

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 26

Weekday

- 6:30 Rachel McKenna †
 9:00 Elmer & Estelle Danielson †
 8:00 Lucia Gartzke

Tuesday, November 27

Weekday

- 6:30 James & Alexander Harrington
 9:00 Carl Georg & Gabriele Boehne

Wednesday, November 28

Weekday

- 6:30 Mary Elizabeth Bergen †
 9:00 Helga Ohmes

Thursday, November 29

Weekday

- 6:30 Brendan Lauderdale †
 9:00 Ann Thunder & Family

Friday, November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

- 6:30 Col. James J. Kelly †
 9:00 Regina Steenson †

Saturday, December 1

Weekday

- 8:15 Eligio Litorja †
 5:00 Philip Katz †

Sunday, December 2

First Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 President Donald J. Trump
 9:00 Philip Katz †
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Evie Montrieul †

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

†Norbert "Skip" Reiner† †

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...

With this recent observance of Thanksgiving, have you noticed something eerily different after weekday Mass? Have you heard the silence?

If not, it might be because weekday Mass is not part of your routine. I remember when my parents started going to Mass on Saturday morning in addition to Sunday morning. The quiet devotion of the smaller gathering seemed so much more intimate and prayerful than Sunday Mass. It also seemed like I was all of a sudden part of a hidden world. Now I might describe it as a gateway drug. Anyway, daily Mass is beautifully simple.

Another hidden part of the life of the church are the prayers of the sacristy. Making a personal act of thanksgiving after Mass is integral to the Sacred Liturgy. In fact, *Canon Law* requires priests to do so. In the five minutes of silence you now enjoy after Mass please join us in this (composed by Fr. Scalia and recited by all St. John servers after Mass) and other prayers of thanksgiving:

Mary, holy virgin mother, I have received your Son, Jesus Christ. With love you became His mother, gave birth to Him, nursed Him and helped Him grow to manhood.

With love I return Him to you, to hold once more, to love with all your heart and to offer to the Holy Trinity as our supreme act of worship, for your honor and for the good of all your pilgrim brothers and sisters.

Mother, ask God to forgive my sins and to help me serve Him more faithfully. Keep me true to Christ until death and let me come to praise Him with you for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!
 St. Bonaventure, pray for us!
 St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

p.s. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (*Heb 13,8*). Amen? Amen!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Youth Nights

All youth in 7th-12th grades are invited our weekly youth night from 6:15-8:00pm tonight! This week's theme is "Charity – more than being nice"

Upcoming youth nights:

November 25: No youth night, Happy Thanksgiving!

December 2: Adoration and Trivia night

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*)

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.

Swing Dance Nights

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!

Come join us on the 2nd Friday of every month for this new activity for youth!

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, or call (703) 356-7916 ext. 140

November is Adoption Month

Less than 2% of unexpected pregnancies end in adoption... that means for every 1 child placed for adoption, 61 children were aborted.



Please join us in prayer for
The Hope of Adoption



Heavenly Father, Bless all expectant mothers and fathers. Give them hope and encouragement for the life they have created. Bless especially those who didn't plan on being pregnant and give them the strength and courage to not only bring their child into the world but also to consider the best plan for themselves and their child. Father, we know you have a plan for each and every life you create. We pray for those who are afraid, who feel alone, who feel they have no option but to end their pregnancy. Holy Spirit, share the hope of the option of adoption with these vulnerable families. Help them to see the joy that could come from gifting their child with life and family. Inspire them to see the goals and plans that you have set out for them and for their children. Give us the courage we need to share the option of adoption, to give abortion vulnerable families hope and promise of a world with their child in it. A world in which they will know and love their children through the gift of open adoption.

St. Joseph, pray for us! St. Felicity, pray for us!

Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Support:
www.centerforadoptionsservices.org

More Pro-Life Good News: Assisted Suicide Rejected!!!

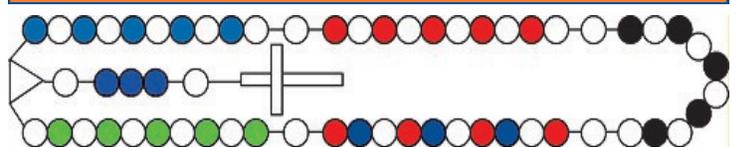
Your comments were heard loud and clear!

The Virginia Joint Commission on Health Care took decisive action on the recent assisted suicide study, on which the Virginia Catholic Conference and so many of you submitted comments. By a vote of 10-6, the commission voted for the option we recommended: to take no action on the study.

The commission received nearly 3,000 public comments against legalizing assisted suicide ... many of them yours. In fact, comments against assisted suicide outnumbered comments for assisted suicide 8-1!

Thank you for standing up for Life: you were indeed heard!

PRAY THE ROSARY EVERYDAY!



