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**Rev. Father Michael C. Isenberg,**  
**Parochial Vicar**  
**Deacon J. Paul Ochenkowski**  
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**Mr. C. William Nyce**

***“To know, to love, and to serve God”***



**December 10, 2017 – Second Sunday of Advent**

**Sacramental Information**

**Marriage:** Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date. It is best for us to hear from you as soon as you become engaged to set up your initial appointment.

**Baptisms:** We welcome your new addition! Generally, baptisms take place at 12:15 pm the first and third Sunday of each month, with some flexibility based on circumstances. Baptism preparation instruction is required for first-time parents or parents who have not previously attended a class. Please call the parish office to begin the process of scheduling the baptism.

**Holy Communion & Anointing of the Sick:** God bless you! If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick at Fair Oaks Hospital, Sunrise Assisted Living at Fair Oaks, Dulles Health & Rehabilitation Center, The Crossings at Chantilly, Arbor Terrace Fairfax in Chantilly, or at home, please call the parish office to arrange a visit.

**Parish Registration:** Welcome! To register as a parishioner of St. Veronica, please pick up a registration form in one of the church vestibules or in the parish office. Upon completion, you may drop the form in the Sunday collection basket, or mail it. If you are moving out of the parish or have a change of address, please let the parish office know.

**Initiation of Adults and Children:** The RCIA process leads older youths and adults into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office or email [RCIA@stveronica.net](mailto:RCIA@stveronica.net) for details.

**Parish Office**

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 Monday-Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Closed: 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm  
 Saturday: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon  
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 Mrs. Kathy Bean & Mrs. Kitty Lochbaum,  
 Receptionists  
 Mrs. Diana Acker, Parish Apostolates  
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 Admissions

**Mass Schedule\***

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)**  
**Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am & 5:00 pm**  
**2:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)**  
 Weekdays: Monday—Friday 8:30 am & 12:15 pm  
 Wednesday & First Friday: 7:30 pm  
 Friday (except First Friday): 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)  
 Saturday: 8:30 am

**Holy Hour Schedule\***

Wednesday: 7:00 pm (includes Exposition, Holy Rosary, Benediction & Mass)

**Confession Schedule\***

Monday and Friday: 11:30 am—Noon  
 Wednesday: 6:30 pm—7:30 pm  
 Saturday: 9:00 am—10:00 am & 3:30 pm—4:30 pm  
 First Friday of the Month: After the 8:30 am Mass & 6:30 pm

**Eucharistic Adoration\***

Monday: 9:00 am—Saturday: 8:00 am

*\* Please listen to pulpit announcements & parish office recordings, and consult current bulletin & website homepage for schedule changes.*

## Week at a Glance

### Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Nativity Display—Parish Hall  
8:00 am LINK Food Collection—Vestibules  
8:00 am Donut Sunday Hosted by Youth Apostolate—Parish Hall & Kitchen  
1:30 pm ABLAZE High School Youth Apostolate—Caroling at Local Nursing Home  
2:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group/Our Lord's Flock—Adoration Chapel

### Monday, December 11:

8:30 am Holy Mass  
11:30 am Confessions  
12:15 pm Holy Mass  
3:00 pm SeaPerch—P202  
3:30 pm School Use—P203  
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes—Classrooms & St. John Paul II Room  
7:00 pm Patricians—Parish Hall  
7:30 pm RCIA—St. John Paul II Room

### Tuesday, December 12:

8:30 am Holy Mass  
12:15 pm Holy Mass  
6:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle—Sacristy  
6:45 pm Religious Education Classes—Classrooms  
7:00 pm Legion of Mary—Acolyte Room

### Wednesday, December 13:

8:30 am Holy Mass  
9:30 am School Open House  
12:15 pm Holy Mass  
3:15 pm STEM—P201 & P202  
3:30 pm School Use—P203  
6:30 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Holy Hour with Exposition, Holy Rosary and Benediction  
7:30 pm Holy Mass  
8:00 pm Separated/Divorced Catholics—Parish Hall

### Thursday, December 14:

8:30 am Holy Mass  
9:00 am St. Catherine of Siena Ladies Faith Group—Acolyte Room  
12:15 pm Holy Mass  
3:15 pm STEM—P200 & P202  
4:30 pm Children's Choir—P208  
5:45 pm Youth Orchestra—St. John Paul II Room  
7:00 pm St. Mother Teresa Outreach Apostolate Sandwich Making—Kitchen  
7:00 pm School Christmas Pageant—Church  
9:00 pm Youth Apostolate—Kitchen

