

December 10, 2017

CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART



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Bishop-designate of Richmond

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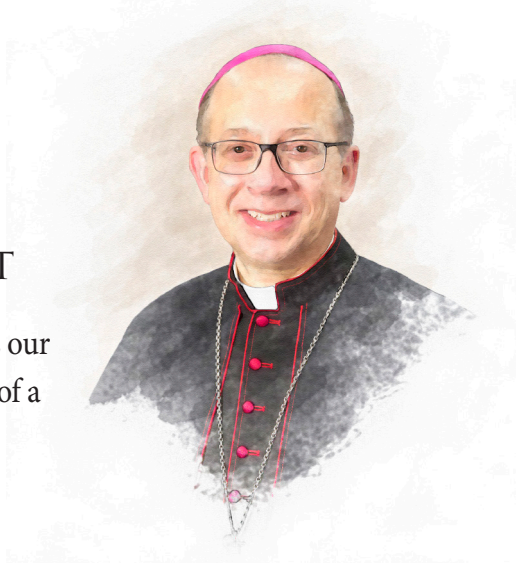
✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠

Welcome

MOST REV. BARRY C. KNESTOUT

The Cathedral welcomes Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout as our
13th Bishop of Richmond, and thanks God for this gift of a
new leader to shepherd our diocese!

Bishop Knestout will be installed on January 12.



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For a complete list of our ministries, committees and ways to get involved please refer to our Parish Resource Guide on our Website or pick up a copy at the entrance to the church.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday, December 9, 2017

9:00 am Knight's of Columbus Santa Breakfast
 2:00 pm Wedding
 5:15 pm **Mass** † *Edward Callahan*

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am **Mass** -- *Jay Call, III*
 10:00 am Childrens Choir Rehearsal
 10:05 am Childrens Faith Formation
 11:00 am **Mass** † *Liddy Horsey*
 12:00 pm High School Youth Group
 5:15 pm **Mass** -- *Cathedral Parishioners*
 6:15 pm Sunday Supper

Monday, December 11, 2017

11:00 am A Colonial Christmas Concert followed by a Free Luncheon

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

12:05 pm **NO Daily Mass**
 6:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

7:30 am Morning Prayer
 12:05 pm **Daily Mass** † *Peggy Williamson & Rick Kern*
 6:30 pm Advent Scripture Reflection
 7:00 pm Praise, Worship and Adoration

Thursday, December 14, 2017

12:05 pm **Daily Mass** -- *Alan Denardo*
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 15, 2017

10:30 am **Mass at Virginia Home**
 12:05 pm **Daily Mass** -- *Marlene & Stanley Pawlowski*
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 16, 2017

5:15 pm **Mass** † *YaYa Family Members*
 7:30 pm Annual Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am **Mass** -- *Cathedral Parishioners*
 10:00 am Childrens Choir Rehearsal
 10:05 am Childrens Faith Formation
 11:00 am **Mass** -- *Michele & Michael*
 12:00 pm Middle School Youth Group
 4:30 pm **Advent Vespers**
 5:15 pm **Mass** † *Louise & Edwin Blanks*
 6:15 pm Sunday Supper

PRAYERS AND PRAISE ✠

Sick: Joyce Bruner, Michele Whitehurst, Mary Maynard, Darryl Simms, Ken Soistman, Mark Drexler, Jr., Floyd Roselli, Bobby Locke, Patrick Cooper, Thelma Robinson, Jennifer Tomes, Patrick Stockton, Reed Roberts, Cheryl Hennan, Ann Fincham, Georgia Thompson, Peggy Ross, Debra Brown, Joan & Mike Woody, Ann King, Mary Carroll Jordan, Barbara Munjas, Theresa Drexler Moody, Knox & Preston Kaliebe, Kevin Smith, Diana A., Joan DeBiasi, Maria Morales, John Anderson, Joanie Price, Cindy Cole, John Norment, Frank Flechter, Michael Hollister, Connie Biby, Valerie Booth, Barbara Kersey, Mary Hormachea, Gabriel Peter Norment, Gina Loehr, Eddie Dunn, III, John Kuhn, Sheila Dolan, Dylan Marshall, Jean Serini, Amy Tweedale, Billie Sutherland Moore, Mark Patrick Cotham, Anne Hutchins, and Janine Thompson. Also, please continue to pray for those written in the Book of the Sick and those in our Armed Forces.

