



DECEMBER 27/28, 2014
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY, AND JOSEPH
 Breviary Week I – p. 37

REMEMBER THE SICK: Donna Boyle Amadio, Karen Anderson, Mary Bachu, Daniel Baggerly, Ryan Ball, Ed Bano, Donna Borsellino, Joey Bohanon, Millie Bowers, Cynthia Bowser, James Boyd, Evon Brown, Ann Cagigas, John Carney, Bina Chandra, Marie Cherney, Hilary Cohen, Robert Colaizzi, Elia Cuomo, Joan Dalo, Judy DeMonaco, Paula Dunkum, Kathryn Edmonston, David Edwards, Morgan Eller, Brendan Feely, Sarah Flumerfelt, David Green, Bob Gunter, Carol Hall, Pat Harney, Tim Hayes, Neil Hawley, Carol Henley, Kenneth Halloway IV, Mary Gerarde Hood, Candi Hubbard, Charles Jarrett, June Jennings, Mary Ann Johansen, Cindy Johnson, Kathy Jordan, Christopher Kelch, Shannon Kelch, John Kiernan, Amelia Koffman, Kathy Kohlstrand, Kathy Powers Krahling, Tina Krahling, Ann Lambert, Bill Laslo, Mark Libaers, Tony Liene, Nancy Light, Thomas List, Logan MacArthur, Pedro Maisonave, Patrick McCarthy, Bunnie McClennen, Debbie Merritt, Ernest Owens, Kevin Pigg, Paul Rambala, Betty Rehpelz, Harriet Robinson, Melissa Rozella, Frank Ryan, Paul Sclafani, Irene Shenasky, Sara Shenasky, Melody Smith, Pam Smith, Judy Spadaro, Barbara Stein, Jean Strangways, Tass Tucker, Maggie Tushshi, Amy Underwood, Jacob Underwood, Patricia Flower Vermillion, Ryan Waddington, Ken Watson, Kevin Wein, Gene Wells, Oliver Wesolowski, Larry Williams, Fran Winn, Lena Wolff, Ron Wyles, Amelia Zentz

PRAYER REQUESTS: Sandy Aichinger, Brianna Alessandro, Vickie Alley, Bruno Baggio, Lumen Barbero, Ann Benegar, Paul Berger, Jack Boyd, Rose Brumley, Bob C., Mark Callahan, Donna Christman, Joseph Cianci, Jack Donahue, Joe Finn, Lorraine Forrer, Steven Lee Forrer, Alivia Grace Furr, Michelle Germano, Joan Geroe, Christina Gordon, Katie Gordon, Jill Haddox, Shelly Hanna, Richard Hegg, Blanche Henry, Ursula Hinkleman, Michelle & Jordan Jackson, Shannon Jennings, Theresa Lee, Nancy Loy, Maryann Lumley, Taccarra Mack, Mary Magoon, Jim Mahoney, Pedro Maisonave, Clara Marini, Maria McDonald, Michael McGrath, Bruce McKenna, John Meier, John Murphy, Robert Norbeck, Maria Oakes, Maureen Palmer, Patrick Parnell, Melissa Perkinson, Sandy Piscatelli, Monsignor Bill Pitt, Irma Reagan, Brad Richards, Fr. Michael Rigley, Paul Anthony Ross, George Louis Ross, Danny Santos, Colleen Seavey, Maria Sherman, Susan Smith, Barbara Stone, Dianna Stookey, Betty Taylor, Ron Thompson, Carole Thompson, Stephanie Thompson, Paul Valentine, Ryder Waddington, Margaret Walker, Linda Weed, Lena Wolff, Susy Wood, Lin Goodwin Yopp

PRAYERLINE REQUESTS:

Please call the Parish Office at 481-5702.



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Mass 5:30 p.m.

The Chosen Ministry and Down Syndrome
Group New Year's Eve Mardi Gras Party
(after Mass)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

Office Closed

New Year's Day Mass 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Winter Clothing Drive Begins

Bible Study (Acts) 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Youth Retreat Weekend

Reconciliation 4:30 p.m.