### Friday, December 15:

5:00 am Youth Apostolate—Kitchen  
No School  
8:30 am Holy Mass  
11:30 am Confessions  
12:15 pm Holy Mass  
7:00 pm Holy Mass in Vietnamese  
7:00 pm Choir Composition—P208  
7:30 pm IGNITE Middle School Youth Apostolate—Parish Hall

### Saturday, December 16:

6:30 am TMII!—Parish Hall & Kitchen  
8:30 am Holy Mass  
9:00 am Holy Rosary  
9:00 am Confessions  
9:30 pm Confessions  
7:30 pm Lessons and Carols with St. Veronica Adult Choir—All Saints Catholic Church, Manassas

### Bulletin Deadline

10:00 am Friday, 9 days prior to the Sunday publication  
Announcements should be sent to [bulletin@stveronica.net](mailto:bulletin@stveronica.net).

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 9: Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatocatzin

8:30 am Angela Giancarlo  
5:00 pm Esmeralda Renderos

### Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Alex Chang  
9:00 am Rosemarie Kud +  
10:45 am The People of St. Veronica  
5:00 pm Nomah Gott +

### Monday, December 11: Saint Damasus I

8:30 am Devin Kammerdeiner  
12:15 pm Thana Dixon +

### Tuesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 am Mary Lynne Ochenkowski  
12:15 pm Mary Lynne Ochenkowski

### Wednesday, December 13: Saint Lucy

8:30 am Jim Nash +  
12:15 pm Anne Regan Bow +  
7:30 pm Special Intention for Conversion

### Thursday, December 14: Saint John of the Cross

10:00 am Guy Fleming +  
12:15 pm Robert Scott Holdaway +

### Friday, December 15

8:30 am Liz Goldman  
12:15 pm Alicia Acker Damon

### Saturday, December 16

8:30 am Chuck and Kathy Frame, Tony+ and Thelma Spehar+,  
and Chuck+ and Eleanor Frame+  
5:00 pm Ray Young +

### Sunday, December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Sanny Savage  
9:00 am The People of St. Veronica  
10:45 am Peter Domenici +  
5:00 pm Matthew Peeler +

*Pray the Rosary Daily  
Pray the Rosary Every Day*

## Parish Volunteer Contacts & Facilitators

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## *From Green to Gold – December 10, 2017*

I begin today with comments about my Green Bay Packers. They were the favorites last week despite some of their rather dismal play these past few weeks after their starting quarterback, Aaron Rodgers, went down with a broken collarbone. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have not had a great season, so this seemed like a probable win for the Packers. They did indeed win, 26 to 20, but it took an overtime touchdown to accomplish that, indicating that Tampa Bay gave Green Bay a bit of a run for their money, as they say. The Packers had almost no passing game, gaining only 84 yards, the fewest since mid-season 1994. It shouldn't have been this hard, but the win did keep their playoff hopes alive. Today they face off against the Cleveland Browns, who have yet to win a game this year. My hope is that streak continues and that the Packers have a relatively easy win. Aaron is eligible to play the following week, and if he is fully recovered and the team is still a contending one, he should be back.

The message above fits in well with this Advent season in which we currently find ourselves. This season of the Church year is meant to be a time of joyful expectation and preparation. A football season is always a joyous time. To be honest with you when I heard that Aaron Rodgers got injured, I was not filled with joy. But even with that, there is something exciting about football. On any given Sunday anything can happen—an injury, a horrible loss, an amazing win. So it is with our spiritual lives. We go about our daily routine—work, family, home duties, and most especially God. Through the year this can become a bit monotonous. The Church in her wisdom shakes that up with seasons like Advent and Lent or Christmas and Easter. The first two seasons are penitential ones, which are intended to make us focus more or refocus, if necessary, on what is most important. That would be our relationship with Jesus Christ and our impending salvation. Just as a football team has to work together if they hope to win games, we too foremost need to work with Our Lord, but also with one another. We have to shake off any complacency. We have to work at becoming more and more holy. Advent then is a great opportunity to think about where we are with God and where we need to be so that salvation indeed will be ours someday. As I mentioned last week here, we can become caught up in all the festivities of this pre-Christmas season, but it is Advent and not yet Christmas, which begins the evening of December 24<sup>th</sup> and continues officially this year through January 8<sup>th</sup>. You may recall that traditionally the Christmas season extends to February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