Seminarians: Rev. Mr. James O'Reilly, Rev. Mr. Nick Redmond, Rev. Mr. John Baab, Joe Kauflin, Alex Jimenez, William Douglas, Julio Reyes, Marton Lonart, Thomas Lawrence, M. Tochi Iwuji, Kevin Riedel, Philip Decker, John Minnich, Chris Weyer, David Arellano, Benjamin Fleser, Dillon Bruce, Riley Winstead, Armando Herrera, Anthony Ferguson, Kyle O'Connor, Christopher Masla, Cassidy Stinson, Daniel Molochko, Patrick Walsh, Andrew Clark, Gregory Guilfoyle, William Buckley, James Fitzgerald, Samuel Hill, Robert Kincaid.

Welcome to our new RCIA Community!

Jim Bailey, Mary Katherine Bradley, Robert Bradshaw, Amin Diallo, Jacob Einwechter, Nathan Galloway, Michael Maguire, Allison Nguyen, Mateo Salas Aguilar, Jacob Perry, Grace Pitthardt, Kristie Smith, Tammy Smith, Sidney Schroeder, Dave Noland, Carlie Honsaker.

Welcome our New Members who joined us in November: Maria Meza; Bryn Whiteley; Joseph Neil Omick; Carlie Honsaker; Javier & Anna Vasquez; Joran Sequeira; Ladie Bedivere Villardon; Anthony Becker; Sebastian & Lucia Robertson; Justin & Elizabeth Riegler; Charles & Elizabeth Ditsler; Herbert & Evelyn Chappell.

The Pope's general prayer intention for December is:

The Elderly: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

How do we use the Preservation second collection?

We keep these funds in a separate account and use them for significant repairs of the facility. We have found that if we stay on top of repairs it prevents the need for major capital projects in the future.

Merry Christmas from Bileys!



Christmas Calendars are here! Once again, Biley's Funeral Home is gifting the Cathedral parishioners with 2018 Catholic Art Calendars. They are in the back of the church. Pick one up as you leave!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Sat. 5:15 pm & Sun. 9:00 am



Sunday, December 24, 2017

4:00 pm (Sung Prelude - 3:30 pm)

Reverend Monsignor Patrick Golden, *Celebrant*
Rector of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

6:30 pm (Sung Prelude - 6:00 pm)

Reverend Monsignor Mark Lane, *Celebrant*
Diocesan Administrator

10:00 pm Choral Mass (Sung Prelude - 9:00 pm)

Reverend Monsignor Patrick Golden, *Celebrant*
Rector of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart



Monday, December 25, 2017
 11:00 am Sung Mass

Weekly Offerings

For Fiscal Year beginning 7/1/2017

The Cathedral is grateful for last week's collections and year-end gifts.

	Last Week	Year to Date
Regular Offertory		
Amount Budgeted	\$15,276	\$386,845
Amount Received	\$24,357	\$425,746
Difference	\$9,081	\$38,901
Preservation	\$410	\$31,618
Social Justice		
Poor and Needy	\$1,378	\$19,011
Haiti	\$455	\$3,291
Diocesan Catholic Charities	\$2,721	\$11,072

CHILDREN'S, YOUTH AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Children's Faith Formation Corner

"Children and God have a unique bond"

The Children's Christmas Pageant will be December 24 at the 4:00 Mass. All children ages 4-10 are invited to be part of the pageant. Please attend the pageant rehearsal on December 18 at 6:30 pm. The children will be fitted for their costumes at that time. Email: mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org with any questions.

Cathedral Children's Choir

Sunday, December 10 & 17 | 10:00 am - 11:00a

NEW!

