



DECEMBER 6/7, 2014
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Breviary Week II – p. 111

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Helen Wills

REMEMBER THE SICK: Donna Boyle Amadio, Karen Anderson, Mary Bachu, Daniel Baggerly, Ryan Ball, Ed Bano, Bob Bishton, Donna Borsellino, Joey Bohanon, Millie Bowers, Cynthia Bowser, James Boyd, Evon Brown, Ann Cagigas, John Carney, Bina Chandra, Marie Cherney, Hilary Cohen, Robert Colaizzi, Elia Cuomo, Joan Dalo, Judy DeMonaco, Paula Dunkum, Kathryn Edmonston, David Edwards, Morgan Eller, Brendan Feely, Sarah Flumerfelt, David Green, Bob Gunter, Carol Hall, Pat Harney, Tim Hayes, Neil Hawley, Carol Henley, Kenneth Halloway IV, Mary Gerarde Hood, Candi Hubbard, Charles Jarrett, June Jennings, Mary Ann Johansen, Cindy Johnson, Kathy Jordan, Christopher Kelch, Shannon Kelch, John Kiernan, Amelia Koffman, Kathy Kohlstrand, Kathy Powers Krahlung, Tina Krahlung, Ann Lambert, Bill Laslo, Mark Libaers, Tony Liene, Nancy Light, Thomas List, Logan MacArthur, Pedro Maisonave, Patrick McCarthy, Bunnie McCledden, Debbie Merritt, Ernest Owens, Kevin Pigg, Paul Rambala, Betty Rehpelz, Harriet Robinson, Melissa Rozella, Frank Ryan, Paul Sclafani, Irene Shenasky, Sara Shenasky, Melody Smith, Pam Smith, Judy Spadaro, Bob Speaker, Barbara Stein, Jean Strangways, Tass Tucker, Maggie Tusmshi, Amy Underwood, Jacob Underwood, Patricia Flower Vermillion, Ryan Waddington, Ken Watson, Kevin Wein, Gene Wells, Oliver Wesolowski, Larry Williams, Fran Winn, Lena Wolff, Ron Wyles, Amelia Zentz

PRAYER REQUESTS: Sandy Aichinger, Brianna Alessandro, Vickie Alley, Bruno Baggio, Lumen Barbero, Ann Benegar, Paul Berger, Jack Boyd, Rose Brumley, Bob C., Mark Callahan, Donna Christman, Joseph Cianci, Jack Donahue, Joe Finn, Lorraine Forrer, Steven Lee Forrer, Alivia Grace Furr, Michelle Germano, Joan Geroe, Christina Gordon, Katie Gordon, Jill Haddox, Shelly Hanna, Richard Hegg, Blanche Henry, Ursula Hinkleman, Michelle & Jordan Jackson, Shannon Jennings, Theresa Lee, Nancy Loy, Maryann Lumley, Taccarra Mack, Mary Magoon, Jim Mahoney, Pedro Maisonave, Clara Marini, Maria McDonald, Michael McGrath, Bruce McKenna, John Meier, John Murphy, Robert Norbeck, Maria Oakes, Maureen Palmer, Patrick Parnell, Melissa Perkinson, Sandy Piscatelli, Monsignor Bill Pitt, Irma Reagan, Brad Richards, Fr. Michael Rigley, Paul Anthony Ross, George Louis Ross, Danny Santos, Colleen Seavey, Maria Sherman, Susan Smith, Barbara Stone, Dianna Stookey, Betty Taylor, Paul Valentine, Ryder Waddington, Margaret Walker, Linda Weed, Lena Wolff, Susy Wood, Lin Goodwin Yopp

PRAYERLINE REQUESTS:

Please call the Parish Office at 481-5702.



