

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 27 – JANUARY 3

SUNDAY – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

First Reading: [Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5](#)
Second Reading: [Colossians 3:12-21](#)
Gospel: [Luke 2:41-52](#)

MONDAY

First Reading: [First John 1:5--2:2](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-8](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 2:13-18](#)

TUESDAY

First Reading: [First John 2:3-11](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 96:1-2, 2-3, 5-6](#)
Gospel: [Luke 2:22-35](#)

WEDNESDAY

First Reading: [First John 2:12-17](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 96:7-8, 8-9, 10](#)
Gospel: [Luke 2:36-40](#)

THURSDAY

First Reading: [First John 2:18-21](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 96:1-2, 11-12, 13](#)
Gospel: [John 1:1-18](#)

FRIDAY – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - SOLEMNITY

First Reading: [Numbers 6:22-27](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8](#)
Second Reading: [Galatians 4:4-7](#)
Gospel: [Luke 2:16-21](#)

SATURDAY

First Reading: [First John 2:22-28](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4](#)
Gospel: [John 1:19-28](#)

SUNDAY – SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

First Reading: [Sirach 24:1-4, 8-12](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20](#)
Second Reading: [Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18](#)
Gospel: [John 1:1-18](#) or [1:1-5, 9-14](#)

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION
HOLIDAY SEASON CLASS SCHEDULE:**

Sunday, December 27th NO CLASSES

Sunday, January 3rd CLASSES RESUME

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (12/27)

8:30 AM – MASS
9:40 – 10:50 AM: RCIA Classes
9:45 AM: Confirmation Class in Chapel
11 AM – MASS

MONDAY (12/28)

8 AM – MASS

TUESDAY (12/29)

8 AM - MASS
10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
11 AM – Catholic Moms United in Prayer

WEDNESDAY (12/30) –PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES @ NOON

8 AM - MASS
10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
NOON - AA Meeting

THURSDAY (12/31) – NEW YEAR'S EVE – OFFICE CLOSED

8 AM - MASS
NOON -1 PM: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (1/1) – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – OFFICE CLOSED

11 AM – MASS
NOON – AA Meeting

SATURDAY (1/2)

3:30 – 4:30 PM: Reconciliation
5 PM – MASS

SUNDAY (1/3)

8:30 AM – MASS
9:30 – 10:45 AM: Christian Formation Classes
9:30 AM: Confirmation Meeting
9:30 AM: First Reconciliation Prep Class in Chapel
9:40 – 10:50 AM: RCIA Classes
11 AM – MASS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 26th

5 PM – Dennis Russo (Kay Russo)

Sunday, December 27th

8:30 AM – Ida Jane Ardigo (Norma & Renzo Petroni)
11 AM – Members of the Parish

Tuesday, December 29th

8 AM – Sharon Dudley-Dodson (Mildred Dudley)

Wednesday, December 30th

8 AM – Dick Holmberg (Bonnie Holmberg)

Friday, January 1st

11 AM – Ethel Walters (Soup Kitchen Staff & Volunteers)

Saturday, January 2nd

5 PM – Marie Peacock (Chris & Betty Thomas)

Sunday, January 3rd

8:30 AM – Theresa Barbara Sennewald (Conaway-Petroni Family)
11 AM – Members of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Charlie Previtali, Sally Kammauff, Al Bossi, Bonnie Bossi, Marge Haskins, Barbara Edwards, Darwin Pologruto, David Drucker, Peg Sullivan, Monty Chowdhry, Charles Rusk, Allen Shotwell, Conrad & Barbara Isak, Ginger Johnson, Richard Fagan, Rosemary Firer, Ginger Johnson, and Bob Venere.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Stephen Vermillion III, Paul Garramone, Ryan Babral, Donald Purstell, Waneta Dragneviech, Loretta Cleland, Sylvia Dykema, Yano & Lena Russo, Jean Ferrara, Sheila Aylor, Vicky Cosby, John Campman, Christine Morlino, Susan O'Malley, Charles Thomas, Maureen Bradley, Max Schmidt, Nev Driscoll, Kristin Fagan, Dick Wight, Nancy Brandt, Gloria Ann Ritchie, Cecelia Ritchie, Lynn Martin, Mary Lee Marcum, Connie Scopelliti, Rose LaBruno, Keith Houchens, Mercedes Misko, Aileen Green, Wally Ramp, Susy and Addie Weston, Marybeth Gibbon, Donna Schoeny, Joyce Fleischmann, Melyssa Dove, Kevin Watson, Mary McTague, Brian Clarke, Robert Zimmerman, Benedict Pax, Mary Pax Hunt, Janet Dannemann, Carol Sue Marshall, Leo Faust Sr., David Newman, Tabatha Warner, and Dean Palmer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR MILITARY

