

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Roman Catholic Community since 1932

24 December 2017

## Fourth Sunday of Advent



### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

31 December 2017

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14 or Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

Psalms 105: 1-6, 8-9

Colossians 3: 12-21 or Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

Luke 2: 22-40

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7 January 2018

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

#### CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST / MASS:

Occasionally due to funerals or other unforeseen and extraordinary events, even sometimes at the very last minute, the schedule may have to be modified. Please contact the parish office to make certain.

Tuesday—Friday: 9:00 AM

NOTE: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday / 5 January 9:00 PM Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Holy Days: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

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**SCHEDULE CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE POSTED AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE. CHECK FREQUENTLY AND CHECK OFTEN.**



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[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

for when you're on vacation, and Sunday Mass still matters

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday Evening: 4:00 until 4:40 PM, or by appointment

**Rosary:** Friday: 9:45 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday: 10:00 AM-7:00 PM

#### The Prayer Tree:

Call (540) 949-7611 or (540) 221-4162 for special prayer requests

**Pastoral Care:** Please contact the Parish Office if you are aware of parishioners who are in the hospital or are sick, frail, or grieving at home, or in area rehab, convalescent or retirement facilities.

#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**We strive to Proclaim the Gospel & to Love One Another  
... RIGHT HERE ... RIGHT NOW.**

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**Parish Office Hours:** Monday through Friday 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

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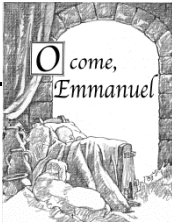




**PARISH INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** In the event of inclement weather during the week, we follow the Waynesboro School System closings. If the city schools are closed due to the weather, the Parish Office will be closed and Eucharistic Adoration will be cancelled (if it is a Friday). On Sundays, Christian Formation cancellations are called into WHSV channel 3 and can also be found by calling Michele Kresge's voice mail box at (540) 932-1527.

A warm welcome to all worshipping with us today. If you need a Worship Guide, please ask an usher.




**Please note: children 12 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult to the restroom during Mass or any church event!**

**"BE IT DONE UNTO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD."** Obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer.  
 If you think God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, Contact Fr. Father Michael Boehling,  
 Delegate for Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or [mboehling@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:mboehling@richmonddiocese.org).



DEC 23 SATURDAY	DEC 24 SUNDAY	DEC 25 MONDAY	DEC 26 TUESDAY	DEC 27 WEDNESDAY	DEC 28 THURSDAY	DEC 29 FRIDAY	DEC 30 SATURDAY
5:00 PM † Ken Kramer	8:30 AM People of the Parish 11:30 AM † Elizabeth Welsh 5:00 PM † Mary, Stanley, & Brian Kalendek 12:00 AM People of the Parish	10:00 AM † Mary Nemeyer  	NO MASS <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	NO MASS 	NO MASS	NO MASS 	5:00 PM † Donald Purstell
6:30—8:00 AM, CA Men with a Mission 4:00—4:40 PM, CH Confessions 6:30 PM, SC Las Posadas	10:00—11:05 AM, OA Breaking Open the Word 	3:00 PM, CA. St. John's hosts WARM (Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry) December 26—January 2			9:45 AM—12:00 PM, FR Centering Prayer 9:45 AM—12:00 PM, CA Clothes Closet 	9:30 AM, CA Food Pantry	6:30—8:00 AM, CA Men with a Mission 4:00—4:40 PM, CH Confessions

