



### First Reconciliation

Do you have a child in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or above who wants to make their First Communion this year? Did you miss our parent classes for Reconciliation? If yes, please contact Janet Ficca as soon as possible. Another set of classes will begin in early January. Your child must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before First Communion.



WE NEED  
**YOU**  
to make our new  
family directory  
complete

Appointments available  
December 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Interested in learning more about  
the Catholic faith?



**RCIA**

Join Us Wednesday Nights  
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Ashland House  
Open to ALL adults  
We will NOT meet 12/27.



All are invited to an Epiphany Party!

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Please bring a dish to share and a small gift (\$10).

R.S.V.P. to Janet Ficca by January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ADVENT TO EPIPHANY  
SCHEDULE FOR 2017-2018**

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**ADVENT REGIONAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.  
@ Christ the King Church

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

**CHRISTMAS**

Children's Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve  
Midnight Mass at Midnight  
10 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day (Monday)

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH**

5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Masses on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

10 a.m. Mass on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Masses on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>



# Catholic Diocese of Richmond Office of Worship

*This year Christmas falls on a Monday, with the 4th Sunday of Advent on the previous day. The faithful should know that there exists the obligation to attend Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent, and too, a separate obligation to attend Mass for Christmas (The Nativity of the Lord). To satisfy both obligations, a Catholic must attend two separate Masses.*

*A Catholic may satisfy the obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent by attending an anticipated Mass (Vigil Mass) on Saturday evening, December 23<sup>rd</sup> **OR** attending Mass any time on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (including a Christmas Eve Mass). A Catholic, though, would also need to attend an additional Mass on either Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> or Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> to satisfy the obligation for the Christmas Holy Day.*

*Because of the pastoral demands on the priests and other ministers, as well as the need to prepare the church space for the celebration of Christmas, parishes may choose to alter their Mass schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent.*

*To that end:*

- Each parish is asked to celebrate an anticipated Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, if the parish has a regularly scheduled anticipated Mass (Vigil Mass) scheduled.*
- Each parish is asked to celebrate at least one Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent on Sunday morning, December 24<sup>th</sup>. The parish may choose to celebrate only one Mass, or more than one Mass. However, no Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent should begin after 12 pm Noon.*

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Parish Job Opening ~ Saint Pius X

The Parish Office is looking for the right candidate to fill the position of **Receptionist**. The position is 20 hours per week, 9am to 1pm Monday thru Friday. The work consists of reception duties, assisting our Food Pantry visitors, recording sacraments, maintaining parishioner records, preparing the weekend mass script, petty cash, mass intention records and other similar duties. We are looking for someone who is a practicing Catholic, experienced with Word, and Excel, enjoys interfacing with people in all walks of life, has a clear handwriting, is comfortable using email and internet, has good mobility and the natural instinct to offer a smile to everyone who enters our office. Preference will be given to applicants who have experience working in the Catholic Church environment. Salary will be based on diocesan scale. Background check and Virtus training are required. Please complete the application found at <http://richmonddioocese.org/office/office-of-human-resources/> and click on download application. A completed, signed application should be emailed along with your resume to [jmurphy@piusxparish.org](mailto:jmurphy@piusxparish.org). Questions can be directed to Janet Murphy at the parish office, **583-0291 ext 15**.

### Simbang Gabi

The Office of Asian Ministry invites you to join the Filipino Community for a nine-day novena to the Blessed Mother. Simbang Gabi, which means Mass at Dawn, is a journey of spiritual preparation to welcome and receive the Child Jesus. The kick off mass will be Saturday, December 9, 2017, 5:30pm at Church of Redeemer, 8275 Meadowbridge Road, Mechanicsville. The first day of the novena will be Friday, December 15 at various locations. Please see the flyer for more information. You can also visit our website at [www.richmonddioocese.org](http://www.richmonddioocese.org) for a full schedule. Please come out and support our Filipino Brothers and Sisters. For more information please contact Devin Jones, Office of Asian Ministry, [asianministry@richmonddioocese.org](mailto:asianministry@richmonddioocese.org) or **(804) 622-5262**.

### Natural Family Planning

Give your wife the gift of "ZERO" this Christmas. Get rid of unnatural barriers in your relationship and try Natural Family Planning. It's more fulfilling than and just as reliable as using pills and barriers! Next series starts at 6 p.m. on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Apostle. Contact Stephanie & Deacon Chris Finocchio at [finoc@msn.com](mailto:finoc@msn.com) or 757-430-1493 or visit [live-the-love.org](http://live-the-love.org)

### Longest Married Couple in 2018

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is searching for the longest married couple. One national winner and winners from each of the 50 states are recognized each year. This project is held to honor the commitment of married couples and to give hope and inspiration to younger couples that they too can have long and lasting marriages. Nominations must be received by January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. To nominate a couple you know, please visit us at <http://www.earnedmedia.org/wwme1009.htm> or contact us directly at 405-850-4274.

### Attention: St. Mary's Diocesan Cemetery Lot/Crypt/Niche Owners

Beginning January 2018 ALL associated Cemetery costs will be going up to be competitive with the other cemeteries in the Norfolk area. Also, Opening and Closing (O/C) charges can now be paid before January 2018 giving you peace of mind that your family will not have any additional costs (other than memorials) to pay at the time of your death, plus your O/C fee will not increase if paid before January. Furthermore, beginning in January 2018, the Diocese of Richmond's new cemetery management service Catholic Funeral & Catholic Services (CFCS) will be offering a variety of Pre-Planning Cemetery packages and financing up to 2-3 years at 0% interest. So please, call Mark Leporatti at 757-627-2874 for information & to make an appointment for your pre-planning needs. Your family will be grateful and your will have the satisfaction & peace of mind that your final wishes will be honored at our only Catholic cemetery in the Norfolk area.