Note: There will be no Saturday Reconciliation on Saturday, January 10



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 29: Morning Prayer

Tuesday, December 30: Morning Prayer

Wednesday, December 31, New Year's Eve:

5:30 p.m. – Michael L. Brady by The Benedetto Family

Thursday, January 1:

10:00 a.m. – Helen Wills by Ken & Joan Geroe

Friday, January 2: Morning Prayer

Saturday, January 3:

Intention for Bill Rizy by Ruby Tillie

Sunday, January 4:

8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners;

11:00 a.m.: Bryan N. MacLeod by Bonnie MacLeod

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday from
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Sunday, December 28: *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:* Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday, December 29:

Saint Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr:
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday, December 30:

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday, December 31: *Saint Sylvester I, pope:*

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday, January 1: *The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:* Nm 6: 22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21**Friday, January 2:** *Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors of the Church:*

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday, January 3: *The Most Holy Name of Jesus:*

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday, January 4: *The Epiphany of the Lord:*

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

PARISH COUNCIL: Rick Paradiso, Chair; Greg Brown, Co-Chair; Laurie Steentofte, Secretary; Brian Alexander; Joe Kelly; Julianna Luecke (Youth Representative); Richard Serpe; Todd Solomon; Kathy Staskin; Gwen Stinard; Fr. Gaudy.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Andy Ward, Chairperson; Joy Bixler, Vice-Chairperson; Nancy White, Secretary; Steve Ambrose, Andy McClaskey, Terry McElroy, Fr. Gaudy.

NEW EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET):

Mike McCormick and Kathy Staskin, Co-Chairpersons; Mike DeJaeger, Shannan LePage, Elizabeth Panchik, Tom Rumely; Dean Schleicher; Steve Winter, Fr. Gaudy.

2015 MISSALS are now available in the Parish Office for \$3.70.

COLUMBARIUM: There are Columbarium niches available. The cost is \$2,000.00 for a double niche. Contact Terry McElroy at 481-5702.



BULLETIN: The deadline for bulletin notices is Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Please submit to Carla, the Parish Secretary. Any inserts will need to be digital as everything is emailed to the publishing company.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

Budget 2014/2015 is \$1,115,584.00. This includes Schools Parish Sharing Assessment of \$71,674.00

Because of Christmas and New Year's, our bulletin information had to be sent to the printing company early. Our financial report for December 20/21, Christmas, December 27/28, and January 3/4 will be reported in the January 10/11 bulletin.

HOLY FAMILY NEW YEAR'S MASS**SCHEDULE:**

- **December 31 – New Year's Eve:**
5:30 p.m.
- **January 1 – New Year's Day:**
10:00 a.m.

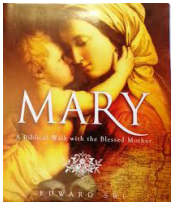
SAVE THE DATE – HEARTS ON FIRE MINI-

RETREAT: Church of the Holy Family is planning a free mini-retreat for January 18-20, 2015. The theme of the retreat is developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, in keeping with Year One of the Plan for New Evangelization. The three day event will include evening programs on Sunday, and Monday, and morning programs on Monday and Tuesday. Fr. Mike Renninger from St. Mary's in Richmond will be the presenter.



During the joyous season of Christmas, let us all take a moment to appreciate the goodness of our lives and enjoy! We are truly blessed to have such a welcoming and wonderful community here at Holy Family.

Cindy Girard, Laurie Powers, and Staff



MARY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER:

Start the New Year with a Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother filmed on location in the Holy Land. "Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother" will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Join us for "Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother" starting Sunday, January 4, 2015, between the Masses. This is a powerful 6 week study. Registration forms can be found on the parish website, Parish Office Reception desk, or in the Family Room. Cost for this program is \$20.00.

Please contact Tiffany in the parish office or email DRE@holyfamilyvb.org if you have any questions.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS:

"By faith Abraham obeyed." If you should be called to serve the Lord as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life, pray for a deep faith and obey Him in love. Call Father Michael Boehling at 804-359-5661 or e-mail at mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.

2015 BAPTISM CLASSES AND DATES

**Class: Thursday, January 15, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Baptism Date: Sunday, January 18 – 11:00 a.m. Mass**

**Class: Thursday, April 16, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Baptism Date: Sunday, April 26 – 11:00 a.m. Mass**

FAMILIES ARE THE FLAME OF FAITH: The second year of the Diocesan Evangelization will celebrate families and their foundation of the Church. The icon for the gathering space will feature a picture collage of Holy Family families. Pictures will be used from past church directories, as well as contributions from you, our current families. There is a "photo box" where you can drop off favorite pictures of your family. Thank you very much for helping with this project and we look forward to gathering many pictures to celebrate a special year for Holy Family.