This year is somewhat interesting. We had the longest possible Advent last year with four full weeks. This year we have the shortest possible with three weeks, for the Fourth Sunday of Advent is Christmas Eve Day (the 24<sup>th</sup>). Some may be tempted to try for a "two-for." That means since Christmas Eve Day is a Sunday, some may think they can go to Mass at 4:00 pm on Sunday and fulfill both their Sunday and Christmas obligations. That however is NOT true; there is no "two-for." One can fulfill the Sunday obligation by attending Mass Saturday evening (5:00 pm here at St. Veronica's) or on Sunday morning (7:30, 9:00 or 10:45 am here). We will not have our usual Sunday evening 5:00 Mass. We will have a 4:00 and 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass and then Midnight and 9:00 and 11:00 am on Christmas Day (Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup>). One can attend any of the Christmas Masses for the Christmas obligation. In addition one could attend either the 4:00 or 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses and count that towards the Sunday obligation and then ALSO attend the Midnight, 9:00, or 11:00 am Christmas Day Masses for the Christmas obligation. I hope that is clear; if not please see one of us clergy. God Bless!

~ In Christ, Fr. Kleinmann

## **The Holy Father's December Prayer Intention**

Universal: *For the Elderly*  
That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

## **Weekly Readings**



## **Second Sunday of Advent**

### **Sunday**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14;  
Mk 1:1-8

### **Monday**

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

### **Tuesday**

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a,  
10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

### **Wednesday**

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

### **Thursday**

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

### **Friday**

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

### **Saturday**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### **Sunday**

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24;  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

### Blessing of the Baby Jesus Crèche Figure

We invite the children of our parish to bring their crèche figure of the Baby Jesus to the 9:00 am and 10:45 am Masses **next Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** for a special blessing.

### Parish Family Christmas Tree Returns

Our parish decorations for Christmas this year will again include a tree at the back of the church in front of our crèche, which will be adorned with your ornament contributions. To participate, please bring an angel, star, Our Lady, Wise Men, or any other religious ornament, no larger than 8 inches, to the parish office during the week. Please have them to us by **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Feel free to inscribe your name on the back. Handcrafted or store-bought, each ornament will witness to your family's contribution to this parish tradition and will be added to our treasured collection for use in years to come.

### Christmas Flower Donations

Donations for Christmas flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one will be accepted starting this weekend. If you would like to make a donation, please look for the Christmas flower donation envelopes with your weekly envelopes or you may pick one up in the vestibules. Please print the name of your loved one on the envelope and either put it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office. If you use Faith Direct, please email [msharon@stveronica.net](mailto:msharon@stveronica.net) with the name(s). Your names will be placed in a special box on the altar throughout the Christmas season.

### Inclement Weather Policy

St. Veronica follows the Fairfax County Schools' and Park Authority's policies regarding closures due to inclement weather. In the event of school closure or Park Authority event cancellation, all activities that take place on the parish grounds will be cancelled except Mass. Masses will be celebrated as long as it is possible for the priests

to reach the facilities. This policy provides the safest environment for all involved. When in doubt on the weekends, you may contact the Fairfax County Park Authority's 24-hour inclement weather information line at 703-324-8661 or visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/parks](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/parks) or [fcps.edu](http://fcps.edu) on the internet.



### Walk through Bethlehem on the Second Sunday of Advent

Join us in the Parish Hall after Masses on **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**, to view, appreciate, and ponder the Birth of the Savior as depicted in nativity scenes from all over the world. Parishioner, Susan Farina, will be on hand to share her collecting experiences.

### Please Give to the 2017 Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities

Today marks the Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Their mission is vital to the diocese's work to serve the poor with Christian love and compassion—and your support in this collection is vital. Please prayerfully consider supporting Catholic Charities' mission to ease the suffering of people across the diocese. If you are not able to make a gift today, please make your gift in next week's collection and note Christmas Collection/Catholic Charities on the memo line of your check. Or visit [www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net) to learn more and make a year-end gift.

