



DECEMBER 24/25, 2016
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
(CHRISTMAS)

Breviary Week I – p. 37

PRAY FOR: Danilo Amano, Diedre Barnes and Family, John Carney, John Dunn, Bill Ernest, Brendan Feely, Pat Ferguson, The Ginley Family, Joan Geroe, Charlotte Hauck, Joan Holthaus, Mary Hood, Alfredo LasMarias, Connie Loschi, Lou Lucente, Thomas Lyver, Joanne McClellan, Connor McGrath, Bernard McNamara, Debbie Merritt, Chuck Moore, Maria Oakes, Suzette Pillow, Ryan Piotti, Margie Sanders, Paul Sclafani, Ruby Tillie, Tonya Trimble, Bonnie Volker, Martin White, Reggie Wyles, Ron Wyles

If you need prayers for you or your family members, please contact the Parish Office at 481-5702. These names will be in the bulletin for three months before being removed again. *“Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will.” Mark 11:24*

PRAYERLINE REQUESTS:

Please call the Parish Office at 481-5702.



- Monday, December 26:** No Morning Prayer
- Tuesday, December 27:** No Mass
- Wednesday, December 28:** Janet Dzitka by Margie Garcia-Garet
- Thursday, December 29:** Mary Pozniak by Connie Loschi
- Friday, December 30:** Bryan MacLeod by Bonnie MacLeod
- Saturday, December 31:** Ginny and Larry McGovern by Ruthie Forehand
- Sunday, January 1:** 8:15 a.m.: Michael Morris by Renee & Al Schlect; 11:00 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day – Mass at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Office Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

J.O.Y. Club	11:00 am
Rosary	6:30 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

KofC Officers’ Meeting	7:00 pm
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Food Pantry Packing	9:30 am
Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:45 am

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Food Pantry Distribution	7:00 am
Reconciliation	4:30pm
Feast of the Holy Family Celebration (after 5:30 Mass)	

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year’s Day – Mass at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Sunday, December 25:** *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):* Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Monday, December 26:** *Saint Stephen, the first martyr:* Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-8b, 16bc,17; Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday, December 27:** *Saint John, apostle, evangelist:* 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday, December 28:** *The Holy Innocents, martyrs:* 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday, December 29:** *Saint Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr:* 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Friday, December 30:** *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:* Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Saturday, December 31:** *Saint Sylvester I, pope:* 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Sunday, January 1:** *The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:* Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

2017 BAPTISM CLASSES AND DATES**Class: Thursday, January 19, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.****Baptism Date: Sunday, January 29 – 11:00 a.m. Mass****Class: Thursday, May 4, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.****Baptism Date: Saturday, May 13 – 5:30 p.m. Mass****PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

Fr. Gaudy Pugat, President; Bill Shannon, Chairperson; Todd Solomon, Vice-Chairperson; Beverly Manlove, Secretary; Dick Dietz; “Mike” Jakubec; Joe Kelly; Mike O’Brien; Alex Spear (Youth Representative); Joe Stefonowich; Gwen Stinard ppc@holyfamilyvb.org.

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Fr. Gaudy Pugat; Andy Ward, Chairperson; Joy Bixler, Vice-Chairperson; Jean MacLeay, Secretary; Jill Broome, Andy McClaskey, Terry McElroy.

NEW EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET):

Kathy Staskin, Chairperson; Mike DeJaeger, Shannan LePage, Elizabeth Panchik, Tom Rumely; Dean Schleicher; Steve Winter, Fr. Gaudy.

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: Deadline for January 7/8 bulletin is Monday, December 26.**

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Budget 2016/2017 is \$1,167,225.00. This includes Schools Parish Sharing Assessment of \$90,936.00.

Because of Christmas and New Year’s, our bulletin information had to be sent to the printing company early. Our financial report for December 17/18, Christmas, and New Year’s will be reported in the January 7/8 bulletin.