The choir will have rehearsal for their Christmas Eve performance on these dates the choir meets in the parish office on the second floor: Sunday December 10 and 17 from 10:00 am - 11:00am

Sunday Missal for Young Catholics

Our Cathedral Gift shop is selling the Sunday Missal for Young Catholics 2017-2018 - The cost is \$8.00 This missal for young children will help them take part in the Mass on Sundays and important feast days. The missal gives the readings and prayers for each Sunday of the year. Look them over with your family before you go to church. It is an excellent way to prepare for Mass.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mark Your Calendar!

NEW!

Bible Timeline: A Story of Salvation History

January 17, 31, Feb. 7, 21, Mar. 7, 14, 21 | 7:00 pm

Come and learn together. This is a Catholic approach to Scriptures that invites us into transformative encounter with Jesus Christ. If you would like to join this bible study *please come and bring a friend!*

What programs for adults are beginning in January?

1. Women's Book Group - the book is *"Half The Sky"*
2. *Bible Timeline: A Story of Salvation History*
3. Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King - Sunday January 15 - we will view the video *"Witness"* and have a group discussion facilitated by Deacon Charles Williams
4. Adult Speaker Series - February 11 - Shalom Farms discussion *"Healthy Access to Food"*
5. Moments of Grace - Movie and Potluck Supper - the movie is *"Entertaining Angels"*
6. Cathedral all Parish Read - *"The Story of Dorothy Day"*

RCIA

R.C.I.A. is a sacramental formation process for adults seeking full initiation in the Catholic faith. This process is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed consciously and freely seek the living God and enter a way of faith and conversion.

R.C.I.A. is a process for adults who are seeking Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

R.C.I.A. is a process for adults who have been previously Baptized in another faith tradition, adults who have not been Baptized, and for Catholic adults who are seeking the sacrament of Confirmation.

R.C.I.A. is a faith community that is on a spiritual journey called by God and receives God's grace.

R.C.I.A. community is supported by the parish community through prayer and example.

RCIA would like to thank Michael McGuire for providing a great dinner on Tuesday!

Please be part of the RCIA Meal Ministry. We begin every session with dinner. Sharing this meal brings the RCIA group together by breaking bread.

If you are interested or have any questions please email: Maria Thorsen - mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org

Advent Scripture and Prayer

Wednesdays, December 13 & 20 | 6:30 pm | Parish Hall

Join us for an evening of Scripture and Prayer with Deacon Chris Malone and Deacon Charles Williams. We will journey through the season of Advent together using Bishop Robert Barron's Advent reflections on the Sunday readings.

Advent Reflection Materials!

Please help yourselves to the Advent reflection material you will find on the table at the entrance of the church. Spend time every day in prayer to become closer to our Lord understanding His love and mercy for each of us.

Are you interested in reading a book that will further your understanding of your Catholic faith, Catholic social teachings, Prayer and Spirituality? Here are a few more suggestions:

The Church of Mercy by Pope Francis
Understanding Catholicism by Monika Hellwig
The Inner Voice of Love by Henri Nouwen
The Rule of Benedict: What the Rule can Teach us Today by Laura Swan

Use this website to spend a few minutes a day in prayer during Advent: www.youtube.com/watch?v=C

Cathedral Information

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday; Wednesday - Friday: 12:05 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

If you're interested in becoming Catholic:

Contact Maria Thorsen at mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org or 804-212-3888.

For Weddings and Funerals: Call Jayne Hushen, Parish Office at 804-212-3892.

For Mass Intentions, call Chris Ferrara in the Parish Office at 804-359-5651.

Christian Marriage Formation Program for Engaged Couples:

www.cdrcmf.org/marriage-family/marriage-preparation/

Infant Baptisms & Confirmations: A Baptism Registration Form is available online on our website - www.richmondcathedral.org

Contact Maria Thorsen at mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org or 804-212-3888.

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

11:00 am & 5:15 pm

Nursery is open from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Sundays for children ages 12 mos. to 3 years. The nursery is on the lower level (take the elevator).

