

Cluster Parishes of Portsmouth & Chesapeake

December 26, 2021

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The Holy Family

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

- Lk 2:46-47

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Pastor: Reverend Anthony Wm. Morris

The Mission of the Cluster Parishes: *“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19)*

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24-Hour Priest / Emergency Phone: 757-448-5251 (when someone is in imminent danger of dying or has died)

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 - St. Paul:** Shea Wilde, Delores Oliver, George Martin
- Please see one of your parish representatives if you have an item that you would like presented before the council.

Parish Registration

If you are interested in joining one of our parishes, please complete a parish registration form. The forms are located in the vestibules or commons of each parish and are also available on-line in English or Spanish at www.clusterparishes.com. Please return forms to the office manager of your desired parish in person, by mail, or by e-mail (see bulletin cover for addresses.) Please be sure to indicate on the form for which parish you are registering.

Sacramental Records

Please contact the office manager for the parish from which you require a sacramental record. Please provide as much information as possible for the record search: date, sacrament, presider, etc.

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

If you know of a Catholic in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Cluster Parishes office at (757) 484-7335 to request a visit by priest. In case of near-death, please call the priest emergency number (757) 448-5251.

Infant Baptism

Infant Baptism preparation classes normally meet **the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.** in the Church of the Resurrection office. For more information, contact Theresa Carpenter at 757-484-7335 or adultformation@clusterparishes.com.

Marriage

Couples interested the celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony should normally contact the cluster parishes' offices at least six months prior to the intended date. This allows for a proper period of preparation, both spiritually and administratively. For more information, contact Theresa Carpenter at 757-484-7335 or adultformation@clusterparishes.com.

First Reconciliation and First Communion

Children normally begin preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion when they enter second grade. Students in both public and Catholic schools should attend this yearlong preparation in the parish religious sacramental formation program. For more information, contact Kristi Harriman at 757-484-7335 or christianformation@clusterparishes.com.

Confirmation

Youth normally begin their Confirmation Preparation in tenth grade. The Confirmation Preparation Program is separate from Christian Formation. Non-Confirmed Catholic youth in tenth grade or higher should register for Confirmation Preparation. Students preparing for Confirmation should also be enrolled and participate in the Cluster Youth Formation program. For more information, contact Madre Collins at 757-484-7335 or youthminister@clusterparishes.com.

Becoming Catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA), is the process through which adults join the Catholic Church.

The Cluster Parishes use RCIA to bring into the Catholic Church non-baptized adults as well as adults who are baptized in non-Catholic Christian traditions. Additionally, adults who were baptized Catholic but who did not complete the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist may attend RCIA as a means to complete those sacraments. We also welcome any fully-initiated Catholic who may have been away from the Church for whatever reason. RCIA is a wonderful means to re-discover one's Catholic roots. For information about RCIA, contact Theresa Carpenter at 757-484-7335 or adultformation@clusterparishes.com.

Vocations to the Priesthood or Religious Life

"Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Is the Lord maybe calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Contact Father Brian Capuano, Vicar for Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or vocations@richmonddiocese.org for more information.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12/25		
St Paul	9:00am	Priest Intentions
Resurrection	9:00am	Priest Intentions
Sunday, 12/26		
St. Paul	9:00am	Ada Howard†
St. Mary	9:00am	Frank Erlbeck†
Holy Angels	11:00am	Richard O’Neill†
Resurrection	11:30am	Christopher Bouchard†
Holy Angels	1:00pm	Brian Morris
Monday, 12/27		
Holy Angels	9:00am	NO MASS
Tuesday, 12/28		
Resurrection	11:30am	NO MASS
Wednesday, 12/29		
Resurrection	6:00pm	NO MASS
Thursday, 12/30		
Holy Angels	9:00am	NO MASS
Friday, 12/31		
St Paul	7:30am	NO MASS
Saturday 1/1/2022		
St Paul	9:00am	Priest Intentions
St Paul	4:00pm	Nellie Kolodziej†
Resurrection	5:30pm	Eric Daniel Akers†

† Indicates Deceased

Cluster Prayer List

Please pray for our ill and deceased Cluster parishioners, family, and friends

Ray Benton, Bob & Frances Bilko, John Bruno, James Buckman, Virginia Cantwell, Christopher Carozzi, Richard Carrar, David Clifford, Matt Clifford, Cindy Coffey, Carole Couvillon, Nathan Criddle, John Cummings, Fay Francisco, Keith Grubbs, Patsy Hahn, Elizabeth Henderson, Rick & Debbie Herrod, David Jernigan, Kathleen Kirsch, Hayward Knight, Jr, Blanche Jastrebsky, Tiffany Lombardo, Carol Lovins, Jo-Claire Moody, Georgia Young Moor, Brian Morris, Connie Morris, Lori Morris, David & Priscilla Morse, Sally Murphy, Rita Myers, Conchita Nespoli, Beverly Norris, Irene Osborne, Jane Overstreet, Norma Peñalosa, Robert Pedigo, Myrna Riley, Joel Rivera, Barbara K. Roberts, Jimmie Rogerson, Mary Ellen Sergeant, Lawrence Silverdahl, John Skrobiszewski, Rick Smith, Sharon Soldan, Ike Spears, Margaret Spears, Ginny Stadum, Martha Thomson, Mary Vincek, **The Family of Sharon Young†**

To Request a Change to the Prayer List

Call the parish office or email bulletin@clusterparishes.com. Names of living persons will be removed after 30 days. If you would like your name to stay on the list please call or email with your request. Names of deceased or families of deceased will be listed for two weeks.

