

St. Peter Catholic Church

December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule

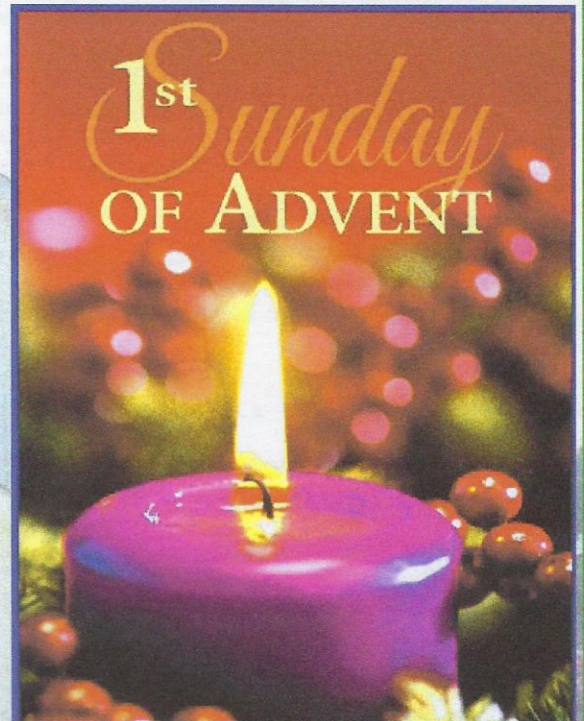
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 am
Mon., Wed., & Fri.	8:30 am
Thursday	7:00 pm
Holy Hour	7:30 pm
No Mass on Tuesdays	
Holy Days of Obligation	8:30 am & 7:00 pm
Confessions: Thursday:	7:30—8:30 pm
Saturday:	3:45pm—4:45 pm

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30am—3:30pm



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**CONFESSIONS,
MASS INTENTIONS AND
READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday
Confession 3:45 PM — 4:45 PM

Vigil Mass 5:00 PM **George Sharp+**
 Dec. 2
St. Francis Xavier

Sunday 8:30 AM **George P. Maybach+**
Dec. 3 11:00 AM **Pro Populo**
 Rdgs: Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12

Monday 8:30 AM **The Cebrowski Family**
 Dec. 4

Wednesday 8:30 AM **The Mehldan Family**
 Dec. 6
St. Ambrose

Thursday 7:00 PM **Edith Pond+**
Dec. 7 7:30 PM **Holy Hour & Confession**
The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Confession 7:30 PM — 8:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM **Ellen Mustoe+**
 Dec. 8
San Juan Diego



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the following members
and their relatives of our Parish.

Elaine Viguerie	Joan Gannon
Jane Collinson	Melanie Maloney
Pat Galletta	Christopher John Field
Nicholas Hovey	Jim and Jeanne Haley
Mary Reid	Pat Meinhardt
Evelyn Kerr & family	
Michael and Eileen Hawkins	

ADULTS GROWING IN FAITH

JOIN THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP ON

ST. JOHN'S GOSPEL

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS, 9 A.M.—10 A.M.

All are invited to join the Wednesday morning bible study in the parish meeting room. Come every week or come when you can!

JOIN THE BOOK CLUB ON

MONDAY MORNINGS, 9:15 A.M.—10:15 A.M.

The Sunflower,
by Simon Weisenthal

You are invited to join the Monday morning group —we are discussing The Sunflower, by Simon Weisenthal. We will be discussing Book Two, pgs. 76-98 of the book, on Monday, 12/4/17.

****ALL ARE WELCOME****



CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS are available in the
vestibule.**



Weekly Contributions for 11/26/17
 General Collection — \$2491.85
 St. Peter's Assistance Fund—\$768.00
 Online Donation— \$750.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



**“What I say to you, I say to all:
‘Watch!’”
Mark 13:37**

A REFLECTION

*"My God will supply whatever you need..." —
Philippians 4:19*

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month—be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.



ADVENT GIVING TREE

We will have an Advent Giving Tree from December 3 through December 17 to benefit the Rappahannock Food Pantry. Each ornament on the tree has an item listed that the Food Pantry is in need of. Please take an ornament and bring in the item(s) by December 17 to help fill the Food Pantry shelves, and those in need in Rappahannock County, before Christmas! A partial list of items needed is: Coffee, Oil - Reg. and Olive Oil, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Canned Chicken, Spam, Hamburger Helper, Zattarains, Pancake Syrup, Laundry and Dish Detergent, Toilet Paper, Tissues. Thank you.

THE LEGION OF MARY was supposed to offer booklets for Marian consecration last weekend, however, there has been a delay in the shipment of those booklets to St. Peter's. For those of you who already have St. Louis de Montfort's preparation for consecration or Fr. Gaitley's "33 Days to Morning Glory, you can begin that preparation now during Advent if you haven't already started it on Nov. 29th.

THE MOST HOLY VIRGIN in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the **Holy Rosary.**"

-Sister Lucia dos Santos (of Fatima)

THIS SATURDAY is the first Saturday of December, and Our Lady of Fatima (and Our Lord) has requested, " **I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me (the Immaculate Heart of Mary), on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.**"



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear friends,

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Advent is a good time to go to confession. At St. Peter's we have confessions every Thursday evening during Holy Hour (7:30pm-8:30pm) and each Saturday afternoon, 3:45 pm-4:45 pm.