Patrick Heron, Keith Piccirello, Joseph Paul Agee, Kathleen Agee, Jeb Steoffel, Michael Goba, Mike Eaton, Hank McKnelly, Hunt Kerrigan, Daniel Everett, Michael B. Philbrick, Brian O'Rourke, Philip Lawton, Marcus Martin, Timothy Galvin, Garrett Wilkes, Kelly Luna, Mike Luna, James Rosendale, Robert Rossiter, Kevin Bradley, Doug Buntz, Ronald Lavis, Mike Eiermann, Billy Smith, Matt Persiani, Brian Fagan, R.F. Stratton, and Jamie Torbet.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ADULT FORMATION**

"Parents above others are obliged to form their children in the faith and practice of the Christian life by word and example."

The Code of Canon Law, Canon 774 § 2

Teresa Ritzert, CRE at Holy Comforter. Email: trizert@holycomforterparish.org.

PARENTS OF CCS 2ND GRADE STUDENTS: Please register your child for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Classes. Classes begin in January 2010. Registration forms are available on the credenza. Contact Teresa for more info.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS SCHEDULE
FOR ALL PARISH 2ND GRADE STUDENTS:**

January 10, 24, 31, and February 7.

All classes meet in the chapel from 9:30 –10:45 AM

A parent must attend each class with his/her child.

First Reconciliation is Saturday, February 13th at 11 AM

Students are to prepare for the 1st class by having read Chapter 17 of the textbook.

MEETING: The Philosophy Club will not meet in January. The next meeting will be Sunday, February 14th at 6 PM at which time we will discuss "An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding" by David Hume. For information, please contact Suzanne Bailey at 296-5033 or sbailey@nlrg.com.

BOOK CLUB: The next meeting of the book club will be Tuesday, January 12th at 4 PM at 150 Bennington Road. We will discuss Pope John Paul II's "**Crossing the Threshold of Hope**". You are invited to use the quieter after Christmas weeks to read this book and to join fellow parishioners in exploring the issues it raises. For more information, contact Therese Stong at 296-9961 or trstong@embarqmail.com.

PLEASE HELP

A parishioner is in need of transportation to & from Mass. If you can help, please contact George Kelly at 434-973-7255 for details.

NEWS FROM HAITI

BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE: The committee next meets at 1 PM on Sunday, January 24th at St. Thomas Aquinas. All are welcome. To learn more, contact Laurie Duncan at Laurie.dncn@gmail.com

TRAVEL TO HAITI: Several trips to visit our twin parish of St. Michel are being planned in the coming months. If you are interested in traveling with one of these groups, please contact Paul Harnois at lphmch@embarqmail.com.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

SEPARATED/DIVORCED CATHOLICS: The tri-parish support group for divorced/separated Catholics meets at the Church of the Incarnation on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Our meetings are held in Rm. 21 from 7-9 PM. If you would like more information, please contact Lauryn Mathena, the Outreach Ministry coordinator. All inquiries are confidential.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR DEPRESSION: Even Keel is a peer run, spiritually based support group for persons who are struggling with depression. We will meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 7:30-9 PM at The Church of the Incarnation [Rm. 21]. For info, please contact Patricia Pollock 296-7031. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS: We are currently accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Please visit our website for comprehensive information about CCS and our application process. If you would like to tour our school, please call Ann Michel, Admissions Coordinator, at (434)964-0400. Limited seats are also available for the current school year.

THANKS: The entire Charlottesville Catholic School community wants to express our heartfelt gratitude for all your efforts in supporting CCS. We wish you a very blessed Christmas season and New Year!

UPCOMING WORSHIP MINISTERS SCHEDULES

January 1st – 11 AM: Diane Smith, Rob Nowicki, Les Berlin, Jim Neale, Sue Newman, Catie Clare Smith, Lloyd Smith, Jim Morrisard, Beth Smith, Seth Hayden, Tony Hastoglis.

January 2nd – 5 PM: Terry Shotwell, George Kelly, Jeanette McCarthy, Ray Painley, Kerwin Lebeis, Emma Colavincenzo, Evan Colavincenzo, Willie Colavincenzo, Joseph Artrip, and Tom O'Rourke.

January 3rd – 5 PM: Norm Bednarczyk, Jim Neale, Jeanne Chamales, John Chamales, Therese Auger, Margaret McElroy Alex Yost, Morgan Yost, Ed Mickiewicz, Rich Severin, and Eddie Griffin.

