# The Nativity of the Lord

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

Luke 1:35



St. Veronica Catholic Church Chantilly, Virginia



# Rev. Father Dennis W. Kleinmann, Pastor Rev. Father Michael C. Isenberg, Parochial Vicar

Deacon J. Paul Ochenkowski Seminarians: Rev. Mr. Nick Schierer and Mr. C. William Nyce

# "To know, to love, and to serve God"



# December 24, 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Advent/Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

#### 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 for details.

## **Parish Office**

Address: 3460 Centreville Road Chantilly, VA 20151 Phone: 703-773-2000 Fax: 703-773-2001

Website: <a href="www.stveronica.net">www.stveronica.net</a>
<a href="mailaddress:">E-mail Address:</a>
<a href="mailaddress:">info@stveronica.net</a>

#### Office Hours:

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

rs. Diana Acker, Parish Apostolate Coordinator & School Liaison

## Parish School

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Website: www.stveronica.net/

school/

E-mail Address:

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
Mrs. Elizabeth Goldman,
Principal
Mrs. Kimberly Parker,
Assistant Principal
Mrs. Kendra Turchiarolo,
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 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent No ABLAZE High School Youth Apostolate 2:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group/Our Lord's Flock—Adoration Chapel 2:30 pm Youth Orchestra Rehearsal—Parish Hall

Sunday, December 24: Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord 4:00 pm Vigil Mass for Christmas 6:00 pm Vigil Mass for Christmas 8:00 pm Vigil Mass for Christmas in Vietnamese 11:30 pm Carols—Church

Monday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 12:00 midnight Christmas Mass No School & Parish Office Closed 9:00 am Christmas Mass

11:00 am Christmas Mass 2:00 pm Christmas Mass in Vietnamese No Religious Education Classes No RCIA

Tuesday, December 26: 8:30 am Holy Mass No School & Parish Office Closed 12:15 pm Holy Mass No Religious Education Classes 7:00 pm Legion of Mary

Wednesday, December 27: 8:30 am Holy Mass No School 12:15 pm Holy Mass 6:30 pm Confessions 7:00 pm Holy Hour with Exposition, Holy Rosary and Benediction 7:30 pm Holy Hour with Exposition, Holy Rosary and Benediction

Thursday, December 28: 8:30 am Holy Mass No School

12:15 pm Holy Mass No Choir/Orchestra Rehearsals

Friday, December 29: 8:30 am Holy Mass

No School

No School 11:30 am Confessions 12:15 pm Holy Mass 1:15 pm Organ Tour for Kids—Church 7:00 pm Holy Mass in Vietnamese 7:30 pm IGNITE Middle School Youth Apostolate Christmas Party—Parish Hall

Saturday, December 30: 8:30 am Holy Mass 9:00 am Holy Rosary 9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm Confessions

#### Bulletin Deadline

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

# Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am James Bean and Family 9:00 am Craig Sadick

10:45 am The People of St. Veronica

Sunday, December 24: Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord 4:00 pm Gregory Vaz and Fidelia Fernandes ++

6:00 pm The Intention of the Celebrant

Monday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 12:00 midnight The People of St. Veronica 9:00 am Special Intention

12:15 pm The Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, December 26: Saint Stephen, the First Martyr 8:30 am Father Louis Naughton +

12:15 pm Rose Gustin +

Wednesday, December 27: Saint John, Apostle and **Evangelist** 

8:30 am Olga Pestana

12:15 pm Special Intention for Conversion

7:30 pm Rose Keating

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 8:15 am Gene Pecher

12:15 pm Gerald Harrington +

Friday, December 29: Fifth Day within the Octave of the

Nativity of the Lord; Saint Thomas Becket 8:30 am Lukos Kalarickal +

12:15 pm William E. Laughrige +

Saturday, December 30: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 am Anton Sadick

