MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 20
6:30am Parishioners
9:00am Edward Gill +
10:30am Helen Afon +
12:00n Jack Frothingham +
1:30pm Tamara Tuttle +
5:00pm Robert Tekamep
Tuesday, December 21
8:00pm Robert Tekamep
9:00pm Helen Afon +
12:00n Jack Frothingham +
1:30pm Tamara Tuttle +
6:00pm Parishioners

SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Vigil Mass Is 62:5-15; Acts 10:36-43; Mt 1:18
8:00pm Deacon Jay McClay +
9:00pm Henrietta Supchak +
10:00pm The Mulloy and Armishaw Family

FOOD DRIVE
St. Patrick Parish holds a food drive on the second weekend of every month. Non-perishable food may be dropped off outside the front of the church.

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS
For the parish registration form, past bulletins, and current events visit the parish website www.saintpatrickparish.org
Please see the Parish Advent and Christmas schedule at http://www.saintpatrickparish.org/bulletins/Advent15.pdf

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS
Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Rectory Conference room. Please contact the Parish Office to register.

ADULT CONFIRMATION
Adults who are baptized Catholics and want to be confirmed, please contact the Parish Office at 785-5299.

ENGAGED COUPLES
Please contact the rector at least six months before your desired wedding date.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES
Contact the rector if you have been asked to be a sponsor/godparent and require a Sponsorship Certificate.

GUARDIAN ANGELS
If you would like to contribute to the Guardian Angels who assist families in our parish with food, clothing medication and other basic needs, please see Jim Duffy.

ALTAR AND ROSARY
Francesca Vollman 540-760-7076
Bill Phillips 540-972-3649

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS
Discover Your Irish Heritage! Men of Irish birth or descent are invited to join the oldest Catholic lay organization in the USA. We support local Catholic charities! www.fredericksburgaoh.org

BOOK STUDY
Religious Education Office 540-785-8757
Thursdays in the Rectory Conference Room 10:30-11:30am

CURSILLO
Mary Lou McGonigle 540-972-4673
Ethel Malley 540-785-4753
Meet 1st Tuesday after the 9am Mass in the Rectory Conference Room to discuss St Faustina’s diaries.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – BATTLEFIELD COUNCIL
Joe Watson, Grand Knight, specops981@aol.com
Meets second and fourth Tuesdays of the month

LADIES AUXILIARY
Arlene DeSimone, President 540-972-4508
Meets third Tuesday of the month

LEGION OF MARY
George Perreault gperreau@mac.com 540-412-5724
One Praesidium meets each Monday at 7:30pm in the school library. Another Praesidium meets each Friday at 10am in the Rectory Conference Room

MARATH’S CARING HANDS
Parish Office 540-785-5299
A service providing funeral receptions in our parish hall. Please call the office if you need this service. Donations are gratefully accepted to support this service!

PILGRIM VIRGIN
John Gladis at 891-7408 or Tim Dimond at 854-8479
Have the Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima grace your home for two weeks

SACRED HEART OF JESUS HOME ENTHRONEMENT
To set a date: Terri Miles 540-406-0710

SERVANTS FOR SENIORS
John / Mary Jane Solomon 540-972-8915
Call if you need assistance with transportation, meals, yard work, errands, shopping, administrative assistance, etc. Please call if you can assist.

SPIRITUALITY
Religious Education Office 540-785-8757
Study of G.K. Chesterton, Mondays at 10:00 am in the Hall

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Meet on the first Saturday of each month after the 8am Mass and on the third Thursday at 7pm. Meetings are held in the St. Matthew Activity Center.

USHERS
Greg Gordon 786-0488 or dggordo.comcast.net

VISITATION APOSTLES
Parish Office 540-785-5299
Please call if you know a member of our Parish, homebound or in a nursing home, who would like to be visited or taken to the Eucharist.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
Weekly parish budget requirement = $17,350
December 8 Immaculate Conception … $3,928
December 12-13 Offertory ………….. $14,941
December 12-13 Catholic Charities …. $4,533
*Offertory total includes Faith Direct

SECOND COLLECTIONS
St. Patrick Parish School …….. December 24-25
Parish Monthly Building Fund ……… January 2-3

O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECEMBER 20, 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
“And it came to pass, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe in her womb leapt.”

