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Welcome to St. John's Church

Mass Schedule

Sundays:

5:00pm (Saturday Vigil) 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays:

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am Monday - Friday: Noon Wednesday: 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sacraments

Confession:

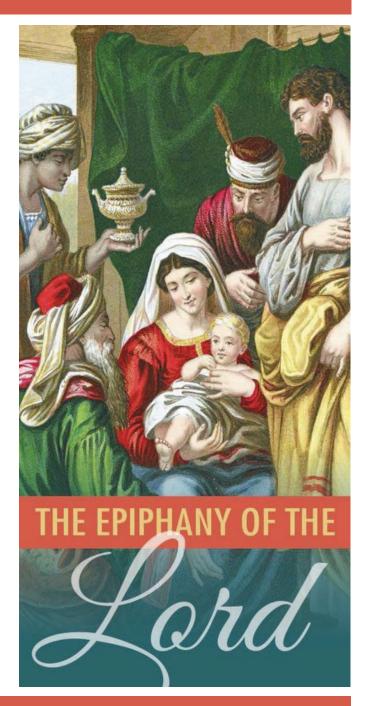
Monday-Friday, 8:30am Monday-Friday, 6:30pm Saturday, 8:30am & 3:30pm

Baptism:

Saturdays at 10:00am
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.



MASS INTENTIONS January 8 - 14, 2024

MONDAY JAN 8

Baptism of the Lord

8:30am Michelle Reuwer 12:00pm Patricia McMahon

TUESDAY JAN 9

Weekday

8:30am Joan Von Ehr 12:00pm Gemma Tortorella

WEDNESDAY JAN 10

Weekday

8:30am Larry Foltz 12:00pm Marge Rao 7:00pm Fr James Boric

THURSDAY JAN 11

Weekday

8:30am Julianne Gee 12:00pm +Ben Shealy

FRIDAY JAN 12

Weekday

8:30am Fr James Boric 12:00pm Ashley Maciag

SATURDAY JAN 13

Weekday / St. Hilary

8:30am Fr James Boric

SATURDAY VIGIL

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm +Susan Bill

SUNDAY JAN 14

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am +Toni Suydam 8:30am +Eugene Kredensor 10:30am Parish Family 12:30pm Cameron Family 5:00pm +Tom Bunnell

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Friday: 8:30am and 6:30pm

Saturday: 8:30am & 3:30pm

JANUARY 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

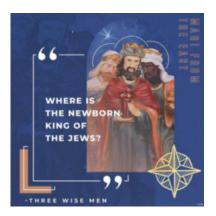
This Week

Mon Jan 8

Youth Group 6:30 - 8:30pm FRH watch emails for details

Sat Jan 13

Teen Winter Dance hosted by Drama Club 7:00-11:00pm in FRH See bulletin board for details



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 (3)/1Jn5:1-9/Mk1:7-11 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Keep in Touch

Sign up to receive St John's email updates by going to http://eepurl.com/djz4OT to subscribe. www.sitb.org

Second Collection

The Second Collection on Jan 13/14 will be for Parish Improvements.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JAN 13/14				
5:00pm	Jason Kasevich, Cedric Schmiedicke			
7:00am	Greg Bauer, Elijah & Jeremiah Hambric			
8:30am	Joseph Burghardt, Michael Stahl, Matty & Jack Akers, John Lazarus & Victor Davis			
10:30am	Damien Shunk, Nate Hibl, Joseph & Jude MacDougall, Ronan, Eamonn & Declan Glass			
12:30pm	Leonardo Reyes, Juan Aviles, Geovanni Miramontes			
5:00pm	Finn Sweeney, Brendan Purciel			

Call the parish office if you'd like to volunteer as an altar server (age 10+), lector or usher. Thank you!



The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany marks the arrival of visitors, identified in Scripture as the magi, to the place where Jesus was born. Although we know virtually nothing about them, we do know they brought three gifts:

Gold - a symbol of wealth and power, identifies the recipient as a king. **Frankincense** - the crystalized resinous sap of a tree used as incense and as an offering, is symbolic of prayer.