5:00 pm Carol Hmirak +

Sunday, December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

7:30 am Eva Kuhar 9:00 am The People of St. Veronica 10:45 am Thanksgiving and Healing for Batenga, Strychowski, Owens

5:00 pm Josefina Carlos Punsalan +

Pray the Rosary Daily Pray the Rosary Every Day

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# From Green to Gold — December 24 2017



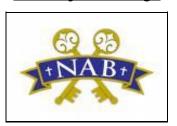
On this most sacred of days
as we celebrate
The birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ
and give thanks to the
Father for this great gift of His Son,
we offer our prayers for all the people
of St. Veronica's and our guests
that you may be granted
a joyous and blessed Christmas season.
May the grace of the infant Jesus
always be present in your lives
and especially throughout the
New Year.

Merry Christmas,
The Priests and Deacon of St. Veronica's
Father Kleinmann
Father Isenberg
Deacon Ochenkowski

# 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**



# Fourth Sunday of Advent Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

#### Sunday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

#### Monday

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

## Tuesday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

#### Wednesday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

#### **Thursday**

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

#### Friday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

#### Saturday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

#### Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

# FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

# **Christmas Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm with Children's Choir & Youth Orchestra

6:00 pm with Cantor & Organ

11:30 pm Carols

Christmas Day:12:00 Midnight with Adult Choir, Strings & Brass

9:00 & 11:00 am, both with Cantor & Organ

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Not a Holy Day of Obligation This Year **New Year's Day**: 10:00 am & 12:00 noon, both with Cantor & Organ

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## **Please Pray for Our Christmas Flower Donors**

We would like to thank all those whose donations made the beautiful Christmas flowers around the sanctuary possible. Please keep them in your prayers, along with their intentions, which have been placed at the altar for Christmas.

# **Adoration Chapel Schedule**

The Adoration Chapel will be closed Christmas week through New Year's Day, **December 25**th **through January 1**st. The Blessed Sacrament will again be exposed following the morning Mass on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, resuming the normal schedule in the Chapel. All are welcome to spend time with Jesus present in the tabernacle in the church at any time.

## **End-of-Year Donations**

Please note that any donation intended for tax year 2017 must be in the parish office or the collection basket no later than December 31, 2017. All donations received on or after January 1, 2018 will be recorded for tax year 2018. A one-time credit card donation for tax year 2017 may be made through Faith Direct by midnight December 31, 2017 (www.faithdirect.net/866-507-8757).

## Parish Council Meeting on January 18, 2018

Fr. Kleinmann invites all St. Veronica parish volunteer contacts, apostolate and ministry facilitators, and parishioners to attend the next parish council meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the St. John Paul II Room.

# SPONSOR OF THE WEEK JMJ Horticulture Associates

# **Outdoor Landscape Solutions**

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. The agenda will include reports by apostolate and ministry representatives on their plans and upcoming activities. Parishioners are encouraged to attend. If you have an agenda or discussion item to include on the agenda, please email your suggestions to <a href="mailto:info@stveronica.net">info@stveronica.net</a> for consideration.

# **Schedule Changes in Upcoming Weeks**

The parish office will be closed on **Monday and Tuesday**, **December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**, and Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

# **Collections This Week & Next Weekend**

The collection on **Christmas Eve** and **Christmas Day** is our annual Christmas collection The second collection next weekend, **December 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>**, is to help pay our monthly mortgage. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

# CORNERSTONE

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	Sunday Offertory			
	Last Weekend 12/17/2017	\$	14,739.86	
	Faith Direct 5 Sundays*		9,582.17	
	Total Offertory	\$	24,322.03	
	Monthly Mortgage Payment			
	Last Weekend 12/17/2017	\$	95.00	
	Faith Direct 5 Sundays*	\$	1,953.00	
	Total Monthly Mortgage Payments	\$	2,048.00	
	Special Collections			
	Poor Box/St. Mother Teresa Outreach	\$	400.65	
	Sacred Music	\$	1,856.44	
	Total Special Collections	\$	2,257.09	
	Capital Campaigns			
	Build-a-Legacy/Mortgage Principal	\$	100.00	
	Faith Direct	\$		
	Anniversary Campaign/Renovations	\$	345.00	
	Faith Direct	\$ \$ \$   <sub>\$</sub>		
	Total Capital Campaigns	\$	445.00	
	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.

