

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, January 28

### *St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

- 6:30 Edward Suttie  
9:00 Daniel Lynch, Sr. †  
8:00 Marie Hathaway †

## Tuesday, January 29

### *Weekday*

- 6:30 Marie Hathaway †  
9:00 Marie Hathaway †

## Wednesday, January 30

### *Weekday*

- 6:30 Amelia Perrottet  
9:00 Fr. Miniscalco

## Thursday, January 31

### *St. John Bosco, Priest*

- 6:30 Gabriel Perrottet  
9:00 Frances & Walter Wierzbicki

## Friday, February 1

### *Weekday*

- 6:30 Dominic Perrottet  
9:00 Colette Waldron

## Saturday, February 2

### *The Presentation of the Lord*

- 8:15 Ursula Nikolaus †  
5:00 Mr. & Mrs. James Russell †

## Sunday, February 3

### *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 7:30 James Reilly Palmer †  
9:00 Patrick McDonough †  
10:30 People of the Parish  
12:00 Juanita Guevara †

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† Margaret Ann Trapp †  
† Frank Readdy †

## 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

“See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.”

These words happen at just about every baptism nowadays. They are among my favorite phrases of the baptism ritual. In the extraordinary form of Baptism the words are very similar: “Receive this white garment, which mayest thou carry without stain before the judgment seat of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that thou mayest have eternal life. Amen.”

The words are accompanied with the placing of a white cloth on the newly baptized baby, which *used to be* my least favorite part of the sacred event. The little one almost always is already wearing a beautiful white gown on top of which the additional white cloth can seem to be an unnecessary accessory.

That has changed recently on account of two recent baptisms, one celebrated in the ordinary form and the other in the extraordinary form. In late December I celebrated a baptism for a couple whose marriage preparation I had done the previous year. The godmother, like most of those present, was Peruvian. When I handed her the white garment she did something I had never seen before: she placed the white cloth over the top of the newly anointed head of the newly adopted daughter of God as though it were a veil. How surprisingly beautiful and perfect! What I then attributed to religious sentiment stemming from the Southern Hemisphere turned out to have been right under my nose.

At my most recent extraordinary form Baptism I took some time to reread the instructions in the preface of the ritual and not just the red-lettered instructions or *rubrics* embedded within the ritual. Of course the white cloth was mentioned among the requisites listed but what I did not expect was the description of its use: “A white garment in the form of a little mantle, or a small piece of white linen **to be placed on the infant's head.**” How had I missed that all these years?! How surprisingly beautiful and perfect!

The quintessential baptismal garments include not just the gown, the symbolism of which is taken up again in a bride's wedding dress and in a priest's alb but also the little mantle or *mantilla* which we will see again in a nun's wimple, a monk's cowl and the amice that a priest places briefly on his head before tucking in around his collar underneath his alb!

The amice and alb are worn by deacons as well as priests. In ancient times all the faithful would cover themselves in white while attending Holy Mass. That beautiful custom has been maintained in the churches of modern-day Ethiopia which churchgoers wear something like a toga over their regular clothing.

Imagine what we will learn next week! God bless you!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

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

**SENIORS' CLUB** Our next gathering will be on Monday, 18 February. Mr. Eric Stewart, from the Eric Stewart Group of Long and Foster Real Estate, will address major topics of special interest to us. These include determining the right time to downsize, what to do with your belongings, and how to decide where you want to live after the sale of your house? He will also share his insights on home renovations, aging in place, and the marketing timing and preparation for the sale of your home. Eric is a dynamic speaker with extensive knowledge in his field and all of us will benefit greatly from his presentation. Mark your calendars and bring a friend. Lunch will be served in the school auditorium following Mass which will be said at 11:30 AM for those who wish to attend. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the parish office at 703.356.7916 by Friday, 15 February. 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.

## REBUILDING

Separated? Divorced? Widowed??? The Rebuilding Program sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life helps people of all faiths who are separated, divorced, or widowed and want to move on with their lives. The nine week program starts Sunday, February 24th and meets Sunday evenings 5:30 - 8:00 PM at the St. Martin De Porres Center in Alexandria. Topics include adaptation, grief, anger, self-worth, openness, love, and relatedness. For more information email [facilitator@copingrebuilding.com](mailto:facilitator@copingrebuilding.com), or visit us on the web at <http://www.copingrebuilding.com>.

