

Church of The Ascension Monthly Insert

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Parish Events

August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses 9:15am, 12:10pm & 7:00pm
August 19 DEADLINE for Apple Tree School Supplies Donation—or Sooner!
August 21 Soup Kitchen preparation in the Kitchen at 7pm, contact Marie in Social Ministry, ext. 428 to help.
August 22 Soup Kitchen serve at JCOC, we leave promptly at 5pm, contact Marie in Social Ministry, ext. 428.
August 25 Pot Luck Dinner for Father John Baab in the Picnic Pavilion after 5:30pm Mass.

AREA NEWS

Natural Family Planning Husbands, help protect your wives from the increased risk of stroke, heart attack and cancer that accompanies hormonal contraceptive use. Protect her health by suggesting you learn Natural Family Planning. Next series starts at 6 pm on Friday, September 14th at St. John the Apostle. Contact Stephanie & Deacon Chris Finocchio at finoc@msn.com or 757-430-1493 or visit live-the-love.org

JUMP START for Homeless children. VBCPS to sponsor Jump Start held Thursday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Corporate Landing Middle School. Identified students attending the event will receive clothing, backpacks, school supplies, food and toiletries as well as have access to free haircuts and various screenings. Students registered in Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) who have been identified as homeless have been invited to the event, and local businesses, community agencies, organizations and volunteers donate their time and resources to make the event possible. Jump Start will be held Thursday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Corporate Landing Middle School. To VOLUNTEER or Register visit: <http://www.vbcpsblogs.com/core/jump-start-program-offered-sixth-year/>

Hampton Roads Catholic Singles Club will meet for lunch at Taste Unlimited (4097 Shore Dr.) at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8th. The Hampton Roads Catholic Singles Club, formally known as the Tidewater Catholic Alumni Club, is an organization of single Catholic professional men and women. The club is a member of the national organization Catholic Alumni Club International. For more information go to the club website www.freewebs.com/tidewatercatholicalumclub/, contact us by e-mail at tcac1@hotmail.com, or call (757) 898-6991.

Catholic Campus Ministry at ODU

Are you a student at Old Dominion University or Tidewater Community College? If yes, then we would love to meet you! Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) at ODU is a student organization that promotes living the Catholic Faith through college. Some of activities that we do include: Sunday & Daily Masses, Community Meals, Retreats, Adoration, Tailgates, Service Trips, Small Groups, and much more. Check out our website at odu.cdrccm.org or like us on Facebook at Catholic Campus Ministry at ODU. If you have any questions, please email our CCM Director, Marissa O'Neil, at moneil@odu.edu. Catholic Monarchs, come join us!

Welcome

TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Angelica Pedroza, son Sebastian

Leonardo and Sonia Morit, father Leo

Gloria Mano, adult son Roland

Chrissy Belliveau

We welcome these families to our faith community!

FIND OUT MORE about our thriving faith community of Ascension, registering is easy. There are three ways to register:

- 1) Complete a form located at the Information Desk
- 2) Stop by the Parish Office during the work week.
- 3) 24/7 online at our website, www.ascensionvb.org, under "new parishioners" menu tab.

FAREWELL TO THOSE WE LOVE

in July

Inurnment:

Philip C. Tarantole



BAPTISMS FOR JULY

Cristian Clay Lopez

Abigail Rose Marie Reynolds

Louis Wilton West

Sean Patrick Sheehan



We rejoice along with their parents in celebrating these children coming into our Catholic Church.

To inquire about children's baptism contact Kathy Ahearn in the Religious Ed Office, 495-1886, 411

Take a TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND With Fr. Daniel

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BETHLEHEM SEA OF GALILEE

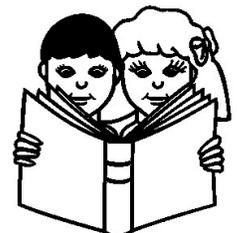
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JERUSALEM

**Come join us! Interested parties
please contact Ruth Brogan
at 495-1886x414**

HUNGRY FOR READING Looking for something for your kids to do during summer vacation? Consider having them clean out their shelves of books they now longer read and donate the books to Ascension's **Hungry for Reading** program. We need books for kids birth through 5 years. Since we started the program, we have given away over 10,000 books. We are always looking for more to replenish our supply. Drop the books off in the box in the commons, and we will see that they get a new home and will be read and cherished by new owners.





