



CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

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Growing in Christ and Living Our Faith through Relationships



December 24, 2017–The 4th Sunday of Advent

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 ~ Romans 16:25-27 ~ Luke 1:26-38

December 25, 2017 – The Nativity of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10 ~ Hebrews 1:1-6 ~ John 1:1-18

CHRISTMAS

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, December 25, thru Monday, January 1,
and reopen on Tuesday, January 2.

The ministerial priesthood is one means employed by Jesus for the service of his people, yet our great dignity derives from baptism, which is accessible to all. The configuration of the priest to Christ the head – namely, as the principal source of grace – does not imply an exaltation which would set him above others.

--Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel #104

Dear Friends in Christ,

The name of our parish is very significant in identifying what our Christian Community is about. The mystery of the Incarnation reveals to us that the living God became fully human without surrendering His divine nature. Since then all humanity has never been the same; God has become organically united with the human race.

Therefore, all that is human is holy, and we celebrate that here in this Christian community. We consecrate our tongues to the Lord by praying and singing with enthusiasm, using our human bodies as instruments for His glory. We love to laugh and be with each other in good cheer and Christian fellowship. We become fully involved in being present to God and others in our humanity. We cherish and honor Christ present in human beings who are needy, either materially or spiritually, by compassionately seeking to meet their needs. We are pleased that you have chosen to participate in this holy human adventure with us!



We marvel at how God's mercy, presence, and grace breaks in to the lives of ordinary people in good times and in crisis. That is what we see in the films that we view and discuss at our parish **TNT (Theater 'N' Theology)**. Our TNT for the Christmas season takes place on *Friday, January 5*, beginning promptly at 7:00pm. All are welcome to come to our **Incarnation Movie Theater** (the "Stone Chapel") with comfortable seating and large projection. After the movie (the "Theology" part), we discuss the film's relevance to our life in Christ and note the action of God's mercy. Our Christmas feature is the 2007 film Where God Left His Shoes. It's about a failed boxer struggling to find a job and an apartment for his family on Christmas Eve, a poignant, touching film about family relationships. It's also an honest film that deals with the problem of homeless families. Stars John Leguizamo. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. All are welcome. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!



NEEDED ASAP: We are in need of THREE Catechists for Christian Formation, beginning on January 7. Convenient time and very rewarding experience! We need one individual to be a co-Catechist for a 2nd grade class, and two Co-Catechists who will be teaching the 4th grade class together. Both these classes occur on Sundays, from 10:30-11:20am, following the Christian Formation calendar. We need Catechists to begin with the January 7 class. Please email Lori with any questions at: lorib@incarnationparish.org.



PLEASE CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE OR VOICEMAIL
www.incarnationparish.org 434-973-4381
 for updates ~ cancellations ~ Parish Office closure

WORSHIP

Deacon Chris Morash: deaconchris@incarnationparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS: December 23-31

Saturday	23:	5:30	Donni & Geral Long (Special Intention)
		7:30	Missa Pro Populo
			Sunday Liturgy
Sunday	24:	9:00	Missa Pro Populo
			Christmas Eve Liturgies
		5:00	Mary Nemeyer (The Loving Hearts)
		9:00	Missa Pro Populo
		11:30	Missa Pro Populo -Spanish
			Christmas Day Liturgies
Monday	25:	10:00	Missa Pro Populo
		12:30	Missa Pro Populo -Spanish
Tuesday	26:	12:15	No Mass
Wed'day	27:	12:15	No Mass
Thursday	28:	12:15	No Mass
Friday	29:	12:15	No Mass
Saturday	30:	5:30	Jerry Worley (Kay Worley):
Sunday	31:	9:00	Thomas Colon (Donald Burns)
		11:30	Peter Strzepek (Strzepek Family)
		1:30	Missa Pro Populo
		4:30	Kevin O'Leary (Mary O'Leary)



No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Thursday, December 28

Children's Nativity Play—10:15am in the Parish Hall
 Celebrate with a nativity play, sing-along, and refreshments.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—Monday, January 1
 Mass: 12:15pm (not a Holy day of Obligation this year)

Solemnity of the Epiphany— Sunday, January 7
 Regular Weekend Liturgies: Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday
 9:00am & 11:30am, 1:30pm(Spanish), 4:30pm

Christmas Season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 8.

THE FUNERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE is looking for individuals who would like to assist in hosting our church's funeral receptions. These occur in the Parish Hall after a funeral Mass sometimes during the day and others in the evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in community life in a meaningful way with a flexible time obligation. Our responsibilities include setting out food and drink (provided by another group of individuals) and to facilitate an environment for those families to feel cared and supported during their time of grief. If you would like more information or would like to be added to our list of helpers, please feel free to call Rose Trapnell at 923-8471 or rjtrapnell@earthlink.net. Thanks for considering this ministry!



We've Lost a Friend

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The shawl serves as a mantle and sign of God's healing presence to strengthen someone who is weary, to ease their suffering and to comfort them when in pain or when they feel alone. The shawls are made with love by parishioners. Prayer shawls are available in the Parish Office. There is no cost for the shawl. Donations are accepted.