Myrrh - another resinous tree sap, was used in healing liniments and as an embalming ointment. Myrrh is an odd gift for a child - so, even at the beginning of Jesus' life on earth, this gift foreshadows his death. *USCCB*

2024! This year, you are invited to prayerfully consider your goals and encouraged to include spiritual aspirations such as:

- Make time for Eucharistic adoration in your weekly schedule.
- Make family prayer a staple of your domestic Church.
- Do the heroic minute each morning by waking up to your alarm and getting out of bed immediately.
- Take up fasting on Fridays, even in small ways.
- Recognize one sin you want to root out of your life and one virtue to practice more fervently.
- Commit to praying for a specific person all year or a new person every day.
- Create more silence in your life to hear God's voice.
- Don't miss opportunities of spiritual and corporal works of Mercy.
- Make one day a week a tech/screen-free day.

What does God want you to work on this year? How does he want you to love him more? *Excerpts from Ava Lalor, Our Sunday Visitor* (12/2019)

Thank You for your Christmas Generosity!

January is Poverty Awareness Month

Consider a gift of money or time to St. John's Outreach, Loaves & Fishes, HARTS Thermal Shelter, CCAP or Dinner Together.

Coat Drive

St. John's Outreach Committee is sponsoring a coat drive for those in need in our community. Please drop off new or gently used winter coats to the box in the narthex between Jan 15-20. Thank you!

Donate Your Vehicle to St. John's

If you are interested in donating your vehicle to St. John's Church, please go to www.vehiclesforcharity.org/Donate/SJTB.html

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Parish Membership

Welcome! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board 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

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

Opportunities



Our Lady of Champion Academy

Please come to an informational meeting on Thursday January 11 at 7:15pm in Padre Pio Hall regarding a New Classical Hybrid Homeschool Academy for grades K-4 opening in the Fall of 2024. Parishcentered and affordable!

Learn about Chelsea Academy Lower School

Join us at the Daily Grind on Main St on Thursday January 18 from 10-11:30am to learn about Chelsea's Lower School. Enjoy a free beverage courtesy of Chelsea and take advantage of the on-site babysitting.

Coffee & Donut Committee

St John's is forming a committee to organize and run the coffee & donuts Sunday experience. The committee would help with set up and working with volunteer organizations. Families love the opportunity to socialize after Mass but we need a committee to keep this event running. Can you help out one weekend a month? Please contact the parish office to sign up or to ask for more details.

Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!

Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese - straight to your inbox. Sign up at arlingtondiocese.org/email.

Welcome to St. John's Church!

If you're new or passing through ~ or if you've been a parishioner of St. John's all your life ~ we're so glad to have you celebrating the holidays with our parish family! May the peace of the Christ Child be in your heart throughout the New Year.

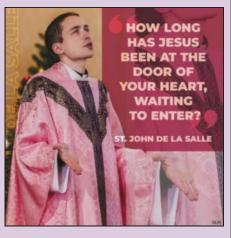
If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, check out Catholic Answers (catholic.com), Word on Fire Ministries (wordonfire.org), and New Advent (newadvent.org).



As part of your new year resolutions, include praying for vocations, seminarians and those in religious formation.

Come Pray for Vocations

All are invited to join the St. Thérèse Vocation Society for their annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday February 10, 2024, from 8:30am - 12 pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in



Alexandria. The day will include continental breakfast, spiritual conference, Mass and Holy Hour. Fr. Peter St. George is our speaker. There is no cost but please RSVP with the Office of Vocations by February 5 at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514. The St. Thérèse Vocation Society was formed to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

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"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people."

Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

Quo Vadis Seminary Visit for High School Boys Join Fr. Isenberg and Quo Vadis on January 27, to visit to St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Deadline to submit registration form is January 18. Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis.

Vocational Discernment Retreat for Men
Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood? Take
a step to find out. Attend the weekend discernment
retreat for men (ages 18-50), Friday-Sunday, Feb
16-18. This is a great opportunity for prayer and
discernment, confession, and talking with priests and
seminarians. Cost is \$150 and includes overnights
and all meals. Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 p.m. and
concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information
or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at 703841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.
Deadline to register is Monday February 5.

Activities & Events

Diocesan Annual Men and Women's Retreats

As you make plans for the new year, include the annual diocesan retreat in your schedule. Registration is now open!



Renewed in Christ: Reflecting His Light to the World

Join Catholic men from around the Diocese for a day of prayer, fellowship and reflection. Keynotes include: Fr. Daniel Mode, Chaplain of the United States Coast Guard, and Jonathan Reyes, Senior Vice President of Evangelization and Faith Formation for the Knights of Columbus. Saturday, March 2, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon, from 8:30am—2:30pm. Sign-in begins at 7:30am with confession, coffee, and pastries. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge at 11:15 a.m. Cost is \$65 until February 1, 2024, \$80 after February 1, 2024. You may register at arlingtondiocese.org/men.

