

# Church of The Ascension Monthly Insert

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### Parish Events

**October**—throughout the month Toys & Treasures donation collection under stairs in the Commons.

**October 6-7** World Food Day bag distribution—return date October 13-14 in the Commons

**October 14** **PARISH MISSION Kick Off at 7:00pm with guest speaker Tracey Welliver**

**October 15 & 16** **PARISH MISSION** continues either at **10:00am OR 7:00pm.**

**October 16** Daily Mass time change to 9:15am for this day only.

**October 21** **TOWN HALL** Meeting at 2:30pm parish is invited to have a voice on the Priests Crisis

**October 26** Parish Adoration at 6pm and Parish Mass of Atonement at 7pm

### DIOCESAN NEWS

Bishop Knestout announces the establishment of new **Deanery** structure to replace the (LPA) Local Planning Area structure of parishes, effective immediately. The Deanery structure is one that the church has long had in place and is recommended to bishops to assist him in his role of governance in accord with canon 374#2 of the Church's law. Every parish, Catholic school, and campus ministry will now be assigned to a Deanery.

Effective November 1, additionally, the bishop has appointed our pastor, Father Daniel Malingumu as Dean or Vicar Forane, to provide support to the priests and lay faithful within his Deanery.

**Priest Convocation**—October 15 through October 18th, Father Daniel and Father John will be out of the office during this time.

### Area News

**October 13 at 7:00pm Haunted by God, the life of Dorothy Day.** A one-women play presented by St. Pius X Catholic Church. Tickets are \$10 per person. Contact piusxparish.org or 757-583-0291.

7th Annual **EUCCHARIST PROCESSION on the BOARDWALK— Sunday, October 14th at 3:00pm** begins at Star of the Sea Catholic Church 1404 Pacific Ave. Virginia Beach. In conjunction with the Diocese's evangelization plan.

Join **Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School** on **Saturday, October 13, 2018** for the first ever **Crusader 5k and Mini Crusader Mile Race!** **REGISTRATION:** Adults: \$30; BSCHS Student/Alumni: \$25; Children 12 and under: \$15

**Register online here - <https://www.chsvb.org/page/crusader-5k-registration>**

**Included in Registration Fee:** Runners will receive a t-shirt, bib number, and FREE Breakfast at the Post Race Breakfast.

**The Welcome Home Initiative Healing Retreat for Veterans in Virginia Beach** will be held Nov. 8 - Nov 10th at the Holiday Inn Suites, North Beach, 3900 Atlantic Ave 23451

Interested Vets can go to the website: [welcomehomeinitiative.org](http://welcomehomeinitiative.org) read more about. People can call the office 757 496-0001 or send an email : [welcomehomeinitiative@gmail.com](mailto:welcomehomeinitiative@gmail.com)

# Welcome

***We welcome to our faith family these newly registered parishioners:***

**San & Hanh Dinh**

**Thanh Mai**

**Victor Esposito**

**Clarence & Mary Icban, Penny Cava, daughters:  
Carissa & Malaina Icban**

*To register in the parish, forms are located in the Commons on the Registration Desk, Parish Office during the work week and 24/7 online at our website, [www.ascensionvb.org](http://www.ascensionvb.org).*

*Join our Email List: [www.ascensionvb.org](http://www.ascensionvb.org) to get updated parish news!*

## FAREWELL TO THOSE WE LOVE

**Rodelio Legaspi**



May he rest in eternal peace.

## Infant Baptisms

*If you have a child under 7 years of age and are interested in your child being Baptized or you have been asked to be a Godparent for a Baptism, contact Kathy Ahearn, 495-1886,411 to register for the next Baptism session, December 8.*

*If you have a child over 7 years of age needing sacraments such as Baptism, First Communion contact Mary Bish, 495-1886, 426*

## SOCIAL MINISTRY STAFF INFORMATION

Our Social Justice Minister, Christine Chambers, has decided to step down from this position in early November. Christine has served in this capacity for over 6 years. After many prayers she feels called to serve God in other ways. Please help us let Christine know how much we value her.

As a result of Christine's decision Social Ministry is now looking for someone to be part of our team.

### Position Opening beginning November 2018

We are looking for a person who has a heart for serving those in need. This position will require 12-15 hours per week Monday-Thursday from 10:00-1:00pm. Primarily this position's duties will be to interact with our Social Ministry guests who are in need of financial assistance.