Knight's Korner

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 12117

August 2018

David Geisler - Knight of the Month – June 2018

Bruce and Kathy Stevens – Family of the Month – June 2018

(Recognition photos and writeups may be viewed on our Council website)

Madylan Scott – Virginia State Young Woman of the Year (finalist)

James Munson-Episcopo – Virginia State Young Man of the Year (finalist)

Birthday Wishes to Brother **Dave Davis**, on his 91st birthday on August 3rd.

Thank you to all participants who answered the Red Cross call for blood in July.

Men who are Ready to Accept the Challenge ... new way to join the Knights ... online ... remember our Council number **12117**

- Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protection of families, service to others and to defend our values.
- For over one hundred years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families.
- Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process.
- As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including thousands here in Virginia, who stand together.
- Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer?

Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

When you join, remember the number of our council, when prompted online: **12117**

CONTACT US

See our calendar on our website: www.kofc12117.org ... or ... join online at www.kofc.org/joinus

... and “like us” on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/KofC12117>

For member Knights: See our website to view the “Faith in Action 101” webinar.

Ramon Villa, Grand Knight
gk12117vb@gmail.com

Community Life News

The Legion of Mary Events:

August 15—Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be 9:15am, 12:10pm and 7:00pm.

September 8— The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join us in celebrating Mary’s Birthday on Saturday, September 8 with a special Mass for the whole parish. We will have our statue on display and you are invited to bring fresh flowers as a Spiritual Bouquet for our Mother Mary. Vases will be provided. Afterward, please join us in the Coffee Bar for refreshments.



Liturgy Committee News— From July 29-August 26 the Gospels are The Bread of Life Discourse. The following is a reflection from the USCCB.

The Body of Christ, Broken for the World.

We experience the Eucharist as a community. The Eucharist draws each of us closer to Christ as individuals, but also as a community. As Catholics, we never really worship alone. At the Eucharistic Liturgy, we gather with the young and old, the rich and poor, as well as millions around the world and the saints in heaven, to celebrate Christ's sacrifice. This powerful reality reminds us, in the words of Pope John Paul II: "A truly Eucharistic community cannot be closed in upon itself", (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia* [On the Eucharist], no. 39); rather the Eucharist challenges us to recognize our place within a community and the human family.

The Eucharist awakens us to our own dignity and to that of others. The Eucharist is a sign of our incomparable dignity as human persons. This dignity, given to all equally, regardless of our social or economic status or where we come from (Jas 2:1-9), causes us to recognize "what value each person, our brother or sister, has in God's eyes, if Christ offers Himself equally to each one. . . . If our Eucharistic worship is authentic, it must make us grow in awareness of the dignity of each person," Pope John Paul II writes (*Dominicae Cenaе* [On the Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist], no. 6).

The Eucharist unifies and heals divisions. St. Paul taught that the celebration of the Eucharist is insincere if there are divisions within the community based on class (1 Cor 11), status, or privilege (Rom 12), or if there are factions within the community (1 Cor 1). Partaking in the Sacrament as equals in the Body of Christ challenges us to unity as one family.

The Eucharist sensitizes us to those who suffer. As we meditate on the Eucharist, we experience Christ's love for us—and for others. In the depth of prayer, we become so moved and sensitized to his love for those who suffer that the words of St. Augustine become a reality for us: "The pain of one, even the smallest member, is the pain of all" (*Sermo Denis*).

Eucharist-inspired love allows us to live out our Christian vocation. Pope John Paul II writes that our ability to go and do likewise in imitation of Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet is the "criterion by which the authenticity of our Eucharistic celebrations is judged" (*Mane Nobiscum Domine* [Stay with us, Lord], no. 28). "Eucharistic worship," he says, is the expression of "the love that springs up within us from the Eucharist"—that love which is "the authentic and deepest characteristic of the Christian vocation" (*Dominicae Cenaе*, no. 5).

The Eucharist propels us forth to transform the world. The Eucharist "increases, rather than lessens, our sense of responsibility for the world today." Christ in the Eucharist calls us to build "a more human world, a world fully in harmony with God's plan" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, no. 20). Filled with awe for all we have received in Christ's self-gift, we respond with service and works of charity. We act to transform unjust structures, policies, and laws that degrade human life and dignity.