Readings for the Week of December 26, 2021

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/ Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/ Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/ Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/ Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21



Upcoming Events

See “Mass Intentions” for Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 26	
8:15am	Reconciliation at St Mary
12:30pm	Reconciliation at Holy Angels
Monday, December 27	
NO EVENTS SCHEDULED	
Tuesday, December 28	
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Meeting at St Mary
10:00am	Sewing Circle at Resurrection (Hall)
7:00pm	KoC 418 Council Meeting at Council Hall
Wednesday December 29	
NO EVENTS SCHEDULED	
Thursday, December 30	
10:00am	Sewing Club at Holy Angels
Friday, December 31	
NO EVENTS SCHEDULED	
Saturday, January 1, 2022	
7:30AM	Men of St Joseph at Resurrection (Office)

Quote of the Week

“Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all men.”

OASIS

OASIS FOOD BASKET

Just a reminder that the OASIS food cart at Resurrection is in need of non-perishable food donations. Please help with the need! If you have any questions please contact (757) 397-6060. You can drop off your donations during the Cluster Office Hours.

The Oasis thrift store is still closed and they are not taking any clothing, household items, etc. donations until further notice. Thank you for your continued support.

Knights of Columbus

Joining the Knights

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend the values in a busy and changing world. Our local Council #418 held a membership drive the weekend of 11/19 and 11/20 and we may have missed you. Whether you become a member at-large or a member of our council you will find that the Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join or learn more, please contact Michael McClellan at 757-535-6843 or our Grand Knight Dan Puzin at 757-472-5955.

SAFETY REMINDER

Child Safety Reminder

Any child age 8 and younger must be accompanied by an parent, guardian, or family member when using the restroom facilities.

Other information on the Catholic Diocese of Richmond Safe Environment Program may be found at https://richmonddiocese.org/child_protection_virtus/.



Children’s Formation

Children’s Formation

Enjoy your Christmas Holiday! See you after the New Year!! Have a Blessed Christmas and safe New Years!

Youth Formation

Youth Group

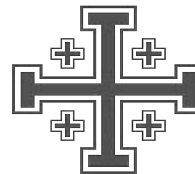
Please join us for Food, Faith and Fellowship Sundays **5:30-7:30 at Resurrection.**

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you next year!

Diocesan Youth Conference Feb 11-13

Registration for DYC has started and will continue through December. It will be held in Richmond and is for all high school students. This year there is a cap on the amount of participants so don’t wait to sign up.

Contact Madre Collins if you’re interested.



Adult Formation

Faith Formation Nights

Wednesday Night Faith Formation is Back!!!. Please join us for the series by Bishop Barron, “The Pivotal Players.” Faith Formation is every **Wednesday night from 7:00 – 8:30pm** held at the Church of the Resurrection. Please join us for exciting series. Any questions contact **Theresa Carpenter at 757-484-7355 or adultformation@clusterparishes.com**

There is NO Adult formation on Wednesday DEC 29 and NO RCIA on Thursday DEC 30!

Social Outreach

Cluster Assistance Ministry

The Cluster Assistance Ministry provides funds for utilities and rent for local individuals and families in need. Due to COVID we have seen an increase in the need for assistance. Please help support this ministry! **Please make checks payable to “Holy Angels” and put in the memo section “Fuel and Hunger Fund”.** Contact assistance@clusterparishes.com for more information, thank you for continued support!

**New Year's
Mass Schedule**

New Year's Schedule

Sunday —12/26 Feast of the Holy Family
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday—1/1/2022 Mary Mother of God
9:00am at St Paul
4:00pm at St Paul
5:30pm at Resurrection

***NO FIRST SATURDAY MASS AT RESURRECTION ON
JAN 1 2022**

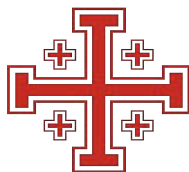
NO DAILY MASSES DECEMBER 27-31



Cluster Office Hours

Cluster Office Hours for Christmas

The Cluster offices will be closing early on **Thursday Dec 23 at Noon** and we will be closed **Friday Dec 24 through Dec 31** for the Christmas holiday. We will resume normal office hours on **Monday Jan 3 2022 at 9am**. Thank you! Have a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year!



March for Life

March for Life Bus from the Cluster

The Cluster has a 36 seat bus going to DC for the March for Life on the **21st of January**. This is an excellent opportunity to stand up for the innocent unborn as well as dignity for all life. The cost is \$75 for the trip -up and back from DC. Current Schedule is leave at 6:30, arrive in DC at 11:00 and leave DC at approximately 3:30. Will make a quick stop for breakfast and a quick stop on the way back for dinner. **Please let Theresa Carpenter know if you are going.** **adultformation@clusterparishes.com** or call the office at 757-488-

E-MAIL SCAMS

E-Mail Scams Targeting Parishioners

There have been recent attempts to scam parishioners with fake e-mails that have supposedly been sent by pastors. Within the Cluster and the Diocese we have fallen victim to this attempt as well.

Your Cluster Parishes' clergy, staff, volunteers and the Diocese will never solicit individual requests for money, gift cards, or other financial support for personal use.

Please see the following announcement from the diocese:

“Cybercrime is hitting dioceses nationwide. If/when you receive an email that shows the parish’s pastor or a parish priest as the sender requesting you to purchase a gift card, rest assured it is a scam. Parishioners can and should contact the parish to verify the legitimacy of any suspicious request received through email. All cybercrime should be reported to the FBI at <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>. It is up to the victim of cyber-crimes to file complaints.”

Feast of The Holy Family



The Feast Of The Holy Family

Not finding [Jesus], they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:45-47

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