January 3rd – 11 AM: Suzanne Bailey, Mike Stadnisky, John Battiston, Barbara Battiston, Carol Pedersen, Joe Ciaccio, Elizabeth Noonan, Katie Noonan, Seth Hayden, Alex Ix, Jim Morrisard, and Joe Murray.

NURSERY NEWS

HOLIDAY HOURS: The nursery will NOT be open on the following days: the Sunday after Christmas, New Year's Day, and New Year's weekend.

WORSHIP

NEED FOR ALTAR SERVERS: There is an immediate need for Altar Servers for the 5 PM Saturday Mass. Individuals should be willing to serve 1-2 times per month. If you are between the ages of 9 to 90, please consider this important ministry. Training will be provided. Please call Jim Morrisard at 973-6570 if you're interested.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED: As four Eucharistic ministers have left this ministry for various reasons, the need for new ministers at all Masses has become urgent. *Please* give prayerful thought to volunteering your church service in this way. Training will be provided. Contact Margaret McElroy at mdm1909@embarqmail.com or at 973-6429.

JUSTICE & PEACE

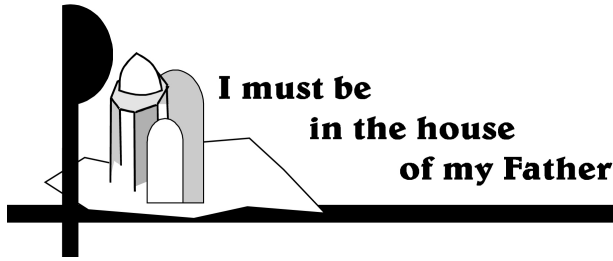
PANTRY: Many generous people have made donations to the Food Pantry as part of their Christmas. These donations will be used up in January, but there will still be hungry people. Perhaps New Year's resolutions could include a resolution to make regular donations to the pantry.

IMPACT: One of IMPACT's goals is to turn out a congregation's average weekly attendance at the Nehemiah Action. Holy Comforter's average weekly attendance is about 600 people, but we have yet to bring even 100 to the Nehemiah Action. Can you help to improve Holy Comforter's attendance at Nehemiah Action 2010?

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

"MORNING OF REFLECTION: "LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR IN A SHRINKING WORLD": All who volunteer to meet the needs of others or work for social justice are invited to a morning of reflection at the Church of the Incarnation on Saturday, January 16, 2010 from 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Guest speaker, Marie Dennis, Executive Director of the Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns, will share her inspiring insights from years of standing in solidarity with the poor and working for peace and justice across the globe. The talk will be followed by small group discussion and a simple lunch. The suggested donation is \$10. Reservations are required by January 11th and

can be made by calling the Incarnation parish office at 434-973-4381. We hope to see you there!



IN REMEMBRANCE/HONOR CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Augustine Salvetti
Yvonne & Joseph Dumont
August & Louise Dumont
Vincent & Rosa Briamonte
Robert & Rose Santoro
Parents of Mel & Jolene Green
Mr. Peter M. Colo
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Beaton
Frank Wachter
Our parents Rusk/Ettie
All the Souls
Al Barancik
Robert Hochendoner
Kevin J. Fagan
Edna & William Fagan
Rose & Peter Ryan
Kathleen Dalton
Fred Hansen
Kristine Fagan
Neve Driscoll
Wesley & Mary Clegg
Robert & Rosemary Grose
Ralph Piccirello
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M/M E. Shisler
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M/M Carl E. Nowicki
Pauline Merritt
Suzanne Zimmerman
Roger Smith
Hazel De Lollo
M/M John Leach
Jack & Brian Leach
Ann Leach
Allie Coyne Leach Sitsby
M/M James McAloon
George McAloon
Francis Clark
Stephen Morrison
Adolf Stalzer
Rosa Stalzer
Ed Smith
Jeanne Smith
Christine Cochran
Millie & Ralph Erra
Fred & Tena Csoltko
Joseph Anthony Moore
Albert Bowker
Anthony Rivello
Virginia F. Fowler
John B. Fowler Jr.
David Fletcher Fowler
Jane Stoll
James Dargl Higginbotham
Franklin A. Thacker
Joseph A. Ottiano
John D. Wiggins
Paul B. Cartes

Frank W. LaChance
Cheryl Hartnett
Barbara Garza
Reverend Alexander ("Rae")
Filmore Edwards
Helen Lock
Dennis & Jill Dougherty

