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WEEKLY READINGS
MONDAY Saint John of Kanty, Priest
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66

TUESDAY
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-79

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt
1:1-25 or 1:18-25

WEDNESDAY THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
(DAWN) Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20
(DAY) Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

THURSDAY SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17 Mt 10:17-22

FRIDAY SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST
1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

SATURDAY THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8 Mt 2:13-18

SUNDAY THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

PASTORAL CARE
Send a card, make a call, visit and always pray for our brothers and sisters in faith who are ill, including...

SICK & HOMEBOUND: Bernie Angeles, Clarence Banks, Jr., Annie Belardo, Daniel A. Brown, Barbara Bryant, Francine Bryant, Marion Bullock, Charles Cabarras, Brenda Cannon, Margaret Church, Matthew Cherry, Gloria Coleman, Geraldine Coleman, Adrian Dixon, Vincent C. Eason, Jr., Agna Estaris, Elisha Goode, Thado Greene, Sharon Haynes, Shirley Jasper, Martha Jones, Skip Jones, William Mann, Emma Mills, Antonell McGlone, Eric Murphy, Kenswil Paige, Alexs Perry, Dr. H. Mark Richard, Barbara Sears, Dorothy Sharp, Faye Shaw, Bertha Spence, John Ward, Jessie Winfield, Rosie Woodis


NURSING HOME/REHAB: Norris Phillips, Georgian Manor, River Walk
Emily Ponton, Elizabeth Allen Crump Rehab, Glen Allen, VA, Rm 12B
Kema Rodgers, Sentara Rehab Newtown

TO PLACE NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST:
Call the Church Office, 757-622-4487

TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:
Contact the Pastoral Care Team:
Tom Bomar, 757 -461 -10 53 or 757-692-8347
Cindy Williams, 757 -849-9298

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USDA Distribution Mondays: 9:30am-11:30am

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Pastoral Parish Council
The Parish Pastoral Council serves as the consultative body for the Parish and provides counsel to the rector and lay administration; helps to envision, establish, plan, and monitor the mission and activities of the Parish. Members of the Council include the Rector, Deacon, Pastoral Associate and 10 persons elected by the Parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm on the 2nd floor of the Academy in room 202. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please send an email to: parishcouncil@bsmic.org.

Members
Mr. James Gray-Chair .........jgray34@cox.net
Mr. JC Gardner-Co Chair ..............aig0905@yahoo.com
Mrs. Dana Dixon-Sec ........Danawilliams412@gmail.com
Mrs. Sarah Williams ..............swatsonw@verizon.net
Mrs. ReVae Goodwyn
Mrs. Latarisha Beamon
Mr. Robert Hewitt, Jr ..............robhew@cox.net
Mr. Carlton Sample ....samplecarlton@yahoo.com

The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2019 at 6:30pm. All meetings are open to the parishioners.

Finance Council
The Financial Council meets monthly to review collections, expenses, income and the budget of the Parish. Once a year, Council members review the investments of the Parish. The Rector appoints members:

Members
Mr. Arcino Quiero, Jr.-Chair
Mr. John Butler
Mrs. Michele Chesley
Mr. Eric Labat
Mrs. Michelle Maull

Pastoral Plan Governing Committee (PPGC)
The role of the PPGC is to provide a forum to set strategic direction and resolve conflicting views, assist with resolutions or responses issues and risks, influence project execution by managing change in direction and provide final signoff on project acceptance.

Members
Eric K. Brown - Chair
Deacon Calvin Bailey
Arcino Quiero, Jr
Oretha Pretlow
Lyndon Berry
Luther Adams
Nicole Drummond
Deborah Lamb
Michelle Maull
Barbara Wright

Vineyard of the LORD: "You too go into my vineyard." (Mt 20:4)

Offertory

Monthly Offering Collection
NOVEMBER 2019

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Weekly Collection Dec 9. to December 16, 2019

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MASS TIMES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019
CHRISTMAS EVE

7PM FAMILY MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS DAY

11PM MUSICAL CONCERT
12 MIDNIGHT MASS
10 AM MASS
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REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATION TO PARISH COUNCIL

- A fully initiated Catholic in good standing
- Already active in church ministry
- A good listener, attuned to the needs of all parishioners
- Respects and values diversity
- Willing and able to offer particular skills and gifts to the parish
- Demonstrates the capacity to be a visionary and help set the future course for our parish
- Demonstrates mutual respect and acknowledgement of others’ gifts
- Able and willing to participate in consensus building
- Is not a current member of the Finance Council
- Willing and able to attend monthly evening meetings for up to three years

NOMINATION FORM (Deadline: January 6, 2020)

Person I am nominating: ________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________

Phone Number(s): _________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________

This person meets these criteria and I have asked them to consider taking on this responsibility.

Yes _____   No ______

My Name ____________________________________________
Phone Number _________________________________
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAS
2020 National Education Contest

THEMES OF CONTEST: (Choose One) “Blessed are the peacemakers” Mark 5:9
Or Living in harmony with others

Divisions & Categories: Note: Students may be Catholic and Non-Catholic

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**Rules: All entries must be of contestant’s own imagination and creation**

**Essay:** Typed only, not to exceed 500 words.

**Poetry:** Any style of poetry, typed, not to exceed eight (8) lines

**Art:** Size: 8 1/2 x 11 No Lettering (your art carries the message). Do not put your name on the Art. How the theme is carried out in Art will be part of the judging, in addition to artistic talent. Medium: Crayon, markers, ink, paints (water color, acrylic, oil), charcoal, pencil (black or colored), pastels (chalk) and duck tape.

**Computer Art:** Size: 8 1/2” x 11” or 8” X 12”, No Lettering. Art must be artist’s own creation and should fill the majority of the page. NO clip art or images imported from web sites.

**Music:** Lyrics and notes must be on professional music score paper (melody, harmony and accompaniment, all of which must be notated accurately), and must be contestant’s own creation. Please use composition music paper. CD (no Mp3, MIDI, or other electronic formats allowed) of the performance must accompany the entry using the music score paper. While the composition must be the contestant’s own creation, the performer of the composition does not need to be the composer. No DVD.

**Photography:** Size 8” X 10” picture depicting the theme. Do not add matting. Picture must have been taken by the contestant. May not be a computer downloaded image or a picture of a picture. Can be color or black and white. Cannot be a collage.

Judges will use rules of Clarity, Grammar, Spelling, Interpretation of Theme and all peculiar rules in the categories listed above.

**GENERAL RULES**
1) Contestants may enter a Category only once, but may submit entries in multiple categories. Contestants must be sponsored by a local Catholic Daughters Court.

2) Entries on other themes or not conforming to the rules will be disqualified.

3) Entries will not be returned. All contest material becomes the property of the National Court with the right to display/and or publish any or all material.

4) Decisions of the judges will be final. Judges reserve the right to make no award in a Division or Category. Commercial entries will be disqualified. Judging will be based on the Rubric Scoring provided.

5) Each entry must be accompanied by a 2020 Entry Form properly signed and completed. Names must be legible. Forms are to be glued or taped to back of entry.

**DEADLINE:** Local Court Deadline is, January 16, 2020 Send your entry, complete with 2020 Entry Form (download form from www.catholicdaughters.com) to the Local Court Contest Chairperson. If mailed, entries must be postmarked by January 13, 2020.

**Awards:** The one first place winning entry for each Category in each Division (either theme, not both) will be forwarded to the State Contest Chairperson and the winning entries at the State level will be forwarded to the National Education Contest Chairperson. Awards at the local level will be determined by the local Court. Winning entry awards at the state level will be determined by the State Court. National Prizes for each Division are:

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