

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**PENINSULA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:** Join us for the holidays at Peninsula Catholic for our St. Nicholas celebration on Friday, Dec. 15. Get your tickets here: [peninsulacatholic.com/stnick](http://peninsulacatholic.com/stnick). Also for our annual book fair at Barnes and Noble, 12170 Jefferson Ave. in Newport News. Can't make it to the store? Shop online and use book fair ID #12255378 to support Peninsula Catholic. Thank you, and Merry Christmas from PC!



**The Filipino-American Ministry of St. Bede Catholic Church** in 3686 Ironbound Rd. Williamsburg 23188 has been invited by the Filipino Commission of the Diocese of Richmond to host the Simbang Gabi Mass on Friday December 22, 2017 at 7:00pm. And we are so pleased to have Rev. Fr. Oscar Paraiso celebrating this Mass! We would like to invite the parishioners of St. Jerome Catholic Church to join us in this Filipino Catholic tradition Simbang Gabi refers to the series of night Masses celebrated in the Philippines in preparation for Christmas. After Mass, come and enjoy refreshments in Kaplan Hall. Please see the bulletin board for more details and feel free to email [stbedefilam@gmail.com](mailto:stbedefilam@gmail.com) with any questions. Best wishes for a most blessed Advent season!

**The Knights of Columbus, Walter Pollard Council 5480**, located at 100 Columbus Way (off Nettles Drive), Newport News will hold its "Annual Culture of Life - Italian Night Dinner" catered by the Chefs of Carrabbas to support "The Right to Life/March for Life" on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Menu includes Chicken Marsala, Penne Pasta, Salad, Bread, Drinks and a Variety of Desserts). Music by DJ Reco, Dancing, Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle! Tickets are \$15. Take-out orders available. Contact Harold Hairston, 877-1566 [harold.hairston.1@gmail.com](mailto:harold.hairston.1@gmail.com) for tickets and information. Proceeds help defray the cost of the bus rental for the trip to Washington, DC on January 19, 2018. There "is no fee or cost" to ride the bus.



**CDA Court of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, #2206** is sponsoring an education contest. Students will respond to one of two topics: "The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us, We Are Filled With Joy" or "Finding Joy In My Life". Students can respond in the form of essay, poetry, art, photography, or computer art. An honorarium of \$25 will be awarded to each first place winner for each division in each category. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded in June for the 2018-2019 school years to first place winners. Scholarship monies. Applications are due to Kathryn Skinner (757-875-1590 or [skinn4me@aol.com](mailto:skinn4me@aol.com)) by February 15, 2018.

**St. Pius X in Norfolk** is in need of a receptionist to work 20 hours per week. We need to fill the job pretty quickly as we are losing an employee end of December to relocation. Please contact Janet Murphy, 757-583-0291 ext 15 for more information.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 12-17, 2017**

Dec 12, Tuesday		Ernesto Felipe ✠
Dec 13, Wednesday		Bill Allen ✠
Dec 14, Thursday		Clara Umali ✠
Dec 15, Friday		Eustaquio Medalla Sr. ✠
Dec 16, Saturday		Yvonne Stokes ✠
Dec 17, Sunday	7:00	Joanne McNulty ✠
	9:00	David Walkup ✠
	12:00	Mary Din Tsai Yee ✠



**READINGS FOR DECEMBER 11-17, 2017**

Dec 11, Monday	Is 35:1-10, Ps 85:9AB, 10-14, Lk 5:17-26
Dec 12, Tuesday	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB (Ps) Jdt 13:18BC, 19, Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712
Dec 13, Wednesday	Is 40:25-31, Ps 103:1-4,8,10 Mt 25:1-13, 2 Cor 10:17 – 11:2, Mt 25:1-13
Dec 14, Thursday	Is 41:13-20, Ps 145:1, 9-13B, Mt 11:11-15, 1 Cor 2:1-10A, Lk 14:25-33
Dec 15, Friday	Is 48:17-19, Ps 1:1-4, 6, Mt 11:16-19,
Dec 16, Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9A, 10-13
Dec 17, Sunday	Is 61:1-2A, 10-11, (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24, Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 11-17, 2017**

Dec 11, Monday	Agencies Christmas Gift Pick-Up
Dec 12, Tuesday	Bingo/The Gardens 2:00 PM Divine Will Mercy Group 9:00 AM CDA/OLPH #2206 6:00 PM
Dec 13, Wednesday	Youth Music Practice 7:00 PM
Dec 14, Thursday	Mass/Mennonwood Retirement 11:00 AM Parish Council Potluck 6:30 PM
Dec 15, Friday	Mass/St. Francis 11:00 AM
Dec 16, Saturday	Second Collection/Catholic Charities Baptism/Jacobie & Jelissa Velez 10:30 AM
Dec 17, Sunday	NO Baptismal Class NO Religious Classes Second Collection Catholic Charities Divine Will Mercy Group 1:30 PM Youth Ministry Social Night 6:00 PM



**BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE:**



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in the Faith and Life Center. **Parents and Godparents must SIGN-UP to attend!** A Nursery will be available. Please call St. Jerome office to register for the class at (757) 877-5021.



