

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Registration forms are available on the pamphlet rack in the Church. Please notify the office when you are moving outside or within the parish and if your contact information is changing.

HOSPITALIZED & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Please notify the office if a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound that they may receive the pastoral care of the Church.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday of the previous week at 10:00am. All announcements should be in writing or sent via email.



Rev. Father Jerome W. Fasano Pastor
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Monday—Friday
9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: 5:00pm (Saturday Vigil Mass)
7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am,
12:30pm (Extraordinary Form)
3:00pm, Spanish

Weekdays: Monday—Saturday, 8:30am
Extraordinary Form Weekday Masses:
Monday, 7:00am (Church)
Wednesday, 6:30pm (Church)

SACRAMENTS

Confession: Monday, Tuesday, & Friday, ≈ 9:00-9:30am
Wednesday, 5:30-6:00pm
Saturday, 9:15-10:00am & 3:00-4:00pm

Baptism: Second and fourth Sundays of each month.
Parish membership is required and an instructional class is required for parents.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months in advance. Parish membership is required.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Perpetual adoration begins every Monday at 7:30am and concludes with Benediction on Saturday at 8:00am.

December 31, 2017
Feast of the Holy Family

MASSES FOR THE WEEK -JANUARY 1-7- 2018

Monday	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
8:30am	Tom and Donna Bethell/Patten Family
10:30am	+Malia Wells/Patten Family
Tuesday	Saint Basil the Great
8:30am	+Malia Wells/Riordan Family
Wednesday	Christmas Weekday
8:30am	+Matt Cameron/Daniel Fedoryka
6:30pm	Carcaise family/Gabrielle Tuttle
Thursday	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:30am	+Malia Wells/Anthony Criste
Friday	Saint John Neumann
8:30am	+Manuel Souza/Kateri Criste
Saturday	Christmas Weekday
8:30am	+Judith Wagner/Michael Wagner
Saturday	Vigil: Solemnity of Epiphany of the Lord
5:00pm	+Josephine Aurednick/Will & Patty Sonak
Sunday	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
7:00am	Mary Anne Birch/M/M Ken Hoppe
8:30am	+Malia Wells/M/M Edward Cormack
10:30am	People of the Parish
12:30pm	+Illeen Reninger/Teresa Egger
3:00pm	+Judith Wagner/Michael Wagner



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

ASSIGNMENTS FOR JAN. 6/7, 2018

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00pm	Eric Anderson, Bridget Reagan
7:00am	Michael Fernandez
8:30am	Andrew Schmiedicke, Larry Gniewek, Chris McMahan
10:30am	Andrew Armstrong, Ed Brake, Scott Lloyd

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm	Thomas Jerome, Joseph Riordan, John Hulse, Daniel Jerome, William Morgan, Nick Anderson, Brennan Schmiedicke, Peter Hibi, Matthew Nolan, Matthew Clark, Liam Clark, Donald Sternfels
7:00am	Patrick & Ian Pilon, Jack Shaffer, Seth & Ethan Hambric, James, Thomas & John Price, Aidan Barragan, Bain Rodarmel
8:30am	Dominic Echaniz, Thomas Schmiedicke, Christopher & Luke Inzeo, Joseph Burghardt, Michael Miller, Tommy Stanford, Jerome Butler, Christopher McMahan, John Bockrath
10:30am	Richard, John & Peter Shanley, Dillan Riccio, John Adams, Luke Balint, Peter Bockrath, Anthony Criste
12:30pm	Keoni Thorpe, Jack Shaffer, Jack & Kevin O'Brien

USHERS

5:00pm	Will Sonak
7:00am	Leo Carling
8:30am	Greg Stafira
10:30am	Knights of Columbus
12:30pm	Tom Kosten

Parish Priests Christmas Gift

Envelopes are available in the gathering area if you would like to give a gift to our priests for Christmas. Please **make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus** and drop it in the collection basket or mail it. After all the gifts are received, the Knights of Columbus will write each of the priests a check in appreciation for all the work they do for us.

Report on our Recent Robbery

We are happy to report the thief has been arrested, but we did not recover the collection from Dec. 9 & 10 and the Holy Day, Dec. 8th. If you wrote a check to St. John's and it has cleared through your bank, please let us know. This does not affect any checks that were sent through the mail.