At certain times of the year there may be changes to the normal schedule hours to attend meetings, or work with some of our largest endeavors including the Holiday Food Baskets and the Homeless Shelter.

Please pray and ask the Holy Spirit if this position is for you. Questions about this position should be directed to Ruth Brogan at [broganr@ascensionvb.org](mailto:broganr@ascensionvb.org) or 757-495-1886 extension 414. Resumes and a Diocese of Richmond Application should be forwarded to Ruth Brogan. See our website, [www.ascensionvb.org](http://www.ascensionvb.org), under employment opportunities to download the application.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Ruth Brogan*

Ruth Brogan,  
Director of Social Ministry



**Knight's Korner**  
**Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 12117**  
**September 2018**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Knight of the Month – August 2018 - **Lanny White**  
Family of the Month – August 2018 - **Reverend Mister Deacon Jim Ahearn and wife Kathy**  
*Our family of the month was one of 100 families, from all states, recognized **nation-wide** by the Supreme Council.*

**Knights' supported events in October**

(see online events calendar for details)

Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – 10am-noon, Knights Adopt a Highway quarterly cleanup  
Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – 2-4pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help ministry – rosary and bingo assist

Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm - 8:30pm - ACC – **Open House** – come see what we do and how we perform our mission principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and support to our families – POCs for Knights are Ramon Villa and Ben Salazar – this is a Parish-wide event, OPEN TO ALL – let us know if you need child care during.

**Join Us – and learn about Faith in Action**

All members who have not attended a business meeting recently are invited to rejoin us at our regularly scheduled business meeting on the second Wednesday of the month ... this month Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.  
Social at 6pm; Rosary at 6:30pm.

**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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## ***Walking Together– from Father Daniel***

### ***How We Move Forward from the Shadow of the Abuse Scandal***

#### ***Background:***

A maxim in the Catholic Church is “the Church is always in need of reform,” and that is so true today. Many of our recent past leaders, and some who still remain in active ministry today, did not exercise their leadership responsibility properly. This poor leadership allowed known clergy sex offenders to be shuffled from one place to another, to simply repeat their destructive behavior with new and unwitting children. Over the summer, more cases of abuse and the disgraceful mishandling were revealed. The clergy as a whole, and the bishops specifically need to come to terms with its consequences and take steps with the laity to ensure nothing like this happens ever again.

Trust with the laity has been broken and needs to be re-established to heal the Universal Church. Re-establishing that trust cannot be done quickly and requires changes at all levels of the Church.

#### ***Diocese of Richmond’s response:***

In the Diocese of Richmond, Bishop Knestout has started this process by having “listening sessions” with his priests. Meetings were held in each of the three Vicariates. The priests expressed their sense of betrayal, and reflected upon the tremendous amount of pain and suffering by the victims. Additionally, many parishioners even those not directly impacted by the bishops’ actions, have lost faith in their clergy. The majority of our clergy are dedicated, loving people who follow Christ and the teachings of the Church. We must find a way together to rebuild our trust in the Church and the clergy who serve us.

Bishop Knestout has taken these remarks by his priests and others to heart and has begun the journey of trying to regain the trust of the people. He is now following up the “listening sessions” he had with the priests and the Cathedral Mass of Atonement with “listening sessions” and Masses of Atonement in various places throughout the diocese. The “listening session” is for invitees only – each pastor is allowed to bring his active deacons, two members of his Pastoral Council, two members of his Finance Council, two members of his staff, and two at-large members. Ascension’s delegation will participate in the “listening session” with the Bishop at Star of the Sea on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards the Bishop will lead a Mass of Atonement at 7:30pm, open to everyone.

#### ***What we are doing at Church of the Ascension and how you can participate:***

- (1) Pray for the victims and for the leaders of the Church
- (2) Attend the Mass of Atonement presided by Bishop Barry: **October 12, 2018 at 7:30 PM at Star of the Sea Catholic Church**
- (3) Attend **Ascension’s Town Hall** “listening session” and have your voice heard: **Sunday October 21, 2018 at 2:30pm**
- (4) Attend **Ascension’s Adoration & Mass of Atonement: Friday October 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM Adoration and 7:00 Mass**
- (5) Take an active part in your parish and attend the **VIRTUS training**- this will make you more aware of potentially dangerous situations. Visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) to find out more.