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Laura Bednarski, Judy Boyd, Leona Brown, Donna Charles, Judy Charles, Sandra Cooper, Bertha Dantoni, Ruth Anne Duckworth, Joanne Hartnett, Gertrude Hughes, Tammy Humphreys, Angie Kessler, Tony Lisi, Joe Mahalak, Jackie Meadows, Donald Narducci, Diane Neuwirth, Ed Noonan, Carol Pardee, Mark Psujek, Peggy Vruels, Ruth Ann Wheeler; **DECEASED:** Chet Campbell, Bill Hatzell, Marie Rowell, Anita Thacker; **HOMEBOUND:** Sam Scott, Francis Webb; **IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY:** Sr. Airman Michael Brown US Airforce, LCPL Aric Decker, Lt. Christopher Farkas USN, Sgt. David Grennan US Army, Maj. David Hildebrand US Army, Christopher Kennedy, Jimmy Negrete, Maj. Shawn Pardee, Maj. Benjamin Sprouse, Lt. Megan Piotrowski USN, Lt. David Piotrowski USNR, and all who go unnamed.

DEC 31 SUNDAY	JAN 1 MONDAY	JAN 2 TUESDAY	JAN 3 WEDNESDAY	JAN 4 THURSDAY	JAN 5 FRIDAY	JAN 6 SATURDAY	JAN 7 SUNDAY
8:30 AM † Dolores Manzo 11:30 AM People of the Parish	10:00 AM People of the Parish	NO MASS	9:00 AM † James Allen	9:00 AM † Richard Crotty	9:00 AM Sister Agnes Mary of the Good Shepherd *First Profession	5:00 PM People of the Parish	8:30 AM † Bob Berrang 11:30 AM † George Mitchell
10:00—11:05 AM, OA Breaking Open the Word 		6:30—8:30 PM, OA English Classes		9:45 AM—12:00 PM, FR Centering Prayer 9:45 AM—12:00 PM, CA Clothes Closet 7:00 PM, CA Cub Scouts 	9:30 AM, CA Food Pantry 10:00 AM—7:00 PM, CH Eucharistic Adoration	6:30—8:00 AM, CA Men with a Mission 10:00 AM—1:00 PM, OA Bereavement Committee meeting 2:00—5:00 PM, FR VIRTUS 4:00—4:40 PM, CH Confessions	10:00—11:05 AM, OA Breaking Open the Word 10:00—11:15 AM, SC & FR Youth Christian Formation 



**SAVE THE DATE!** Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Cafeteria! **RACE and FAITH:** Lessons from Charlottesville. Join us as we explore the theological and ethical issues confronting Catholics in response to the evil of racism in today's world. Dr. Nichole M. Flores, a Catholic theologian at UVA, will present the Church's teaching to start the conversation about how we might respond personally and morally. A panel of parishioners will follow with a discussion about our response to the challenge of the sin of racism; then, audience questions and a wider discussion. We hope you will join us in the conversation!

**KNITTERS, CROCHETERS, OR NOT;** the Clothes Closet is in need of hats and scarves for men, women, and children.



**THANK YOU** to Nancy Carter, Linda Hynes, and Sharon Wells for preparing the lovely lunch for our Confirmation Candidate/Parent meeting that took place on December 3. The soups, sandwiches, and dessert were wonderful!

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 25— DECEMBER 30, 2017

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 • **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Isaiah 52:7-10 • Psalm 98:1-6 • Hebrews 1:1-6 • John 1:1—18

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 • **ST. STEPHEN**

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 • Psalm 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17 • Matthew 10:17—22

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 • **ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST**

1 John 1:1-4 • Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 • John 20:1—8

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 • **THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

1 John 1:5—2:2 • Psalm 124:2-5, 7-8 • Matthew 2:13-18

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 • 1 John 2:3—11 • Psalm 96:1-3, 5-6 • Luke 2:22—35

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 • 1 John 2:12—17 • Psalm 96:7-10 • Luke 2:36-40



**4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT, JUSTICE CHALLENGE:** In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the angel inviting Mary to become the mother of the Messiah. Mary worries about doing this without breaking her promises to God. The angel replies with the story of Elizabeth being with child even though she was beyond the age of child-bearing. The angel says, "... for nothing will be impossible for God." Your challenge this week is to bring the Good News of Jesus and his message of possibilities to someone who has been weighed down by darkness or despair—due to illness, financial stress, relationship problems, or whatever. As a family, choose one person—or a family—who needs you to remind them that with God, nothing is impossible. How can you help "liberate" this person or family from whatever is keeping them from living a free and full life?

