



DECEMBER 13/14, 2014
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Breviary Week III – p. 187

REMEMBER THE SICK: Donna Boyle Amadio, Karen Anderson, Mary Bachu, Daniel Baggerly, Ryan Ball, Ed Bano, 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 McClennen, 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, 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, Ron Thompson, Carole Thompson, Stephanie Thompson, 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 14 – Advent III

Giving Tree Up	
K of C Christmas Card Sale	
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	
CF Advent Wreath Workshop	9:30 a.m.
Christian Formation K-5	9:30 a.m.
Christian Formation 6-8 (Edge)	9:30 a.m.
RCIA	9:30 a.m.
Symbolon Sunday ("Mary and the Saints")	9:30 a.m.
Giving Tree Gifts sorted	12:00 p.m.
Confirmation Session 2	12:00 p.m.
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 15

Distribution of Christmas Food	
Baskets and Gifts	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m.
The Chosen Ministry Gathering	6:30 p.m.
Bible Study (Timeline)	7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

J.O.Y. Club	11:00 a.m.
Red Cross Blood Drive	2:00 p.m.
Rosary	6:30 p.m.
Family Addiction Education	
Support Group (FAESP)	6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Christmas Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Bible Study (Acts)	7:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration	7:00 p.m.
Holiday Grief Workshop	7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Bible Study (Acts)	9:30 a.m.
Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:45 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

K of C Christmas Card Sale	
Young Adult "Tacky Sweater" Christmas Party	(after Mass)

"SYMBOLON SUNDAY:" Join us **this** Sunday, December 14, between the Masses in Family Room A, for our first "Symbolon Sunday" on the Blessed Mother. All are welcome!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 15: Morning Prayer

Tuesday, December 16: Bob Kerr by Stella Havens

Wednesday, December 17: Bob Kerr

by Knights of Columbus Council 10804

Thursday, December 18: Bob Kerr by Ken & Joan Geroe

Friday, December 19: Mary E. Lenahan by Nancy Kelly

Saturday, December 20: Peggy Lou and Fred Pace

by Paula & Warren

Sunday, December 21: 8:15 a.m.: Tyler Piotti by The Benedetto Family; 11:00 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Monday, December 15: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 16: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday, December 18: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Friday, December 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday, December 20: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, December 21: *Fourth Sunday of Advent:*

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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: 271 families at Holy Family have donated \$58,610.00, which puts over 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 41% – \$465,047.09.

For December 6/7, the weekly offertory total was \$33,201.07.

Holy Family Operating Fund: \$107,163.10

Social Ministry/Food Pantry: \$54,759.64

Haiti Fund: \$86,179.04

Capital Reserve: \$107,163.10

Columbarium Loan is Paid

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.

SCHEDULE OF PARISH ADVENT

RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

- 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 13 and December 20

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

- **December 24 – Christmas Eve:**
4:00 p.m. – Church
4:00 p.m. – Family Room
9:00 p.m. – Church
- **December 25 – Christmas Day:**
10:00 a.m.
- **December 31 – New Year's Eve:**
5:30 p.m.
- **January 1 – New Year's Day:**
10:00 a.m.



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 your life experience agrees with the fortune cookie wisdom that "The greatest of all mistakes is to do nothing, because you think you can do only a little."

We look forward to seeing you
at our meeting in January!

Need more info?

Check our website (<http://hfgoldenseniorsvb.com>)



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Holy Family Day School – The Advent Season:

The Day School is pleased to have such wonderful families both attending the school and supporting the school as well. We would like to wish all of you a blessed Advent.

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS: Envelopes for donations for Christmas Flowers are in the Commons. Please pick up an envelope and donate in memory of a loved one. In order for the list which is published in the Bulletin to be accurate, **please print names clearly.**

CATECHISTS NEEDED: Our Christian Formation Classes are in need of a **First Grade 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.

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! Please return your gifts by noon **this** 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

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.

MARY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER:

Start the New Year with a Powerful Study on 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, 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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Knights of Columbus "Family of the Month" is The Staskin Family:

The Staskin family can be found around the church every weekend and most nights supporting our church. Tom, Kathy, Ann, Emily, and Karen are always there willing to help with a smile and kind words. A few ways they support our church are Adult Bible Study, Parish Council, RCIC, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Vacation Bible School, Catechist Team, Eucharistic Minister, Teen Singer, Food Pantry, RCIA, Giving Tree, Holiday Food Baskets, JCOC (Judeo Christian Outreach Center), Winter Watch, and Parish Fair. We Knights are proud to call them "Family of the Month." Thank you Staskin family!

Knights of Columbus "Knight of the Month" is Darrin Mouton:

Darrin consistently volunteers his free time to assist the Knights of Columbus Council 10804 with all their activities and fund raisers. Darrin is an active member with the Chosen Ministry here at Church of the Holy Family and is active with the Special Olympics as both a participant as well as a volunteer. Way to go, Darrin!

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.

ADULT FORMATION TEAM: Tiffany Watson, Director of Religious Education; Andy Baan, Ron Batdorf, Karen Dunn, Mike McCormick, Kathy Page, Cate Sleigh, Christine Schleicher.



