

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

December 31st 2016/January 1st, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon.	1/2	No Mass	
Tues	1/3	No Mass	
Wed	1/4	No Mass	
Thurs	1/5	No Mass	
Fri	1/6	No Mass	
Sat	1/7	Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler David 'Charlie' Sturtz (RIP) Anniversary of Birthday January 3 rd Requested by Jeanie Sturtz	Fr. Oscar
Sun	1/8	Annie Geron (RIP) James H. Geron (RIP) Anniversary of Death 1/3 Requested by Donna Geron	Fr. Oscar

Collections for December 24th & 25th, 2016

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	
Offertory (including Spanish Mass)	\$3,885.00
Christmas Offering	1,420.00
Special Collection	25.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
Total	\$5,335.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations	is \$3,600
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Votive Stand	\$ 29.00
Capital Campaign	500.00
Catholic Charities	159.00
Campaign for Human Development	6.00
Piano Tuning	1,100.00
Haiti	1,000.00

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Church Attendance

Saturday, December 24 – 5:30 pm – 170
 Saturday, December 24 – 11 pm – 75
 Sunday, December 25 – 81
 Spanish Mass – 30

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

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

Calendar for Week of January 2nd

Monday – 1/2 – No Mass
 Tuesday – 1/3 – No Mass
 Wednesday – 1/4 – No Mass
 Thursday – 1/5 – No Mass
 Friday – 1/6 – No Mass
 Saturday – 1/7 – Rosary – 4:45 pm
 Adoration & Benediction 5 pm
 Mass 5:30 pm
 Sunday – 1/8 – 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
Baby Vivian Mallis	Christopher Parrish
	Joyce Richardson
Meredith Crowe	Pam Rigsby
Vincent D'Elia	Emma Robertson
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 Kaczmariski	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
Victor Kaczmariski	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)
 First Lieutenant Amber Fauber, F.E. Warren in Cheyenne, Wyoming

ALTAR SERVERS

December 31 – Daniel Gibbs, Jr.

January 1 – Daniel Duke, Misael Hernandez, Madelyn Kruger

January 7 – Kody Kopacki, Mason Kopacki

January 8 – Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro, Dawson Haviland

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

December 31 – Joe Drexler, Lorraine Ryalls, Gary Silvia

January 1 – Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan, Wini Barron, Chris Polcyn, Paula Polcyn

January 7 – Jackie Silvia, Gary Silvia, Cathy Fudella

January 8 – Kim DiLandro, Jim Vadas, Pattie Vadas, Mary Horton, Mary Leigh McDonald

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

After the shepherds receive the good news from the angel, they follow the sign to find the savior. They tell everyone they meet, including Joseph and Mary that this child is indeed special, the Son of God and Savior of the world. It is hard for people to understand what all this means; even Mary, still young in her faith journey, can't fully grasp all that the shepherds say. We are told, however, that she kept the words of the shepherds in her head .. words that she would reflect on throughout her life.

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

Children: Who can you tell about the true meaning of Christmas?

DO YOU KNOW?

A solemnity is a liturgical celebration that is different from feast days and memorials. All three honor the Saints or special aspects of Jesus and Mary, but solemnities are the highest degree of celebration and are reserved for the most important mysteries of the Faith. Solemnities include Easter, Pentecost, the Immaculate Conception, the main titles of Jesus, and Saints that are of particular importance in salvation history. Solemnity masses have the same basic elements as Sunday ones, including all three readings, prayer of the faithful, the Creed, and Gloria. Some solemnities are also holy days of obligation but these vary from country to country according to the standards set by the bishops' conferences. In the United States, January 1 is a holy day of obligation.

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.

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES resume on **January 8th**.

THANK YOU!

To **Jonathan Blair Wilson** and **Teresa M. Glidewell** for their generous donation of **\$1,000** which has been earmarked for our twinning parish **Sts. Peter & Paul in Haiti**.

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!

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 worshipping. 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.

MAKE A PLEDGE to pray for nine months for a baby in danger of abortion. While this child will remain unknown to his other spiritual parent, God knows who the child is. Many people have found that naming 'their child' helps to keep them focused on the reality that their prayers are helping to save a particular baby from the harm of abortion.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May all your troubles be small and your joys great in the coming Year.