

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 10

Advent Weekday

6:30 Kylie Chen
9:00 Janet Lavin †
8:00 Kevin Hanlon †

Tuesday, December 11

St. Damasus I, Pope

6:30 Arisia D'Costa †
9:00 Samuel Mebrahtu †

Wednesday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 Christina Elliott
9:00 Jim Palmer †

Thursday, December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

6:30 Greg Quatman †
9:00 Lucy Naponi

Friday, December 14

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

6:30 Carly Fleming
9:00 Keith Woodhams †

Saturday, December 15

Advent Weekday

8:15 Marianna Immé
5:00 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Digney †

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 Ruth McOscar †
9:00 Joseph Conge †
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Carmel & Bill Broadfoot

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† **Jerome Kwiatkowski** †

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS DECEMBER

Evangelization

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

From among the messages that Our Lady of Guadalupe gave to St. Juan Diego in Mexico on Tepeyac Hill in 1531...

“Know for certain
that I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary,
Mother of the True God.
Here I will show and offer
all my love, my compassion,
my help and protection to the people.
I am your merciful Mother,
the Mother of all how love me,
of those who cry to me,
of those who have confidence in me.
Here I will hear their weeping and their sorrows
and will remedy and alleviate
their suffering, necessities and misfortunes...
Listen and let it penetrate your heart...
Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief.
Do not fear any illness or vexations, anxiety or pain.
Am I not here who am your Mother?
Are you not under my shadow and protection?
Am I not your fountain of life?
Are you not in the folds of my mantle?
In the crossing of my arms?
Is there anything else you need?”

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!
St. Juan Diego, pray for us!
St. Lucy, virgin and martyr, pray for us!

God bless you!

Fr. Christopher J. Pollard

p.s. The prayer that we offer in the sacristy to the Blessed Virgin Mary in Thanksgiving after Holy Mass might have been translated by Fr. Scalia but it was not composed by him... unless he is MUCH older than he already appears to be.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Youth Nights

Tonight will be the Safe Environment night using the "Called to Protect" program (*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. Topics will include sexual, physical, and emotional abuse, as well as appropriate boundaries. More information about this program is available on the Arlington Diocese website. If you would like to opt out your child from this program, contact Michael Jacobeen*)

Upcoming youth nights:

December 16: Advent Joy

No Youth Nights December 23 or 30.

WorkCamp

Did you miss the WorkCamp meeting? No problem, there's still time to sign up for this amazing summer service opportunity for high school teens. Contact Michael for details.

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!

Sports Night: Friday, December 21 at 8pm

All 7th-12th graders are invited to play volleyball in the gym. Sports nights will take place twice a month on Friday nights.

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

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message.

And as we, the pilgrim people, the people of life and for life, make our way in confidence towards "a new heaven and a new earth" (Rev 21:1), we look to her who is for us "a sign of sure hope and solace".

O Mary,

bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim the Gospel of life
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to accept that Gospel
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life.

PLEASE JOIN others as we Pray a Rosary for Life on Sunday, December 9 at 3:30 PM in the church prior to 4 PM Vespers.

LOCAL MUSICIANS LEAD PRAISE & WORSHIP TO PRAY FOR CONVERSION & HEALING

Join us for prayer, praise and worship on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at St. Leo Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The holy hours will feature popular musical artists: Valerie Repetski on January 8; The Miller Daughters on February 12; and Kenny Kohlhaas on March 12. Our special intention will be for the conversion and healing in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome so please bring a friend. To learn more please contact the Office for Family, Marriage and Respect Life by calling 703-841-2550, emailing info@helpafterabortion.org or visiting www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion

ANNUAL SALE: SEE'S CANDY & AMARYLLIS

As you shop for Christmas gifts this year, please consider buying amaryllis bulbs and See's chocolates from the St. Peter Claver Society after Sunday Masses in December. Teachers and work colleagues especially appreciate receiving these as gifts, and you will be providing much needed help to African orphans.

EVENING REFLECTIONS FOR WOMEN

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

Monday, December 10th
Guest speaker: Fr. Janusz Mocarski
6:30 pm Social
7:00pm Talk in the Parish Hall
Please RSVP to: womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com

2018 ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Today marks the Annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Their mission is central to the Church's fundamental mission to serve the poor with Christ's love and compassion – and your support of this collection is vital. Please prayerfully consider supporting those in need through Catholic Charities' mission to ease the suffering of people across the diocese. If you are not able to make a gift today, please make your gift in next week's collection and note Christmas Collection/ Catholic Charities on the memo line of your check. Or visit www.cdda.net to learn more and make a year-end gift. .

YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

Bishop O'Connell High School invites all 6th through 8th grade students to participate in their 4th annual Youth Music Festival on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019. This full day of music clinics and performances is free, but registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the website at www.bishopoconnell.org/youthmusic or email music@bishopoconnell.org.

SENIORS' CLUB

We are so fortunate to have our highly skilled Director of Music, James Senson, 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.

SHARE SUNDAY IS ALWAYS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

With the holidays approaching there is always a need for donations. Food items, cash donations, and grocery cards are greatly appreciated. To fulfill a Christmas wish, contact Sharewishes@gmail.com or simply donate an unwrapped gift with our regular collection. 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15
7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass Noon Latin Mass 10:30am Pre-K & K CCD 3:30pm Rosary to End Abortion 4:00pm Vespers	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:00pm Latin Mass 8:40pm Futsal	6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 7:00pm CCD 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	8:15 Mass 9:00am Confessions 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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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](https://www.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	