



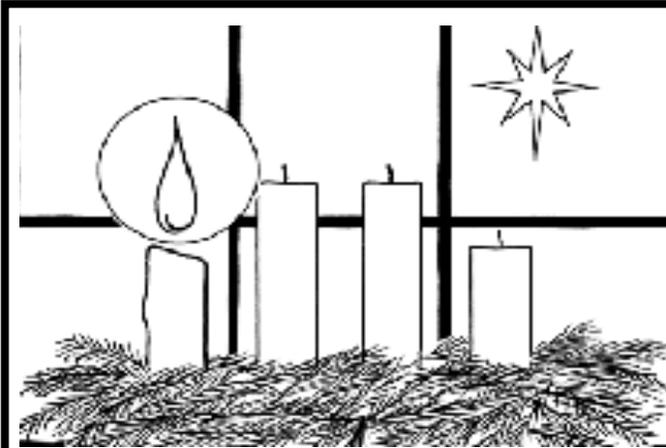
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Growing in Christ and Living Our Faith through Relationships



November 27, 2016 ~ First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5—Romans 13:11-14—Matthew 24:37-44

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30am–4:30pm Monday–Friday
(Closed: 12:20–12:50pm daily)

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Monday–Friday: Mass times on page 2

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am & 4:30pm – English

1:30pm- Español

Nursery: 9:00am, 11:30am & 1:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4:30–5:00pm or by appointment

Sunday 12:45-1:15pm & Thursday 7:00pm (Español)

AN EVENING OF ADVENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

ADVENT EVENING

OF REFLECTION: We will have an evening of reflection to kick off the Advent season with reflections on Justice and Charity. Please join us at 7:00pm on Monday, December 5 in the Daily Mass Chapel. Find some time for quiet to prepare our inner selves during this hectic buildup to the holidays.

ANGELIC GIFTS: Our Angelic Gifts drive to provide Christmas gifts for needy families is underway in the Narthex! Everyone is invited to participate in this parish-wide gift drive that benefits Charlottesville families in need (through Project LINK, Offender Aid & Restoration, and our own parish outreach ministry). Please consider taking



an ornament from the tree in the Narthex, buying at least one of the listed items, and returning the wrapped gift as soon as possible, **before December 11**. Only take an ornament if you intend to donate a gift. Be sure to take an Angel Tree information sheet located on the easel next to the tree. Don't forget to tape your tag to the outside of the gift, and include a gift receipt if you are uncertain about size. If you are interested in helping sort the Angelic



PLEASE CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE OR VOICEMAIL

www.incarnationparish.org 434-973-4381

THANK YOU! Thanks to all who helped to make our International Dinner a great success. Special thanks to members of the committee, parishioners who cooked and brought amazing food, and two people close to my heart, John and Mandy, for always being ready to help with events. Thank you for your support of this ministry! Jen Kowalski

ADVENT 2016

ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, November 30, 7:30pm (Bilingual)

ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION

Monday, December 5, 7:00pm

Daily Mass Chapel

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8

12:15pm & 5:30pm (English) & 7:30pm (Spanish)

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Monday, December 12

Mananitas: Hymns to the Virgin Mary, 5:00am

(followed by breakfast in the Parish Hall)

Presentation: 7:00pm, Mass: 7:30pm

Fiesta to follow in the Parish Hall

EVENING PRAYER & CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 16, 7:00pm, Worship Center

Reception following in the Parish Hall

POSADAS

December 16-24, 7:00pm each evening in the PAC

A Mexican tradition of "traveling with Mary & Joseph"

Concluding session on December 24 at 11:00pm in the

Worship Center.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY

Sunday, December 18, 3:00pm, Parish Hall



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We will accept donations for Christmas flowers in memory/honor of your loved ones through the weekend of December 10/11 (Third Sunday of Advent). Suggested donation is \$20. Make checks payable to Church of the Incarnation. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

Imputability and responsibility for an action can be diminished or even nullified by ignorance, inadvertence, duress, fear, habit, inordinate attachments, and other psychological or social factors.

- [Catechism of the Catholic Church #1735](#)

“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks....” If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, call Father Michael G. Boehling, Vicar for Vocations, at (804) 359-5661 or email mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.