The first person in the world to welcome Jesus, to recognize Him in the womb of His own mother was a child, John the Baptist. How wonderful, God chose an unborn child to recognize His Son!

**Eucharistic Adoration**
Weekly Holy Hour with the opportunity for Confession will resume on January 7
Thursday evening from 7:30pm to 8:30pm

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**Christmas Intention Tree**
Please write your personal intentions on the gold foil squares, roll, and secure with rubber bands provided in the red basket in the vestibule of the church. The scrolls will be will be tied with red ribbons and hung on the tree near the altar this Christmas. Please remember all of these prayer intentions throughout the Christmas season.
Mass Intentions must be arranged at the Rectory.

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**Parish Giving Tree**
Please return gifts to the Parish Office by Monday morning, December 21
in support of families in need through the Paul Stefan Home, Mary’s Shelter, Guardian Angels, and Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter,
Gifts may be wrapped with the ornament attached
Gift cards should be brought to the rectory and may be put through the mail slot in the office door.

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**Servants for Seniors**
Please sign up in the notebook in the church vestibule if you can provide service to the Servants for Seniors parish volunteer program.
When services are requested, John or Mary Jane Solomon (540-972-8915) will contact you if you know of anyone who could use these services, please let us know.

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**Thurman Brisben Center**
There is an ongoing need for pantry items, paper products, toiletries, and cleaning supplies.
For pickup either at church or your home please contact Shelia Tetor - shilelatetor@comcast.net or 540-809-5166.
The Center is grateful for everyone who contribute to help people “get back on their feet.

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**Thank you to the Guardian Angels**
83 families were assisted at Thanksgiving with many of them receiving turkeys and hams. 81 additional families were helped with other basic needs for over $6,200 during November.
A total of 164 families were helped in November.

To contribute to the Guardian Angels who help our fellow parishioners during difficult financial times, please see Jim Duffy

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**Opportunities for Confession**
In addition to the regular Weekly Confession Schedule
Monday, December 21
following 9am Mass until the line ends and 7:30-8:15pm
Tuesday, December 22
following 9am Mass until the line ends
Wednesday, December 23
following 9am Mass until the line ends and 7:30-8:15pm
Thursday, December 24
following 9am Mass until the line ends

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**Christmas Mass Schedule**
Thursday, December 24
4:00pm – Vigil Mass
3:45pm musical prelude by St. Patrick Youth Christmas Choir
6:00pm – Vigil Mass
5:35pm songs and carols with St. Patrick 5:00 Choir
8:00pm – Vigil Mass
7:45pm musical prelude by St. Patrick Brass Ensemble
Friday, December 25
12:00m – Mass at Midnight
11:30pm - songs and carols with St. Patrick 10:30 Choir
7:30am – Mass at Dawn
9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00n – Mass during the Day
1:30pm – Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Latin)

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**Parish Office Christmas Schedule**
The parish office will be closed from Thursday, December 24 through Sunday, January 3.
A priest will be at the residence during the break. If you have a sacramental emergency and need to contact a priest, please call the rectory at 785-5299 and follow the prompts for emergencies.

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**Please Pray for a Priest Each Day**

| December 21 | Rev. James Mwangi Kinnyua, F.M.H. |
| December 22 | Rev. Peter Reynierse |
| December 23 | Rev. Russel Raj |
| December 24 | Rev. Kevin Fimian |
| December 25 | Rev. John Ziegler |
| December 26 | Rev. Paul Scalia |
| December 27 | Rev. Kevin J. Dansereau |

O Mary Immaculate, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests,
pray and intercede for (name of a priest)

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**Religious Education – 785-5299**

**Christmas Break**
There will be no Religious Education Classes
Tuesday, December 22 - Wednesday, January 6
Sunday Religious Education classes will resume January 10
Weekday Religious Education classes will resume January 12 and 13 at the regular class times