## C O R N E R S T O N E

### Sunday Offertory

Last Weekend 12/3/2017	\$ 14,228.75
Faith Direct 5 Sundays*	<u>\$ 9,582.17</u>
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 23,810.92</b>

### Monthly Mortgage Payment

Last Weekend 12/3/2017	\$ 2,733.54
Faith Direct 5 Sundays*	<u>\$ 1,953.00</u>
<b>Total Monthly Mortgage Payments</b>	<b>\$ 4,686.54</b>

### Special Collections

Poor Box/St. Mother Teresa Outreach	\$ 146.47
Christmas Flowers and Faith Direct	<u>\$ 2,849.00</u>
<b>Total Special Collections</b>	<b>\$ 2,995.47</b>

### Capital Campaigns

Build-a-Legacy/Mortgage Principal	\$
Faith Direct	\$
Anniversary Campaign/Renovations	\$ 5,146.00
Faith Direct	\$
<b>Total Capital Campaigns</b>	<b>\$ 5,146.00</b>

371 Families Donating through Faith Direct

**Thank you, and may God bless you for your continued support and generosity.**

\*Contributions via Faith Direct are deposited in parish bank account once a month. The total deposit designated for Sunday Offertory and Monthly Mortgage has been divided by the number of Sundays for that month and added to the weekly totals.

## **SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

### **Your Home Now Mortgage**

- **Low Down Payments** • **Free Pre-Qualification**
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**Please see their ad in the back of the bulletin and support all those who make this bulletin possible. We are grateful for their support of our parish.**

# EDUCATION, CATECHESIS AND EVANGELIZATION

## Share the Gift of Catholicism

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given us, His Son Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Christmas Mass with you. For more information about Catholicism to share with others, please contact Scott Bradford, [RCIA@stveronica.net](mailto:RCIA@stveronica.net), to inquire about classes held Monday evenings at 7:30 pm. **This Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** we will meet in the St. John Paul II room to review "Grace and the Sacramental System." Please join us.

## St. Veronica Catholic School Open House

Are you searching for a school that will provide your child with a vibrant religious education, faith formation, AND exceptional academics? A school with an atmosphere permeated by respect, love, and the modeling of virtues? That school is St. Veronica Catholic School. In celebration of Discover Catholic Schools Week, we welcome all interested families to join us on **Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 am for our open house. You will have the opportunity to meet our administration and teachers, student ambassadors, visit our classrooms, and ask questions you may have regarding our school, curriculum, extracurricular programs, and community. To RSVP, please contact Mrs. Kendra Turchiarolo at 703-773-2020 x150 or by email to [kturchiarolo@stveronicaschool.org](mailto:kturchiarolo@stveronicaschool.org).

## Separated or Divorced Invited

The St. Veronica Separated or Divorced Ministry invites separated or divorced adults to join us on **Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Hall after the 7:30 pm Mass for an Advent reflection and fellowship. For additional ministry information, please contact Susan McCullough, [sw.mccullough@outlook.com](mailto:sw.mccullough@outlook.com).

## That Man Is You! Concludes Sat., December 16<sup>th</sup>

Join the men of TMIY on Saturday, **December 16<sup>th</sup>** for the last session of *Unveiling of Love*, the multi-week series that helps men grasp the depth and beauty of the Church's vision of love and marriage, and learn practical steps to overcome struggles in our spiritual life. The topic of our meeting, "Love Is Possible," will cover the following points:

- In the Battle for Love God Is Fighting for Us;
- The Renewal God Has in Store for Our Culture;
- The Gift of the Life Giving Water;

- Water Flowing from the Temple;
- The Mystery of Lourdes and the Holy Family;
- Man Cannot Live without Love—JPII; and
- Love Is Our Origin, and Love Is Our Destiny.

We gather at 6:30 am for breakfast in the parish hall followed by the presentation and small group discussion at 7:00. We will finish in time for 8:30 am Mass should you wish to attend. For more information, email [TMIY@stveronica.net](mailto:TMIY@stveronica.net).

## Are You Looking for a Meaningful Experience This Summer?

Join St. Veronica's WorkCamp crew for a week of service in Fredericksburg, VA.

- Who? Current high school teens and adults interested in volunteering
- When? June 23-29, 2018
- What? A week-long camp with the mission to make homes warmer, safer, and drier. Check out this link for information from the diocese: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp/>
- Where? Massaponex High School in Fredericksburg, VA
- How? Email our stakeholder, Karlyn Schamel, at [workcamp@stveronica.net](mailto:workcamp@stveronica.net) for more information, questions, and the link for registration.

