



## Church of The Ascension

### Monthly Insert

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## FEBRUARY 2018

### Upcoming Parish Events

- Feb. 5 — Rainbows meet off site at IHop, Landstown Commons at 11:30am.
- Feb.7 — Winter Shelter begins at 8:30pm in the ACC.
- Feb. 10 — Sandwich Ministry at 10:00am in the Church kitchen.
- Feb. 12 — Prison Ministry meeting at 7:00pm in Social Ministry Office.
- Feb. 13— Global Solidarity meeting at 7:30pm in Mary's Corner.
- Feb. 14 — ASH Wednesday Masses: 9:15am, 12:10pm & 7:00pm. 4:30pm Family Prayer Service & Ashes.
- Feb. 14— NO 1st-5th grade Formation at 6:30pm
- Feb. 16 — Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
- Feb. 19 — Church Offices and Food Pantry Closed for Presidents Day.
- Feb.20 — Soup and Sacrament in the ACC begins at 6:00pm.
- Feb. 23 — Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
- Feb. 27 — Soup and Sacrament in the ACC begins at 6:00pm.
- Feb. 28— Soup Kitchen prep at 6:00pm in the church kitchen

### MAKING DISCIPLES FORMATION DAY WITH DR. MARY HEALY

#### *A regional event hosted by Church of the Ascension*

Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 9am-10pm OR online worldwide via livestream!

Every Christian is called to be the real presence of Jesus in society. Through our baptismal anointing we have been given Jesus' authority to minister as priests, prophets and kings in HIM! Yet most Catholics lack the confidence to pray with a person in public, to minister emotional, spiritual or even physical healing to their family, fellow parishioners, friends or co-workers. This day of formation is for all those who desire to learn this important tool of the New Evangelization.

Day includes three talks by Dr. Healy, discussion time, prayer time, Mass and concludes with an evening prayer service (estimated end time 10 p.m.).

What you'll learn:

- How we get equipped for our evangelizing mission
- What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how do we activate them
- How to pray with people for healing
- How to bring Christ's presence into ordinary situations

Advanced online registration is required:

- \$40/in-person
- \$30 online live stream

Register at: <https://www.awakeningthedomesticchurch.com/makingdisciples.html>

Event sponsored by: The Regional Association of Ecclesial Movements

# Welcome

## TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

We welcome these families to our faith community!

**Timothy & Tamra Zeiler**

**Guillermo & Catalina Gonzalez**, sons **Nicolas, Agustin**, and daughter **Marta**

**Ralph Orenca**

**Dean & Leah Dancel**

**Max & Aurelia Kang**, son **Francis**

To register in the parish online at the church website, or fill out a form at the Registration Desk or in the Parish Office during the week.

## FAREWELL TO THOSE WE LOVE

For January:

**Pauline Crowley**

**Eleanor Ferioli**, mother-in-law of Pat Szewczak

**Mario Venditti**, father of Linda Tropea

*May they rest in peace*



## Infant Baptisms Preparation

Emma Grace Gallano Dizon, 10 months old

Emma Saria Arcena, 5 months old



## AREA NEWS

Vendors wanted for **St. Gregory's Women's Club Craft Show & Flea Market** to take place March 10 from 9am-2pm. For more information contact Mary Catherine: marycdz@verizon.net, 757-420-5448.

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church Preschool**—Fall 2018 Registration for children 2,3,&4 years of age. We offer 2, 3, & 5 day classes both morning & afternoon. Contact Stephanie Barnes at 468-1533, or preschool@holyspiritvb.org. Registration is open until February 12.

### **Holy Spirit Catholic Church Business Manager/Bookkeeper Job Opening**

Holy Spirit has an opening for a full-time parish business manager. Responsibilities include payroll, managing the parish budget, accounts payable and some building and grounds management. Candidate should have formal education in accounting or a minimum of 5 years bookkeeping experience. Job includes payroll, budget preparation, financial reporting, accounts payable, online giving, and vendor reporting. Must be proficient in QuickBooks, Microsoft Office, Excel and possess excellent communication skills. Position requires attention to detail, ability to maintain confidentiality, ability to maintain deadlines and teamwork. Church experience preferred but not required. **Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to:** Maryann Hakowski, Pastoral Associate, Holy Spirit, 1396 Lynnhaven Parkway, Va. Beach, VA 23453 or email to [office@holyspiritvb.org](mailto:office@holyspiritvb.org).

**FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION**, a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**, sponsored by Church of the Epiphany, will be held March 9-11, 2018. This retreat is for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt, or shame from abortion. The weekend combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussions in a guided process that leads to the heart of God's love and compassion. If you would like to learn more about this retreat you can contact Marty Montgomery-Jennings at 804-704-0429, or Maggie Carlson at 804-432-2589 or email: [RV4hope@gmail.com](mailto:RV4hope@gmail.com). Visit our website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

Tidewater Bichon Frise – A non-profit dog rescue and One of the Crafters who rents a table at Ascension's craft show has rented the Ascension Community Center for a BINGO FUNraiser for their 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. When: Sunday March 4, 2018. Doors open at 1:15 play begins at 2:00. \$20.00 entrance to play 20 games of bingo. Each game has a prize of a brand name or designer purse

All proceeds benefit the rescue. For more information, call Crissy 757-523-4520 or visit [www.virginiabichonrescue.org](http://www.virginiabichonrescue.org) or [www.facebook.com/bichonfriserescue/](https://www.facebook.com/bichonfriserescue/)



## Knight's Korner Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 12117

### CONGRATULATIONS

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH (DEC 2017): Kevin Webb

FAMILY OF THE MONTH (DEC 2017): The Ladies Auxiliary of Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 12117

Gentlemen --- **COME JOIN US** --- Interested in becoming a Knight? We accept applications year-round. See us at the registration desk.