CHECK IT OUT: Look at what we have been learning! Each month a different class from our elementary Christian Formation classes will be displaying a poster to share what they have been discussing/learning in their class. Please take a moment to check out the posters in the Family Room.

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL: We welcome Fr. Charles Breindel, Pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church in Pearisburg, and Holy Family Catholic Church in Christiansburg, to our church the weekend of January 10/11. He will be here to ask for our support for his parishes. Please be generous and please make checks payable to Church of the Holy Family with "Mission Cooperative Appeal" in the memo.



WINTER WEAR CLOTHING DRIVE TO START IN JANUARY:

Your Knights of Columbus at the Church of the Holy Family will conduct a Winter Wear Clothing Drive again starting January 2, 2015, and continuing through February. We ask that you start THINKING ahead about items you may wish to donate to the needy or abused in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, and Portsmouth. But PLEASE do not bring any items to the church until after New Year's.



GOLDEN SENIORS NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, January 15, 10:00 a.m.
in the Family Room
(Everyone is invited to attend.)**

GUEST SPEAKER

**Robert W. Hunter
F.B.I. Special Agent (Ret)**

Bob Hunter was a Special Agent for the FBI in Norfolk, Virginia, from 1967 until his retirement in 1989. The last ten years of his career were spent in the field of foreign counterintelligence. If James Bond comes to mind when you hear what Bob accomplished, you would not be far off.

Remember ~"If your mind makes contracts your body can't meet" and/or "your back goes out more than you do," chances are you are a senior.

**Come and join your peers.
We look forward to seeing you!**

Need more info?

Check our website at <http://hfgoldenseniorsvb.com>.

VETSHOUSE SPAGHETTI DINNER: On Saturday, January 17, come to the Annual Spaghetti Dinner benefiting Vetshouse, Inc. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Contributions go toward the running of four houses housing homeless veterans in the Hampton Roads area. This year Vetshouse opened a house dedicated to housing homeless female veterans. This dinner is sponsored by the Knight of Columbus Council 10804.



NEW EVANGELIZATION NOTES

Year One of the New Evangelization Continues

Year Two Begins!

Soon we will begin our efforts toward Year Two of the New Evangelization. Year Two focuses on the family. Items of interest are marriage, the issue of those in single parent families, and efforts to welcome back those family members who have fallen away from the Church. Does Year Two mean we are done with Year One? Not at all. Our work on any of the Years in the New Evangelization Plan is never finished. We continually work towards strengthening our efforts. We never leave one year behind – our work now includes an additional focus.

ATTENTION, PARENTS:

The Christian Formation Nursery (between the Masses 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.) is in need of more volunteers for this important ministry. Please consider giving of your time to watch our youngest members for the Christian Formation hour. All volunteers will be scheduled on a rotating basis. Teens are welcome but there must be at least one adult present with the teen. Background check and VIRTUS training required. Please contact Tiffany in the Parish Office for more information.

Please Note: The Nursery is not to be used as child care unless the parent is a catechist, attending a specified parent meeting, or participating in the between the Masses Adult Formation programs.

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF OUR YOUNGEST PARISHIONERS: Help us make the Holy Family Cooperative Nursery a reality! Please consider donating one hour each month during Mass to serve in our nursery. Parents who use the nursery for their children during Mass will also take turns staffing the Nursery. To learn more, e-mail hfevangelization@gmail.com. Thank you.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

“Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.” Bring God’s graces into your marriage. Learn how on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 20/22, 2015, in Herndon, or April 17/19, 2015, in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, visit our website at www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org or contact us at 757-483-3209 or applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We fed our neighbors this weekend and our shelves are bare. Please bring the following **BREAKFAST** foods to fill them up: **Breakfast Cereal, Oatmeal, Canned Fruit, Coffee, and Tea.**

“Christ comes among us at Christmas: it is the perfect time for a personal encounter with the Lord.”

Pope Francis

“For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in.” Matthew 25:35

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER BOTTLE

DRIVE: Please support the Crisis Pregnancy Center by taking a baby bottle home and filling it with spare change, cash, or checks and return to the Tree in January. Thank you for your generosity.