Note from our Priests

Father Beres and I are overwhelmed by the kindness and thoughtfulness of the parishioners of St. John's throughout this holiday season. Each year, as in most rectories, besides personal gifts from the faithful, priests receive numerous shares of holiday cookies, candies, cakes and other edibles of the season. Although we appreciate the thought behind such presents, for reasons of health and strict dietary restrictions, neither priest is able to partake of such holiday treasures. Thus, while we thank you for your willingness to provide food and desserts to the rectory over the holiday season, we nonetheless respectfully urge you to refrain from doing so. May God bless you for your goodness and generosity to His Priests!

Father Fasano

The Second Collection on Jan. 6/7 will be for Religious Education.



Women of St. John's Corner

2018 Meetings

Usually we meet the 3rd Monday of the month. However, due to Holidays in January and February, we will be meeting on the 2nd Monday of those months. In March, we will hold our Lenten Retreat on the second Saturday. Mark your calendars for January 8, February 12 and March 10 in 2018.

New Year Talk Jan. 8@7pm

Please join us for our first meeting of 2018! Sofia Cuddeback will be speaking to us on "Finding Peace through a Sane Schedule in the New Year." Sofia is a long time member of St. John the Baptist. She is married to Christendom College professor John Cud-

deback. They are blessed with six children ages 22-6, whom they have home schooled with the support of various co-ops. In addition to home schooling her children, Sofia has been an active member of the church's music ministry, teaches chorale classes at two local schools and teaches private lessons to violin students in her home. We will meet at 7pm in Fr. Ruchl Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Craft Night Jan. 17 @7:30pm

Craft Nights are back. The location varies. The next one will be January 17th at 7:30pm. Bring a project to work on. Contact Lisa Cizler for more information—540-631-9081.

New Members Welcome!

Are you new to the parish or The Women of St. John? Our regular meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month. To stay informed on all our events, join our email thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com, check our event flyers, or contact Susannah Cavanaugh at [540-431-1992](tel:540-431-1992). Come...you're among friends!

Knights of Columbus John Carrell Jenkins Council #7771

2017 Survey of Fraternal Activities

The Council is justifiably proud of our many accomplishments and charitable works this past year. Please report your individual contribution either through the Council's website or by contacting Brother Leo Carling (webmasteratkofc7771@gmail.com or [540-631-7555](tel:540-631-7555)).

TMIY Schedule for Next Semester:

Jan: 20th, 27th

Feb: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Mar: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Apr.: 14th, 21st, 28th

Breakfast is at 6:30 with the program done by 8:15. Contact Tom Balint for more information (703) 786-2729

Cinnamon Buns - 13-14 January

Cinnamon Buns will be on sale after Mass. These treats help fund our Council's charitable efforts and assist Parish organizations with their expenses. If you would like to help bake, box and sell this month, contact Michael Turner (mtcincl@cs.com).

Food for Thought:

Seeing is believing but sometimes one must "Believe to See".

Next Business Meeting on Wednesday - 10 January 2018:

In Padre Pio Hall. We will share a light dinner with the Squires at 6:30pm followed by the praying of the Rosary at 7:10pm.

The meeting begins at 7:30pm. We would love to see some new faces. If you are a member just come, share some pizza and pray the Rosary with us.

For More Knights News: www.kofc7771.org

Contact us: Grand Knight - William Luckey (540) 551-2334, kofcluckey@gmail.com



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CCD News: There are no classes Dec 31 or Jan 2. Classes resume Jan 7 and 9.

Liturgical Catechesis for the Week: January 1 is the Octave Day of the Nativity of our Lord and the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God in the Ordinary Form. In the 1962 Missal, this feast is designated *in octava nativitatis Domini*, but previous editions of the Roman Missal also titled it the Circumcision of the Lord. The liturgical celebration of octaves (the eight days of a feast) extends far back into Christian antiquity. Prior to the missal revisions in 1955, the Church celebrated octaves for Easter, Pentecost, Epiphany, Corpus Christi, Christmas, Ascension, and the Sacred Heart, as well as lesser octaves for feasts of Mary, Sts Joseph, John the Baptist, Peter and Paul, All Saints, and others. Pius XII suppressed all these octaves except Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas, and in

1969, the Pentecost octave too was suppressed. The celebration of the Eighth Day finds its origins

in the practice of circumcision on the eighth day after birth and the fulfillment of the Creation week in the New Creation brought about by the Resurrection of Jesus, who fulfilled the Sabbath rest by his repose in the tomb on Holy Saturday. The Resurrection begins the first day of the new week of the New Creation, the Eighth Day. Since Baptism brings newness of life in Christ, baptismal fonts and baptisteries are traditionally octagonal in design. In the third century, St Cyprian of Carthage wrote: "And as for the fact that among the Jews circumcision of the flesh was observed on the eighth day, that was but a holy sign, an anticipatory image, a prefiguring given in prophecy of Christ. Because the eighth day, that is to say the first day after the Sabbath, was going to be the day on which the Lord should rise again, bring us to life, and give us circumcision of the Spirit, that eighth day, that is to say the first day after the Sabbath, the Lord's own day, preceded as an image of what was to come. That image has ceased now that the reality has superseded it and we have been given circumcision of the Spirit" (*Letter* 64, 4.3; see 2 Cor 5:17; Eph 2:10; Col 2:11-12).