FINANCIAL RESOURCES

For the weekend of December 16/17

Weekly amount needed for budget	\$ 22,290.00
Offertory	\$ 11,422.77
EFT Donations	\$ 0.00
Other Income	\$ 3,468.80
Total	\$ 14,891.57
Difference	- \$ 7,398.43

*Based on FY 2017-18 budget of \$1,159,102.00

Offertory Envelopes distributed: 273 ~ Envelopes used: 139
Parishioners using Electronic Funds Transfer EFT: 147

<u>Mass Attendance</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>
December 16/17	5:30pm	136
	9:00am	393
	11:30am	296
	1:30pm	392
	4:30pm	148
	Total	

Stewardship, A Way of Life

“All that we do reflects Christ
as we go forth in love and service.”

We thank all parishioners who have so generously supported our Parish. As the calendar year comes to a close, we appreciate all gifts, large and small to our General Offertory, Debt Reduction, Outreach Ministry, Haiti Ministry and Maintenance Reserve Fund. Please note that checks need to be dated by December 31 to be reflected in the 2017 tax year. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.



CHRISTMAS SECOND COLLECTION

Throughout the Diocese, the second collection at Christmas will benefit the compassionate work of Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC). Your support will feed, clothe, and provide hope to our neighbors in need. Please contribute generously so that CCC can continue their life-changing work. To learn more, go to cccovfa.org.



Charlottesville Catholic School ~ CCS
www.cvillecatholic.org 434-964-0400

ENROLLMENT: CCS is currently taking applications for students entering pre-K through 8th grade in the 2018-19 school year. Visit www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions/ to apply or contact Katrina Kuhn (k.kuhn@cvillecatholic.org) to schedule a tour of the school. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn more about a school community rooted in its three core pillars of Christ, Community, and Scholars. **We are CCS!**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Part-time Aftercare Assistant. This person should have experience working with children ages 4-13 and be available from 3:30-5:30pm Mon. through Fri. CPR certified and teaching experience is recommended but not required. Please contact Chris Tillson (c.tillson@cvillecatholic.org) if you are interested.

DIOCESAN JOBS: visit www.richmonddiocese.org/human. Click on “subscribe for job updates” to receive new notices.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Patrick Drury: patrickd@incarnationparish.org

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE: All high school students are invited to join us Friday-Sunday, February 9-11 for the Diocese of Richmond's annual Diocesan Youth Conference in Richmond. The weekend is an awesome experience of faith, growing closer to God, and having tons of fun with 1200 other students from throughout Virginia. The keynote speaker is Mark Hart, one of the best Catholic speakers in the country. The cost is \$195 for the entire weekend. Forms and payment due by January 7. Contact Patrick with questions or to register.

ANTIOCH SLEEP HOMES: Youth ministry's annual Antioch retreat for high school students will be held Friday-Sunday, March 9-11, 2018 at the Charlottesville Catholic School. We're in need of families to provide sleep homes the nights of March 9 & 10. If you're interested in hosting a small group of boys or girls for our retreat, or if you have any questions about the details, please contact Patrick.

YOUTH MINISTRY PARENT BOOK STUDY: We will meet 6:30-7:30pm on Wed., Jan. 3 and Sun., January 7 in the Library. The book we are using for discussion is *Hurt 2.0: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers*. For January's meeting, read Chapter 4 - Peers for our group discussion. **You do not have to read the book to join the group.** Contact John Kronstain (john.kronstain@gmail.com) with any questions.

*To everything there is a season and a time
for every purpose under heaven . . .*

“ . . . a time to be born . . . ”

“ . . . a time to be healed . . . ”

James Armstrong, Ronald Balsam, Ann-Marie Balwinski, Meg Bojarski, Shauna Rose Boone, Karen Breen, Diana Busch, Rose Byrne, Barbara Cage, Carla Campbell, Jude Campbell, Mary Glenn Carrington, Rose Colasuonno, Pat & Richard Cook, Ken Cottrell, Esther Davis, Harry Jack Delacey, Harry DeLeyer, Sue DeMong, Evans DiSantis, Melani Dinh, John Dovel, Joseph Druzba, Alice Dunbar, Teal Estrada, Deborah Fairbanks, Nancy Floyd, Joe Frisina, Chuck Gagliano, Ntegukongirwa Gasper, Joann Harrell, David Heath, Alice Hennigan, Randy Hobbs, Jean Holienka, Eli Houston, Atman Johnson, Mike Johnson, Helen Krespach, Genevieve Krynskiy, Tyler Lafferty, Mary Lederman, Alan Leidecker, Carlos Lozano, Vito Maltese, Ivy Maupin & Family, Kathleen McManus, Levi Miller, Jeff Mahoney, Mary Ann Marinchick, Kathy Milchus, Ron Mohr, Denis & Janice Moler, Jack & Donna Ostrowski, John Packett, Michael Palczuk, Marie Reyman, John Reynolds, Chris & Jadea Riener, Joel Rivera, James Robins, Robert Rockholt, Robert Ross, Jennifer, David & Amelia Scheer, Roger Scott, Perry Sennewald, Tom & Lynn Shepherd, Fran Slayton, Betty Smoyleak, Maureen Spokes, Denise Sprouse, Sandy Stevens, Craig Stotz, Debra Strzepek, Pat Stubbs, Nicholas Surat, Tom Tolman, Cindi Tomblin, Pat Velikov, Glenda Voelmeck, Kevin Ward, Linda Watson, Karen Will, Kathleen Yates, Marianne Zeigler