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 – Advent II

Giving Tree Up
 K of C Christmas Card Sale
 Finance Council available to
 answer questions (after the Masses)
 Rite of Acceptance – RCIA (at 8:15 Mass)
 CF Advent Wreath Workshop 9:30 a.m.
 RCIA 9:30 a.m.
 K of C Christmas Party (offsite) 12:15 p.m.
 Immaculate Conception Filipino Mass 3:00 p.m.
 (Fiesta Reception following)
 Girl Scout Junior Troop #442 3:00 p.m.
 Girl Scout Junior Troop #293 3:00 p.m.
 Christian Formation LifeTeen 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception Mass 9:00 a.m.
 The Chosen Ministry Gathering (off site) 6:00 p.m.
 Bible Study (Timeline) 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Women's Faith Sharing Group 10:00 a.m.
 Haiti Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Alzheimer's Support Group 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

J.O.Y. Club 11:00 a.m.
 Environmental Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m.
 Rosary 6:30 p.m.
 Family Addiction Education
 Support Group (FAESP) 6:30 p.m.
 Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m.
 Parish Advent Reconciliation Service 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Just Faith (Belonging) 6:30 p.m.
 Bible Study (Acts) 7:00 p.m.
 Christmas Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Bible Study (Acts) 9:30 a.m.
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9:45 a.m.
 Day School Christmas Music Program 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

“Pizza With Santa” Youth Fund Raiser (after Mass)
 Giving Tree Gifts due this weekend
 K of C Christmas Card Sale



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Immaculate Conception – Monday, December 8:

Janet Walter Dziuba by Margie Garcia-Garrett

Tuesday, December 9: Moe Moran by The Moran Family

Wednesday, December 10: Sister Helen

by Ann & Don Wilson

Thursday, December 11: Morning Prayer

Friday, December 12: Lois Brezina by John & Jean Trotter

Saturday, December 13: Caroline & Joseph Dandry

Sunday, December 14: 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners;

11:00 a.m.: Bryan Macleod by Bonnie Macleod



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, December 7: *Second Sunday of Advent:*

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday, December 8: *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America:* Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 9: *San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (USA):*

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 10: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 11: *Saint Damasus I, pope:*

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13b; Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 12: *Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA):*

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:9a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 3:18bc,19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday, December 13: *Saint Lucy, virgin, martyr:*

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a,10-13

Sunday, December 14: *Third Sunday of Advent:*

Is 61:1-2a,10-11 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

PARISH COUNCIL: Rick Paradiso, Chair; Greg Brown, Co-Chair; Laurie Steentofte, Secretary; Brian Alexander; Joe Kelly; Julianna Luecke (Youth Representative); Richard Serpe; Todd Solomon; Kathy Staskin; Gwen Stinard; Fr. Gaudy.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Andy Ward, Chairperson; Joy Bixler, Vice-Chairperson; Nancy White, Secretary; Steve Ambrose, Andy McClaskey, Terry McElroy, Fr. Gaudy.

NEW EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET): Mike McCormick and Kathy Staskin, Co-Chairpersons; Mike DeJaeger, Shannan LePage, Elizabeth Panchik, Tom Rumely; Dean Schleicher; Steve Winter, Fr. Gaudy.

2015 MISSALS are now available in the Parish Office for \$3.70.

DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE: Overall, the Diocese has raised \$2,204,254.00 which puts us at 86% of our goal of \$2,575,079.00. 263 families at Holy Family have donated \$58,125.00, which puts us at 130.65% of our parish goal of \$44,490.00.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Budget 2014/2015 is \$1,115,584.00. This includes Schools Parish Sharing Assessment of \$71,674.00

Our total offertory to date is 38% - \$431,846.02.

For November 22/23, the weekly offertory total was \$14,399.00.

For November 29/30, the weekly offertory total was \$17,804.00.

Holy Family Operating Fund: \$90,850.22

Social Ministry/Food Pantry: \$57,069.02

Haiti Fund: \$86,015.04

Capital Reserve: \$102,567.16

Columbarium Loan is Paid

SCHEDULE OF PARISH ADVENT

RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

- December 9 Star of the Sea
- **DECEMBER 10** **HOLY FAMILY**
- December 11 St. Luke
- December 16 Holy Spirit
- December 17 St. Nicholas
- December 18 St. John

Note: All services are at 7:00 p.m.

Note: There will not be 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation on the following Saturdays: December 6, December 13, and December 20.



