

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, December 3

*St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

- 6:30 Philip Katz †  
 9:00 Philip Katz †  
 8:00 Donald P. Libera, Sr. †

## Tuesday, December 4

*St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

- 6:30 Robert McJury †  
 9:00 Jake Crouch

## Wednesday, December 5

*Advent Weekday*

- 6:30 Patrice Connolly  
 9:00 Raymond Ryabik †

## Thursday, December 6

*St. Nicholas, Bishop*

- 6:30 Christina Boehm  
 9:00 Oliver & Ingeborg Karnbrock

## Friday, December 7

*St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

- 6:30 Charlotte Carroll  
 9:00 Kristin & J.D. Crouch

## Saturday, December 8

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

- 6:30 People of the Parish  
 8:15 Philip Katz †  
 10:30 Special Intention  
 Noon Mr. & Mrs. James Sensen & Family  
 5:00 Fr. George Pope †

## Sunday, December 9

*Second Sunday of Advent*

- 7:30 Greg Quatman †  
 9:00 Josef Zwierewicz  
 10:30 People of the Parish  
 12:00 Kathryn Broadfoot †

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD**

†Kevin Brady†  
 †Edward Dunn †

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS  
 NOVEMBER**

**Universal – In Service of Peace**

That the language of love and dialogue  
 may always prevail over the language of conflict.

## IN TESTIMONIUM...

Happy Advent!

Happy St. Nicholas Day!

Happy Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception!

A month ago a good parishioner was crouched over a piece of sidewalk at one of the Church entrances. This was in between the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. He stumbled upon a Sacred Host that was lying on the ground. Dutifully he sent a son to find a priest while he guarded Our Lord from being trampled underfoot or blown away in the wind.

Last Sunday at the end of the Communion line, a good parishioner pointed out to one of our Dominican brothers that a Sacred Host had fallen to the floor. Not only that, a small bite had been taken out of It.

Consuming Our Lord and purifying the area where the Lord Jesus had been found is not the end of the story. We also need to make amends and make improvements.

After this Sunday's Vespers I will spend another hour with Jesus to make reparation for the latest incident.

Without drawing any hasty conclusions about what happened to precipitate these two recent sacrileges, **Fr. Melmer and I ask you earnestly that when you receive Holy Communion you need to remain in front of the one who gave you the Sacred Host and consume Our Lord before stepping to the side or beginning to walk back to your pew.** The *General Instructions for the Roman Missal* indicates that "As soon as the communicant receives the host, he or she consumes it entirely" (GIRM 161). I know that this is different from the way you may have been taught. Please review this with your children. We need to see that Jesus has made His way past your lips and we cannot do that well if your back is turned or if the next person in line is already before us. And if we are afraid that you will drop the Host, please pardon us in advance for helping you receive Communion on the tongue.

Thank you to all of you who are attentive to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, not just in your reverent reception of Holy Communion and in your prayerful preparation which includes a good Confession on a regular basis, but also your public witness to the Real Presence in the tabernacle and on the altar... not to mention God being present in each other. Your faith is edifying.

St. John the Baptist, pray for us!

St. Nicholas, pray for us!

Our Lady of the Eucharist, pray for us!

God bless you.

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Sunday Youth Nights

All youth in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited our weekly youth night from 6:15-8:00pm tonight! This week we will have a trivia contest followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament!

### Upcoming youth nights:

December 9: Save Environment night – “Called to Protect” (Each year we are required to offer one night where we talk about abuse and safe environment for teens. This year we will be using the “Called to Protect” program. More information about this program is available on the Arlington Diocese website. If you would like to opt out your child, contact Michael Jacobeen)

December 16: Advent Joy

### Advent Bible study

All youth in high school are invited to a 3-week Bible study on Wednesday nights, December 5, 12, and 19. If you are interested, please contact Michael to sign up.

### WorkCamp Info night: December 6 at 7pm

Every summer, over 800 high school youth gather to replace drafty windows, build wheelchair ramps, and fix leaky roofs for over 120 families in need. All 9th-12th graders and their parents are invited to come learn more about this amazing week of service. Contact Michael to RSVP for the info night - parents and teens are strongly encouraged to attend together.

### Sports Night: Friday, December 7 at 8pm

All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to our first youth sports night. This week we'll be playing soccer in the gym.