Behold, I Make All Things New

Join women from around the Diocese for an opportunity to be inspired, to connect with likeminded women and to raise our voices together in prayer. Our 2024 gathering will be feature the aweinspiring reversion story of Patricia Sandoval and a powerful presentation by Sr. Mary Madeline Todd, O.P. about the true dignity and vocation of every woman. Saturday, March 9, from 8:30am - 2:30pm. Sign-in begins at 7:30am with confession, coffee, and pastries. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge at 11:15am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon. Cost is \$65 until February 1, \$80 after. February 1, 2024 Register at arlingtondiocese.org/ women.

Youth Group Meeting:

Monday January 8 from 6:30-8:30pm in Fr Ruehl Hall

Ongoing Activities

SJTB Seniors Group

Meets every third Saturday in Padre Pio Hall from 9:30-11:00am. For more information contact DeWayne Coats at 540-660-5776 or dewaynecoats20@gmail.com.

The Women of Saint John's

Monthly activities for women parishioners aged 18 and up. Email thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com

Young Adults of St. John's

In your 20's or 30's? Follow event info on FB @youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist, IG@st johns young adults va or to join the e-news-letter email youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist@ gmail.com

That Man Is You

Saturdays 6:30am FRH

RCIA classes

Mondays 6pm Frassati Hall

The Divine Office (Lauds)

Mon-Sat at 8:10am in main church

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month, 3:30pm in main church

Rosary &

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Prayed after 8:30am Mass M-Sat.

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays 6:30pm – PPH

Junior Legion of Mary

Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm – PPH

Children's Holy Hour

Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm

Little Flowers

Monthly meeting for registered girls in grades 1-6 4-5:45 FRH Sept-May

Flame of Love Rosary

Mondays after the noon Mass

Attention Widows & Widowers: Special Requiem Mass

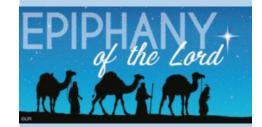
Our Knights of Columbus Council 7771 invites all Widows and Widowers in the Parish and their families to a special Requiem Mass to pray for the deceased on January 20 at 11AM in the Church followed by lunch in FRH. Please RSVP to Michael Turner mtcinc1@cs.com by Wednesday January 17th if you will be able to attend the lunch so we can have enough food prepared.

Teams of Our Lady

Designed to enrich marriage spirituality, TOL provides a proven method of deepening prayer life to help couples grow closer to God and each other. Please join Bryan and Elaine Layman at an information session on January 20 at 6:15pm in Father Ruehl Hall. (inclement weather date: 1/27) If you are planning to attend or would like more information, contact: elainelayman12@gmail.com Teamsofourlady.org

Chelsea Academy Open House

Come see if Chelsea Academy is right for your family at our Open House on Feb. 15, 4-6pm. Chelsea is the Shenandoah Valley's full day K-12 Catholic school. Chelsea is a place where faith, friendship, academics, and adventure are the heart of the education experience. Chelsea is an independent school officially recognized by the Arlington Diocese. The Open House will be held at our new campus, 1190 Progress Dr., Front Royal, VA. www.chelseaacademy.org



Knights Corner John Carrell Jenkins Council #7771 www.kofc7771.org

Financial Benefits Seminar & Social: Join Council 7771 for a Knights of Columbus Financial Benefits Seminar & Social, Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. in Padre Pio Hall. Learn how K of C Asset Advisors' Faith-Based investments can help protect your family. (See ad in this week's bulletin.)

Attention, Widows and Widowers: Our Knights of Columbus Council 7771 invites all Widows and Widowers in the Parish and their families to a special Requiem Mass to pray for the deceased on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church followed by lunch in Father Ruehl Hall. Please RSVP to Michael Turner mtcincl@cs.com by Wednesday, January 17, if you will be able to attend the lunch so we can have enough food prepared.

Exemplification of New Members: The Knights of Columbus Council #7771 will hold an Exemplification Ceremony for new members on Saturday, January 27, from 11:00 AM to 12 Noon at the Adoration Chapel. All First- and Second-Degree Knights are also invited to attend to advance to the Third Degree. Contact the Council's Membership Chairman, Leo Carling (540-631-7555), to be included in the ceremony. Spouses and family members are welcome to attend. A reception will be held in Padre Pio Hall immediately following. RSVP to Leo Carling at the number above.