Prayer List

Ann Saul Hoppe	Gabrielle Rogers	William Kelly
John Paul McGraw	Paul Jones	Rohn Dennis
Sandi Boyles	Roberto Cipriano	John Janaro
Roberta Grove	Josh Solano	Josephine Campisi
Rev. Robert Hamel	Julie Endres	Barbara Johnson
Tom Lloyd	Joy Skuce	Michael Hawkins
David Smith	Aileen Crawford	Mark Buckner
Marie Thayer	Heather McGraw	Linda Nuijten
Bud Norris	Kaiden Remby	Jo Ann Gardner
Ignatius Ehlinger	Tiffany Bowers	Sharon Calaway
Patricia Cameron	William Ryan	Jo An Durney
Marie Spiewak Runyon	Jackie B. Arnett	Sara Mulcahy
James Gillooly	Kelly Hand	Naomi Czechanski
Dan Evans	James Fenton McCarthy	Deb Robson
Gloribeth Mith	Anee Stanford	Jean Ryan
Barton & Nora Stewart	Eleanor Remmers	William Rhoades
Judy Ratigan	Michele Doman	Larry Adams
Dorothy Guiford	Mary Ellen Sullivan	Flora Rollingner
Katie Supples	Laura Baron	Paul Davidson
Christine Gowan	Charles Woods	Bill Lynch
Xiomara Carias	Adam Lumpkins	Jeremy Brown
Jennifer Krebs	Eileen GaNun	Hank Bishop
Hazel Grove	Cassidy Brady	Clifford Myers
Isaac Adams & family	Bill Shrieves	Megan Miller
Frederick Wenzel, Sr.	Patsy Tatman	David King
Alex Brefeld	David Becker	Sophie Shannon
Daniel Daly	Thomas Ewen	Paula Towne
Kelly Busedu	Ed Lamprecht	Henry Krautwurst
Glen Plymale	Michaele Amen	H. Reed Armstrong
Marylou Willison	Samuel Heywood	Jim Cannon
Bruce Lawson	Betty Sewell Smith	Eugene Stockmaster
Andrew Elmquist	Lucas March	Vince Fauckner
Kenny/Lena Mitchell	Nicholas Clark	Marleen Dubai
Tom Davis	Catherine R. Radi	Billie Jo Bowers
Alexis Burke	Kathy Newman	Judy Samborsky
Angela Kovacev	Juliana Blair	Emma Parks
Daniel Kalber, Sr.	Christian Knight	Juliyana Hough
Terri Leonard	Neil Earley	Joseph S. Sackett
Greg Bletzaker	Susan Watson	John William Rice
Luke Forrester	Richard Bond	Rosemary Parris
Lina Leppert	Cathy Randall	Susan Crane
Mallory Ivascu	Michael Chisholm	Liem Shinta Maria
Farley Clinton	Shannon McMackin	Fran Slayton
Jennifer Kronfeld	Gwen Bogert	Paul Sullivan
Kimberlee Schubert	Heather Lucido	Daniel Adelmann
Chance Frankel	Christopher McCormick	Gabriella Croft
Andrew Farinholt	Rev. David Cook	Betty Blake
	Mary Fama	

Please pray for all the shut-ins of our parish. Please let us know when a name can be removed from either prayer list.