### Swing Dance Night

**Who:** Youth in 7th-12th grades: learn how to swing!

**When:** Friday, December 14, 7:00 - 9:00pm

**Where:** St. John Parish Hall

**Dancing ability required:** NONE!

### 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](mailto:mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org), or call (703) 356-7916 ext. 140

## PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

A commentary excerpt from Fr. Shenan Boquet, President of Human Life International

*I do lay claim to the admittedly more imprecise “pro-life” label, precisely because my opposition to abortion is an expression of a more comprehensive worldview that not only precludes the killing of innocent unborn babies, but also rejects the spiritual and psychological root causes that would lead anyone to desire to kill innocent unborn babies in the first place! To be pro-life then, most certainly involves conscientious, explicit activism targeted at ending abortion, and all other systematic attacks on human life in our society. However, it also involves witnessing to what St. Pope John Paul II called the Gospel of Life, without which our pro-life efforts are doomed to long-term failure.*

*The laity's life is called to integrate all activities into one meaningful whole — to give witness in the ordinary of one's day in an extraordinary manner. The Culture of Death feeds off an anti-Gospel. The only truly long-lasting antidote to this anti-Gospel is the true Gospel, and the instantiation of that Gospel as a lived reality in our daily lives, by which the culture is transformed from a Culture of Death to a Culture of Life from the very roots up.*

### **Upcoming Pro-Life Activities:**

#### **Putting our faith into action!**

#### **Sunday, December 2 at 3:30 p.m.**

Please join fellow parishioners in praying **A Rosary to End Abortion** prior to Vespers at 4 PM.

#### **Sunday, December 9 at 4:00 p.m.**

St. John the Beloved **Pro-Life Advocates meeting in the Adult Ed. Room**. Please come and learn more about **Gabriel Project**, the Diocese of Arlington's parish network of support for mothers and fathers in crisis pregnancies. We will discuss other upcoming pro-life endeavors, and March for Life plans.

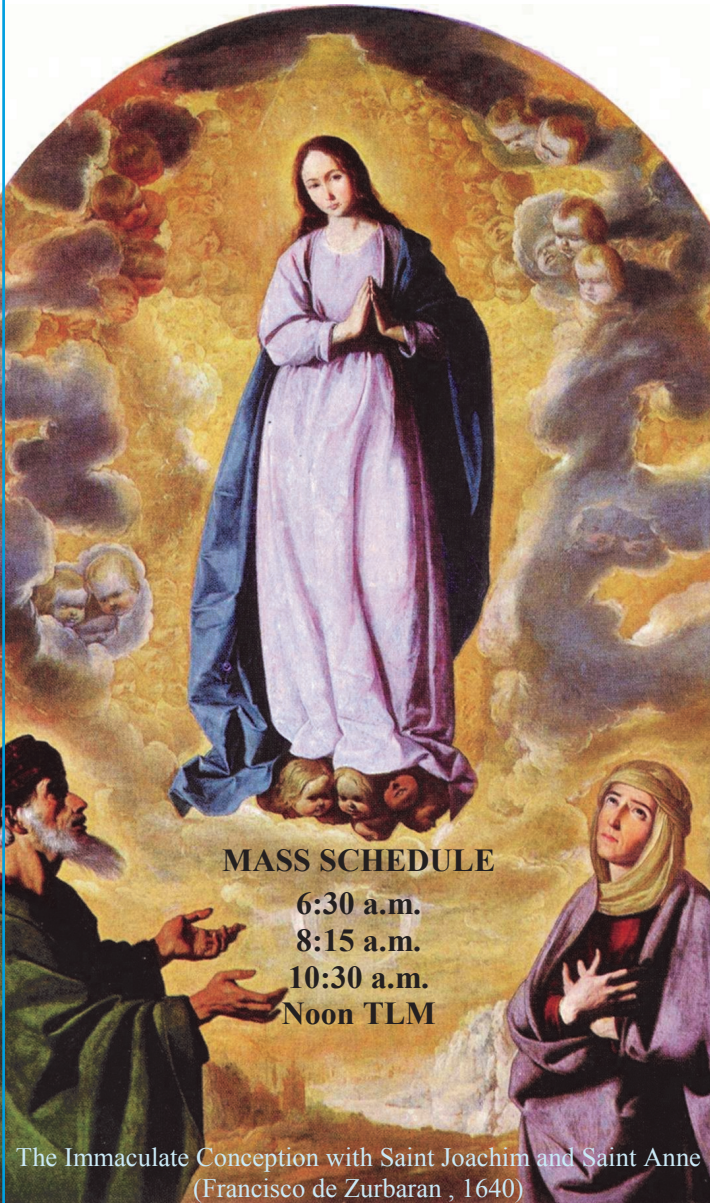
**On going Pro-Life Witness and Prayer** at the Falls Church Abortion Center (900 S. Washington St.) on **Thursdays mornings from 10 until Noon**. This is a day when abortions are done, so “being there” can help persuade a mother and the father to keep their baby.