SAVE THE DATES:

Thursday, January 18: Knights of Columbus Financial Benefits Seminar, 7:00 p.m., Padre Pio Hall, 131 West Main St., Front Royal

Friday, January 19: National March for Life, Washington, DC Saturday, January 20: Widows and Widowers Requiem Mass, 11:00 a.m., Church

Saturday, January 27: Exemplification Ceremony, 11:00 a.m., Chapel

Sunday, February 11: Super Bowl Sub Sales following all the weekend Masses.

Contact us: Grand Knight John Stieb, 703-755-5345, or gknightjs@gmail.com. Field Agent Cory Cook, 703-665-1388, or cory.cook@kofc.org.

DIVINE MERCY SAID:

"Distrust on the part of souls is tearing at My insides. The distrust of a chosen soul causes Me even greater pain; despite



My inexhaustible love for them they do not trust Me. Even My death is not enough for them. Woe to the soul that abuses these gifts."
(St. Faustina Diary, 50)
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Altar Guild	Marlene Lundberg, 635-0541	Outreach Committee	outreach@sjtb.org
Church Flowers & Decor	julie.thedaughter@protonmail.com	Parents' Support Group	Winnie Ehlinger, 636-1688
		Children w/Special Needs	Laurie Adams, 540-683-1767
Divine Mercy for the Dying	mbodoh@sjtb.org	Prayer Chain	Marlicia Fernandez, 622-2637
			setonmom@gmail.com
Dominicans Third Order	Rene Bergeron 540-664-1186	Prison Ministry	Chris Manion, 540-635-9166
	rene.l.bergeron@gmail.com		
Eucharistic Adoration	adoration@sjtb.org	Religious Education	David Wallace, 540-635-3780
Fasting Brothers	tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net	RCIA	Parish Office, 635-3780
Flame of Love	Boots Sargis	Seven Sisters	tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net
	bootssargis@yahoo.com.		
Lectors	Mary Kay Moose, 635-7628	Saint Johns Athletics	www.saintjohnsathletics.com
Legion of Mary/Adults	Andrew Armstrong, 540-631-4620	That Man is You!	Forest Selby 703-268-3554
Legion of Mary (Juniors)	Viviano Rodriguez, 559-347-4585	Vocations Liaison	Cindy Rhodes, 443-440-0121
			sjtbvocations@gmail.com
Little Flowers (Gr. 1-6)	littleflowersofsjtb@gmail.com	Youth Drama Club	www.stjohnsdrama.org
Meals for New Moms /	thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com	Front Royal Pregnancy Center	(540) 635-6181
Postpartum Support			frontroyalpregnancy.org
Music & Choirs	Jeffrey Alban, 635-3780		

PRAYER LIST

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Active Military Prayer List

Esther Alger Brady Anderson Colin t. Barrett Jeffrey Bayne Mark Belton David Berry Stephen Bill Heather Bill-Blanchard John Bowes Shannon Brugh Joseph Buono Paul Buono Ben Cabreva Christian Carino Hannah N. Christman Nathan T. Christman Sean Conroy Robert Cooke Kevin Corella Rory Crooks Vince E. Cruz Trey Dusseault Matthew Farrall Parker Feiring Zachary Francis

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Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2023

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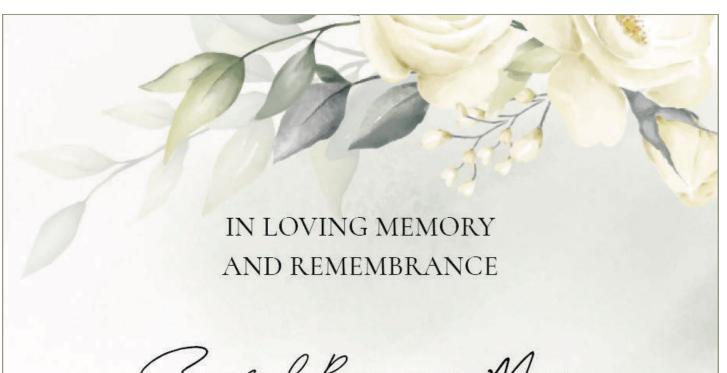
"Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they need to know for their salvation."

Information Meeting:

Thursday, January 11, 2024 7:15 P.M. Padre Pio Hall

Laura M. Clark, <u>crazyeightmom100@gmail.com</u> (540) 336-9614 Delane Karalow, Ph.D., <u>dkaralow@gmail.com</u> (434) 941-7239

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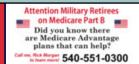
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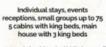
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