

Church of the Ascension

January 10, 2021

*An open assembly of Catholic believers of the Diocese of Richmond
Proclaiming the Word of God • Celebrating the Eucharist • Serving the local Community*



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday—Friday 9:15am

*Reservations are not required
to attend Mass*

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION & Private Prayer

Saturdays 10am– Noon

Cancelled Jan. 16

Resumes Jan. 23

BAPTISMS

Contact the Faith Formation

Office: 495-1886, 411

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples are asked to
contact the Parish Office
prior to selecting a wedding date
& at least 6 months in advance



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Friday 9:30am-1:00pm

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Social Ministry Office

495-1886, 414



Good News From Father Daniel... Baptism of the Lord

Do not fear death, my dear brothers and sisters. The one who awaits us is the one described by the prophet Isaiah: *a bruised reed he shall not break. A smoldering wick he shall not quench.* What does this mean? It means that Jesus is the friend of the imperfect, a friend of the wounded and the ones who are not at the front.

Jesus demonstrated this by his reaction to those who hurt him. He said to his friends who deserted him, *Peace be with you* and to those who crucified him, *you are forgiven.*

We are not relying on our own merits when we approach God at our death. Jesus has taken away our sins and Jesus is there to welcome us.

We start this year with the presence of the Lord in our spirits and in our very being. He always says, *Do not be afraid.* We rely not on our own merits but on our trust in the love and mercy of God. This is our faith.

January Catholic Social Teaching: OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

More than 43 million Americans live in poverty. Our faith demands of us a loving response to poverty, hunger, homelessness, unemployment, and other community issues that affect the poor. According to Pope Benedict XVI, a fundamental principle of the life of our Church is that “within the community of believers, there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life.”

We pray for all people who are unemployed, that they may find consolation and support in their time of need, and stable and dignified work.

Pastoral News

Please inform the Parish Office of anyone who is sick or is hospitalized. Due to COVID directives, the clergy are not likely to make visits currently, but would like to know who to pray for. With the patient's/family's permission, we announce acute patients at weekend Masses. 495-1886, ext. 410.



For those with chronic illness we keep in our prayers:

Thomas Renfro, Fred Earley, Priscilla Daughtry, Tim Freeman, John Hamilton, Connie Alfes, Gaynell Willard, Kitty Burke, Jeanmarie & Samuel Delosky, Beverly Mele, Christine Data, Mary Anne DeLuca, Sally King, Avery Hill, Barbara Duesberry, Mavis Love Epps, Margaret Miller, Sue Dalton, Dee Catlin, Rudy Bojo, Armanda Roelle, Lita Sison, Susan Fouhy, Anne Marie Fouhy, Tony Baniqued, Phyllis Hunt, Diane Esposito, Tim McGeein, Angie Hughes, Irene Agustin-Meyer, Pauline Dusek, Gene Hevey, Susan Roberts, Rachel Olcheski-Doboga, Karen Harmeyer, Bob Wiese, Bernadette Lenahan, Steve Pfeiffer

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Memorial gifts to your church meet two important needs at once. They allow you to express your feelings at the loss of a loved one and support the church's mission.

FINANCIAL NEWS Week 27

Weekly Budget	\$	21,230.00
Actual Collection	\$	21,271.00
Over (under) Weekly Budget	\$	41.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$	583,710.00
Year-to-Date Actual	\$	570,660.58
Over or (Under) Yearly Budget	\$	(13,049.42)
Capital improvement collection	\$	527.00
Capital Improvement wkly budget	\$	769.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted.....	\$	20,763.00
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$	27,464.00
Over or (Under) Yearly Budget	\$	6,701.00

January 12-17, 2021



Tues. 9:15am **Raser Garcia † and
Gregorio Aragon †**

Wed. 9:15am **Gibson McNamara † and
Willard Passauer †**

Thurs. 9:15am **John Woodward † and
Verne Dukette †**

Fri. 9:15am **Reggie & Harriet Buono †**

Sat. 5:30pm **Willard Passauer † and
Benjamin Luci †**

Sun. 9:00am **Nonoy Navarro †**

Sun. 11:30am **Milegrois Abellera †**

Encounter God through Eucharistic Adoration

January 15— February 26

Friday evenings from 4pm - 7pm

Encountering Jesus is an essential part of sharing his love. We cannot share what we do not have.

As Catholics, one of the most beautiful ways we experience God's love is through the Eucharist.



Our prayer is that you encounter the love of God during this time and are able to take that love to those in your daily life. All worshippers are welcome!

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE CHANGE

Reconciliation is cancelled next Saturday, January 16, and will resume the following Saturday, January 23, from 10am—Noon.

