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## Mass Schedule

### Weekday Masses

Tuesdays: 12:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 8:00 a.m.

Thursdays: 8:00 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: 12:00 p.m. followed by Adoration and  
Reconciliation from 12:30 — 1:30 p.m.

All other Fridays: 12:00 p.m.

### Weekend Masses

1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays: 8:30 a.m.

Saturdays: Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

### Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

(and privately by appointment)

Sundays: 4:30 - 4:45 p.m. (Students only)

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

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*\*Low gluten hosts are available. Please inform the Master of Ceremonies of your need at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass.*





**December 25, 2021 – January 2, 2022**

**Saturday, December 25 – Christmas**  
 10:00 AM †Mike Yoemans by Susan & Gary Serra  
**Sunday, December 26 – Holy Family**  
 8:00 AM Bennett Jones by Sandra Yoemans  
 10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Patrick  
**Monday, December 27 – No Mass**  
**Tuesday, December 28 – No Mass**  
**Wednesday, December 29 – No Mass**  
**Thursday, December 30 – No Mass**  
**Friday, December 31 – No Mass**  
**Saturday, January 1**  
 10:00 AM †David and †Sharon Siders  
**Sunday, January 2**  
 8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Patrick  
 10:30 AM †William and †Margaret Gross by Joan Cayo

 **Scripture Readings:** December 26: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52. January 2: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

**Latest News on the Afghani Refugees at Fort Pickett, Virginia:** You, the parishioners, have been so supportive of the Afghani refugees at Fr. Pickett in southeastern Virginia. We would like to update you on their status. Your donations were very much appreciated and needed! It is now up to the U.S. immigration service to help the refugees get settled in other parts of the country as quickly as they can.

All efforts at Ft. Pickett are being focused on resettling the Afghan refugees into homes in various communities. The bases are not collecting any further donations unless they have a specific need and then they will let everyone know. The operation at the base is set to be transferred to resettlement agencies on January 31, 2022.

If St. Patrick's would like, we can get involved with local resettlement agencies that will soon be receiving these families and need assistance in helping them find homes and starting new lives. We all know how traumatic that can be! The two agencies that we can work with are Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) or Church World Service. Please do not call these agencies yourself. St. Patrick's will be in touch and let you know of any further news. In the meantime, we can all say a prayer that their transition is, if not an easy one, at least not difficult!

**March for Life:** It's not too early to think about the March for Life and the prayer service - **Candlelight Prayer Service** for Life on Friday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m. and **March for Life** in Washington D.C. on Friday, Jan. 21. St. Patrick's will provide a bus. Details to follow.



**Parish Finances:**

Collection for 12/12/2021	\$	9,137
Weekly Budgeted Need	\$	7,777
Operating Income YTD	\$	191,109
Budgeted Operating Income YTD	\$	186,648
Over YTD Budgeted Income	\$	4,461
Collections not included above:		
Maintenance Reserve	\$	667
Capital Campaign – Rectory	\$	5,500

Visit [Praymorenovenas.com](http://Praymorenovenas.com) for a special Novena.

The advertiser of the month is **Lexington Animal Hospital**, owned by parishioner Dr. Meghan Ryan. LAH strives to keep pets happy and healthy so they can provide a lifetime of fun, loving companionship. Please thank Dr. Ryan for supporting our bulletin!

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
 Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022 10:00 a.m. Mass  
 (Please note, no 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on this day.)



**Santa's Helpers Hard at Work!**

Many thanks to all of the St. Patrick's parishioners who participated in the Star Tree this Christmas. You made the Christmas season a much happier and wonderful time for the people whose star you chose. There were 158 stars this year plus the ones for Holy Family Hospital. It made all of us who participated feel truly blessed to be able to help. Thank you to all of you!

**Religious Education, Christian Formation, & New Evangelization**

*Lessons from St. John Paul II  
 on the Feast of the Holy Family*

"Today we shift our gaze from the grotto of Bethlehem, where the Savior was born on the Holy Night, to the humble house of Nazareth, to contemplate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, whose feast we celebrate in the festive, family atmosphere of Christmas. The Redeemer of the World chose the family as the place for His birth and growth, thereby sanctifying this fundamental institution of every society... For every believer, and especially for Christian families, the humble dwelling place in Nazareth is an authentic school of the Gospel. Here we admire, put into practice, the divine plan to make the family an intimate community of life and love; here we learn that every family is called to be a small domestic church that must shine with the Gospel virtues... The family is called to bear witness to 'the Kingdom and peace of Christ, towards which the whole world is journeying.' May the Holy Family bless and protect all the world's families, so that within them may reign the serenity and joy, justice and peace, that the newborn Christ has given as a gift to humanity" (Angelus 2001).

