We invite you to prepare your hearts for the coming of Jesus with us this Advent Season. Here is a look at the events we will have coming up. Be sure to subscribe to our weekly emails for updates.

Knights of Columbus will have breakfast after the 8:30 am and 11:00 am Masses this weekend. The menu includes eggs, potatoes, pancakes, sausage, and assorted cereals. Prices are $8 for adults, $5 for children 12 and under, and $25 for a family of 5. All parishioners and visitors are welcome to enjoy a meal and fellowship in Kaplan Parish Hall.

Walsingham Rosary A Rosary is prayed at the main church in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel each weekday following the 9am Mass. On Thursdays, the seven-decade Rosary of Our Lady of Walsingham is prayed. The Rosary is a powerful prayer to God, through His mother, Mary. All are invited to make this prayer your own.

Little Saint Bede Nursery will not be opened on December 25/26 or January 1/2. The Nursery will be opened on January 8/9.

Christmas Eve Shuttle Service There will be shuttle parking for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass at Clara Byrd Baker Elementary School, on Ironbound near Harris Teeter. Multiple shuttle buses will be running to get everyone back and forth quickly. If possible please consider using the shuttle lot as an act of hospitality so those guests arriving closer to the start of Mass can find a parking spot in the main lot.

Mary, Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Masses will be held on Friday, December 31 at 5:30 pm and Saturday, January 1 at 9:00 am.

Stewardship Update
Thank you to all who have responded to our Annual Parish Appeal. Your commitments of time, talent, and treasure will bear great fruit for the parish. If you have not shared with us your commitment, you can complete a hard copy form and put it in the Annual Appeal box at the Welcome Center or complete it online here, even if you did not receive one in the mail. If you use online giving, please be sure to update your commitments online by January 1.

Online Giving
For those of you giving online that have not made the switch to Faith Direct, please do so no later than December 31 as we will be migrating off the old system beginning January 1. If you need assistance, the Faith Direct Customer Service folks can help you easily make the switch and there is no cost to do so. You can do it yourself here on our website: https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA1130 or call them at 1-866-507-8757.

Make a Difference Through Your IRA
As we are thinking about our stewardship, we hope you will consider making a charitable donation from your IRA to benefit the parish. If you are 72 or older, you can make your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA straight to our parish. And there is a benefit to you: it is excluded from your gross taxable income. Giving through your IRA is EASY! To learn how you can make an impact through your IRA right now, contact your financial advisor or Sam Samorian (757-229-3631 ext. 2315) or ssamorian@bedeva.org

Upcoming Opportunities:
December 25 Catholic Charities
December 25 Christmas
January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Christmas Masses
Christmas Eve
4:00 pm (livestreamed); 6:30 pm; 8:30 pm Spanish; Midnight Mass with Lessons and Carols starting at 11:30 pm on December 24

Christmas Day
9:00 am; 11:00 am (livestreamed)
Surviving Divorce: Ascension Press
A 12-week program designed to promote healing & hope for separated & divorced Catholics will be held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm from January 6 through March 4. Complementary materials are provided. To sign up, call or email Michelle Tomshack @ (757) 229-3631 (mtomshack@bedeva.org) with your name & contact info.

Alpha starts January 12, 2022 Do you have questions about your faith? Have you heard about Alpha and wondered what it’s about? Does it relate to me? Alpha is a program that invites people to personally encounter Jesus Christ and be transformed into His missionary disciples. It’s learning about the person and teachings of Jesus in a fun and non-threatening atmosphere where no question about life or God is too simple or unwelcomed. Join us to watch a short video and explore life’s questions and connect to other parishioners. Alpha begins January 12th. Details are on the Saint Bede website.

Bible Study: First Corinthians In this Liturgical Cycle, we will be hearing readings from First Corinthians. You are invited to enhance your Sunday experience and your Faith Journey by joining this Bible Study on First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community. Jeff and Kristy Plourde will lead you through this 11-week study beginning Thursday, January 13 from 7 pm-9 pm. We hope you can join in person and you are welcome to join on Zoom.

Young Adult Book Study: The Screwtape Letters Young adults ages 18 to 35 are invited to join in our winter book study on The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. We will be meeting on Mondays, January 10th, January 24th, February 7th, and February 21st at 7 p.m. in the Walsh Room. During our first session, we will discuss the preface and chapters one through nine. To sign up or borrow a parish copy of the book, contact Michelle Tomshack (mtomshack@bedeva.org).

This Week's Mass Intentions
Intentions are subject to change if there is a funeral or if a celebrant is unavailable.

Saturday, 12/18
9:00 am Bob Wilson (D)
5:30 pm Dick Gonyea (D)

Sunday, 12/19
8:30 am Theresa Cote (D); Elizabeth Jenkins (D)
11:00 am Parishioners
5:00 pm Aurelio Borges Correa (D)

Monday, 12/20
9:00 am Sandra Beltz (D); Greg Childes (D); Rev. Fr. Francis Simeone (D)

Tuesday, 12/21
9:00 am Thomas Bresnan (D); Virginia Covello (D); Dorothy Toth (D)

Wednesday, 12/22
9:00 am Jeanette Guido (D); Donald Jellow (D); Roberto Pilola (D)

Thursday, 12/23
9:00 am Clifton Kemno (D); Greg Childes (D)

Friday, 12/24
4:00 pm Pro Populo
6:30 pm Pro Populo
8:30 pm Pro Populo

Saturday 12/25
12:00 am Pro Populo
9:00 am Pro Populo
11:00 am Pro Populo


WEDDINGS October 2, 2021- Bradford Lee Parsons and Marta Kuruc; October 14, 2021-Michael James Baker and Rachael Lynn Schmidt; October 23, 2021-Chad Jeffrey Gordula Macaraeg and Leigh Yen Marlutac; Michael Kenneth Syberg and Kaitlyn Elizabeth Gibbons; November 13, 2021- Jared Anthony Myers and Rachael Kathleen Sykes