Our next TNT (Theater ‘N’ Theology) takes place on *Friday, December 9*, beginning promptly at 7:00pm. All are welcome to come watch a movie in our **Incarnation Movie Theater** (the “Stone Chapel”) with comfortable seating and large projection. Afterwards (the “Theology” part), we discuss the movie’s relevance to our life in Christ. Our December feature is the 2005 film [North Country](#). It’s a fictionalized account of the first major successful sexual harassment case in the United States *Jenson vs. Eveleth Mines*, where a woman who endured a range of abuse while working as a miner filed and won the landmark 1984 lawsuit. Stars Charlize Theron, Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, Jeremy Renner, and Sissy Spacek. Rated R. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, 1:00 – 9:00pm



MASS INTENTIONS: November 26-December 4

Saturday	26:	5:30	Ethan Paladino (Mary & Bill Balsam)
Sunday	27:	9:00	Gene Albro (Pat & Mike Crawford)
		11:30	Missa Pro Populo
		1:30	Owen Maher (Juanita Maher)
		4:30	Paul & Angela Mahoney (Cottrell Family)
Monday	28:	12:15	Keith Zech (Therese & Jamie Gibson)
Tuesday	29:	12:15	Joanne Paradiso (Mark Brazdzionis)
Wed'day	30:	12:15	Bill Balsam-Special Intention (Mary Balsam)
Thursday	1:	12:15	Missa Pro Populo
Friday	2:	12:15	The Rives
Saturday	3:	5:30	Dick Smith (Barbara Smith)
Sunday	4:	9:00	Dominic Nies-Special Intention (Fr. Gregory)
		11:30	Philip Salta (Ernetta & Robert Van Orden)
		1:30	Maria Reyes Caberra (Legion de Maria)
		4:30	Missa Pro Populo

SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITE Community of Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity meets at St. Francis Church in Staunton on the 2nd Sunday of each month. If you are interested in learning more or if you feel called to a Carmelite way of life, please contact Lori Stevenson at 979-3175.



The Advent Season –A Message from Fr. Gregory

In order to help us prepare for the Advent season, I thought as pastor I might share something from *St. Anthony's Messenger Catechist Magazine*. Advent remains the most neglected of liturgical seasons. We simply do not seem to have the patience to be still and wait for God. We want our God signed, sealed and delivered much earlier than December 25. To defend the spirit of Advent in a world that wants only Christmas is a challenge. Here are some practical ways to keep Advent in the midst of the temptation to roll out the red and green: First, try to preserve your own soul with a little extra quiet time. As the days become more and more hectic, we need to increase the amount of time we spend in silence and prayer. If we appear overwrought with our to-do list, the children respond to that energy.

Second, we should put the emphasis on the rituals and symbols of the Advent season. We can count the days of Advent with calendars and wreaths. We can remind ourselves that it is Advent by the wearing of purple. A purple tie or blouse will be a surprising contrast to the big red sweater your neighbor is sporting. We can make special plans to attend the parish Advent Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. and the Advent Evening Prayer and Concert of Music for the Advent and Christmas seasons on Friday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. instead of premature Christmas parties. And don't forget the wonderful saints of Advent: St. John the Baptizer, St. Nicholas on December 6, Our Lady of Guadalupe with its special celebration for our Hispanic Community on December 12 at 7:00 p.m., and St. Lucy on December 13. All of these saints have a special wisdom to offer our Advent souls.

Third, we must remember that as Christians, we have a different calendar and sense of time which rhythm we follow. The commercial Christmas season begins before Thanksgiving and ends December 26. As Christians, we want to keep Christ in Christmas and follow the rhythms of our faith life, not the stores. Advent is a quiet time of preparation to celebrate the Lord's birth and prayerfully to examine our lives in anticipation of Christ's return in glory. Our Christmas season technically begins on December 24 after sunset; one might also observe the octave before Christmas, beginning on December 17, as a bridge between Advent and Christmas. The Christmas season for people of faith is then celebrated through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is observed this year on Monday, January 9. Therefore, the proper time for Christians to have Christmas parties and to keep their trees and decorations up is from December 17 through January 9, unless we want to be identified with the crass godless commercialism of the secular Christmas, beginning sometime in November and ending on December 26.