COLUMBARIUM:

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

LOW-GLUTEN COMMUNION HOSTS:

For those who require special dietary restrictions, we now have low-gluten communion hosts (approved by the USCCB). Please contact Steve in the Parish Office for further instructions on how to receive low-gluten hosts at communion each weekend.

MISSALS AVAILABLE: *St. Joseph Sunday Missal and Prayer Book* for 2017 is now available for \$3.25. Please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY SALE:

Synclair’s Outdoor Café, a children’s book written by parishioner Nanci Mayo, is on sale at Holy Family. Books are available in the Parish Office. One book for \$15.00, two for \$25.00, plus tax. 100% of the profits will go to Holy Family’s Building Project.

**Holy Family Day School:**

This time next month we will be entering into a new calendar year. But, first let’s relish every moment of this joyous season as we enter the new liturgical year and prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. In chapel and the classrooms, we are talking about waiting patiently. Oftentimes the quality of being patient is hard to find in today’s society. Take time to slow down and savor some quiet time – make room in your life for Jesus Christ!

Farm Fresh: The Key Tags Have Arrived!

Help our school earn free classroom equipment by shopping at Farm Fresh for all your holiday essentials! Upon checkout, simply scan our school’s 1.2.3.4 for the Community key tag and we will earn credit. If you forget your key tag, ask the cashier to scan their copy. Need a key tag? Contact Laurie Powers. Kindly share this news to get family, friends, and neighbors to support our school, too. They can ask the cashier to credit the school when checking out! Thank you.

**JOIN THE CHRISTIAN FORMATION
NURSERY TEAM!**

- Adults are scheduled on a rotating basis
- 9:25 a.m.-10:50 a.m.
- Background check and VIRTUS training are required.



Thursday, January 19

Virginian Pilot, Beacon Editor – David Schleck

Golden Seniors HARDBOILED Egg Ministry

Thursday, January 5, before noon
 Thursday, January 19, before noon
 Thursday, February 2, before noon
 Thursday, February 16, before noon
 (for Brother Charles to pick up)

Monthly (vice First Thursdays) events will return in mid January with a tour of the Basilica of Saint Mary in the planning stages.

Tours and Trips in the planning stages include:

- An “Old Town Trolley” tour of Richmond
- The Franciscan Monastery in Washington D.C.

Merry Christmas Music Notes



Grateful thanks and appreciation goes out to all Music Ministry members who sang, rang, played, filed, sorted, numbered, collected music, brought coffee, and ran errands to make the music for *A Festival of Carols* and Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and beyond! You are a treasured musical gift to our parish. Many thanks to your families for sharing you with the parish. Thank you to family members and parishioners who helped with the Christmas Cookie Reception, and to Lectors who read so beautifully for our *Festival*. You were all surely my Christmas elves! Have a very Merry Christmas! ~ Sylvia Chapa



Music Ministry Schedule

Parish/Christmas Choir Schedule: Christmas Eve 9:00 p.m. Mass. Caroling Concert at 8:30 p.m. On Sundays, January 1 and 8, arrive at 10:30 a.m. to sing the 11:00 Mass both Sundays. Rehearsals resume Wednesday, January 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Holy Family Ringers Schedule: Ring at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Arrive 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 8, to ring Epiphany Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass with Choir. Rehearsals resume Tuesday, January 24, 12:00 noon.

Holy Family Children’s Choir: Sing at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Weekly rehearsals resume Thursday, January 19, 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Teen Singers/Ensemble (Instruments): Sing/play at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. See Teen Schedule for other dates.

Music Ministry Information: Visit our webpage: <http://holyfamilyvb.org/music-ministry->



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Council 10804

THANK YOU!

In keeping with this wonderful season, **Council 10804 officers, members, and their families** would like to take the opportunity to thank Father Gaudy, the Church of the Holy Family Staff, and all of our parishioners for their generous and continuous support of the Council activities.