A NEW FORMAT FOR OUR BULLETIN

Hope you like our new bulletin published by John Patrick Publishing Company. In the back of the bulletin you will have an opportunity to advertise your business. Please support the businesses that advertise on the back of our parish bulletin. It is their ad revenue that makes our weekly bulletin free to the parish. Our publisher, John Patrick Publishing Company, is recruiting new advertisers at this time. Call or email their office at 800-333-3166, or www.jpcc.net, if you would like more information!

Fr. Tuck Grinnell



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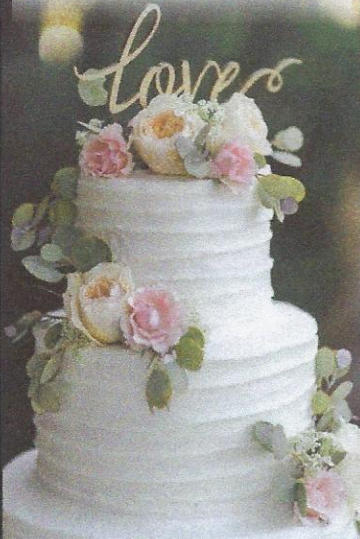


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CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DECEMBER 2017

ENCOUNTERING EACH OTHER IN CHRIST



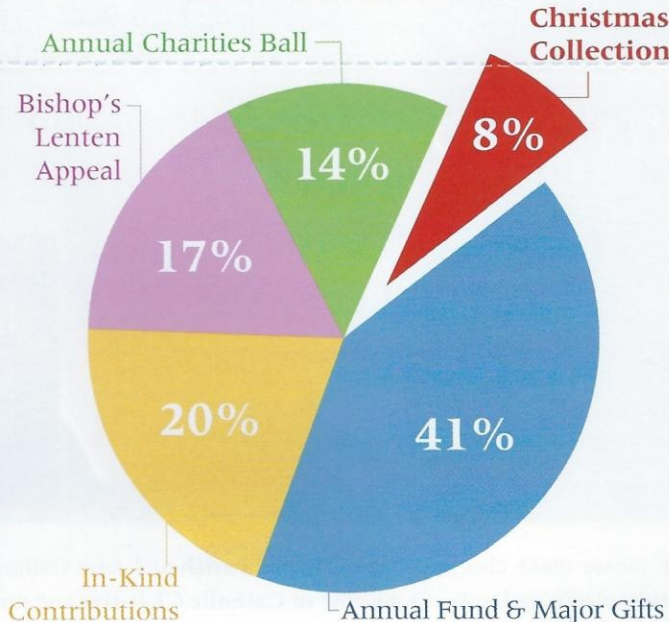
IN 2017, YOUR SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAS BROUGHT HOPE TO THOSE IN GREATEST NEED AS FOLLOWS:

 *nearly* **1M**
pounds of food given to the poor

 **1,174**
people helped with emergency assistance

 **86¢**
of every dollar spent goes to programs and services

FY2017 Contributions



NOTE: Contributions only and does not include grants, program fees, or investment income.

\$700K
Goal for 2017 Christmas Collection



Catholic Charities shared more than **18,000** meals with the hungry in 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every day presents us with opportunities to share the love of Jesus with those we meet. In each of these encounters, we are called to respond with the authentic charity that identifies us as disciples of Jesus Christ.

This year, the theme of the Christmas Collection on behalf of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington is *Encountering Each Other in Christ*. In this sacred time of year, we are encouraged to seek opportunities to carry the love of Jesus to our neighbors, especially those most in need.

One way to reach out to others is to offer a sacrificial gift for the 2017 Christmas Collection on the weekend of December 9 and 10. Through your generosity, you will be supporting the programs of our diocesan Catholic Charities, which serve God's people throughout northern Virginia and beyond.

May Our Lord Jesus bless you with His peace in this sacred season of Advent and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Michael F. Burbidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



FOR 2018, YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP WITH THESE GOALS



Distribute **1.1 million pounds of food** through the St Lucy Program



Provide **18,250 free meals** to those in need at Christ House



Provide **13,000 mental health counseling sessions** to 1,000 individuals at 22 locations which includes 16 parishes



Provide Emergency Assistance help to **1,250 clients**



Provide adoption and pregnancy related services to **700 clients**



Provide English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes to **1,500 new students** and **2,193 continuing students**



Provide naturalization application services to **167 Lawful Permanent Residents**, with **157 becoming citizens**



Provide workforce development classes to **200 unduplicated** or **220 duplicated registrants**



Provide **60 Cars** to families in need



Between **12 and 24 ex-offenders** will receive housing and supportive services through new prison ministry aftercare initiative

TO MAKE A GIFT IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES, PLEASE PLACE THIS ENVELOPE IN YOUR PARISH COLLECTION BASKET OR MAIL IT TO THE ADDRESS LISTED.

YES! I/WE WILL SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH THOSE IN GREATEST NEED IN OUR DIOCESE

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