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# EDUCATION. CATECHESIS AND EVANGELIZATION

# **Religious Education News**

Classes will not meet this week or next week. 6:15 pm, and Tuesday, January 9th, 6:45-8:00 at 703-773-2020. pm.

### Share the Gift of Catholicism

The preparations for Christmas include buying or Join St. Veronica's WorkCamp crew for a week of making gifts for those whom we love. You can service in Fredericksburg, VA. 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, to inquire about classes held Monday evenings at 7:30 pm. Class will not meet this week or next. Class resumes Monday, January 8th in the St. John Paul II room when we will discuss the Eucharist. Please join us then.

Join the Bishop for St. Veronica Altar Dedication • Bishop Burbidge will be here on Thursday, January 4th at 7:00 pm to offer Mass and consecrate the new altar. All are welcome. A light reception will follow.

# St. Veronica Catholic School Applications for 2018-2019 School Year

St. Veronica Catholic School will begin accepting Pre-K – 8th grade applications on Wednesday, January 3rd for the 2018-2019 school year. St. perspective, and Satan's influence seems to be Veronica parishioners receive consideration of applications, but space fills can use to protect those we love? What can we do quickly, so be sure to submit your application in to make our efforts in this area most effective and January.

Admissions applications may be found on our school website at www.stveronica.net/school on the Forms page, or by stopping at the school office. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Mrs. Kendra Turchiarolo a t kturchiarolo@stveronicaschool.org

# Upcoming Open House – January 4th

Are you interested in learning more about St. Veronica Catholic School? Are you, or a neighbor, co-worker, or friend looking for a school with exceptional academics that is permeated by respect, love, and the modeling of virtues? If so, we encourage you to attend, and invite others to join us on Thursday, January 4th at 9:30 am for our open house. Prospective families will have the opportunity to tour our school, meet our administrators and teachers, visit our classrooms, and see for themselves what makes St. Veronica school. For additional an exceptional

information, or to RSVP, families may contact Mrs. Kendra Turchiarolo They will resume Monday, January 8th, 5:00- kturchiarolo@stveronicaschool.org or by phone

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

- 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 Fredericksburg, VA
- How? Email our stakeholder, Karlyn Schamel, workcamp@stveronica.net information, questions, and the link for registration.

# **How Can We Protect Ourselves and Our Family** from the Diabolical?

There's no doubt from reading scripture that Satan is real and our true enemy. Society today seems to be going downhill from a Christian priority expanding. What tools did Christ leave us that we to convince people to avoid things that open them to the enemy of salvation. Come join the discussion with the Patricians on Monday, January 11th in the acolyte room at 7:00 pm. Snacks are provided.

#### **Baltimore Catechism Extracts**

- What other effects followed from the sin Q. of our first parents?
- Α. Our nature was corrupted by the sin of our first parents, which darkened our understanding, weakened our will, and left us a strong inclination to evil.
- Q. What is the sin called that we inherit from our first parents?
- The sin that we inherit from our first Α. parents is called Original Sin.
- Q. Why is this sin called original?
- This sin is called original because it comes down to us from our first parents, and we are brought into the world with its guilt on our souls.

# Apostolic Service, Prayer and Fellowship

#### Christmas and New Year's Break: Youth

Apostolate will not be holding any youth events between December 18th and December 28th. We return with our Middle School Christmas party on December 29th. We will not have Ablaze on December 31st. We will begin in the New Year with a high school Epiphany Party on



January 7th, and our first IGNITE of the new year will be on January 12th. We look forward to seeing you then! Keep an eye out for our January - June schedule, which will become available this week.