NEW EVANGELIZATION NOTES

NET Goal – The Mass:

A couple weeks ago, we discussed our first goal of ensuring that Holy Family is a welcoming atmosphere. A second goal of the NET has been to renew the focus on the Mass. There are many components to this goal. We are exploring establishing quiet time before Mass begins as well as reducing noise from the Commons and Family Room. Part of the Team has also worked to improve the nursery as an option for young parents who would like to focus on the Mass. Finally, we are looking at other items such as a more traditional look. Some of these steps are more difficult than others, but we continue to explore them as we move forward.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS:

“The One who calls you is faithful.” Will you be faithful to His call? If God may be inviting you to be a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious, call Father Michael Boehling at 804-359-5661 or e-mail at mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.

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.

ATTENTION, PARENTS:

The Christian Formation Nursery (between the Masses 9:30-10:30 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.

ONE MORE TIME: Do you have any New Year’s Resolutions? What are your hopes and dreams? Is there something you want to see happen in our parish in the New Year? If so, please put your ideas (with a name and phone number) in the Parish Suggestion Box in the Welcome Office.

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 occurs 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.

CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE: The Center for Marriage, Family, and Life is hosting the Third Annual Catholic Men’s Conference in the Diocese of Richmond on Saturday, January 10, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond. The day will feature powerful and inspiring talks and breakout sessions, an expanded expo area, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass. Bishop DiLorenzo will be speaking and celebrating Mass. We are also pleased to welcome Catholic speaker, author, and podcaster Greg Willits as our keynote speaker. Registration is \$35.00 for general admission, \$15.00 for permanent deacons and college students, and free for priests and religious brothers. Learn more and register at www.cdremfl.org or call 804-622-5109 for details.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SCHEDULE:

Holy Family – Holy Family has Eucharistic Adoration on the third Thursday of the month. The next Adoration will be on **December 18, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

St. Nicholas – Tuesdays – 8:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

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

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

Holy Spirit – 1st Thursday of the month, 5:00 p.m. 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



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Don’t forget to contribute to the Food Pantry at this busy time of year. This week we are asking for: **Oatmeal, Pancake Syrup, Pancake Mix and Canned Fruit.**



“Love is the measure of faith.”

“When we meet a person truly in need, do we see the face of God?”

Pope Francis

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: “I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord.” Are we taking time to put the way of the Lord in our 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.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER: Interested in living the Gospel in the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi? Join one of the oldest secular orders in the Catholic Church. The Secular Franciscan Order (Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis) is composed of Catholic men and women, married and single, old and young. As Secular Franciscans, we live with our families, attend school, and perform our jobs out in the world, gathering in prayer, fraternity, and service. We live the Gospel in fraternal community by following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi. We are both active and contemplative, going from Gospel to life and life to the Gospel.

If you're interested, please contact Don Schwab, OFS, at 757-899-0951, email: don.schwab@yahoo.com, or Jeanie McLees, OFS, at 757-270-4776, email: jeanie.mclees@cox.net. Our next meeting is at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, December 21 at St. Gregory the Great Church, 5345 Virginia Beach Boulevard. Our website is www.virginia beachOFS.org.



SAVE THE DATE: December 27 – Feast and Celebration of the Holy Family, starting with the 5:30 p.m. Mass and a grand celebration to follow.

SEARCH FOR THE LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE: This is the fifth consecutive year for the highly acclaimed project recognizing couples for their long marriages. Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, couples are selected from nominations submitted. In addition to the longest married couple in the entire United States, recognition will also be given to a couple from each state who has achieved that distinction. Nominations are open to all husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation. The contact information for sending in a nomination, which simply requires the name of the couple, their wedding date, and where they currently reside, along with a contact phone or e-mail address of the individual nominating the couple, is as follows: E-mail: wwmelmc2015@gmail.com, regular mail Dick & Diane Baumbach, 8924 Puerto Del Rio Drive, Suite 402, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920, or phone number 321-613-5180. Nominations must be received by January 10, 2015.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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

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 by phone at 757-472-8934.



DECEMBER 27 IS FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: Help us celebrate “our families” by giving us a “helping hand” (in the literal sense). Look for the table in the Commons and follow the instructions.

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER BOTTLE DRIVE: Please support the Crisis Pregnancy Center by taking a baby bottle home and filling it with spare change, cash, or checks and return to the Tree in January. Thank you for your generosity.



“CARE FOR OUR EARTH”

So far, hydraulic fracturing (better known as “fracking”) has not caused any major or widespread disaster; only the spewing out of gas and harmful waste water for 16 hours in Pennsylvania and the burn injuries to 7 workers in West Virginia when a well exploded. The media is not giving this method of extracting gas and oil from underground shale rock formations much attention as the method continues to become more widespread. In spite of the gas and oil companies’ insistence that this method has been perfected so that the risks and dangers are very minimal and the benefits are numerous, I have not heard or read of any communities welcoming fracking in their region. To frack a well, millions of gallons of water are required which can draw down local surface and groundwater resources. Many of the 100 chemicals used in fracking are toxic and capable of contaminating water resources. Gas and methane can also leak into nearby water wells which can and have resulted in explosions. Also, there are no safe disposal options for the waste water which contains the toxic chemicals. Our state is a potential site for fracking now that the government recently gave permission to oil and gas companies to engage in this practice in our George Washington National Park which covers many acres. It is important that we take the opportunities to voice our strong objection to such a dangerous method of providing us with oil and gas just as citizens have done in states like New York, California, and Colorado, to name a few.

Ed Marroni (587-4887)

Holy Family Parish Environmental Committee