## Days of Recollection for Men and Women Discerners

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Office of Vocations will hold a day retreat for men on **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** and a day retreat for women on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Both run from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm and are open to those 17 years and older. Please register by **Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Contact: 703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

## Help St. Veronica When You Christmas Shop

Shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1947800](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1947800), and Amazon donates to St. Veronica Catholic Church.

## Baltimore Catechism Extracts

### On Our First Parents and Their Fall, continued

- Q. Which were the chief blessings intended for Adam and Eve, had they remained faithful to God?
- A. The chief blessings intended for Adam and Eve, had they remained faithful to God, were a constant state of happiness in this life and everlasting glory in the next.

## AROUND ST. VERONICA AND THE DIOCESE

### **Annual Christmas Giving Tree Program Continues**

The Saint Mother Teresa Outreach Apostolate's (SMOTA) Annual Christmas Giving Tree program has begun. Christmas Trees covered with Purple and Pink Tags are located in the north and south vestibules. A Purple Tag will mean that your gift will go to a family in Madison or Culpepper County that struggles each day just to meet their basic needs. A Pink Tag means your gift will go to a resident at Manor Care Nursing Home who may have no family or friends to remember them during this most Holy Season.

After you have selected a Purple or Pink Tag, make your purchase. Please note that Purple Tag gifts are UNWRAPPED, and Pink Tag gifts are WRAPPED. Return your gift with the Pink or Purple Tag securely attached and place it in one of the brown bins located in the north or south vestibules through **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**.

If your tag/envelope was for a gift card, you may do one of three things:

- Drop it off at the Parish Office during the week;
- Place it in the offertory baskets at Mass; or
- Place in the black poor box in the north vestibule.

Your generosity will help bring the spirit of Christmas giving to the families of Madison and Culpepper Counties and to the residents at Manor Care. May the Peace of the Christ Child fill your home!

### **Gift for Life Tags Also on Giving Trees**

You will also notice special tags on the Giving Trees labeled "Gift for Life," which seek support for the diocesan pregnancy assistance and post-abortion healing ministries, and the women, men and children they serve. One grateful mother wrote, "I just want to thank you all for everything you did for me and my baby. Words can't explain how I feel. Thank you so much for accepting us into your lives . . . may God continue to bless you abundantly as long as you live . . . With much love!" For more information and/or to donate online, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife).

### **St. Tim's Mother of Mercy Bereavement Group**

Will not be meeting at it's normal time in December. The group invites you to attend a gathering at Bob Evans in Chantilly on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm. Those who wish to join us or have a question please feel free to contact Colleen Morretta, 703 830 4673, or Joe Cuddihy, 703 463 6020.

### **An Evening Novena Mass on December 19<sup>th</sup>**

The Filipino Ministry of Northern Virginia will be holding an Evening Novena Mass on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Veronica. This is a Filipino Advent Tradition for nine evenings before Christmas. St. Veronica will be one of the venues for the novena. Join us for the Mass and get acquainted with our tradition of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Mass will start at 7:00 pm, and light refreshments will be served in the parish hall after the Mass. We welcome any assistance you can provide in helping us on this event. Please contact us at 703-626-2996, Ed Nufable or email [ezn703@aol.com](mailto:ezn703@aol.com).

### **This Week @ Trinity House Cafe**

Kids: Story Hour, December 12, 9:30-10:30 am  
Lessons: Iconography, December 12, 10:30 am—2:00 pm

Kids: Moms' Morning Happy Hour, December 14, 9:30-10:30 am

Live Music: Colin Cutler, December 15, 7:00-9:00 pm

Live Music: Liam B. Smith, December 16, 7:00-8:30 pm

Hours: Monday-Saturday, 8:00 am-9:00 pm;  
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### **Bishop O'Connell H. S. Announces Honor Roll**

Congratulations to the following parishioners of St. Veronica named to the first quarter Honor Roll at Bishop O'Connell High School:

Patrick Gajewski, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, Distinguished Honors; Skylar Chumley, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Second Honors; Lorenzo Suarez, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Second Honors; and Geraldine D'Arcangelo, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Second Honors. Distinguished Honors: Students with an A- (90) or above in each subject; First Honors: Students with a B+ (87) or above in each subject; Second Honors: Students with a B- (80) or above in each subject.