BULLETIN: The deadline for bulletin notices is Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Please submit to Carla, the Parish Secretary. Any inserts will need to be digital as everything is emailed to the publishing company.

NOTE: Because the Printing company will be closed during Christmas and New Year's, the deadline for the bulletins for December 20/21, December 27/28, and January 3/4 is Monday, December 15, at 9:30 a.m.

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF OUR YOUNGEST

PARISHIONERS: Help us make the Holy Family Cooperative Nursery a reality! Please consider donating one hour each month during Mass to serve in our nursery. Parents who use the nursery for their children during Mass will also take turns staffing the nursery. To learn more, e-mail hfevangelization@gmail.com. Thank you.



Holy Family Day School – The Advent Season:

As we all prepare our homes and hearts for one of the most joyous times of the year, we are mindful of how difficult it can be to remain patient. Patience is the Character Trait of the Month at the Day School in December. We often need to pray for the ability to maintain our patience with our children and other family members. As Fr. Gaudy spoke to us last week, time is relative. While we are young, time seems to stretch on and on. It is only when we have lived long enough to look back on the past that we see how very quickly time passes. When we lose our patience we waste precious time in worry and anger that we are unable to regain. Let's all try to think about the way we react to others during this chilly month and pray that the quiet calm of peace fills our hearts rather than the anxious feeling of racing to December 25.

Holy Family Day School enrollment is fantastic this year. The 3-year-old, 4-year-old, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten classes are brimming with enthusiastic and energetic students. Our Young 3-year-old classes are growing not only intellectually and socially, but their numbers are increasing as well! We do still have room for a few more students who are at least 30 months old. Call today at 481-1180 to schedule a tour!

Found: We still have not heard from the owner of several Alex and Ani charm bracelets. If they belong to you, please contact Laurie Powers at the Day School Office to claim them.

O Christmas Music Program: Our Annual Christmas Music Program will be held this Friday, December 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Room. All are welcome to enjoy this 1/2 hour preschool singing program.

2015 BAPTISM CLASSES AND DATES

Class: Thursday, January 15, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Baptism Date: Sunday, January 18 – 11:00 a.m. Mass

Class: Thursday, April 16, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Baptism Date: Sunday, April 26 – 11:00 a.m. Mass

CATECHISTS NEEDED: Our Christian Formation Classes are in need of a **First Grade catechist and a Fifth Grade co-catechist**. Do you have a love of the Catholic faith and a desire to work with children in helping plant the seeds of their faith development? Then this is the ministry for you! Please contact Tiffany in the Parish Office if you are interested in this exciting and rewarding ministry. Christian Formation classes meet on Sunday mornings between the Masses (9:30-10:30 a.m.). VIRTUS training, background check, Pathways training, and occasional catechist meetings are required.



GOLDEN SENIORS NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 15, 10:00 a.m.
in the Family Room
(Everyone is invited to attend.)

NO SENIOR MEETING IN DECEMBER

The Holy Family Golden Seniors' Staff and Committee members wish everyone peace and joy for Christmas and throughout the coming year!!!

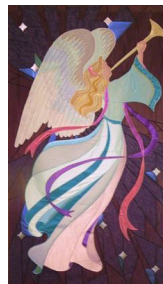
Remember ~ Chances are you are a senior if you have learned by experience that "How much we enjoy what we have is more important than how much we have. It is the capacity to enjoy life that brings contentment."

Honor our Veterans and fly the flag for Pearl Harbor Day!

Need more info? Check our website
(<http://hfgoldenseniorsvb.com>)

CHECK IT OUT: Look at what we have been learning!

Each month, a different class from our elementary Christian Formation classes will be displaying a poster to share what they have been discussing/learning in their class. Please take a moment to check out the posters in the Family Room.



GIVING TREE:

Thank you for supporting the Giving Tree again this year! Our tree is up. Please return your gifts by noon on Sunday, December 14. You can place your gifts under the tree.

Again thank you! Should you have any questions, please send an email to livinbch@aol.com or you can call 615-1771.