Middle School Christmas Party: All youth in grades 6-8 are invited to a Christmas party in the parish hall on December 29th 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 7th from 1:30 -4:00 pm in the parish kitchen/

**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 Thanksqiving and on December 15th. The men and women there were delighted to spend time with our parish youth!

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 19th, 2018 and sign up to join us for this very special opportunity to give peaceful, prayerful witness to the sacredness of human life.

# **Christmas Organ "Tour" For Kids**

clareckearns@gmail.com Kearns questions.

# **Divine Mercy Corner**

"Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite Mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite Mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My Mercy." Jesus to St. Faustina, *Diary* 687. JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

#### Words of Our Lady of Fatima

"Pray much for sinners. Pray much for priests. Pray much for religious."

#### Save Two Dates

Kids 12 and under are invited to come to St. Sunday, January 7, 2018. Plan to come to the Veronica Church on Friday, December 29th Epiphany Piano Concert on Sunday, January 7, from 1:15 – 2:15 pm to learn about the organ that 2018 after the 5:00 pm Mass. Music lovers to we use to accompany Mass at St. Veronica. Listen help serve refreshments are welcome and to songs on the organ, try out some different appreciated. Call the parish office to volunteer to sounds, and sing Christmas carols! Contact Clare bring a delightful evening to celebrate the with Epiphany of Lord.

> Friday, January 19th, 2018. Plan to attend the March for Life on the National Mall. St. Veronica Apostolates and Ministries will lead the way! Watch the bulletin/website for details on the day's schedule and bus reservations.

#### Pray for a Priest Each Day

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

December 24 Rev. Juan Puigbó

December 25 Rev. Justin Puthussery

December 26 Rev. William Quigley, C.I.C.M.

December 27 Rev. Luis Quiñónes

December 28 Rev. Joseph Rampino

December 29 Rev. Peter Reynierse

December 30 Rev. M. Paul Richardson

~ Fast & Pray for Persecuted Christians ~



# Epiphany Piano Concert Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:15 p.m. -- Parish Hall



# An evening of traditional seasonal pieces:

Ave María - Schubert/Bourassa

Pastorale on a Hungarian Christmas Tune -Dohnanyi

December/Christmas - Tchaikovsky

Nutcracker Suite - Tchaikovsky/Pletnev/Bourassa

Etude No. 6 Op. 33 E Flat Major - Rachmaninov

Performed by

Mr. Clayton Bourassa

- Wassail and light refreshments will be served. -



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# Christmas, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, we are profoundly aware of the need to pray that His peace will reign in our world, in our nation, in our homes and in our lives. We are witnessing much turbulence, unrest and division in our midst. Yet, we do not despair. Our newborn King has shown us the way to peace and unity.

We pray that the leaders of our nation and those throughout the world will allow the Lord to guide their decisions, being ever mindful of the sacredness of all human life and the dignity of each and every human person. We pray that all people will recognize that they are united as God's holy family and respond by treating one another with charity and respect. In our own lives, we pray for the grace to love, honor and forgive each other. In a special way, may our prayer always lead us to seek peace not in the empty promises of the world but in the One who alone can sustain and protect us.

It is my hope and prayer that what we do at Christmas will continue throughout the New Year: to keep our relationship with the Lord our highest priority; to share our gifts and resources with all those in need; and to be instruments of His peace in our communities, workplaces and homes.

Please be assured of a special remembrance at the Masses I will celebrate on Christmas. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may Our Lord Jesus fill you with his choicest blessings at Christmas and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Bishop of Arlington

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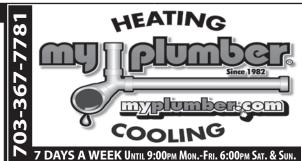
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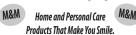
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