

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 24th & 25th, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	12/24 - 5:30 pm - Thomas Sturtz, Sr. (RIP) Tommy Sturtz, Jr. (RIP) Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family 11 pm - Frank Waxmunki (RIP) Requested by Susan Todd	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/25 Patricia A. Seckora (RIP) Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Mon.	12/26 No Mass	
Tues	12/27 Joe Sr. & Elsie Drexler (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Wed	12/28 Alfred Sferra (RIP) First Anniversary of Death Requested by Karen & Philip Liberato	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	12/29 For Our Parishioners	Fr. Oscar
Fri	12/30 Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sat	12/31 John F. Roane III (RIP) Requested by Vickie & John Roane	Fr. Oscar
Sun	1/1 Mark Drexler Sr. Happy Birthday Requested by Carolyn Drexler	Fr. Oscar

Collections for December 17th & 18th, 2016

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage,
Repair & Maintenance, etc.)

Offertory (including Spanish Mass)	\$4,098.00
Debt Supplement	20.00
Special Collection	237.00
Solemnity of Mary	25.00
Christmas	240.00
Total	\$4,620.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations	is \$3,600
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Votive Stand	\$ 33.35
Capital Campaign	300.00
Christmas Flowers	100.00
Catholic Charities	10.00

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Church Attendance

Saturday, December 17 - 96

Sunday, December 18 - 136

Spanish Mass - 35

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

12/18 thru 12/24 - Tom & Rowena Fauber

12/25 thru 12/31 - Rosa Mercado Family (Leader)
Erica Gonzalez

Calendar for Week of December 26th

Monday - 12/26 - No Mass (No Adoration)

Tuesday - 12/27 - Mass 8:30 am (No Adoration)

Finance Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday - 12/28 - Mass 8:30 am

Thursday - 12/29 - Mass 8:30 am

Friday - 12/30 - Mass 8:30 am

Saturday - 12/31 - Mass 5:30 pm -

Sunday - 1/1 - New Year's Day - Mass 9:00 am

Spanish Mass - 11:30 am

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Carolyn Alford	Bonnie Kopacki
Elizabeth Alley	Joseph Kovac
Wilhelmina Brieffies	Gordon Langston
Candace Barefoot	Patricia Lanuza
Virginia Becker	Theresa Drexler Moody
Paulette Berberich	Clara Morrow
Ron Blevins	Randy Morrow
Robin Bristow	Specialist Mullins
Joan Buehler	Larry Newtzie
Linda Burch	M.C. 'Sam' O'Connor
	Christopher Parrish
	Joyce Richardson
	Pam Rigsby
	Emma Robertson
Meredith Crowe	
Vincent D'Elia	
Denise DePompeo	
Donna Donahue	Harriet Ropelewski
Jackie Drayer	Virginia Ryczak
Savio Duong	Jim Tokarz
Sandy Britton Evans	Barbara Schafer
Brenda Frederick	Glenn Sears
Helen Fudala	Allen Smith
Kay Getman	Levi Sturtz
Jim Gregory	Mae Touray
Pat Hinkle	Dorothy Ware
Kelly Hipple	
Mary Ann Hooper	Lois Wilson
Helen Kaczarski	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
Victor Kaczarski	Jody Zogran
John Kellam	Joe Picone
Andrew Konz	

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOME

Annette Tonon Bona Irene Kruger

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

Private Logan W. Gay

Sergeant Nathan Gurganus

Army Rangers Austin T. Sturtz (Ft. Lewis, Washington)

THERE IS NO ADORATION ON DECEMBER 26TH AND 27TH

ALTAR SERVERS

December 24 – 5:30 pm – Mason Kopacki, Kody Kopacki, Tazewell Rae, Colleen Rae
11 pm – Andrew Seckora
December 25 – Daniel Gibbs, Jr., Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro
December 31 – Mason Kopacki, Kody Kopacki
January 1 – Daniel Duke, Misael Hernandez, Madelyn Kruger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

December 24 – 5:30 pm – Sarah Rae, Tom Fauber, Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan, Kathy Wills
11 pm – Chris Polcyn, Paula Polcyn, B.J. Bui
December 25 – Jim Vadas, Pattie Vadas, Kathy Wills
December 31 – Joe Drexler, Lorraine Ryalls, Gary Silvia
January 1 – Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan, Wini Barron, Chris Polcyn, Paula Polcyn

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The Christmas Gospel reminds us that “the shepherds went in haste” to find the newborn King. We are in much the same position as the shepherds. We have heard the good news, and now the question is: What will we do with it? The shepherds left all they had to worship the newborn Lord. They risked humiliation by sharing the strange message with others. Will we? Do we have the courage to live like the shepherds?

Adults: How can you share the Good News during this Christmas season?

Children: How can you put Jesus first during the Christmas season?

DO YOU KNOW?

Jesus was born in Bethlehem which literally means “house of bread”. He slept in a feeding trough and later in Scripture He declares Himself “the bread of Life”. He tells us to gain everlasting life we must eat His Body and drink His Blood. And yet, a high percentage of Catholics don’t believe in the real presence in the Eucharist and many don’t feel that weekly attendance at Mass is a necessary tenant of our faith. We often hear “I don’t go to Mass, I can pray anywhere”. That is true, we can and should pray anywhere as God is always waiting to hear from us. But, the only way we can fulfill His command to eat His Body and drink His Blood is by our participation in the Mass. And if He tells us that it is His Body and Blood, who are we not to believe Him?

THE NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS is scheduled for Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the MERCY CENTER conference room. Please enter the building via the handicap ramp which leads directly to the Conference Room.

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS:

There will be no elementary or middle/high school youth meetings in December.

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES resume on January 8th.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Thanks to all those who joined in the OLBS Christmas Caroling. About 21 people from ages 9 months to 66 years helped spread Christmas cheer throughout the community.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SENIORS! Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia is looking for dedicated volunteers to serve in its CARES Program. Volunteers are matched with seniors who live independently but need extra help with transportation to doctor’s appointments, grocery stores and on errands. Volunteers choose the appointments they wish to provide a ride for, according to their own needs and schedule. If you are interested in helping, call Vanessa Dunlap 757-875-0060. Thank You for giving of your time!

2017 CHURCH CALENDARS

Are available in the back of the Church. They are available in English and Spanish. Please take one.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for the repose of the soul of Mary Condon Bartos, (sister of deceased parishioners Willie and Frances Bartos) who died recently.

BOMBING OF ST. MARK’S COPTIC Orthodox Cathedral – On December 11th, St. Mark’s Cathedral in Cairo, Egypt, was bombed, and many people were killed or wounded while worshiping. Following the tragedy, the Archangel Michael & St. Anthony Coptic Orthodox community in Richmond reached out to us asking for prayers. We invite you to stand with these our brothers and sisters in prayer during this time of suffering.

PLANNING TO ATTEND THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.? Due to the Presidential Inauguration, the March for Life Rally will take place on Friday, January 27, 2017. Get updated times on the official March for Life website.

MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THIS HOLY SEASON OF CHRISTMAS BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.