Our efforts to assist the Parish and our community would not be possible without your help and cooperation. **We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a Healthy, Happy, and Blessed New Year.**

WINTER WEAR CLOTHING DRIVE

The need for cold weather clothing is as inevitable as the coming cold weather itself. Please start thinking about items you may wish to donate: coats, hats, gloves, sweat shirts, scarves, sweaters, shirts, shoes, boots, socks, blankets, towels, toiletries, etc.

The Church of the Holy Family and our Knights of Columbus Council will see to it that your donations are distributed to those who need our help in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, and Portsmouth.

We will begin collecting on Sunday, January 1, 2017, and continue through February. Please contact **Joe Murray at 757-412-0583** if you have any questions.

We invite all of the men in our parish to join our Council and help us to make a difference!

Grand Knight Mike Yatsko
 Chaplain Father Gaudy Pugat
 Membership Todd Solomon (496-5733)

Can you give of your time to help the youngest members of our parish family?



This nursery is vital for the success of our Christian Formation, RCIA, and Adult Formation programs. Please contact Tiffany in the parish office or email DRE@holyfamilyvb.org if you are interested in this ministry.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Remember to bring your food items each week when you come to Mass. **Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti, Coffee, Tea, Canned Tuna, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat, Canned Soup, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Rice Mixes, Macaroni & Cheese, Cereal, Pancake Syrup, and Pancake Mix.**

WEEKLY WISDOM

Merry Christmas! Today we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! How fitting that today's weekly wisdom should focus on the Source and Summit of our Faith.

Holy Communion

When we go to receive the Eucharist we are welcoming Christ into our hearts and selves. The Eucharistic minister affirms the Body and Blood of Christ to us as we accept the Host and Chalice. We accept this by responding with the expression of faith, "Amen," which means "I believe." The faithful may receive in two ways, on the tongue or in the hand. A small bow before receiving is proper to reverence the Body of the Christ.

Dr. Edward Sri offers a great image. Think of yourselves as a living Tabernacle that will now house the Body of the Christ. How will this image alter your mindset, behavior, attitude upon leaving Mass?

After communion there is a time for meditation. After this period the priest will say, "let us pray" and then say the prayer after communion. The community responds with "Amen."

"CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players:"

Bishop Robert Barron's "CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players" showcases a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization. Journey with Bishop Barron **beginning Sunday, January 22**, (between the Masses) or the following Mondays at 7:00 p.m., to explore the lasting influence of these Pivotal Players. Cost is \$25. Registration forms can be found on the parish website, the Parish Office, or in the Family Room.

Women's Faith Sharing and Fellowship Circles are ongoing and meet at various times during the month. For more information, contact Marie Sexton at (757) 718-4147.

Have a blessed week,
Your AFF Team

PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY AND THE

MILITARY: Every Friday, we say the Patriotic Rosary after morning Mass. Everyone is welcome.

If you have a family member in the military and would like us to pray for them by name, please email Mary Sorrentino at mmsorrentino@gmail.com with their name, and branch of service. Please remember that we still have military members in harm's way and keep them in your daily prayers.

HOLY FAMILY NEW YEAR'S**MASS SCHEDULE:**

- **Saturday, December 31 – New Year's Eve:**
5:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, January 1 – New Year's Day:**
8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

RESPECT LIFE ESSAY AND VIDEO CONTEST:

The Center for Marriage, Family, and Life is hosting a Respect Life Essay and Video Contest! This year's theme is "If life were more respected..." The contest invites participants to engage the theme in dialogue with an issue related to abortion, end of life issues, disabilities, the death penalty, bioethics, or some other area of Respect Life Ministry.

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, 2017. Awards amounts between \$50.00-\$500.00 will be given to 1st and 2nd place in Middle School, High School, and College.

For all the information, guidelines, and submission details visit www.cdrcmf.org/respectlife/respectlifecontest/. Questions can be sent to cmfl@richmonddiocese.org or you can reach assistance at 804-622-5109.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Looking for a new ministry?