Pastor News

Father Daniel will be on Retreat January 11—16.

Father Daniel will be out of the office through Saturday, January 16, arriving back to celebrate 5:30pm Vigil Mass.

We welcome our former pastor, Father Charles Briendel, who will be celebrating Daily Masses this week.

SEAT SAVING POLICY

Saving seats for family or friends who have not yet arrived for Mass is not permitted.

CDC physical distancing requirements and our limited seating capacity make it necessary to ensure that **no seat goes unused**. We are often seating in the overflow area, and we do not want to seat people in the Commons or turn people away unnecessarily.

If you want to sit with individuals who have not yet arrived, you must wait until everyone is present to be seated.

An exception will be made for those who are dropped off at the door. Holding a seat for the driver, who is already on-site, is permitted.

Attending Mass In Person

Bishop Knestout has granted dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days for all the faithful in the Diocese of Richmond until further notice.



**Please be mindful to arrive to
MASS ON TIME**

- ◆ **Please arrive no earlier than 30 minutes before Mass begins. We do not save seats.**
- ◆ **Late arrivals cannot be accommodated.** Entrance doors will lock when Mass begins so volunteers can attend Mass.
- ◆ **Once a volunteer usher has seated you, please do not change your seat. Thank you!**

Mass is being live streamed for use on digital media accounts, including but not limited to Church of the Ascension website and social media platforms. Photography and/or screenshot images from the livestream may be used in The Catholic Virginian print edition. If you do not wish to be captured by live streaming, please refrain from attending our streamed Masses. All Masses except 11:30am Sundays are currently livestreamed. Photography and/or video captured at parish-sponsored events may be used for promotional purposes in print and digital media, including but not limited to the parish website, bulletin, social media accounts, and email distribution. If you do not wish to be photographed, please inform the event coordinator prior to the event.

Ministries

ASCENSION'S FOOD PANTRY

Monday — Friday, 10am — Noon, drive-thru style



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FUEL AND HUNGER GRANT: A big thank you is extended to the Diocese of Richmond for granting Social Ministry with a \$4,000 Fuel and Hunger Grant. This money will primarily be utilized to assist clients with utility bills.

FOOD PANTRY: Within the continuing challenges due to coronavirus, the food pantry expects to be very busy this month. We thank you all for helping us keep the shelves stocked! Food pantry needs this week include: CEREAL, CANNED BEANS, JELLY, CANNED CHICKEN and TOILET PAPER.



In baptism, we have been drawn into a living relationship with Christ and the Christian community. Baptism is the beginning of living as a missionary disciple. (paraphrased from Lisa Anslinger)

How have you answered your baptismal call in the past week?

The future
starts
today, not
tomorrow.

St. John Paul II



The journey of a Missionary Disciple begins with encounter and encounter begins with Jesus Christ!

Upcoming Events:

Encounter God Through Different Prayer Styles

Join us this Saturday, Jan. 16, from 9am—10am, either in-person in the sanctuary or via live stream, as we learn about Centering Prayer. January 23 we will explore Praying with Scripture. Sessions will be recorded.

*Did you miss the 1st week of **Encounter God Through Different Prayer Styles**?*

We learned about Adoration. You can find a recording on our website:
www.ascensionvb.org/formationopportunities



Encountering Jesus through Adoration

As Catholics one of the most beautiful ways we experience God's love is through the Eucharist. Friday evenings from 4pm—7pm. See page 3 for more details.

Encounter God in our Neighbor

Faith & Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice, and Restoration

Continue the conversation about racism and how we can be advocates for racial healing **within your family, church, and community**. Presented through the lens of the Christian faith, **JustFaith Ministries' Faith & Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice and Restoration** is an eight-session program that guides participants in telling the truth about the history of racism in the United States, that we might work toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another.

Begins in January via Zoom. For more information or to register, please contact Nancy Hess via email nancyahess@gmail.com or phone 757-404-5314.

Parish Visioning

We are preparing to celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a Parish. We have much to celebrate! We are who we are today because of the people who came before us and the vision of our founding pastor and members.



What will the next fifty years be like? How is the Spirit guiding us and what are our hopes and dreams for the future of the Parish?

As of March 2020, 55 members of Parish and staff have shared their hopes and dreams for our future. Thank you for your openness and inspiring thoughts. We would like to hear more from specific groups: young families, single individuals, members of the military who may be stationed here, and individuals who represent the diversity of our community.

A combination of virtual sessions and conversations have been scheduled during the months of January and February. These will complete the community engagement portion of the visioning process.

