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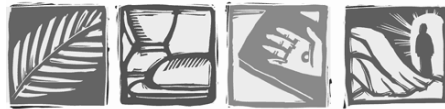
MARCH 2018

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Upcoming Parish Events

- March 5 Rainbows Forever Young Lenten Retreat at 11:00am
March 6 Soup and Sacrament at 6:00pm
March 9 Stations of the Cross in Sanctuary at 6:30pm
March 10 Belonging Baptism Prep Session at 8:30am, contact Rel Ed. Office
March 10 Sandwich Ministry at 10:00am in Church Kitchen
March 10 Finnegan's Wake Irish Celebration at 6:30pm in the ACC
March 11 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS— SPRING AHEAD your clocks one hour.
March 13 Soup and Sacrament at 6:00pm
March 14 Parish Reconciliation Service at 7:00pm
March 16 Stations of the Cross in Sanctuary at 6:30pm
March 17 Making Disciples Day 9:00am - 10pm Register at: <https://www.awakeningthedomesticchurch.com/makingdisciples>
March 18 Red Cross Blood Drive in ACC 8:30am—2:30pm
March 20 Soup and Sacrament at 6:00pm
March 23 Stations of the Cross in Sanctuary at 6:30pm
April 1 after 10:30am Mass Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Knights of Columbus

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- March 24 Palm Sunday Procession begins in the Commons at 5:30pm
March 25 Palm Sunday Procession begins in the Commons at 8:30am*, 10:30am & 12:30pm* (*time change)
March 27 Tues. Mass at 7:00pm; March 28—Wed. Mass at 9:15am;
March 29 HOLY THURSDAY— Lord's Supper at 7:00pm
March 29 HOLY THURSDAY— Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until 11:00pm
March 30 GOOD FRIDAY— Stations of the Cross at Noon in the Sanctuary
March 30 GOOD FRIDAY— Veneration of the Cross and Communion at 7:00pm

March 31 EASTER VIGIL at 8:00pm Procession begins in Commons - No Reconciliation/5:30pm Mass

**April 1 EASTER SUNDAY Masses: 8:30am* (2 Masses), 10:30am (2 Masses)
and 12:30pm* *time change**

Welcome

TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

We welcome these families to our faith community!

Zachary and Emily Gilmore

Vincent and Lily Nguyen, daughter Teresa, son John

Tom Gallagher—welcome back!

To register in the parish, forms are located at the information desk, Parish Office during the work week and 24/7 online at our website, www.ascensionvb.org

THANK YOU

I want to thank so many of you, who over the past five years have helped me with my wife, Karen, as her dementia from Alzheimer's grew worse.

After consultation with her doctor, our children, and Karen's family, we all thought it best that she enter a memory care unit, and we chose Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

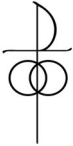
Thus far she is slowly adapting to her new environment.

Please keep the Harmeyers in your prayers.

Thank you,

Deacon Gary Harmeyer

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY



Robert Ianucci, Sr. and Jacqueline Rabidoux

*We wish this couples a life centered in Christ
filled with love and happiness.*

Infant Baptisms

Leo James Hamrick, 4 months

Hendrix Hai Doan Matthews, 1 month

John David Morris V, 15 months

We pray these children will be blessed all the days of their lives.



AREA NEWS

Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." Let our eyes be opened to the love of God in our marriages by participating in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend. The next weekends are: Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC and Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School invites ALL interested families to our Preview Day on Sunday, March 11, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Meet faculty, parents & students. Learn about our academic, athletic, service, and fine arts programs. Find out about our financial aid and scholarship opportunities. BSCHS can be your choice for excellence in education. Come see why! For more information go to chsvb.org or call **(757) 467-2679**.

Little Sisters of the Poor

Spring into Service – Live-in Service Program

Our live-in service program is open to college-age Catholic women who wish to experience our life and mission firsthand over an extended period of time. Week-long experiences are possible during fall, winter or spring break.

Summer placements are possible in many of our U.S. homes and can be arranged abroad for those with some foreign language ability. For those wishing to commit to at least 6 weeks of service, paid positions are possible in our U.S. homes. Go to www.littlesistersofthepoor.org for more information.



Knight's Korner
Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 12117
MARCH 2018
CONGRATULATIONS

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH (JAN 2018): Brock Thompson

FAMILY OF THE MONTH (JAN 2018): Church of the Ascension: Ways and Means Committee

MEMBERSHIP BLITZ— MARCH 17/18TH WEEKEND
TO BE A KNIGHT

There is a call deep within each man to go deeper and reach higher to become the man God made him to be. In a world full of challenges, the Knights of Columbus equips men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect their families, serve others and defend their values.

Gentlemen **COME JOIN US** Interested in becoming a Knight? We accept applications year-round.
Ladies The Ladies Auxiliary accepts applications year-round for any Christian women.

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 ... 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>

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Ramon Villa, Grand Knight
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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) 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. 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.

Pastoral Plan

Did you know that Church of the Ascension has a Pastoral Plan? This plan was developed after Father Daniel held several town hall meetings, and multiple meetings/workshops with Parish Council, parish staff, deacons, and many lay volunteers from various ministries.

The Pastoral Plan can be found on Ascension's website at www.ascensionvb.org. Go to the **Pastoral Council** tab and then **click on Pastoral Plan**. This is a PDF file. If you do not have access to a computer and would like a copy please call the parish office and we would be happy to provide one.

This is a "living" document, the goal is to update this document periodically and have a rolling three year plan. This Pastoral Plan restates our Parish Mission, defines our Vision, lists Core Values of our Parish and our Strategic Vectors.

As the Vision states in the document:

IN THIS PLACE, in our Parish, Jesus is alive, welcoming the lost and leading us all to walk together in lives of merciful compassion.

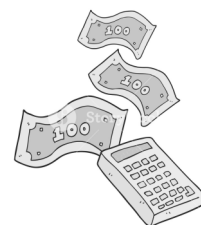
We envision a continued vibrant Parish who worships together and is Holy, Apostolic, Generous, Courageous, Self-sustaining and Active in our Local community and Diocese.

We see Ascension Growing in Christian Unity with churches in our community and in Global Solidarity with Catholics throughout our local and universal Church.

Please take time to review this document, ask questions of and make suggestions to pastoral council members, email pastoralcouncil@ascensionvb.org or talk with our pastor.

Help Wanted: Volunteer opportunity!

Do you have 4 hours a month to give to YOUR PARISH. Are you comfortable on computers? Do you like to work with a team? Do you have excellent counting skills? If so we have a volunteer opportunity for you. Our Money Counting Teams count once every 4 weeks on Sundays. We are in need of several people who can make a firm commitment to this ministry and have the necessary computer skills. "on the job training" is provided. Please contact Lisa in the business office for more information. 757-495-1886 or liedll@ascensionvb.org



Almsgiving

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462). Many dioceses hold special appeals for local needs during Lent and there are countless other ways to offer your time, talent and treasure to needy individuals and organizations during Lent and throughout the year. - *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*