Patty Pino †
 9:00 Jerry Kwiatkowski †
 8:00 Marianne Choe

Tuesday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

- 6:30 Joseph Raffetto †
 9:00 Jerry Kwiatkowski †

Wednesday, December 4

St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

- 6:30 Earl Rothfus †
 9:00 Jake Crouch

Thursday, December 5

Advent Weekday

- 6:30 Peggy Trapp †
 9:00 Raymond Ryabik †

Friday, December 6

St. Nicholas, Bishop

- 6:30 Olivia Perrottet
 9:00 Rev. Alphonse Kaboré

Saturday, December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 8:15 Norman Goyette †
 5:00 Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Digney †

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 Jerry Kwiatkowski †
 9:00 John D. Kim †
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 John Zastko †

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...

1 December 2019

If you bought three purple candles and a rose candle already for your Advent wreath, congratulations! You only need three more purple candles and you will be good to go. It is also time to get your Advent calendar ready.

Every Sunday of Advent we will be praying **Vespers** in the Church at 4:00 p.m., preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a Pro-Life Rosary.

Don't forget to hang your stockings or put out your shoes the night before **St. Nicholas Day**, which is December 6.

That same Friday, December 6 will be the school's annual **Christmas Pageant**. The music and acting are delightful!

The next morning starts early with a **Rorate Caeli Mass** on Saturday, December 7 at 6:00 a.m. This is an Advent tradition of the old Latin Mass in which a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered by candlelight, timed to begin when it is pitch dark outside but concluding after the sun has risen.

The **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** falls on a Sunday. In the old Mass the Feast of Our Lady remains on Sunday, December 8, while the rest of the Masses will observe the Second Sunday Advent with the celebration of Our Lady's coming into existence moving to Monday the 9th without it being a Holy Day of Obligation.

On the Feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** Thursday, December 12, Fr. Melmer will offer a **Mass of Reparation** in the evening.

Confirmation Mass will be offered by Archbishop Broglio on the morning of Saturday the 14th. Come, Holy Spirit!

The beautiful and enchanting **Lessons and Carols** in Honor of Our Lady, which was composed here by a parishioner a few years ago will be the beautiful conclusion of Saturday the 14th. It really is extraordinary. You will want to experience it.

Another Advent tradition will continue with a few stout souls gathering for the candlelit **Missa Aurea** on the Wednesday before Christmas (December 18) at 4:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will follow. By that time we hope the new vestibule will be complete.

Have a Blessed Advent! Come, Lord Jesus!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

P.S. Don't forget the Feast Day of St. John the Beloved on December 27 when a special Friday morning 9:00 a.m. Mass will be followed by a reception in the rectory.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

(Heb 13,8)



2019 St Peter Claver Society Christmas Fundraising

	Cost	Amount	Total
COFFEE, MUGS, 8 oz GLASSES			
Whole Bean	\$12		
Ground	\$12		
SPCS Dad's 8oz Lion Glass	\$10		
SPCS Dad's Lion Mug	\$10		
SEES Candy			
Assorted Chocolates	\$24.00		
Dark Chocolates	\$24.00		
Nuts and Chews	\$24.00		
Milk Chocolates	\$24.00		
Soft Centers	\$24.00		
Toffee-ettes	\$24.00		
Peanut Brittle 1.5 lbs	\$24.00		
Milk Chocolate Balls	\$11.00		
Dark Chocolate Balls	\$11.00		
Peppermints	\$11.00		
4 oz Miniboxes: Sweet Snowman or Snowflake (circle one).	\$8.00	Total:	



**THESE ITEMS
WILL BE ON SALE
AT DECEMBER
COFFEE &
DONUTS**

**Free delivery
also available.**

Please indicate if you will pick up your order at one of these Sunday Coffee & Donut's:			
Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____

PROFITS FUND PROJECTS BENEFITING AFRICAN ORPHANS IN ZAMBIA

Credit cards accepted or make out checks to St John's the Beloved, noting the St Peter Claver Society on the memo line and mail to: **Mary Beth Kustra, 7331 Eldorado Street, McLean, VA, 22102.**

For questions or to schedule delivery call Mary Beth: 703-821-1799



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 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 today. 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 this 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
December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7
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 FIRST FRIDAY 	8:15am Mass 9:00 am Confessions FIRST SATURDAY  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.

JOIN THE FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY TEAM



Did you know that the 'no-show' rate can go up by 70% when there are people peacefully praying outside an abortion facility? Please join the prayer team every First Saturday to pray the rosary at 10:30 am at the Falls Church abortion facility. The next First Saturday is December 7. The facility is located at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA 22046 For inquiries, contact Amy McNerny at (703) 841-3817 or respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org

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.

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 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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