Military Prayer List

Brian Winkler	Andrew Boger	Andrew Cooper
Mark Dick	Doug Forbes	Daniel Heywood
Peter Hickson	Manuel A. Vicente	Todd Mains
Devon Smith	Matthew Reagan	Robert Cooke
Vince E. Cruz	Truman Sayre, Jr.	Francis Price
Steven Gregg	Kristina Grdina	Jeremy Hand
Lxex Robles	Ben Cabreva	Michael Andruzzi, Jr.
David Kelleher	Peter Trumbull	Brian Campbell
Jeremy Nestor	Seumas X. O'Reilly	Clement M. O'Reilly
Alex Rojas	Chris Reinhard	Shawn Stuck
Richard Skelton, Sr.	John Bowes	Elisabeth Crooks
Bobby Saxon	Jason Butts	Brendan Vieira
Andrew Shorter	Francesca Fahey	David Norris
Jonathan Hamilton	Justice M. Parrott	Sean Conroy
David Rogers	Jeffery Skube	Jonathan Skube
Daniella Skube	Shannon Brugh	Pierre W. Boucher
Mark Belton	Heather Bill	Sean Paige
Tony Artone	J. Butler	Brian Tilley
Thomas Artone	Zachary Francis	LCPL Alexander Morton
Joseph Marsch	Christine Marsch	Nathan T. Christman
David Byers	Steven Held, Jr.	

Adult Inquiry / Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Class

St. John the Baptist parish is offering an Adult Inquiry Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Classes are held on Mondays at 7:00 PM in Padre Pio Hall.

Code for FORMED: QBKRGW

Young at Heart Senior Group:

1st Saturday, Padre Pio Hall, 9:30-11am.
3rd Saturday, Front Royal Diner, 9:30-11am.
4th Tuesday, Padre Pio Hall, Noon-1:30pm (bring bag lunch)

DIVINE MERCY SAID: "Write this: before I come as the Just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, there will be given to people a sign in the heavens of this sort: All light in the heavens will be extinguished, and there will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the cross will be seen in the sky, and from the openings where the hands and the feet of the Savior were nailed will come forth great lights which will light up the earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last day." (St. Faustina Diary, 83)

Eucharistic Adoration

When you look upon the Sacred Host, you look upon Jesus, the Son of God. "Indeed, this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life. Him I will raise on the last day." (Jn 6:34) The best birthday gift you can give to Jesus is yourself, and our sweet Lord Jesus will not be outdone in generosity! Please commit to a holy hour by calling, texting or email adoration coordinator, Eucharisticadoration@comcast.net, 540 635-0645.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2018

St. John's will take one bus to the March for Life on Friday, **January 19, 2018**. If you would like to ride the bus, the cost is \$10 per person this year, non-refundable. We only have 55 seats on the bus, so reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis. We must have all paid reservations in by Friday, January 12th. More details will be posted later as to the time the bus will leave St. John's and the time of return. Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent. One bus captain is needed for this trip.

Learn About the Protestant Reformation, Angels and Church Fathers

For the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, visit again the true story that started it all. Examine the actions and historical context of Martin Luther and John Calvin on Wednesday nights with Prof. Steve Weidenkopf. Do you ever wonder about the nature and activities of pure spirits? On Monday nights Prof. John Arias explores the sources of Church doctrine on the existence and roles of angelic beings. Join Prof. Wallace on Friday nights to examine the catechetical writings of the Church Fathers. Spring semester registration is now open for these and several other theology courses, both on campus and online. Earn your MA in theology or take a course for personal enrichment! The semester runs from Jan. 15-May 5, and a special discounted rate makes it easy for catechists, seniors and religious to audit courses. For more info, please visit <https://graduate.christendom.edu>, or call 703-658-4307 or email us at graduate.school@christendom.edu.

St. John's Youth Group
New Youth Ministry Group Directors:
Ann Hess & Joe McMahon
Youth Group Announcements:

Sun. Dec. 31st—No Youth Group!

Wed. Jan. 3rd—Mass at 6:30pm followed by a Charles Dickens Party—information will be emailed/on Facebook.

Sun. Jan. 7th—Regular Youth Group 7-8:30pm.

If you would like to receive updates regarding the St. John's youth group, please email: youth@sjtb.org

December 31—Stewardship Reflections

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” Colossians 3:13

Forgiveness—one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone—maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Vocations:

“By faith Abraham obeyed.” If you should be called to serve the Lord as a priest deacon or in the consecrated life, pray for a deep faith and obey Him in love. Call Fr. J. D. Jaffe (703) 841-2514 or write jj.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org

Come watch as the high school men from the Quo Vadis discernment group take on the Arlington seminarians, with guest referees Bishop Burbidge and Fr. Christopher Vaccaro. There will be vocational testimonies at halftime.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me;...” Let your spirits be augmented by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with your spouse. The next weekends are Mar. 2-4, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Sept. 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Sign up early at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or call 703-646-1521.

TMIY will return before Lent.

For more information, please contact Tom Balint at 703-786-2729.

Pope's Intention for December 2017

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.