Zoom Meetings

Monday, January 25 7:00 -8:30pm

Monday, February 15 7:00 -8:30pm

Small Group Sessions

Sunday, February 7 2:00 - 4:00pm Conference Room

Sunday February 21 2:00 – 4:00pm Conference Room

Registration is required. Small group sessions have limited capacity.

Send an email to: visioning@ascensionvb.org

Please include your full name and the date of the session you would like to attend.

Sessions are also being held in January for two groups during their regular meeting times, Family Faith Formation and YOA.

For additional information, please visit our web page: ascensionvb.org/visioning

“Creating the Future for Church of the Ascension”

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked man his thoughts;
Let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving (Is 55:6-7)

PSALM:

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of
salvation. (Is 12:3)

SECOND READING:

This is the one who came through water and blood,
Jesus Christ,
not by water alone, but by water and blood. (1 Jn 5:6)

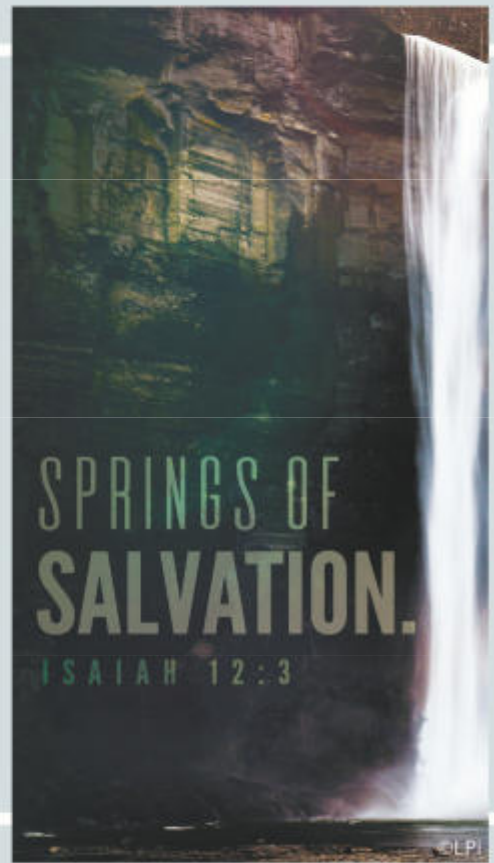
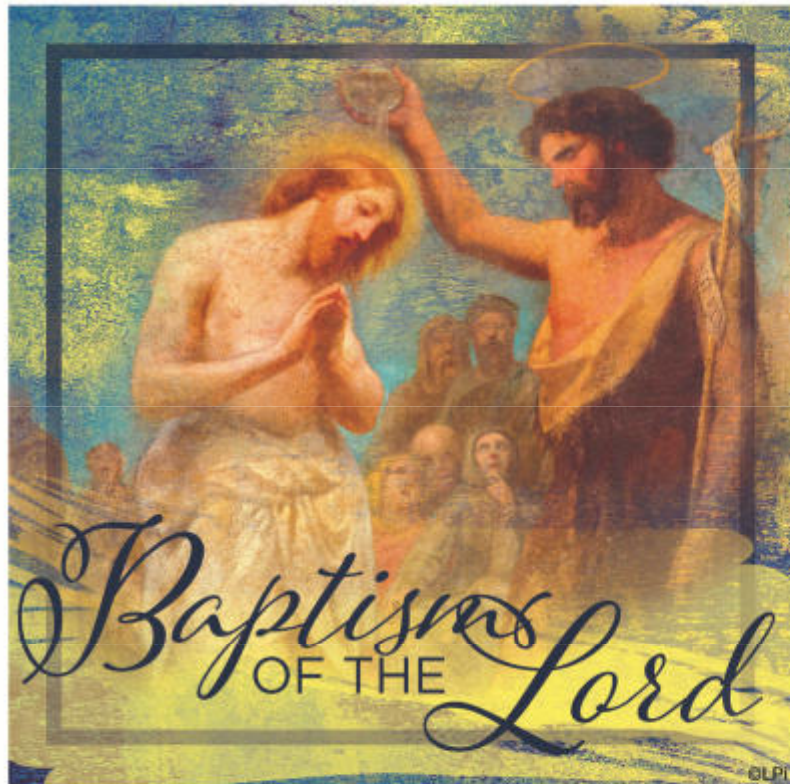
GOSPEL:

And a voice came from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
(Mk 1:11)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Wednesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a "light for the nations." How do you see yourself serving others in need in your life?

SECOND READING

John teaches his community that God Himself has "testified on behalf of His Son." In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

GOSPEL READING

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?

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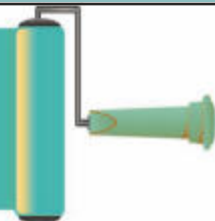
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