## VITAE FOUNDATION

You're invited to "Planned Parenthood Exposed: The Marketing and Selling of Abortion." This free event is part of Vitae Foundation's National Public Awareness Tour. Jeffrey Pauls, Ph.D., Vitae's Research Director, will present the findings from a \$250,000 national research project to discover how Planned Parenthood markets and sells abortion. It is part of an over \$3 million research effort by Vitae to develop the "pro-woman approach to the abortion issue" that Pregnancy Help Centers and other leaders are now using throughout the U.S. Join us for any one of the three presentations: Wednesday, January 30, 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Residence Inn by Marriott, Downtown Bethesda, Maryland; Thursday, 8 - 10 AM, OR 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Key Bridge Marriott, Arlington, Virginia. Register for this free event at [www.VitaeFoundation.org/events](http://www.VitaeFoundation.org/events). For more information call 573-634-4316.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Sunday Youth Nights

Most Sundays, all youth in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to a fun night with other teens striving to grow in friendship with Christ. Sunday Youth Nights are from 6:15 - 8:00pm, and pizza dinner is included.

Tonight: Adoration and Trivia night! Enjoy a trivia contest over dinner, followed by Adoration. We'll do a final round of trivia with dessert after adoration.

### U p c o m i n g   y o u t h   n i g h t s :

February 3: NO YOUTH NIGHT (Super Sunday event from 2:30-4:30pm)

February 10: Video Catechesis night: *Forgiven* - Discovering the freeing power of Confession

### St. John's Youth Ministry Super Sunday!

When: Sunday, Feb. 3, 2:00-4:30pm - meet by the field!

What: Pickup football, Super Snacks, and Sunday Vespers  
What to bring: Dress for football outdoors and bring a pair of clean clothes to change into for first Sunday Vespers in the Church (We'll end by going to Vespers together). Feel free to bring friends!

### Presidents' Day Ski Trip!

Who: All youth in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades

What: Ski day at Whitetail resort

When: Feb. 18, depart St. John at 7am, return by 7pm.

Cost: \$117/person - includes lift ticket, rentals, and lunch

Adult chaperons and drivers needed - we need two non-skiing adults who can stay in the lodge, and a few adults to join the teens on the slopes. Contact Michael if you can help! *Sign up required by noon on February 15.*

### Sports Nights, 8:00-9:15pm on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays

Join other youth for nights of pick-up sports! We meet in the gym and play sports for an hour and then end the night with prayer in the Church.

February 1: Basketball

February 15: Indoor Soccer

### WorkCamp

In order to bring all of the youth signed up for WorkCamp, we are in need of at least one more male adult leader to attend the entire week with us. If you can help, please contact Michael ASAP!

### 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 s e r v e t h e y o u t h .

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

**COUPLES ENRICHMENT**

A marriage support group will begin meeting here at St. John the Beloved starting Thursday, February 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the school. (exact location to be decided).

The meetings will start off with a video from a six video series from the "Beloved, Finding Happiness in Marriage" program produced by the Augustine Institute. The title of the first video is "Mystery and Meaning of Marriage". After the video a short discussion will take place. Parishioners Mike and Denise Kissinger will lead the support group.

The video series is available for free through Formed.org and participant handbooks will be available at the meetings.

**FILM SCREENING OF "INTELLIGENT LIVES"**

Bishop O'Connell High School will host a FREE viewing of Dan Habib's new film, INTELLIGENT LIVES on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. This film is a catalyst to transform the label of intellectual disability from a life sentence of isolation into a life of possibility for the most systematically segregated people in America. INTELLIGENT LIVES challenges what it means to be intelligent, and points to a future in which people of all abilities can fully participate in higher education, meaningful employment, and intimate relationships. The 70 minute film will be shown in the Bishop O'Connell auditorium, located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington, and will be followed by a panel discussion. The event is open to the public. For questions, please contact Susan Rinaldi, Director of Expanded Services at Bishop O'Connell High School at [Srinaldi@bishopoconnell.org](mailto:Srinaldi@bishopoconnell.org).

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.**

**PRO-LIFE NEWS**

Parishioners and  
Parish Banner  
in front of the  
Supreme Court at  
The 2019  
March for Life!



**Pro-Life Advocates:  
Put Your Faith  
Into Action**

**DUE TO THE INCLEMENT WEATHER THE  
EVENING OF REFLECTION HAS BEEN  
MOVED TO JANUARY 28TH.**

**EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN**

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

Monday, February 11th  
Guest speaker: Steve Weidenkopf  
*Speaking about his new book*



*Timeless: A History of the Catholic Church*

Mr. Weidenkopf is a lecturer in Church history at the  
Christendom Graduate School in Alexandria

6:30 pm Social/ 7:00pm Talk in the Parish Hall

Please RSVP to: [womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com)

**PRAY THE ROSARY EVERYDAY!**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2
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  9:45 Sew & So Forths  7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsal	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass    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  FIRST FRIDAY 	8:15 Mass 9:00am Confessions    3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass



### SJB MARDI GRAS PARTY

St John the Beloved's annual Mardi Gras celebration will be February 23rd 5-9 pm. Mark your calendars and be on the look out for volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in being a committee member contact Heather Tuason at [heathertuason0924@gmail.com](mailto:heathertuason0924@gmail.com).