# APOSTOLIC SERVICE, PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

**With Sincere Gratitude:** On Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> our adult volunteer team attended a special diocesan sponsored appreciation dinner and Mass with Bishop Burbidge. We are so grateful for all that our volunteers do to help our parish young people grow in their faith. We especially want to thank Brad Giaccio and indeed, the whole Giaccio family. Brad was honored at the appreciation event as Volunteer of the Year for all of his service and dedication to our youth ministry. Congratulations Brad, and thank you.



**Middle School Christmas Party:** All youth in grades 6-8 are invited to a Christmas party in the parish hall on December 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:00 pm. Everyone is asked to bring a gift of wrapped new baby clothes (to be donated to Hope in Nova pregnancy center). The evening will include fun games, crafts, Christmas treats, and more. You don't want to miss it.

**High School Epiphany Party-** All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for an afternoon of baking Christmas cookies and celebrating on January 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 pm-4:00 pm in the parish kitchen/hall.

**Homeless Outreach:** Many thanks to all who have been so supportive of our efforts to serve the homeless men and women in our local area. Our teens visited the homeless through Matthew 25 ministries on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The men and women there were delighted to spend time with our parish youth. We are excited to go back again on December 15<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, we are now collecting handwarmers, gloves, and socks (thick warm men's socks requested) to take with us. Donations can be dropped in the wooden bins in the vestibules by **December 10<sup>th</sup>**. The donations will be of great help.

**March for Life and Life is Very Good:** The time has come to sign up for your spot for the March for Life. Space on the bus is very limited this year. Youth in grades 7-12 who are not St. Veronica School students may sign up with Youth Apostolate by submitting \$20 and a permission slip to the parish office. St. Veronica School students must sign up through your teacher. We will all be going together to the Life is Very Good morning Rally and the March for Life. Save the date, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and sign up to join us for this very special opportunity to give peaceful, prayerful witness to the sacredness of human life.

**Help Stock the Catacombs:** Thank you for your generous support. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office during business hours or at the Catacombs during youth events.

- Individual bags of chips
- Pretzels
- Marshmallows (for s'mores)
- Hot chocolate mix and lemonade mix
- Christmas themed paper plates/napkins.

## Help Decorate St. Veronica for Christmas

If you help, email Eileen Chiama, [Eileen.chiama@cox.net](mailto:Eileen.chiama@cox.net), and join us in the church next **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:30 am.

~ Fast & Pray for Persecuted Christians ~

## Divine Mercy Corner

"From all My wounds, like from streams, Mercy flows for souls, but the wound in My Heart is the fountain of unfathomable Mercy. From this fountain spring all graces for souls. The flames of compassion burn Me. I desire greatly to pour them out upon souls. Speak to the whole world about My Mercy." Jesus to St. Faustina, *Diary* 1190. JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

## Words of Our Lady of Fatima

*"Never speak ill of anyone. Never complain or murmur. Be very patient, for patience brings us to Heaven. Mortifications and sacrifices please Our Lord a great deal."*

## Pray for a Priest Each Day

We continue our daily prayers for priests by praying each day this week for:

- December 10 Rev. John Peterson, Y.A.
- December 11 Rev. Khanh Duy Pham, O.P.
- December 12 Rev. Thomas Luan Pho, O.P.
- Dec. 13 Very Rev. Charles Phukuta-Khonde, C.I.C.M.
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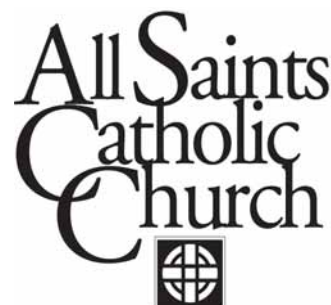
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**He did so expecting it to be easy, but found atheism was sadly lacking, eventually rejecting it. Later he decided to ask God to prove that He exists. Then the story gets even more interesting ...**

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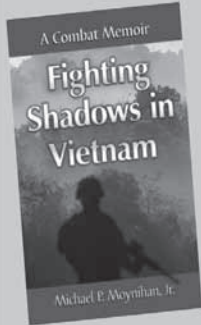
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