**Catechists Mid-Year Training**
Catechists, please meet in the parish hall on Tuesday, January 5 or Wednesday, January 6. The training session will begin at the normal class times. At this time, we will also do the annual VIRTUS refresher training. There will be subs and refreshments.
In the Year of Mercy, join Bishop Loverde in embracing “the inner joy that comes from receiving mercy.” He invites you to read his letter on the Jubilee, now available in Spanish and English: www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee

Parish Capital Campaign
For the Glory of God

In order to help us reach our campaign goal, please prayerfully making a supplemental pledge toward achieving our campaign goal.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

GOAL: $ 6,000,000

Pledges: $4,700,309* PAID TO DATE: $2,724,976

*Includes pledges toward Home Stretch Goal

HOME STRETCH GOAL TO REACH 6 MILLION: $1,600,000

Pledges toward our Home Stretch Goal: $300,309 (18.8%)

For questions or information, please contact Fr. Ziegler or Deacon Stenstrom at 540-785-5299

THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE THOUSANDS YOU HELP
WITH LIFE-SAVING SERVICES
WHEN YOU GIVE TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities this year. Your support is vital to our work, and we are grateful for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. If you missed the opportunity to give to Catholic Charities, you may still do so. You can make your year-end gift in support of Catholic Charities by going online to www.ccpa.net. Or you can make a gift in next week’s collection and note Christmas Collection / Catholic Charities on the memo portion of your check. All gifts stay in the diocese.

Are you an online shopper?

These are two easy ways to help St. Patrick School benefit from your online purchases…

AMAZON GIVES BACK and BIG N MARKETPLACE
Please visit our website www.saintpatrickschoolva.org
Click on [Amazon Gives Back]
before you place any Amazon orders.

Click on the [Big N Marketplace] link to shop and save with available coupons to a variety of online retailers.

Great Gift Ideas
25TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

The collectable cookbook is beautifully hard bound with over 250 recipes from parishioners and school families! Cookbooks are on sale for $20 each from the School Office; or please contact Melissa Miller melissamillerva@gmail.com.
Proceeds will go to St. Patrick School PTO and the Saint Patrick Parish

“For the Glory of God” Capital Campaign

WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS
For $25, the 2015 edition of the White House ornament is still available in the school office or by contacting Michael Parker atpawcur@aol.com or 540-786-4103.

PARISH YOUTH ACTIVITIES
For HS Students in Grades 9-12
Contact: Mrs. Schumacher at stpantsyouth@comcast.net

"We Walk by Faith"
Sunday, December 20 6:00–7:30pm Parish Hall
Join us as Mrs. Hiney talks about the Advent & Christmas seasons.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2016
AND WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR DETAILS

January 11 St. Patrick School Registration opens
January 22 Annual MARCH for LIFE
2 Buses have been chartered for the event
January 29 Honor the Clergy Dinner
January 30 Ladies’ Day of Recollection
January 31 Catholic Schools Week Open House
February 2 Science Fair (School)
Judges will be needed. Please contact the school to volunteer.
February 7 Ladies’ Auxiliary Cookie Sale
February 10 Ash Wednesday
February 13 Men’s Day of Recollection
February 20 First Penance Workshop for CCD and School students and parents
February 21–24 Parish Mission
February 27 First Penance (CCD)
February 27 Spaghetti Dinner
February 29 First Penance (School)
February 29 Confirmation Meeting for Parents
March 27 Easter
April 24-30 Icon of Mercy at St. Patrick

GIVE A GIFT FOR LIFE
Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother’s maternity care. One grateful mother wrote: "I knew that I was not alone, that there are good people who help others. Gabriel Project made me know that a child is not a burden but a blessing from God.” For more information and/or to donate: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.

ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION
Catholic Charities (United Way #6404) 371-1124
Rappahannock Pregnancy Help Center 370-1800
Mary’s Shelter www.maryshelterva.org
Birthright of Fredericksburg 898-8558
birthrightfred@gmail.com
Paul Stefan Homes of VA (CFC#47774) 854-2300
www.paulstefanhome.org

“Be it done unto me according to your word.”
Docile obedience to the Lord’s will is the fruit of humble prayer. If God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, call Father J.D. Jaffe at 703) 841-2514, or write to jjaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.