

Cluster Parishes of Portsmouth & Chesapeake
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The Baptism
OF THE LORD

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

- Lk 3:16bc

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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- 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 1/8

St Paul 4:00pm Emerson Hutchings†

Resurrection 5:30pm George Hartsell, Sr.†

Sunday, 1/9

St. Paul 9:00am John Kerr

St. Mary 9:00am Frank Erlbeck†

Holy Angels 11:00am Jasper Mamoliti†

Resurrection 11:30am Rafael Guerrero†

Holy Angels 1:00pm Gene Lanier†

Monday, 1/10

Holy Angels 9:00am Mamerto Obispo†

Tuesday, 1/11

Resurrection 11:30am Julie Murphy†

Wednesday, 1/12

Resurrection 6:00pm David Meacham†

Thursday, 1/13

Holy Angels 9:00am Lydia Peñalosa†

Friday, 1/14

St Paul 7:30am John Lockwood†

Saturday 1/15

St Paul 4:00pm Virgillio Cantillo, Sr.†

Resurrection 5:30pm Jeff Spring†

† 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 Geraldine Frank†**

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 January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/ Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/ Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17



Upcoming Events

See "Mass Intentions" for Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 9

8:15am Reconciliation at St Mary
10:15am Children's formation at St Paul
10:15am Children's formation at Resurrection
12:00pm Children's formation at Holy Angels
12:30pm Reconciliation at Holy Angels
5:30pm Confirmation Class at Resurrection
5:30pm Youth Group at Resurrection

Monday, January 10

6:00pm ACCESS Ministry Meeting at Resurrection (Hall)

Tuesday, January 11

10:00am Sewing Circle at Resurrection (Hall)
10:00am Prayer Shawl Meeting at St Mary
11:00am Praying of the Rosary at Resurrection
7:00pm KofC 418 Meeting at 418 Council Hall

Wednesday January 12

7:00pm Adult Formation at Resurrection (Hall)

Thursday, January 13

10:00am Journey Ministry at Resurrection (Hall)
6:30pm RCIA at Resurrection (Office)

Friday, January 14

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Saturday, January 15

7:30AM Men of St Joseph at Resurrection (Office)
3:00pm Reconciliation at St Paul
4:30pm Reconciliation at Resurrection

Quote of the Week

“Teacher of children became himself a child among children, that he might instruct the unwise. The Bread of heaven came down to earth to feed the hungry.”

~St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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.

Adult Formation

Women’s Bible Study New Series

The Ladies Bible Study group will be resuming on Thursday **January 20th at 10:00 AM** in Resurrection Hall. We will be doing an 8 week study called “Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues” by Bishop Robert Barron. Each week we will watch a short video followed by discussion questions. Join us for a time of growing deeper in our Catholic faith through faith sharing and fellowship! **Please contact Celeste Prezioso at cmprezioso@yahoo.com for more information**



Children’s Formation

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Welcome Back!

Youth Formation

Youth Group

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

Diocesan Youth Conference Feb 11-13

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.

Job Opening

Cluster Parishes of Portsmouth & Chesapeake is looking for an energetic person to assume the dual position of Coordinator of Religious Education as well as youth ministries for a well-established and active program for elementary school, middle school and high school students. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic in good standing and possess a love and knowledge of the Catholic Faith, as well as a strong commitment to the faith development of children and young people. Professional work ethic and excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, are essential. Bachelor’s Degree preferable in related field. Children and/or youth ministry programming experience desired. This is a full time position that requires variable hours.

Primary responsibilities:

- Organize sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Facilitate catechists in the instruction of the Catholic Faith for children and youth programs.
- Organize & manage the Vacation Bible School yearly
- Maintain the integrity & files for the Safe Environment Program
- Coordination with diocese, pastor and other staff members regularly
- Work variable hours including weekends, nights and holidays to meet the needs of the children & youth Programs

If you are interested and have further questions, please contact Father Tony Morris at pastor@clusterparishes.com or call 757-484-7335



Cluster Office Hours

Cluster Office Closed
The Cluster offices will be closed on Monday January 10th 2022 due to internet upgrades. We will reopen Tuesday January 11th at 9am.
Also the Cluster offices will be closed on Monday January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King day. We will reopen Tuesday January 18th at 9am!

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!

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."

St. Paul News

St. Paul's Giving Tree Thank You
We extend a great big thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Giving Tree Outreach Project. Through the enthusiastic support of our wonderful priests and parish staff and the generosity of our parishioners, we were able to provide a total of 271 gifts for our children and elderly this year. Because of YOU each child awoke Christmas morning to find a surprise under the tree! More joy was shared as the remainder of the gifts were distributed among the residents of 7 local nursing/ assisted living facilities. Families facing their first Christmas without loved ones who passed away this year received a poinsettia as a remembrance that they remain in our thoughts and prayers
We sincerely thank ALL the wonderful volunteers (individuals and families alike) who gathered after Mass to sort and tag all gifts that were returned to St. Joseph's altar. A special thanks goes out to the 2 people who offered to shop for replacements of the 10 gifts that were not returned, ensuring that no "Christmas Wish" would go unfulfilled. Last but certainly not least, we are so grateful for those who patiently waited throughout this entire process to deliver the gifts to their respective facilities. What a truly amazing group of people!
There really are no words to adequately express our gratitude to everyone who brought about a successful completion of yet another year of our parish tradition. The Giving Tree, an expression of our Catholic faith and love in action, could not come together in such a successful and wonderful way without the contributions of every one of you!! We count ourselves as so very blessed to be part of this ministry and having the opportunity to work with so many terrific people.
Thank you one and all!!
Wishing everyone a very merry and blessed Christmas and New Year!
Phil and Cathie Whalen

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 757-488-7335

Cluster News

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan
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Led by Father Dan Klem
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