Would you like to break open the Word with the youngest members of our parish and share the Good News?

Then CLOW is the ministry for YOU!



We are looking for energetic adults to become Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Leaders! Scripts and supplies are provided! Leaders are scheduled on a rotating basis. We are in particular need of leaders for the 8:15 a.m. Mass. Contact Tiffany if interested. Background check/VIRTUS are required.

THE CHOSEN MINISTRY is a ministry dedicated to ministering to persons (middle school to adults of any age) who experience disabilities. We learn that we are all “chosen” to serve God and God loves all of us just as we are. We have Holy Family *The Chosen Ministry* gatherings the first three Mondays of the month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. during the school year. Our next meeting is **Monday, January 2, at 6:30 p.m.** For more information, contact Susie Stefonowich at 342-8540 or parishadvocate@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE – FEBRUARY 11, 2017

Come join us for the second Holy Family Fun-Tastic Auction with a live professional Auctioneer. There will also be a Silent Auction with heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

Many items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. We have already acquired for the Auction a beach house for a week off season that sleeps 14 in Duck, NC, a boat cruise on the Lynnhaven River in a 40 foot boat, a granite countertop from Quality Stone Concepts, a large plant from London Bridge Nursery, and gift cards from Long Jewelers, Reginella's Ristorante, and Ensenada Mexican Restaurant.

Can you please help us for this event? We need your donations. Do you have a vacation rental or a week at a time share? Do you have a service that you can donate yourself or can you get a gift card from someone that you support during the year? Gift cards can be from restaurants, massage parlors, animal groomers, hair salons, gift shops, etc. Can you donate a fishing trip on your boat? Can you cook a meal and deliver to someone? Can you tutor students with math, reading, music, etc. Can you help someone with computers? Jewelry is always a hot item – do you have jewelry that you can donate? Also in need are new items that you have and do not need. Some rugs are acceptable if in like new condition.

Tickets go on sale January 14, 2017. If you have any questions please call John or Pat Wiersch at (757) 463-2263. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Many Blessings,
The Auction Committee

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS:

“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, call Father Michael Boehling at 804-359-5661 or e-mail at mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE:

Holy Family has Eucharistic Adoration on the third Thursday of the month. The next Adoration will be on **January 19, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

St. Nicholas – Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

St. John the Apostle – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Star of the Sea – 1st Thursday of the month after the 8:00 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

St. Luke – Monday and Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. to midnight; Wednesday 6:00 p.m. through Saturday morning 6:45 Benediction

Holy Spirit – 1st Thursday of the month, 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. followed by daily Mass

St. Gregory – Fridays after 8:30 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m.

Ascension – 1st Friday 9:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

St. Matthew – 24 hours/day Perpetual Adoration

“THE UNIQUE BOUTIQUE”

SUPPORT FOR CANCER PATIENTS:

The Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital's Auxiliary is contributing more than hope for cancer patients in our community through “The Unique Boutique” cancer support service.

“The Unique Boutique” enables cancer patients to shop for wigs, scarves, and hats free of charge in a private, comfortable, and friendly setting. “The Unique Boutique” is located on the first floor of the hospital in the main lobby. Please call 757-395-8731 for information or to schedule a convenient appointment.



“CREATION CARE CORNER:”

A couple weeks ago, our pastor in his homily said that the Jews looked to the Messiah “to make things better.” This expectation certainly reflects most peoples' sentiments. “Making things better” did not/does not just refer to them/us as individuals. The community, all creation was to be made better by the Messiah's coming! Considering that we are the Body of Christ we are the ones to carry on this endeavor. It is in our hands to make things better in our world, in creation with the assistance of the Spirit. Focusing on the environment we make things better, relieving air and water pollution, stabilizing the climate, preserving our trees and forests, promoting the health of all peoples, and counteracting poverty along with its ramifications by the life style we live and the choices we make. A happy and blessed Christmas Season to all!!

Ed Marroni (587-4887 mmarroni1@hotmail.com)

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