### MOTHER/DAUGHTER RETREAT

The Women's Apostolate to Youth invites you to a Mother/Daughter retreat (for girls in grades 7-9) entitled, **"Defend Us In Battle"** on **February 9, 2019**. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to forge a stronger bond with your daughter by sharing and deepening your devotion to the great Archangel St. Michael, chosen by God to protect us from evil influences.

The retreat includes talks, activities (fun!), as well as opportunities for confession, adoration, and Mass and begins at 8:30 am and concludes at 3:30 pm at St. Raymond of Penafort Church, [8750 Pohick Rd.](#) Springfield. The \$55 fee includes materials, breakfast, and lunch for both mother and daughter.

For more information and to register (by January 25th) visit [Waywomen.com/daystar](http://Waywomen.com/daystar).

Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door.

### ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

#### "Miracles Do Happen"

Join us on Saturday, March 2, 2019, for the annual Women's Conference, "Miracles Do Happen" at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon. Speakers include Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC, gifted healer and author of the book "Miracles Do Happen"; and Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, author of "No Turning Back" and other spiritual books. Mass will be celebrated by the Most. Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington. Sponsored by the Office for Marriage, Family and Respect Life and the Arlington Council of Catholic Women. To register go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/women)

### WWME

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Join us on one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends on Mar 22-24, 2019 in Herndon, VA and September 20-22, 2019 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For information visit our website at: **RenewMarriage-VANorth.org** or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-646-1521.

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**ST. JOHN ACADEMY...**  
**BRINGING JOY TO THE LIBERAL ARTS**  
 Welcome New Families. Saint John Academy will be hosting a Catholic Schools Week Open House for prospective parents on January 30th from 10 to 11 a.m. Please visit and share the good news about SJA with your friends and neighbors and invite them to attend and meet our talented teachers and students, and enjoy a tour of our wonderful facility.. For more information please e-mail [esutton@StJohnAcademy.org](mailto:esutton@StJohnAcademy.org).



### MASS OBLIGATION IN SEVERE WEATHER

All baptized Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. However, there are particular circumstances or conditions that may excuse a Catholic from this obligation. If you are ill, homebound, or if there are severe weather conditions that make attending Mass dangerous to your safety or that of others, you are excused from the obligation. In such cases, if you are unable to attend Mass, the Church recommends making a spiritual Communion and spending time in prayer.



### 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 October 6. The facility is located at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA 22046 For inquiries, contact Amy McInerny at (703) 841-3817 or [respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org)

This month many of us will receive a mailing regarding the 2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme this year is *"Together in the Light of Christ."* After reflecting upon the blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to furthering the Lord's work in our diocese.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES FAMILY SERVICES**

Family Services, a counseling program within Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, VA, will be opening up a satellite office at St. John the Beloved in January 2019! Family Services provides quality mental health services grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person. At Catholic Charities' Family Services, clinicians provide counseling to individuals, couples, and families. Clients often seek services for issues such as anxiety, depression, grief/loss, addictions, marital and premarital concerns, and more.

If you are interested in receiving services, please call 703-425-0109. When you call, the intake coordinator will gather your information and ask you to briefly describe your situation. You and the staff person will assess the appropriateness of our services to your need. When the clinician has an opening, the intake coordinator or the clinician will call to schedule an appointment.

Christine is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) and has been on staff with Catholic Charities, Family Services since 2010. Christine obtained her Master of Social Work degree from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. She provides counseling services for adults, adolescents, and families on a range of issues including depression, anxiety, grief and loss, relationship problems, trauma and abuse, addictions, and life transitions. She is currently working towards certification in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), an evidence-based trauma treatment that alleviates distress associated with disturbing memories. Christine has an understanding of multicultural issues and values the integration of faith and spirituality in counseling.

Christine will be available for appointments on Tuesdays at St. John the Beloved beginning in January 2019. She accepts most major insurance plans including those with Blue Cross Blue Shield, Aetna, and Cigna, and she also accepts clients on a sliding scale based on income.

**CANDLEMAS**

The Feast of the Presentation, often called Candlemas, commemorates the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the presentation of Christ in the temple. Saturday morning, on February 2nd a Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 a.m. in the Extraordinary Form to commemorate the feast day. Candles for the church and for the home will be blessed at the beginning of the Mass. You may bring your own candles from home to be blessed or, for a small donation, candles will be available in the church vestibule.

**THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

The 46 days of the current session of the Virginia General Assembly began on January 9. Almost half over, it still bears your attention and not just regarding abortion and the ERA.

Stay informed with <http://www.familyfoundation.org/> and <https://vacatholic.org/>

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