



Church of The Ascension Monthly Insert



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September 2018

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Parish Events

- September 9 Youth of Ascension, High School Religious Formation begins 6pm**
- September 9 Grief Share** New Sessions begin at 6:00pm, contact Steve & Danna 777-8924
- September 9 Divorce Care** New Sessions begin at 6:00pm, contact Kathy Ahearn 495-1886, 411
- September 9 KAIROS** Cookie Recipes distribution—Return cookies Sept. 15-16.
- September 10 & 12 Bishop Barren's Untold Blessings begins Mon. at 7pm or Wed. at 10am.**
- September 16 Newly ordained Deacon Jim Ahearn's** first homily at Sunday Masses with receptions after each Mass, come join in our celebration.
- September 16 Red Cross Blood Drive** in the ACC 8:30am-2:30pm
- September 16 Children's Liturgy of the Word** at 8:45am & 10:30am Masses begins
- September 16 Discovering Christ** begins at 5:00pm, register in the Rel. Ed Office.
- September 16 Catechetical Sunday**, blessing for all Catechists and Formation Leaders
- September 22-23 Knights of Columbus/Ladies Auxiliary Membership Drive**
- September 25 Middle School Religious Formation** begins at 7:00pm
- September 26 Kindergarten -5th grade Religious Formation** begins at either 4:30pm or 6:30pm
- September 27 Church of the Second Chances** begins, 6pm, register with Helen White, 757- 270-8074
- September 27 Landings** Session begins at 7:00pm for returning Catholics, contact Amy Petersen 406-6199

Religious Formation News

Attention all Catechists and Religious Formation Volunteers: Church of the Ascension is hosting the annual regional catechist workshop on September 15 at 8:30am. Our theme is "Encountering the Person of Jesus". Jesus asks us "who do you say I am?" We need to be able to answer this question ourselves before we ask our students to answer it. Contact the Religious Formation Office to register.

Help Needed: Confirmation Sponsors for our teenage confirmation candidates. We need adults who are active in their faith and are willing to share their journey with our high school youth who are preparing for Confirmation. Time commitment is one Saturday per month, participating in a day retreat and attending the Confirmation Celebration. You will also be required to satisfy the Diocesan Safe Environment Requirements-which we will assist you in doing. If interested please contact **Janet Jones jonesj@ascensionvb.org or 757-495-1886 x423.**

Help Needed: A 5th grade catechist for the Wednesday, 4:30pm-5:30pm session for the upcoming Religious Formation year. Time commitment includes preparing lessons. We will provide you with the resources to help with this. You will also be required to satisfy the Diocesan Safe Environment Requirements- which we will assist you in doing. If interested please contact **Mary Bergen-Bish bishm@ascensionvb.org or**

757-495-1886 x425

Help Needed: Adults are needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30am Liturgy. You are dismissed with the children. Lessons and materials are provided for you. Two 6 week commitments from Sept-June. Please contact Kathy Ahearn at **ahearnk@ascensionvb.org or 757-495-1886 x411.**

Welcome

TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Angelita Jose Calvin Buyserie and Lisa Nicholson
Buyserie

Sonny Panaguiton

Thomas Treceno

Suzanne Jackson

Rosellen Benedetto

Roger Lambert

Tracey Joseph, son Ryan Joseph

Gloria Marlang

Benjamin & Mary Ligon, son Dan, daughter Chloe

Benedict & Cristina Aguilar, sons Francis, John

Diane Jackson

FAREWELL TO THOSE WE LOVE in August

Colleen Rink

Ken Castellani

Jerry Olson

May they rest in peace.



Coming up in October... Parish Mission a three day event: October 14, 15 and 16th at 7:00pm

with guest speaker Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Encountering God's Presence through Everyday Stewardship

Practical examples and inspiring insights that encourage us all to look more closely for God in the ordinary moments of our lives and how we can respond back to Him.

Sponsored by: Ascension's Stewardship Committee, Adult Faith Formation Team & New Evangelization Team

Dear. Fr. Daniel, Fr. John and the People of Ascension Parish,

Thank you so much for a wonderful weekend at the Church of the Ascension,
August 11-12

It was so good to see friends and to return to such a warm welcome. You are a wonderful Parish and a blessing to the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

Special thanks for your very generous financial support to Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church in Richmond. I was overwhelmed with your kindness and very generous collection; I believe about \$12, 000. Wow!

We will be able to use the funds to support our new friends, now parishioners, from the Congo. This support will be invaluable.