As pro-life warriors, we must keep our eyes fixed on heaven, and our hearts secure in the hope that the day is coming when all evil against the sanctity of life will be conquered.

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” — Revelation 21:4-5*



**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER**



**MASS SCHEDULE**

6:30 a.m.  
8:15 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
Noon TLM

The Immaculate Conception with Saint Joachim and Saint Anne  
(Francisco de Zurbarán, 1640)

**LESSONS & CAROLS** 🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵


Please join us on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7 P.M. in the church for 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 and First Light Ensemble. Followed by a dessert reception with prosecco and punch in the Parish Hall.

**SENIORS' CLUB**

We are so fortunate to have our highly skilled Director of Music, James Sensen, leading members of our children's choir in a memorable selection of Advent and Christmas hymns and songs at our next gathering on MONDAY, 17 December. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following Mass which will be offered at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the parish office at 703.356.7916 by Friday, 14 December. 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.

**2018 ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS COMING!**

The 2018 Annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities is coming up and your generosity is deeply appreciated! As we think about the many blessings we and our families have received, please consider making a special sacrificial gift to support Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Look for a special insert/contribution envelope in the parish bulletin next 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](http://www.cdda.net).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8
7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon Latin Mass  10:30am Pre-K & K CCD  <b>3:30pm Rosary to End Abortion 4:00pm Vespers</b>	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass   7:30pm Legion 8:00pm Latin Mass 8:40pm Futsol	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass   7:00pm CCD 8:00pm Hoops	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass <b>ADORATION</b> 9:30am-7:30pm <b>Confessions Hourly</b> 10:00am-6:00pm  7:00pm Holy Hour	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass   <b>Pray at the Falls Church Abortion Center 7am-7pm</b>	6:30 Mass 9:00 Mass   <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> 	<b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b> <b>6:30 Mass</b> 8:15 Mass 9:00am Confessions <b>10:30am Mass</b> <b>Noon TLM Mass</b>  3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass



Saint John Academy's

# Christmas Tree Sale

Nov. 23 - Dec. 23

Monday - Friday: 3:30pm - 7pm

Saturdays & Sundays: 9am - 7pm

**Special Day Nov 23: 9am - 7pm**

This year's fresh cut trees, garlands and wreaths will arrive on November 23 at

**St. John the Beloved Catholic Church**

**6422 Linway Terrace, McLean**

We will have trees of many sizes ~ Don't miss this opportunity to support Saint John Academy and have the best tree, wreath and/or garland in the community! The quality of these trees is amazing!



## Trees

5-6 ft.	\$50
6-7 ft.	\$70
7-8 ft.	\$85
8-9 ft.	\$105
9-10 ft.	\$120
10-11 ft.	\$145

## Wreaths

16-18"	\$17
20-22"	\$20
24-26"	\$22
30-32"	\$26
36"	\$36

**Best Deal!**

## Garland

Fraser Fir 75 ft.	\$55
White Pine 75 ft.	\$30

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church  
6422 Linway Terrace, McLean

**SPCS RAFFLE:** Two chances to win a very special dinner! The St. Peter Claver Society is raffling off Father Pollard's Famous Smoked BBQ Dinner, or you could win a dinner with the Rector of the Basilica of St. Mary in Alexandria, Fr. Edward Hathaway, who helped found SPCS while pastor at St. John the Beloved from 2000-2005. Tickets on sale after Sunday Masses in December; drawing 23 December following 10:30 Mass. One ticket: \$5; five for \$20. Proceeds will go to SPCS' three projects supporting Zambian Orphans.

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### EXPERIENCE ADVENT WITH DR. TIM GRAY

*Enrich your Advent preparation  
with daily videos from Dr. Tim Gray  
that will ready your heart for the coming of Christ.*

Add on children's reflections with Brother Francis to get the whole family spiritually prepped for Christmas.

#### Watch, Read and Reflect each day.

- Watch an inspiring video reflection from Dr. Tim Gray
- Read a passage from the Word of God
- Reflect on how you can prepare for Christ's coming.

Access this program on [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) through the parish subscription.

*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 at 4:00 p.m.  
If interested, call Beth Anderson at 703-536-2298.

## THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



*"History teaches us  
that kingdoms founded on the power of arms and lies  
are fragile and, sooner or later, collapse;  
but the Kingdom of God is founded on love  
and is rooted in hearts  
- the Kingdom of God is rooted in hearts -  
conferring on one who receives it  
peace, freedom, and fullness of life."*

POPE FRANCIS

SUNDAY ANGELUS

25 NOVEMBER 2018

## 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	