*Happy second week of Advent!*

**CHURCH:**



**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:**

St Jerome Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Numerous priests will be on hand to hear confessions including our

own parish priest, please plan to attend our penance service as part of yours and your family's Advent preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ on Christmas

**UPCOMING HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:**

December 24<sup>th</sup>: Regular Masses  
7:00 am, 9:00 am, and 12noon



**Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve**  
**December 24<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm, 9:00pm, and 12:00 Midnight**

**Christmas Day Mass**  
**December 25<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am**



December 31<sup>st</sup>: New Years Eve Regular Masses  
7:00am, 9:00am, and 12noon.



**Mary, Mother of God - New Years**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup>: 10:00 am**



**Volunteer Opportunity:** This is the last year David Underwood will be the "site coordinator" for **PORT**. We are looking for one or two people (a team would be great!) who would be willing to take over this task next year, (usually the week after New Year's) The ideal situation would be

to work with David this year to "learn the ropes". Please give this some prayerful consideration and if you even think you might be interested, call the office at 877-5021. PORT this year will be from January 3-January 10, 2018.



St Jerome will be hosting the **AARP Driver Safety Class** on Tuesday, January 23 and Wednesday, January 24, 2018 from 9am to

1:00pm. To register for the classes please call the parish office and reserved your seat at (757) 877-5021. Cost is \$15 for member and \$20 for non-member.

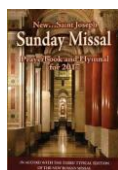


**Cold and Flu Season:** Lets try and avoid spreading the flu this season! If you have a cold and are actively coughing or sneezing, please stay home and take care of yourself. Please be considerate of others and

do not offer your hand in greeting or the sign of peace. **Please remember to leave the pews clear of any trash.**

**Thank you!**

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION:**



St. Joseph Missal are here! Stop by the scrip counter and get yours today. This missal has the Sunday readings for the liturgical year 2017-18. A \$5 donation is greatly appreciated.

There are **NO Sunday school classes** on 10 December or 17 December. We will see you again on January 7, 2018. Have a blessed Advent and Christmas season!



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:**

**Ann Walsh and Dorothy Woodward**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:**

Ruby Baggett, Jackie O'Neill, Restituto Obis, Carolyn Walker, Nick Butler, Joan Cawthon, Bobby Martinez, Margaret Johnson, Tim Benavidez, Edith Llantada, Linda Smith, Buddy Williams, Margaret Luedtke, Joel Rivera, Judith Ott, Florence Bischof, Harold Przygocki, Marciana Dayrit, Esther Vaughn, Bailey Ann Schaffer, Tiffany Brickhouse, Therese Reiley, Jon Kenneth Salangang, Marvin Alba, Fess Balina, Chris Whelan, Angelica Chabo, Imelita Wright, Phil Pace Sr., Joseph (Jo-Jo) Goodwin, Nick Frankie, Blanca O' Brien, Herminia Platon, Richard Matlock, Judy Pace, Margaret Laurent, Alessandra Elefante, Adrienne Gonzalo.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY WHO SACRIFICE FOR OUR FREEDOM:**

IT Jeffery Espiritu, Maj. Garrett McGowan, Sgt. Robert McDaniel, SFC Robert Allison III, T/Sgt. Patrick Garvin, PFC Keith Moore Jr., CE1 David Maguire, Capt. Brian Wensel, Lt. Michael Yuenguert, LTC Troy D. Agostino, Maj. John Ferguson, Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Alan Dellapenta, Capt. Robert Belkowski III, Capt. Mark Belkowski, SFC Wilbert J. Torres, S/Sgt. Trey Ravenscraft, 1Lt. Jerry Feehery, Lt. Jeremy C. Topp, LTJG Marriane Topp, Capt. Jimmy Thoms, LTC Robert Salire, Capt. Mike Hayes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ryan Bare, SFC Chris Whelan, CPO Nino Villamor, SPC Jonathan J. Belmonte, S/Sgt. Christopher Woynicz.



Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday at 12:00 pm, ten days prior to Sunday the bulletin is distributed. Please e-mail all submissions to [stjerome@stjeromennva.org](mailto:stjerome@stjeromennva.org) or [gkerstetter@stjeromennva.org](mailto:gkerstetter@stjeromennva.org).



*Keep your christmas heart open all year round.*