SEARCH FOR THE LONGEST MARRIED

COUPLE: This is the fifth consecutive year for the highly acclaimed project recognizing couples for their long marriages. Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, couples are selected from nominations submitted. In addition to the longest married couple in the entire United States, recognition will also be given to a couple from each state who has achieved that distinction. Nominations are open to all husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation. The contact information for sending in a nomination, which simply requires the name of the couple, their wedding date, and where they currently reside, along with a contact phone or e-mail address of the individual nominating the couple is as follows: E-mail: wwmelmc2015@gmail.com, regular mail Dick & Diane Baumbach, 8924 Puerto Del Rio Drive Suite 402, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920, or phone number 321-613-5180. Nominations must be received by January 10, 2015.



THE GREATER HAMPTON ROADS DIAPER

BANK distributes diapers free to 30 plus partners in the cities of Newport News, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Suffolk who work with those in need. We currently receive requests from those agencies for 90,000 diapers a month and are only able to fill about 20,000 a month. Individuals can donate by contacting cher@ghrdiaperbank.org by phone 757-472-8934.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: The Center for Marriage, Family, and Life is hosting the Third Annual Catholic Men's Conference in the Diocese of Richmond on Saturday, January 10, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond. The day will feature powerful and inspiring talks and breakout sessions, an expanded expo area, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass. Bishop DiLorenzo will be speaking and celebrating Mass. We are also pleased to welcome Catholic speaker, author, and podcaster, Greg Willits as our keynote speaker. Registration is \$35.00 for general admission, \$15.00 for permanent deacons and college students, and free for priests and religious brothers. Learn more and register at www.cdrcmf.org or call 804-622-5109 for details.

THE CHOSEN MINISTRY is a ministry dedicated to ministering to persons (middle school to adults of any age) who experience disabilities. We learn that we are all "chosen" to serve God and God loves all of us just as we are. We have Holy Family *The Chosen Ministry* gatherings the first three Mondays of the month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. during the school year. The next meeting is 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 5. For more information, contact Susie Stefonowich at 342-8540 or parishadvocate@gmail.com.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND PRAYER

REQUESTS: If you have added someone's name to our "Pray for the Sick" and/or "Prayer Requests," please let us know if that person needs to be taken off the list because they have recovered or because they have died.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND:

Do you want to keep in touch with what the Diocese of Richmond and the parishes and parishioners throughout the Diocese – as well as Catholics around the world – are doing? Do you want to join the "New Evangelization" and be part of the effort to renew and spread the faith? If so, "Like" the Catholic Diocese of Richmond on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter @ Richmond Diocese.



CHILDBIRTH CLASSES: A parishioner who is Lamaze Certified and a Registered Nurse is providing childbirth preparation classes at Holy Family. Class content includes pregnancy changes, labor signs and stages, relaxation and comfort techniques, medical procedures, and birth stories. Videos / handouts will be available. Please e-mail Charlotte Zeiders at cwzeiders@gmail.com or call 703-795-8874 for more information and to register. There is no fee.



"CARE FOR OUR EARTH"

The secular world has a movement in progress that is similar to the religious-spiritual world. The secular movement is called "minimalism;" whereas the religious-spiritual way refers to it as "simplification of life style." Living minimally is about detaching ourselves from material stuff and instead connecting with people and the invaluable experiences that daily life brings – putting our money towards what is needed. A minimalist, Joshua Becker, wrote, "If we are using the limited resources of our world for manufacturing stuff that does not enhance our lives, we are wasting the Earth's resources." Initially, the movement traded consumerism for contentment and finding personal joy in everyday moments, being motivated by the state of the economy. Today, it seems to be tied to the environment. There is not much difference compared to living a simple life style which can be described as using our purchasing power exclusively to meet only our needs and not necessarily needing the "best" or most popular brands. Its driving motivation is also environmental but, more so, to insure that the world's resources and goods are enjoyed by all peoples on the planet. The appeal to the practice of minimalism is an engrained desire to change our lives and consumer habits, which is similar to living a simple lifestyle with the exception that the latter's motivation is the well-being of all peoples as well as our Earth. I find it fascinating that there is a secular approach much in line with St. Francis' "living a simple life." The next article will follow up on this topic offering tips and suggestions.

Ed Marroni (587-4887)

Holy Family Parish Environmental Committee