

St. Peter Catholic Church

December 17, 2017
Third Sunday of Advent

"MY SOUL REJOICES IN MY GOD"

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 pm—8:30 pm
Saturday:	3:45 pm—4:45 pm

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Parish Office Hours

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



*The Angels Sang A Message
of Joy!
Luke 2:7-15*

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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 Ellen Cameron+

Sunday 8:30 AM Matt, Anita, Eireann & Anneliese
Dec. 17 11:00 AM Pro Populo
 Rdgs: Isaiah 61:1-2a, Thes. 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday 8:30 AM Lucy Kwon
Dec. 18

Wednesday 8:30 AM Jeanne Cousin+
Dec. 20

Thursday 7:00 PM Paula Cruick Shank
Dec. 21 7:30 PM Holy Hour & Confession
St. Peter Canisius

Confession 7:30 PM — 8:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM
Dec. 22 Bill Flook

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	Pat Meinhardt
Evelyn Kerr & family	Walt Cybrowski
Michael and Eileen Hawkins	



MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Valerie Von Fange, who provides music for the 8:30am Mass, has CDs for sale ... a nice gift idea during the Holiday season. She recorded and co-produced her *Witness* and *Steadfast Love* CDs in Nashville. She has been a featured artist in *The Arlington Catholic Herald*, *National Catholic Register* and on *The Catholic Channel* Satellite Radio, *Virginia Living Television* and *EWTN Backstage*. Her CDs can be purchased after the 8:30am Mass on 12/17 and 12/25 or via her website, <http://www.valvonfange.com>.

PARISH CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE

Pick up your yearly calendar after mass in the vestibule. There are plenty of Calendars available for everyone and for friends.

*** Next Sunday is Christmas Eve and after the regular Sunday Masses, there will be a decorating of the church for Christmas and a cleaning thereafter. This all has to be done before the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass. Volunteers are welcome to help in this venture!

*** "The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors."
- Pope Pius XI

*** **HELP IS NEEDED TO POLISH THE ALTAR ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS.** Please contact J. Beattie at: [540-987-8315](tel:540-987-8315) or jarbb474@gmail.com.



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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. 118-134 of the book, on Monday, 12/18/17.

****ALL ARE WELCOME****

REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS ARE PEOPLE
JUST LIKE US!

Immigrants and refugees love their families and have dreams and hopes for the future like ours. Refugees are children, parents, siblings, and grandparents looking for a safe place to call home, often fleeing their countries due to violence and persecution. They deserve our welcome and compassion, not hatred and fear. We would certainly want to be welcomed if we were in a similar situation, and some of our proudest moments as a country are when we have assisted those in need.



Weekly Contributions for 12/10/17

General Collection — \$2,048.00
 Catholic Charities - \$521.00
 Online Donation— \$740.00
 Immaculate Conception - \$452.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



**“Who are you... What do you
have to say for yourself?”**
- John 1:22

A REFLECTION

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, everyday. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

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.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY – NEITHER SNOW, NOR SLEET ... 848 LBS.!!!

On behalf of Catholic Charities, Hurley Smith and John Burke delivered 848 pounds of food to the FISH of Clarke County Food Pantry in Berryville on a snowy December 9th.



CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE FOR PICKUP. IF YOU DO ONLINE DONATIONS, PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BOX ALSO. ANY CORRECTIONS OR IF SOMEONE WAS MISSED, PLEASE LET JEAN IN THE OFFICE KNOW. THANK YOU.

ENVELOPES FOR DONATIONS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS are also available in the vestibule.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear friends,

CHRISTMAS MASSES!

Next weekend, we will have the regular weekend masses for the fourth Sunday of Advent.

- The CHRISTMAS EVE MASS will be at 5pm on Sunday afternoon.
- The CHRISTMAS DAY MASS will be at 10am on Monday, Christmas Day

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.

BIG BANG OR CREATION . . . OR BOTH?

Come join our discussion: Big Bang or Creation...or Both? Talk given by Steve Snyder, Professor of Philosophy at Christendom College, today, Dec. 17, after the 8:30 a.m. mass. Yummy treats and Father's coffee will be provided!

Fr. Tuck Grinnell



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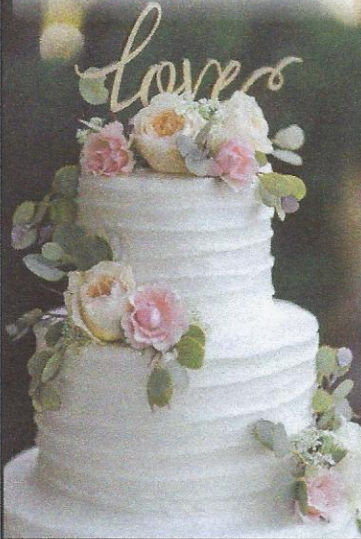
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