Ordained Ministry and Religious Life: For information about the life and ministry of priests, deacons, and seminarians of men & women in religious life, contact Fr. Michael Boehling at 804-359-5661 or www.richmondciocese.org/vocations

Self-Guided Tour: When visiting the Cathedral, pick up a Self-Guided Tour pamphlet at the front entrance. To view the tour on our website, visit: www.richmondcathedral.org/selfguidedtour.pdf

We welcome new members to our parish! You can fill out a registration form found at the back of the church, or email tbaham@richmondcathedral.org, or fill out an online registration form on our website: www.richmondcathedral.org

During Weekday Masses, Parking Passes Are Not Needed

A Colonial Christmas Concert with Luncheon

Monday, December 11, 11:00 am | FREE

Join us for a holiday concert of music with a free luncheon at 12:00 noon.

Due to limited space, please RSVP to
cferrara@richmondcathedral.org | 212-3883

Annual Advent Lessons and Carols

Saturday, December 16, 7:30 pm | FREE

Join the Cathedral community for Advent Lessons and Carols. Festive carols and beautiful anthems will be featured. Lessons and Carols at the Cathedral is presented in commemoration of World AIDS Day, and benefits Capital Area Health Network.

Advent Vespers

Sunday, December 17 at 4:30 pm

Gaudete Sunday Vespers will be led by Monsignor Golden and the Cathedral Schola. Find respite from the holiday rush and join us for sung prayer and quiet meditation.



December 10
Is 40: 1-5, 9-11
2 Pt 3: 8-14
Mark 1: 1-8

December 17
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thes 5: 16-24
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Prepare for Sunday Mass using an online resource that includes a copy of the readings and much more. To access, go to the parish website and click on "Prepare for Sunday."

Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus. ©LoyolaPress

Advent Giving Tree

Nov. 25 - Dec. 18 | Contact Chris | 359-5651
cferrara@richmondcathedral.org

Looking for a great way to share your many blessings with others. Please support the following ministries by taking an ornament from one of the two Advent Giving Trees located at the entrance to church and returning your gift by December 18.

St. Francis Home • McGuire Veterans Hospital • All Saints Catholic School • Miles Jones Elementary School • Circle Center Adult Day Services
The Cathedral - St. Bridget Haiti Committee



Gift Shop

Our Christmas ornaments have arrived! We sold out last year so get yours today! The new shipment of Missals are also now in stock - ONLY \$10. Don't forget to do your early Christmas shopping at the Cathedral Gift Shop. The gift shop also needs volunteers. If you are interested volunteering, text Jody Taylor at 571-285-7279 or vetrock@comcast.net

All profits benefit Cathedral ministries.



Money Counters Request

Contact Tiffany Baham at tbaham@richmondcathedral.org

Money counters are responsible for counting weekly collections and preparing the envelopes for permanent records. There are three teams who rotate by the month. We need volunteers for the March, June, September, December team. If interested please contact Tiffany Baham at tbaham@richmondcathedral.org



Please keep our students in your prayers as they head into their final exam week! St. Joseph Cupertino, Patron Saint of Students,
Pray for us!

Life as a Christian Steward

"Sanctity has to do with gratitude. To be a saint is to be fueled by gratitude, nothing more and nothing less." (Fr. Ronald Rolheiser in The Holy Longing)

Christmas Cards on Sale

The Cathedral Knights will be offering their Christmas cards for sale in the Vestibule (across from the Gift Shop), after each Mass this weekend. All proceeds are donated to ministries at the Cathedral.

NEW QR Code Effective 10/15!

Parking Validation for Saturday & Sunday Mass ONLY



Expires June 30, 2018

When you park in the VCU Deck, you must do one of the following:

- 1 - PULL & KEEP A TICKET TO ENTER DECK
- 2 - Scan this code from this bulletin OR
- 3 - Pick up a QR Code chit from the basket under the poster in church OR
- 4 - Take a photo of the code with your smart phone
- 5 - Insert your ticket first, then when asked for payment, scan the code and the gate will open.