*Weekly Justice Challenges Winter season, Year B ©Center for Ministry Development, 2017*

### FAITH FORMATION QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO AÑO B, LUCAS 1:26—38

**Children:** Is there something hard you need to do this week? What might make it easier?

**Adults:** How do you open your heart to what God wants for you? How do you follow the pathway that leads to happiness?

**Niños:** ¿Hay algo difícil que tienes que hacer esta semana? ¿Que lo podría hacer más fácil?

**Adultos** ¿Cómo abres tu corazón lo que Dios pide para ti? ¿Como sigues el camino que lleva a la felicidad?

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B, LUKE 1:26—38

### LA FORMACIÓN DE LA FE PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 1— JANUARY 6, 2018

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 • **MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

Numbers 6:22-27 • Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 • Galatians 4:4-7 • Luke 2:16-21

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 • 1 John 2:22—28 • Psalm 98:1-4 • John 1:19—28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 • 1 John 2:29—3:6 • Psalm 98:1, 3-6 • John 1:29-34

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 • 1 John 3:7-10 • Psalm 98:1, 7-9 • John 1:35—42

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 • 1 John 3:11—21 • Psalm 100:1-5 • John 1:43—51

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 • 1 John 5:5—13 • Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20 • Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23—38



**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, JUSTICE CHALLENGE:** One of the most beautiful messages of Christmas is that of peace. The Old Testament prophets put their hope in a Messiah who would bring peace to a war-torn world. And Jesus did that. In the Incarnation, we experience God's desire for all human persons, all families and communities, and all of creation (even lions and lambs) to live in harmony with each other. The angels proclaimed "peace on earth, goodwill to all" at Jesus' birth. Your challenge during this Christmas Season is to be a person of peace in your actions, words, and thoughts. Can you make it through the week without starting any fights or arguing with your family or co-workers? Can you share quiet moments of conversation instead of frantically running here and there? Can you rest peacefully in God's arms in your prayer time? What are ways you can be peace-makers instead of peace-breakers in your relationships during this special time of year?

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### FAITH FORMATION QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESUS, MARIA Y JOSE AÑO B, LUCAS 2:22—40

**Children:** What family member needs your compassion and kindness right now?

**Adults:** How do your family members know that you are a compassionate person?



**Niños:** ¿Cuáles miembros de tu familia necesitan tu compasión y amabilidad en este momento?

**Adultos:** ¿Como saben tus familiares que tú eres una persona compasiva?

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR B, LUKE 2:22—40

### LA FORMACIÓN DE LA FE PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING SESSION** has been rescheduled to Saturday, January 6 at 2:00 PM in the O'Brien Family Room. Learn how to help care for and protect young people and vulnerable adults among us. It is the call of ALL the baptized to care for and protect God's children. Learn how you can be a part of God's plan. Register at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) or call the Parish Office for assistance.



**CONFIRMATION PREP** will begin on Sunday, January 21 in the O'Brien Family Room immediately following the 11:30 AM Mass. Please establish your "Called to Mercy" accounts and complete Modules 1-3 before that date.

**LUNCHES NEED!** Show your support for our Confirmation candidates and their families by helping prepare lunch! Candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation will gather on Sundays; January 21, February 25, March 18, and April 22. We will need lunch for 20 candidates and their catechists. Please contact Michele Kresge if you are able to help.

**OUR FIRST SESSION FOR FIRST EUCHARIST PREP** will take place on Saturday January 27 at 2:00 PM in the cafeteria.

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD.** "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." Join us every Sunday from 10:00—11:05 AM. We invite you to explore with us the Word and how it dwells with us in our lives. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and great fellowship and discussion are available to any adult who wishes to participate.

**TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA),** St. John's Christian Initiation for Adults is year round and tailored to each individual's needs. Please contact Fr. Rolo or Jeanne Branch if you wish to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic and joining our parish community. We look forward to assisting you on your faith journey! Don't wait ... we will get you started on your journey whenever you are ready.



**BE MY WITNESS.** The second phase of Be My Witness, our dynamic small group faith-forming communities will begin in January. Each existing group is establishing its schedule based on the needs of the participants. If anyone missed joining a group in the fall and wishes to participate now, please contact Jeanne Branch at (434) 825-5436 for more information. You will be warmly welcomed!

**THE CENTER FOR MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND LIFE IS HOSTING A RESPECT LIFE ESSAY AND VIDEO CONTEST!**

This year's theme is "Humanae Vitae ... 50 years later." The contest invites participants to Reflect on a recent cultural experience such as the 50 Shades of Grey series, 13 Reasons Why, or any relevant cultural event or movement from the last year. Then, put that event or idea in conversation with a selected passage from the 1968 encyclical Humanae Vitae and ask: "How does the Church stand as a sign of contradiction today?" Grades 7-12 and college age students are encouraged to participate in the contest by developing the theme in a video and submitting online. High School students have the additional opportunity to participate in an essay contest developing the theme in 500 words or less. All entries should be submitted to the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life by January 15, 2018. Award amounts between \$50 - \$500 will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Middle School, High School, and College. For all the information, guidelines, and submission details visit [www.cdrcmfl.org/respectlife/respectlifecontest/](http://www.cdrcmfl.org/respectlife/respectlifecontest/). Questions can be directed to [cmfl@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:cmfl@richmonddiocese.org) or (804) 622-5109.

**THE MARCH FOR LIFE** is January 18-19, 2018. The Office for Evangelization sponsors an annual Diocesan-wide delegation to the annual March for Life in Washington DC. The March for Life marks the anniversary of the landmark 1973 decision of the Supreme Court in Roe vs. Wade which makes abortion legal in the United States. The delegation is primarily intended for middle and high school youth, campus ministry students, and young adults. This is a two-day pilgrimage where participants attend the "Live is VERY Good" evening of prayer hosted by Ennie Hickman, Hawk Nelson, Ben Walther Band, and Fr. James Searby. Participants stay overnight in Northern Virginia and then participate in the morning "Life is VERY Good" youth rally (featuring Sr. Miriam Heidland, SOLT) and Mass before traveling by bus to the March for Life in downtown Washington DC. The cost is \$50 for Youth Participants (ages 11-17), \$25 for College students, and \$65 for adult chaperones. We will NOT know our Thursday departure time until January 15 when the Diocesan bus routes will be established based on those who are attending. Contact Michele Kresge for additional information. Registration forms are available from your catechists or Christian Formation Office.



Fr. Augustin admires the table runner made by St. John's sewing ministry. It says "Men anpil chay pa lou" (Many hands make the load lighter)

**ST. ANTHONY HOUSE AND FOOD PROGRAM/ST. ANTHONY HOUSE BUILDING PROJECT.**

Fr. Augustin and the people of St. Louis Parish in Pointe-a-Raquette, LaGonave, Haiti send their wishes and blessings for the Christmas season. They are ever so grateful to the people of St. John's who are helping to feed and shelter the poorest of the poor. When we were in Haiti discussing the possibility of building a new St. Anthony House, we asked if others would be jealous if the new house was better than what most parishioners had. The parish council members replied that the poor deserved dignity and had lived in such poor conditions that they deserved a better place. Thank you for helping to make this a reality in the coming year. If you wish to make a special year-end donation, or want to contribute every month, please drop a clearly marked envelope in the offertory collection, or online at [www.stjohnnevan.com](http://www.stjohnnevan.com).

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** now have year round storage space available for any treasures you wish to donate to their fabulous annual yard sale. Please contact Kevin Philbin or the parish office to arrange a pick up.