The Giving Tree Committee

MARY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER:

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* starting **January 4, 2015, between the Masses**. This is a powerful 6-week study. Registration forms can be found on the parish website, at the Parish Office reception desk, or in the Family Room. Cost for this program is \$20.00. Please contact Tiffany in the Parish Office or email DRE@holyfamilyvb.org if you have any questions.



BAMBINELLI SUNDAY:

During the 3rd Sunday of Advent, families in Italy travel to Rome and bring their baby Jesus figurines from their Nativities. During that Sunday's noon Angelus, the Pope blesses the figurines as well as the children and families that are gathered. This is called "Bambinelli Sunday." "The blessing of the Bambinelli – as they are called in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secret of true joy"

Italian Nativity scenes are much more elaborate and filled with scenes of daily life within a village (women carrying water jugs, washing clothes, children playing, market place where things are sold, etc.) The concept is that Jesus came in the midst of our busy lives. This serves to remind us that Jesus is not in the past but lives with us today and enters into the midst of our busy lives!

This year, Holy Family will be celebrating **Bambinelli Sunday next Sunday, December 14. We are asking that all children (and adults) bring their baby Jesus figurines from their Nativity scenes to Mass on December 14.** After the homily, Fr. Gaudy will bless the figurines, children, and everyone. This will occur at the 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Advent and joyous Christmas!

Peace,
Tiffany Watson
Director of Religious Education



ATTENTION, PARENTS:

The Christian Formation Nursery (between the Masses, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.) is in need of more volunteers for this important ministry. Please consider giving of your time to watch our youngest members for the Christian Formation hour. All volunteers will be scheduled on a rotating basis. Teens are welcome but there must be at least one adult present with the teen. Background check and VIRTUS training required. Please contact Tiffany in the Parish Office for more information.

Please Note: The nursery is not to be used as child care unless the parent is a catechist, attending a specified parent meeting, or participating in the between the Masses Adult Formation programs.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS: "He will feed his flock like a shepherd." If God may be calling you to nourish His people as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life, call Father Michael Boehling at 804-359-5661 or e-mail at mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.

SAVE THE DATE – HEARTS ON FIRE MINI-RETREAT: Church of the Holy Family is planning a free mini-retreat for January 18-20, 2015. The theme of the retreat is developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, in keeping with Year One of the Plan for New Evangelization. The three-day event will include evening programs on Sunday and Monday, and a morning program on Tuesday. Fr. Mike Renninger from St. Mary's in Richmond will be the presenter.



NEW EVANGELIZATION NOTES

Are you looking for a holiday gift for that special someone who has everything? Check out these Catholic resources for a variety of options.

- From Word on Fire – Fr. Robert Barron (www.wordonfire.org): A variety of CDs and downloads are available for purchase.
- Lighthouse Catholic Media (www.lighthousecatholicmedia.com) has four "club" options including, Book or MP3 download of the month club, Truth Be Told – Young Adult MP3 download and Free Military MP3 download. You can order individual CDs or books on a variety of topics.
- Additional resources: www.ascensionpress.com; dynamiccatholic.com.

Save the Date: Feast of the Holy Family Celebration, December 27, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Art & Theology: A Discussion with Msgr. Mark R. Lane: On December 10, the cluster parishes of Portsmouth and Chesapeake will host Msgr. Lane for a discussion of "Art & Theology" at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection, 3501 Cedar Lane, Portsmouth, VA 23703.

All are welcome and childcare will be provided. Light refreshments will be served afterward. Contact Shaylyn Baker for more details at 757-484-7335 or atadulthood@clusterparishes.com.

THE HOLIDAYS AND GRIEVING . . . ARE THEY INCOMPATIBLE?? CERTAINLY NOT, NOT AT ALL!!