Ladies --- The Ladies Auxiliary are accepting applications; please join us.

### PARISH INTEREST – CULTURE OF LIFE – THANK YOU

**March for Life** bus trip to Washington DC in January. Thank you to the parish for your support of this event.

Pro-life baby bottle donation collection at Jan masses was EXTREMELY successful ... thank you all

New, easy way to join ... for **Men who are Ready to Accept the Challenge** ... 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 tens of 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.

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

### CONTACT US

See our calendar on our website: [www.kofc12117.org](http://www.kofc12117.org) ... or ... join online at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)

And "like us" on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/KofC12117>

Ramon Villa, Grand Knight  
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**Attention parents of college students:** Saint Teresa of Calcutta Ladies Auxiliary is taking applications for the **Eileen Hunt Scholarship**. If you are a college woman, a registered member of Church of the Ascension, Virginia Beach, and looking for financial assistance with college costs, please check out our scholarship application. You must be currently enrolled as a second semester freshman or above. You can find the application online at [kofc12117.org](http://kofc12117.org) and follow the link to the Ladies Auxiliary; then download the scholarship application. Call 757.575.8497, Johnna Levins, if you have any questions. **Applications due on or before February 21, 2018.**

### **The Knights of Columbus Council 12117**

#### **Outstanding Young Woman and Outstanding Young Man of the Year**

Each year our council presents two awards (a \$150.00 value each), one for the Outstanding Young Woman and one for the Outstanding Young Man. To be eligible, you must be between the ages of 12 & 18 and be a member of Church of the Ascension or a member or a dependent of the Knights of Columbus. Applications are available at the Knights of Columbus Council 12117 website ([www.kofc12117.org](http://www.kofc12117.org)) under "News and Announcements" or contact the Parish Office, see our Ascension Youth Minister: Travis Hayes, or visit our registration desk. Applications can be submitted via email (preferred) to Glenn Webb at the email below or delivered to the Parish Office by the submission date.

For details on application specifics please contact Glenn Webb at 757-630-1748 or [gwebb@webbapps.com](mailto:gwebb@webbapps.com). To be considered applications must be received no later than **March 11, 2018**.

Winners each receive \$150.00 and will represent our council in a statewide competition.

**Columbarium Garden Upkeep and Adornments**—Many of our families have inurned the ashes of their loved ones in our Columbarium Garden. To help keep the walls simple and respectful for all, there can be no adornments of any kind placed on the granite nameplates, walls or ground. This includes fresh flowers, artificial flowers, flags, rosaries, photos, **stickers**, writing, articles of clothing, ornaments, cards, etc. Stickers, especially cause damage to the granite stone and removal is time consuming. At the time of inurnment you may place a fresh vase or spray of flowers on the ground by the niche of your loved one, which will be in place for a limited time.

Please keep in mind we do not have paid staff members for our grounds keeping, we are all volunteers, we are a family at Ascension and we like to keep the Columbarium Garden tidy, clean and respectful.

These housekeeping guidelines are provided at the time of purchase and we ask that you remind your family members who come to visit our Columbarium to follow these simple requests. Thank you for your cooperation. If you are interested in helping the volunteer grounds keeping crew, please contact the Parish Office.

## The Book of Prayers in the Commons

In the Catholic Church, the *Book of the Names of the Dead* is traditionally used for just what the name implies: a book inscribed with the names of the dead; so we pray for the repose of their souls. Here at the *Church of the Ascension*, our *Book of Prayer* (on the Commons table) has two functions:

First it is a place to inscribe the names of our deceased loved ones.

You add a cross symbol after the deceased's name to signify that they have passed.

For example:       **John Doe †**

Secondly we use it as a place to write the names of our living loved ones who are in need of prayer because of sickness or other need.

*A brief history of Remembering the Dead: Christian communities remember the names of their dead. These names are heard in the Universal Prayers during Mass and in the chanting of the Litany of the Saints at the Easter Vigil. The names of the deceased are seen on holy cards, memorial cards, and grave markers. Masses are prayed for the repose of souls. These rituals and practices serve to keep the memory of those who have gone before us in faith present in our minds and hearts.*

Ascension's *Book of Prayer* is hand typed every week and customized with clip art that relates to the Gospel reading for that particular Sunday or Holy Day. It is continuously going through revisions to make it an integral part of the *Church of the Ascension's* liturgies.

If you would like to have your deceased loved one's name permanently inscribed in the book, it must meet these criteria:

- ◆ The person must be deceased.
- ◆ For those persons who are ill, you are encouraged to continue to hand write the name in the book.
- ◆ The deceased must have been a registered member of the *Church of the Ascension* or an immediate family member whose funeral service was celebrated and registered at Ascension.

Persons who passed in another city, state, country, and/or at another parish, cannot be inscribed in Ascension's *Book of Prayer* because they would have been inscribed in their home parish's *Book of Prayer*.

**Our Minister for Music, Diane Nestor, is the "keeper" of the book.**

**You can contact her two ways: [nestord@ascensionvb.org](mailto:nestord@ascensionvb.org) OR (757) 495 – 1886 x 413**