“ . . . a time to love . . . ”

“ . . . a time to die . . . ”

“ . . . and a time of peace . . . ”

Emily A. Bessler, Peter Haught, Joseph Musso,
Joshua Ostrowski, Roberto Santamaria,
David Waidelich, Joshua Wilson

JUSTICE AND CHARITY MINISTRY

Sheila Herlihy: sheila@incarnationparish.org

FOOD MINISTRY-INVITATION: For our food ministry to function, we need people in a variety of roles. If you are interested in any aspect of the ministry, contact Sheila in the Paris Office. If you'd rather donate material goods, we accept all food items in the basket in the Narthex, (along with grocery bags, paper and plastic). The item of the week is an easy way to add something small to your grocery list, and donate something that is very needed by our ministry. **This week, our item is spaghetti and spaghetti sauce.**



GREEN TEAM EnvironMINUTE: "By virtue of Creation, and still more the Incarnation, nothing here below is profane for those who know how to see." Pierre Teilhard de Chardin reminds us that Jesus, in his birth, became a physical part of creation, thus granting even more dignity to all created things. Let us recognize that dignity by caring for God's creation.

JUSTICE CORNER: Christmas is a time to work toward a better world, and think about the reality of Jesus' first coming. Jesus was an immigrant, a refugee, and a poor child, born to a family of laborers. He self identifies with "the least" of our brothers and sisters. Getting involved with Justice Ministry at Incarnation is one way to make sure that our community takes care of those who are marginalized, as Jesus was during his life on earth.

SHARE THE JOURNEY: Remembering the migrant Holy Family, let's become a more welcoming community to all who come here from far away.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DAYS: Incarnation participates in the work of Habitat for Humanity, building houses for and with community members in need! No construction experience is necessary, and this is a great way to spend a Saturday living our faith and doing tangible work in the community. We also need people to photograph the event, and provide lunch. Our next build dates are Jan. 20, March 3, and May 5. Please check out the sign-up sheets in the Narthex!

TICKET LOTTERY FOR BISHOP INSTALLATION MASS

Parishioners, students and educators hoping to participate in the joy and excitement of the Jan. 12 Mass of Installation for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond's new Bishop Barry C. Knestout now have a chance to secure admission to the special Mass by entering a lottery. Seating for the 2:00pm event at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will be extremely limited so the faithful are encouraged to enter the drawing for admission tickets by completing the online form: <http://richmonddiocese.org/installation-mass-details/>



The last day to enter the drawing is Friday, December 29, 2017. The drawing will be held in early January with two tickets awarded to each selected registrant. Those selected will have 48 hours to respond before the tickets are released to alternates. Tickets are not transferrable and may not be sold. Questions? Contact newbishop@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5294.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA LOURDES SPAIN AND FRANCE

Fr. Tom Mattingly, Pastor at St. Olaf Catholic Church in Williamsburg, VA will be the Spiritual Director for a 13 day Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Spain and France from Sept 17-29, 2018. The itinerary includes three nights each Fatima & Paris, two nights Lourdes & one night each in Burgos, Rocamadou, and Nevers.

Cost is \$4100 per person. Deposit is \$450 with final payment due by June 17, 2018. **An Early Booking Discount (\$100pp) is available if deposits are received before Jan 1, 2018.**

Package includes Round-trip air from most East coast cities, superior tourist class hotels, all fees and gratuities, escorted guides, air/conditioned motor coaches, & daily breakfast and dinners. For information and brochures, contact John Tagnesi, toll free 1-888-544-4461 or jtag1964@verizon.net.

LOOKING FOR THE LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE IN 2018



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is searching for the longest married couple. One national winner and winners from each of the 50 states are recognized each year. This project is held to honor the commitment of married couples and to give hope and inspiration to younger couples that they too can have long and lasting marriages.

Nominations must be received by January 10, 2018. To nominate a couple you know, please visit us at <http://www.earnedmedia.org/wwme1009.htm> or contact us directly at 405-850-4274.



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY ~ PASTORAL CARE

Looking for a way to gain satisfaction by making someone happy?

*Join Incarnation's Pastoral Care Ministry!
Any of our Ministers will testify that they get much more out of ministry than they put into it,
even though our Ministers put in a lot.*

WHAT WE DO: We bring Eucharist to nursing homes and to homebound parishioners, stay a while to visit and pray with them, and try to make them a little happier. The number of homebound parishioners that we visit is increasing, and we need more help so we can minister to all those in need. We're looking for men or women, old or young, willing to give several hours monthly. If you'd like to help, please call Peggy Rush at 434-985-7169. And please pray that our Ministers can continue to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters.

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