I was also so happy to see how Fr. John Baab is being so warmly welcomed. It sure reminded me of my early days of priesthood when Ascension started me off on my vocation.

I look forward to being in touch. Please know that you are al in my prayers. Again, thank you for your most generous prayers and financial support.

Blessings,

Fr. Jim Arsenault

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Richmond

Thank You



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

CONGRATULATIONS

Gerard Palmisano - Knight of the Month – July 2018

Chadwick and Jessica Cooper – Family of the Month – July 2018

Angelo Mele – Knights of Columbus Alternate District Nominator to Virginia State Council

Knights support the upcoming events in September and October:

- Sunday, September 9th from 1:30 – 3:00 pm – Altar Server picnic **supporting our dedicated youth serving at Liturgies** – POC for Knights is Chad Cooper
- Sunday, September 16th from 8:30 – 2:00 pm – American Red Cross **Blood Drive** in the ACC – POC is Bruce and Kathy Stevens
- Saturday and Sunday, September 22nd and 23rd - annual Knights' **Membership Drive** – all masses – and Council Potluck Picnic at 1:30pm in Pavilion. Bring a side dish to share; POC for Knights is Glenn Webb, gwebb@webbapps.com
- Thursday, October 25th – 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 – **OPEN TO ALL** – let us know if you need child care during

Building the Domestic Church

“Today, the Knights of Columbus is providentially positioned to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and the family called for by Pope Francis ... What is necessary now is our greater involvement in the renewal of parish and family life.” Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

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>

Ramon Villa, Grand Knight
gk12117vb@gmail.com

Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 12117

September 22-23rd - Membership Drive! Come join us for a worthwhile opportunity to serve our Lord, meet new friends and fellowship while supporting the Knights. For any Christian woman (who does not need to be married to a Knight). Stop by our table and find out more.

A sample of the worthy causes the Ladies Auxiliary's events provide funding for:

- Fall Plant Sale – October 13-14 for our Eileen Hunt Scholarship
- Dessert Sales – Spaghetti Dinner in January & Lenten Fish Fry proceeds from these sales have gone to Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, Bethlehem Monastery of Poor Clares, 100 Easter Baskets for 4KIDS Homeless Shelter and much more.

The Ladies meet the fourth Wednesday of every Month at 7:00pm, preceded by Rosary at 6:15pm. Contact President, Joanne Webb at 495-1886,410 for more information. Like us of Facebook at: St. Teresa Ladies Auxiliary



Bishop Barry C. Knestout's Invitation to the Mass of Atonement for Victims of Abuse

For Immediate Release: August 15, 2018

I am profoundly aware of the hurt and anger the Catholic faithful and the community at large are feeling in light of the recent report of abuse by Church leadership and now with the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report on abuse in the Church. Those revelations further erode trust in Church leaders and in the Church as a whole. I am praying for all who have been abused.

Our Church — especially its bishops — must continually seek forgiveness for our failures from those who have suffered as a result of those failures.

To open ourselves to the grace we need to overcome this scourge upon our Church, we must prayerfully seek healing and reconciliation with all who have been hurt. As a step in this process, I am inviting the faithful to come and pray with me for all victims of abuse at a Mass of Atonement, Friday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond.

We will pray for all victims of abuse, express sorrow for the failure of Church leaders, seek forgiveness for our sins, and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the ongoing healing of the People of God.

During the seven months I have been bishop, I have asked for a review of the process and procedures currently in place for reporting and responding to all abuse. I am encouraged by the work of our Diocesan Review Board, a committee of lay and clergy members who have assisted our diocese for the last 16 years, in assessing accusations of child abuse and the suitability for ministry of the accused.

I am firmly committed, as Bishop of the Richmond Diocese, to addressing accusations of abuse quickly and transparently. Be assured, we will continue to make protection of the most vulnerable a priority in our parishes, schools and throughout our diocese.

From: His Excellency, the Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout

The Mass will be live streaming from the Cathedral on the diocesan website at 7:00pm, Friday, September 14th. Please join your fellow brother and sister Catholics in our diocese and watch at <https://richmonddiocese.org>.

As per requested by the Bishop, Ascension will not be celebrating a Mass of Atonement on that day. Perhaps at a future day we will have the Mass. The 9:15am Mass on the 14th will be the regular daily Mass celebrating the *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*.

The Bishop wishes to have only the Cathedral offer the *Mass of Atonement* as a symbolic gesture for the entire diocese.