“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
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LESSONS & CAROLS

16 DEC
AT 5:30 PM
Names may be added to the prayer list by calling the parish office during business hours or after 4:00 PM leaving a voice mail at (434) 237-5911 and selecting option 4. You can also email intentions to info@stmva.org. You may also add names to the book of intentions to the left of the main altar. Prayer intentions are prayed over during Mass and intercessory prayer each Monday morning.

*If you know someone who is sick, a shut-in or in a nursing home contact our office at 237-5911 so that we can bring the Eucharist to them.

* If you feel called to bring the Eucharist to the sick please call the office for more information.

* Prayer intentions will be kept on the Parish Prayer List for two weeks then given to the STM prayer groups for additional prayer coverage.

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General’s Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**2 DECEMBER**
8:15 AM ED CASS III D
11:00 AM MEMBERS OF STM

**5 DECEMBER**
5:15 PM LISA MCMULLEN L

**6 DECEMBER**
12:05 PM SUZANNE PADUANO CONWAY D

**7 DECEMBER**
12:05 PM MICHAEL HEALEY D

**8 DECEMBER**
5:00 PM MICHAEL WRIGHT D

**9 DECEMBER**
8:15 AM MEMBERS OF STM
11:00 AM MARIA VEATA MANALO D

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**Immaculate Conception Mass**
7 December at 6:00 PM

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**ADVENT**

Happy First Sunday of Advent!
Advent is a time to prepare not only for the birth of Christ, but also His second coming. Fill this Liturgical Season with additional moments of prayer, service, and love to others. Consider taking a "little blue book" home or picking up a packet, or two, of the printed "Advent Activities for all ages" both located in the commons. If you like to search for ideas on the internet, check out the following websites:

- Look to Him and be Radiant: Liturgical Year
- Advent 2018 - usccb.org - Daily advent readings
  [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- Advent - Loyola Press - Traditions and customs associated with advent.
  [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)
- Catholic Company Daily Devotional Email
  [www.catholiccompany.com](http://www.catholiccompany.com)

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To send a card or letter of encouragement to our seminarians:

- **Robert Kincaid**
  St. John Paul II Seminary
  145 Taylor St. NE
  Washington, DC 20017

- **Eugene Udembu Ikenna**
  Notre Dame Seminary
  2901 Corrollton Ave.
  New Orleans, LA 70118

- **Tochi Iwuji**
  St. Mary’s Seminary / University
  5400 Roland Ave.
  Baltimore, MD 21210
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES are held 5 times a year for parents interested in having their infant (or child) baptized. These classes include two informational, faith sharing sessions. Attendance at both sessions is required. It is recommended that parents attend these sessions prior to the arrival of their infant for convenience of the family.

Baptismal Ceremonies will be celebrated:
Saturday, January 26 at 10:30 AM
Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held:
January 7 & January 14 at 6:30 pm
Please contact Trish Pabis at reformation@stmva.org or 434-386-7325, to schedule your child’s baptism or to have any questions/concerns addressed.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
9 DEC
AFTER 8:15 & 11:00 AM
MASS

Religious Formation K-5 will be hosting the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 9. If you are able to assist with the event (flipping pancakes, serving the food, or clean up) please contact Trish Pabis at reformation@stmva.org.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING
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VOCATIONS

Is the Son of Man calling you to serve as His priest? Call Father Michael Boehling at (804) 359-5661, or write: boeling@richmonddioceese.org.

The Knights of Columbus are collecting 2019 Calendars. Please place them in the box in the commons. Thanks!

HIGH SCHOOL / MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School
2 December we will have our normal meeting at 4:00 pm.

High School
2 December we will have our normal meeting at 6:00 pm.

All updates will be sent out using Flock Note. If you are not receiving Flock Notes check your junk mail folder and add mail@flocknote.com to your contacts. Ask Isaac to add you to the appropriate youth ministry group. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Isaac Jackson at youthmin@stmva.org or (434)237-5911.

Please join us for “Advent Lunchbox Devotions” beginning on Friday, November 30th after the 12:05 PM Mass. We will be discussing Bishop Robert Barron’s Advent Devotional Book. Bring your lunch, (coffee will be provided!) and enjoy the fellowship and share your insights as we prepare our hearts for the Nativity. The cost for the Bishop Barron’s Devotional is $5.00. Please contact the office if you would like to reserve a copy of the Devotional. All are welcome!

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception
We will celebrate the feast of the Immaculate conception on Thursday, December 6 at 10:15 am. All are invited.

Traveling to Jamestown and Williamsburg
The Fifth and Sixth Grade classes will be taking a step back into history as they travel to Jamestown and Williamsburg on Friday, December 7.

Holiday Spirit
Come share the joy of the holiday season on Tuesday, December 11 6:00 with the elementary and middle school students as they perform Christmas music. It is a great way to get you into the spirit of Christmas.

Weekly Liturgy
As always everyone is welcome to attend our weekly Thursday liturgies at 10:15 am, monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (First Friday of the month), and our weekly communion service on Tuesdays at 7:40 am.

Financial Peace University teaches practical financial management based on the teachings of the Bible. FPU has something to offer everyone, regardless of your financial situation. This class provides the opportunity to learn proactive strategies for handling your money, making a budget to fit your needs, developing a plan for getting out of debt and living a debt-free lifestyle. We will also learn about topics such as increasing communication between spouses, the right kinds of insurance, mortgages, giving and more!

Please prayerfully consider this nine-week course beginning Monday, January 14th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and continuing on the following dates: 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11. The classes will be held at St. Thomas More, St. Bonaventure Room. The cost of materials for the class is $109 plus shipping. Cost includes books and budgeting software access for one year. For more information and / or to sign-up please visit: http://www.fpu.com/1075067 or call STM parishioner Jerry Sagona, Certified Financial Coach at (636) 698-8540 or email: jerrysagona@yahoo.com. The class is limited to the first 20 attendees/couples.