*Parishioners and guests, may the serenity, joy, justice, and peace of Christ reign within your homes this Christmas Season and throughout each day of the coming new year! ~Kathleen Nowacki-Correia, DRE*

**Monday, December 27 — Office Closed**

**Tuesday, December 28 — Office Closed**

10:00 AM Lectio Divina — Eucharistic Chapel

**Wednesday, December 29 — Office Closed**

8:30 AM Adoration

**Thursday, December 30 — Office Closed**

**Friday, December 31 — New Year's Eve, Office Closed**

**Saturday, January 1, New Year's Day**

9:15 AM Cantor Rehearsal

10:00 AM Mass

**Sunday, January 2**

7:15 AM Cantor Rehearsal

8:00 AM Mass

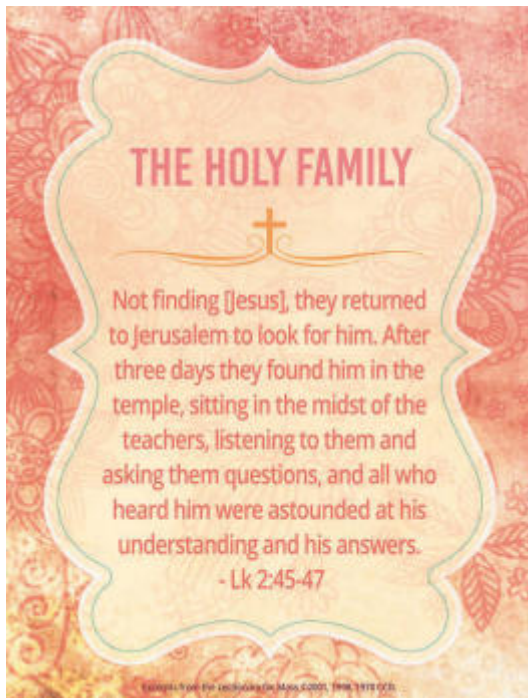
8:30 AM "Kindle My Fire" Radio on 96.7-3WZ; 9:30 AM on 100.3/1450


9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM Mass




**Weekday Masses** will not be held Monday, Dec. 27—Friday, Dec. 31. The parish office will be closed as well. In case of an emergency only, please call Fr. Stefan at 540-784—9779.




**Prayer Net:** Jimmy Harris; Hudson Masters; Mr. & Mrs. Ron Cash; Cassidy; Mrs. Sorrells; Kari Peach; Mary Olsen; Msgr. Andrew Cassin; Dagmar Loiselle; Rev. Dr. Susannah Metz; Hector Guerrero; Jim & Alberta McGrogan; Brian Valley; Rita Kantrim; Warren Browning; Marilyn Rom; John Rafferty; Eileen Roth; Mack Sharp; Allan Perkins; Matt Hemp; Carol Melvin; Deborah & Amanda Soutar; Tanya Lalley; Shawn Hamric; Patricia Browning; our parishioners in nursing homes and the homebound; those addicted to alcohol & drugs; and our military and their families; and for the repose of the soul of †Joey Graziano. (For Prayer Net requests, contact Cher McCoy at chergrindlemccoy@gmail.com or 540-570-2111. 

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention:** We pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Young Children's Mass-time Lending Library** now in the Hall! Parents of children, ages 2 to 5, please "borrow" any book on the Mass, saints, or related subjects during the Masses. Feel free to take a book home, but please be sure to return it so other young children can benefit from it, too! Located under the whiteboard! Look for the sign! Many thanks to our anonymous benefactors! 

**The Catholic Virginian** envelope for next weekend offsets the cost to the parish of providing a subscription to the Catholic Virginian for each registered family. A suggested donation of \$25 per year per family will cover the cost.

**Please Note:** The 5 p.m. Sunday Mass will resume on January 19.

**Religious Education**  **RE classes will not be held** on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2. Classes resume on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022.

**DYC Registration deadline:** Jan. 9. Forms are in the narthex. Complete, bring to office so DRE can complete online registration.

**RARA Food of the Month:** Instant potatoes and stuffing.

**Direct Debit Program:** If you are currently enrolled in the Direct Debit Program and would like to have the Special Offerings for 2022 debited, please complete the Special Offerings section (including your signature) on the enrollment form in the narthex and return it to the office. You **do not** need to attach a check or fill out the top section if you are currently enrolled.

If you would like to enroll in the program, please complete the entire form, attach a voided check, and drop it off in the parish office. Forms are also available on the church website at [stpatrickslxington.com](http://stpatrickslxington.com).

Currently, 22% of our envelope collection is given through the direct debit program. It is very simple to use, so give it a try.

**FORMED:** Take advantage of our parish subscription for the best Catholic movies, devotions, e-books, study series, webinars, and top speakers! Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org), scroll down, click Register, enter parish code T2WDQ3, your email, click Submit, and fill in your information for free access.

**Music & Liturgy**



On the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, the Church's solemn liturgy and varied biblical texts summon us to full-hearted rejoicing at the Savior's birth. At the Vigil Mass, Isaiah prophesies the glorious vindication of Zion; Saint Paul announces that Jesus, born of David's line, is Israel's savior; and Matthew relates his miraculous conception. At the Mass During the Night, Isaiah declares that "a great light...has shone" upon Israel with the birth of a new king; Saint Paul says that God's grace has appeared, training us to live devoutly; and Luke tells of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem during the Roman census. At the Mass During the Day, Isaiah proclaims the good news of Israel's redemption; the author of Hebrews writes that God "has spoken to us through the Son"; and John sings of the Eternal Word made flesh.

"These two figures, Mary and Joseph, who first accepted Jesus through faith, introduce us into the mystery of Christmas. Mary helps us to put ourselves in the attitude of willingness to welcome the Son of God in our concrete lives, in our flesh. Joseph encourages us to always seek God's will and to follow it with full confidence" (Pope Francis, Angelus, 12/18/16). As we celebrate this Christmas season, let us welcome Jesus into our hearts, allow him to transform us, and share his love with everyone we encounter.

*A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all parishioners and visitors!  
-Justin Soutar, Director of Music & Asst. Dir. of Liturgy*



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