Finally, we need to lower our expectations. In order to keep Advent and Christmas in a sacred way we need to re-examine all the demands we put on ourselves. We must ask this question: “How will this activity or event bring me closer to God and support the sacredness of this season?” We simply do not need 12 kinds of Christmas cookies on the tray when one or two can be received in the same spirit. To downsize and simplify the way we keep this holy time will cause the beauty of the ancient message of incarnation

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

For the weekend of November 19/20

Weekly amount needed for budget	\$ 21,941.34
Offertory	\$ 15,777.68
Other Income	\$ 3,110.00
Total	\$ 18,887.68
Difference	- \$ 3,053.66

*Based on FY 2016-17 budget of \$1,140,950.00

Catholic Campaign for Human Dev. \$ 1,746.61

Offertory Envelopes distributed: 331 ~ Envelopes used: 187

<u>Mass Attendance</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>
November 19/20	5:30pm	143
	9:00am	387
	11:30am	221
	1:30pm	302
	4:30pm	188
	Total	1241

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Lori Broadhead: lorib@incarnationparish.org

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

on Sunday, November 27 ~ Thanksgiving Break
Class will resume on Sunday, December 4.

PARENT MEETING: The second Parent Meeting for the parents of second graders receiving their First Reconciliation will occur on Sunday, December 4 from 10:35-11:15am in the PAC. Facilitated by Patrick Drury.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

2016 SIMBANG GABI OPENING MASS: The “Simbang Gabi” is a long treasured Philippine tradition originally a series of “dawn masses” for nine consecutive days before Christmas Day. Its liturgical significance emanates from the Season of Advent, being the time of spiritual preparation and purification to worthily welcome and receive the Child Jesus in our midst. The Mass at Dawn, Simbang Gabi, is a nine-day novena to the Blessed Mother. It starts every December 16 and is one of the longest and most important religious celebrations in the Philippines that has lasted over 600 years. For more info email: asianministry@richmonddiocese.org or call (804) 622-5262.

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



MODEL RAILROAD HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 10, 1:00-4:00pm

Everyone is invited to see parishioner, Bob Macionis’ amazing model railroad empire during his 3rd Annual Christmas Open House. The layout features three separate railroads, 1600 feet of track, 350 cars, and 60 locomotives, with over 1000 square feet of scenery. Children are especially welcome.

Email Bob at macionis@embarqmail.com for directions.



Charlottesville Catholic School ~ CCS

Charlottesville Catholic School is participating in the 2016 Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign, “Virginia is for Givers”, the annual charity drive for state employees. Our CVC Charity is #07826. When you designate us on your pledge card, 100% of the gift comes to Charlottesville Catholic School. Help support the work as we educate our children to become the leaders of the future in faith, service and community. Please visit www.cvc.virginia.gov for more details on how you can contribute to CCS through this program.

ENROLLMENT: CCS is accepting applications for the 2017-18 school year. Contact Katrina Kuhn (434-964-0400 or k.kuhn@cvillecatholic.org) to learn more and schedule a tour. For applications go to : <http://cvillecatholic.org/admissions/>.

Charlottesville Catholic School is a nationally recognized school offering pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. We are a regional Catholic School, serving the families of Charlottesville and the surrounding counties of Central Virginia. We value excellence in education, as evidenced by our standardized testing scores ranking among the highest in the country. We believe that nurturing Catholic values of faith and community, along with excellence in education, fosters character, leadership development, and citizenship.



We celebrate the life of our parish!

Please let us know if you are new to the parish, are moving from it, are celebrating a significant event or are in need of prayers.

*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, Vicki Boyle, Leo Busch & Mary Jo Muir, Rose Byrne, Carla Campbell, Jude Campbell, Frances Charlie, Mary Glenn Carrington, Rose Colasuonno, Pat Cook, Ken Cottrell, Bonnie Crocker, Anna May Cutitta, Becca Dameron, Esther Davis, Harry DeLeijer, Sue DeMong, Evans DiSantis, Melani Dinh, John Dovel, Alice Dunbar, Nancy Floyd, Joe Frisina, Alan Fuszczewski, Jean Holienka, Eli Houston, Teresa & Erik Kabo, Helen Krespach, Genevieve Krynitsky, Shirley Krizinofski, Tyler Lafferty, Alan Leidecker, Vito Maltese, Ivy Maupin & Family, Levi Miller, Jeff Mahoney, Kathy Milchus, Ronald Olowin, Henry Oswald Sr., John Packett, John Reynolds, Chris & Jadea Riener, James Robins, Robert Ross, Jennifer, David & Amelia Scheer, Roger Scott, Perry Sennewald, Tom & Lynn Shepherd, Fran Slayton, Betty Smoyleak, Maureen Spokes, Sandy Stevens, Debra Strzepek, Pat Stubbs, Nicholas Surat, Pat Velikov, Glenda Voelmeck, Bill Wilkes, Karen Will, Marianne Zeigler