In a very real sense the holidays are filled with a mix of feelings of all kinds. FACT: Denying these feelings will probably only cause you more problems . . . FACT: The highest rate of suicides occur between Christmas and New Year's! If you would like to discover a HEALTHIER way of acknowledging your own loss, and then be able to celebrate the Holiday Season in a HEALTHY manner, Chaplain Jim Fedor will be offering a HOLIDAY GRIEF WORKSHOP at Holy Family on Thursday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. Questions may be addressed to Jim Fedor at 481-5702. There is no charge for the workshop.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We served our neighbors last weekend and now our Food Pantry shelves are bare. Please help us restock by bringing any of the following: **Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti, Coffee, Tea, Canned Tuna, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat (including Stew and Chili), Canned Soup, Boxed Potatoes, Rice Mixes, Macaroni & Cheese, Cereal, Pancake Syrup, and Pancake Mix.**



We also distribute fresh fruit and baked goods on Food Pantry Saturdays. Please contact Mike DeJaeger at michael.dejaeger@navy.mil if you would like to supply fresh fruit or baked goods to our neighbors in need.

JUSTICE AND PEACE SOCIAL MINISTRIES

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: “I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Have you invited the Holy Spirit into your marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are February 20/22, 2015, in Herndon, or April 17/19, 2015, in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, visit our website at www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org or contact us at 757-483-3209 or applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org.



The couple who received assistance in helping to pay this month's rent is eternally grateful to the parishioners of Holy Family for their caring kindness.

God Bless and Thank You!

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER OF TIDEWATER

is a Christ-centered organization with a calling to reach out to women and families involved in crisis-related pregnancies by offering real help for the present, hope for the future, and healing from the past. In the past decade, an average of more than 8,000 abortions have been performed each year in South Hampton Roads. This means for every two babies born, one will lose its life to abortion. More lives are lost to abortion than any other cause of death. Crisis Pregnancy Center exists to save lives, spare hearts and further the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They want their clients to know that they genuinely care and have no financial gain from their pregnancy decision. Crisis Pregnancy Center raises all financial support for their ministry through private funding.



is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Please join us as we pray in front of Planned Parenthood on Newtown Road on **Thursdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** For more information, e-mail or call Mary Sorrentino at mmsorrentino@gmail.com or 757-481-0766.



CHILDBIRTH CLASSES:

A parishioner who is Lamaze Certified and a Registered Nurse is providing childbirth preparation classes at Holy Family. Class content includes pregnancy changes, labor signs and stages, relaxation and comfort techniques, medical procedures, and birth stories. Videos/handouts will be available. Please e-mail Charlotte Zeiders at cwzeiders@gmail.com or call 703-795-8874 for more information and to register. There is no fee.

COLUMBARIUM: There are Columbarium niches available. The cost is \$2,000.00 for a double niche. Contact Terry McElroy at 481-5702.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS: Thanks to your generosity and support, we were able to distribute 84 Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets to those in need.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



THE GREATER HAMPTON ROADS DIAPER

BANK distributes diapers free to 30 plus partners in the cities of Newport News, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Suffolk who work with those in need. We currently receive requests from those agencies for 90,000 diapers a month and are only able to fill about 20,000 a month. Individuals can donate by contacting cher@ghrdiaperbank.org or by phone at 757-472-8934.



“CARE FOR OUR EARTH”

Have you noticed the small banner hanging on a pole in the church's commons area? It's located on a pole in the corner to your right as you enter the front doors having a small table in front on which there are 3 sea shells. This beautiful, artistic banner was awarded to Holy Family Parish for our participation in Lynnhaven River Now's Pearl Faith Community program. About a year ago, the director of this program, Pam Northam, approached our parish Environmental Committee to invite Holy Family to be one of 5 local churches piloting this new venture. The Committee was interested and the Parish Council gave its approval. The Pearl Faith Community program assists faith communities in becoming a green church, where the facilities and grounds would be more environmentally friendly. This program provides access to resources, consultations and materials for various environmental improvements. Currently, the parish is having an energy audit conducted to learn what steps can be taken to save energy in the operation of our facilities. Another example would be a Preschool vegetable garden in which consultation and materials were provided. The program has been successful and at this point has expanded to include other churches. The banner is a sign that Holy Family Parish is moving towards becoming a green church!

Ed Marroni (587-4887)

Holy Family Parish Environmental Committee