VOCATIONS

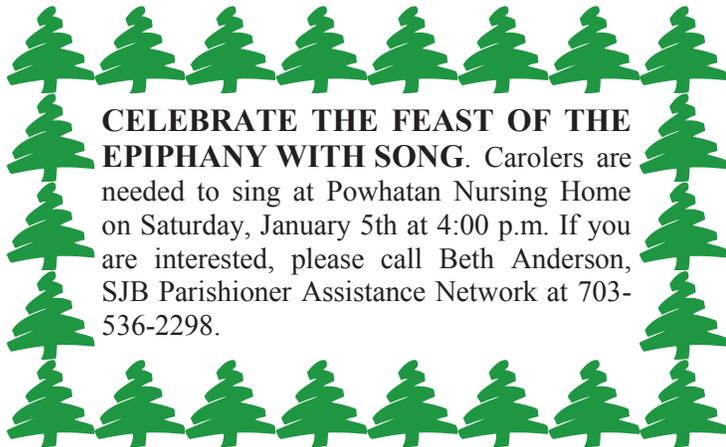
“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.” How is Christ calling you to share His eternal words of salvation? Consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Call Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514, or write: m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

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 women on Sunday, December 16, and a day retreat for men on Saturday, December 22. Both run from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and are open to those 17 years and older. Religious sisters will be present for the women, and seminarians, priests and men religious will be at the men’s. For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703-841-2514. Deadline to sign up is December 7.

FIAT GROUP NUN RUN (CONVENT VISITS)

Attention high school and college aged women! Join Fr. Isenberg and Sr. Emily Beata, FSP, on this trip to several convents where you’ll visit and pray with sisters and learn more about religious life. This “Nun Run” is Saturday December 1, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation and lunch. Contact the Office of Vocations by November 21 for more information and to register, vocations@arlingtonvocations.org or (703) 841-2514.



CELEBRATE 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 you are interested, please call Beth Anderson, SJB Parishioner Assistance Network at 703-536-2298.

PURITY IS POSSIBLE

“Purity is possible for everyone. Purity is a state of peace in which your sexual desires and actions are in full agreement with your ideals. Living according to our ideals always brings us joy, and everyone can learn how to bring their actions into accord with their ideals through well crafted practice.”

These words are from the website *Purity is Possible*. Do you know someone who struggles with an addiction to pornography? The beautiful website and apostolate www.PurityIsPossible.com is the work of Dr. Kevin Majeres, Director of the Harvard Study Center. Through the wisdom and science of behavioral therapy overcoming addictive behaviors is made possible. Learn how to gain mastery over cravings, anxiety and distraction. Find many reasons for hope from this cutting edge program. Visit the website to access many helpful and informative articles such as “The Science Behind Pornography”, “Midfulness as Practice for Purity”, “Overcoming Addictions”, “Treating Pornography Addiction” and more.

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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30	December 1
10:30am Pre-K & K CCD	7:30pm Legion 8:00pm Latin Mass	7:00pm CCD 8:00pm Hoops	<p>ADORATION 9:30am–7:30pm</p>  <p>Confessions Hourly 10:00am–6:00pm</p> <p>7:00pm Holy Hour</p>	6:30 Mass 9:00 Mass	6:30 Mass 9:00 Mass	<p>FIRST SATURDAY</p> <p>8:15 Mass</p> <p>8:45am Confessions</p> <p>3:30pm Confessions</p> <p>5:00 PM Vigil Mass</p>
			<p>Pray at the Falls Church Abortion Center 7am—7pm</p>			

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

CHARITABLE GIVING OPPORTUNITY

This Christmas season offers a special giving opportunity for anyone 70½ years or older to make a Charitable gift to Saint John the Beloved Parish or St. John Academy from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Until the end of the year, a gift of up to \$100,000 will be excluded from your taxable income. This allows you to make distributions directly to one or more charities from your traditional or Roth IRA, as long as you are at least 70 ½ years old when you transfer the gifts. Such gifts can be made without increasing your taxable income or withholding. Additionally, funds transferred from your IRA to a charity will NOT subject your Social Security income to higher tax levels, and will count toward your minimum required distribution. This information is not intended to be legal or tax advice. If you are interested in donating a gift to us in this way, we urge you to seek the advice of a competent professional. What better time than at Christmas to share in the joy that Saint John the Beloved Parish and St. John Academy share with all those around them, the love of Jesus Christ.

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



**Did you marry someone virtuous?
Beautiful? Intelligent?**

Do us all a favor and have many children.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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| Carmel Broadfoot | Christopher Katz |
| Salvatore Calabro | Dorothy Kottler |
| John Cartelli | Sharon LeMaster |
| John Paul Charles Carver | Sue Malone |
| Virginia Connelly | Carmella Manetti |
| Sheila Corallo | Cristina Marques |
| Elke D'Amico | Diana Meisel |
| Richard DeCorps | Bonnie Moran |
| William Dunne | 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 |
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- Read a passage from the Word of God
- Reflect on how you can prepare for Christ's coming.

Access this program on Formed.org through the parish subscription.



God bless and protect all our family members and parishioners who are serving in the military and civil service for our defense, especially...

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| Robert Ayala | Robert B. Smolar |
| Jonathan Choo | Michael Shipley |
| Nicholas Galvan | Kimberley Templer |
| Harry Griffith | Michael Templer |
| Bill Jones | Jesus Toledanes |
| Brendan Murphy | Alex Trujillo |
| Lynn Partik | Justin White |
| Jamie Robinson | Donald Yamamoto |