“ . . . a time to love . . . ”

“ . . . a time to die . . . ”

Andrea Kish ~ Mother-in-law of Maryanne Kish

“ . . . and a time of peace . . . ”

Jessica Farrell, Ron Nolte, Joshua Ostrowski, Roberto Santamaria, David Waidelich, Joshua Wilson

JUSTICE AND CHARITY MINISTRY

Sheila Herlihy: sheila@incarnationparish.org



ANNUAL FAIR TRADE & ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING EVENT next weekend after all Masses. FairTrade items for sale; CHOCOLATE, Haitian coffee, Christmas ornaments, personalized cards for Alternative Giving gifts to Incarnation supported ministries, e.g. Pacem, Casa Alma, Food Ministry. " Lord help us to live the virtue of generosity, to love without limits." Pope Francis

FOOD MINISTRY: SATURDAY HELP NEEDED: Our food ministry is blessed to receive donations from many local businesses. We are expanding our pickups from Trader Joe's to be every Saturday morning. Please contact Sheila if you are interested in helping with these pickups. Usual time commitment is 10:00am to noon. We have a rotating schedule, so you can pick weekends in a month work best for you.

GREEN TEAM EnvironMINUTE: A more intentional Advent can also be a greener one as we prepare for Christmas. Consider giving experiences, rather than physical presents, to your loved ones. This increases time together and decreases excess packaging and wasted "stuff." Another option is to rely on alternative giving... donating to a charity in someone's name. This can be very meaningful, and is deeply in line with God's biggest gift to us.

FOOD MINISTRY: For our food ministry to function, we need people in a variety of roles. Currently, we are looking for help with cleanup after our Sunday distribution, which runs from about 12:30 to 1:30pm. If you are interested in this or any other aspect of the ministry, contact Sheila. If you'd rather donate material goods, we accept all food items in the basket in the Narthex, (along with paper bags). 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's item is gallon and quart sized ziplock bags.**

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DAYS: Fall build days with Habitat are back! Especially during this year of mercy, we can participate in the Corporal Works of mercy by building safe houses and supporting this great organization. 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. Upcoming dates are the third Saturday of even numbered months: December 17, and February 18. Please check out sign up sheets in the Narthex for details and to put your name down!

PACEM: Thank you so much for all of your help over the last two weeks as we have served the men of PACEM. They have now left our physical space, but we continue to send prayers for all those who are homeless in our community.

IMPACT RESEARCH KICK OFF: We heard the updates about problems at the Annual Assembly at the end of October, and now is our chance to seek out more answers. Incarnation will be hosting IMPACT's Research to Action kick-off this Tuesday, November 29 right

COATS FOR KIDS: As winter approaches, the K of C have been asked to provide winter coats for children in need. We are able to obtain high quality coats at a cost of **\$20 each**. Donations (tax deductible) in any amount accepted! Please join us in providing "Coats for Kids". Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 3670, with "Coats for Kids" in the memo line. You may mail checks to PO Box 7251, Charlottesville, VA 22906. For more info visit:



<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service/community/coats-for-kids/index.html>



**ADVENT
A SENSE OF THE SEASON**

December is the time for expressing the hope and strengthening the dreams that will carry us through the next year. Advent is the way we as church express our hopes. Prophetic visions, prayers and songs calling for the Lord to come to help us to hope profoundly. Advent allows us to do what

most others do in December—but to see in the coming Lord the answer to our dreams. In our Catholic tradition, keeping Advent means singing the songs of expectation, of our hopes and longing, before we enter into the full-throated praise of Christmas carols.

Here are a few lines from our tradition on what Advent is about. "Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare us for Christmas when Christ's first coming is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and the heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, #39).

Thomas Merton, in his book *Seasons of Celebration*, reviewed the ways Saint Bernard of Clairvaux approached these comings of Christ. The first advent was Christ's birth. The other will be at the end of time. Faith in these two stimulates recognition of a third, the advent of Christ in our church now, today. Viewed from this perspective, the Advent liturgy, with its scriptures, prayers and songs, is neither a romantic return to the Old Testament while we wait for the baby at Bethlehem, nor is it an exercise in expressing hope for an ever-receding end of time. The Advent liturgy is neither nostalgic nor illusory. When we take the tradition and enter it fully, we become Advent, the people in and through whom Christ comes.

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