

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

December 1, 2019

Today's Bible Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalms 122:1-9; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44.

Themes of the Readings: Let us rejoice in the Lord's peace; let us live honorably as we await his return.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY AND MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Sunday:	Bible Study	8:30 A.M. (Rosa Parks Room)
	Mass	9:45 A.M. (Church)
	Women of <u>NAS</u>	11:30 A.M. (Rosa Parks Room)
	Youth Group	12:00 P.M. (Upper Meeting Room)
Tuesday:	Mass	8:30 A.M. (Chapel)
	Legion of Mary	10:30 A.M. (Deacon Thompson Room)
	Prayer Group	11:00 A.M. (Chapel)
	Youth Dance Ministry	6:30 P.M. (Church Hall)
Wednesday:	Mass	8:30 A.M. (Chapel)
	Food Pantry	1 P.M. (Deacon Thompson Room)
Thursday:	Mass	8:30 A.M. (Chapel)
	Adult Dance Ministry	6:30 P.M. (Church Hall)
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M. (Choir Room)
Friday:	Mass	8:30 A.M. (Chapel)
Saturday:	Mass	4:00 P.M. (Church)

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING.

- ❖ PLANNING TO GET MARRIED? Arrangements should be made per the Parish Office at least six months in advance.
- ❖ INFANT BAPTISM: Baptism Preparation Conferences are required of parents and god-parents. To make arrangements contact the Parish Office at 410-542-0445 or e-mail: office@naschurch.org.
- ❖ ILL AND HOME-BOUND: Is a fellow parishioner in the hospital or unable to attend Mass? Please notify the Church office so that contact can be made for visits and reception of the sacraments.
- ❖ MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: Entering the hospital for a medical procedure? "Anointing of the Sick" may be administered prior to medical procedures. Contact the Parish office or see clergy when at church.

This Weekend's LITURGY NOTES

- Hymnal: Lead Me, Guide Me
- Response to Psalm 122:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

R.I.P. With faith in the Resurrection let us **pray for the happy repose of the soul of Esther Jones, sister of parishioner Thelma Brookes.** Viewing will take place today, (12/1) 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., at March Funeral Home, 4300 Wabash Avenue. The **Funeral** will take place on Monday, December 2nd at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 6950 Dogwood Road, Windsor Mill, MD 21244. **Wake: 10 a.m.; Service: 10:30 a.m.** *May the soul of Ms. Esther Jones and the souls of all of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES & HOSPITALS:

Barbara Bess (*Paradise Assisted Living*); George Brown (*Woodholme Garden, Pikesville*); Arthur Evans (*Augsburg*); Franklin Fitzgerald (*Lorien Mays Chapel*); Ivy Harris (*Brookdale Asst. Living, Pikesville*); Doris Johnson (*Future Care Cherry-wood, Reisterstown*); Sr. Mary Margarita Musquera, OSP, (*St. Elizabeth Rehab & Nursing Center*).

"SHUT-IN" PARISHIONERS: William Baker; Sandra Brice; Lionel Desbordes; William Garrett; Bernadette Leeds; Pat Mitchner; Anita Parker; Jeanette Sterling.

"AILING" PARISHIONERS: Rhaiyanna Allen; Vickie Barry; Marie Brown; Sylvia Buchanan; Patricia Bullock; Joseph Campbell; Charles Coates; Christine Coates; Elvard Cooper; Belinda Cornish; Anne Davis; Loretta

Davis; Margaret Fernandez; William "Bill" Fields; Sandra Fowlks; Carolyn Gray; Charles Griffin; Eleanor Hairston; Susie Harding; Jeanette Hall; Barbara Harris; Martha Henley; Donna Hunter; Margaret Hunter; Catherine Johnson; Toba King; Aubrey Knox; Gwendolyn Lindsay; Charlotte Malinowski; Genevieve Massey; Denise Matthews; Alvin Moore; Emily Moore; Betty Morton; Marcia Morton; Marion Russell; Maxima Shay; Loristine Sheppard; Theresa Sisco; Donald Smith; Frances Smith; Jerry Stamper; Donald H. Stokes, Sr.; Margaret Wallace; Gerald White, Sr.; Gerald White, Jr.; Wanda White; Betty Williams

SICK FAMILY & FRIENDS: Francine Allen; Carolyn Campbell; Audrey Carter; Marybelle Carter; Judith Daniel; Marvin Dawkins; Fabian Desbordes; Vera & Lawrence Hall; Dennis Hamlin; Michelle Humphrey; Kaneez Fantima Isfahani; Donald Jackson; Benjamin Jones; Constantia Jones; Shelley Jones; Robin Martin; Raymond E. Matthews; Bertha White-May; Josephine McCoy; Zahara Moor; Angeline Mosby; Robert Quarles; John Simms; Teresita Simms; Irene Shelton; Adia Y. Stokes; Jacobi K. Stokes; Sue Tiggler; Harriet Tribble; Barbara Wade; Isabella Walker; Stephanie Walker; Betty Whidby; Jerome White

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY!"

November

30 Tiffany Friend; Lena Knox; Cheryl Sealy

December

2 Michael Agala; Thelma Coates; Lauralen Pearl; Barbara Phillips

- 3 Justin Bishop Jr.; Michelle Reynolds;
Eric Shaw
- 4 Wendy Bishop; William Holmes;
Helen Taylor
- 5 Nevin Hall; Jacqueline Harding;
Clyde Smith; Grace Thornton
- 6 Joseph Campbell; Paulette Thompson-Heron

The **NAS Food Pantry** is in need of the following items for **Christmas baskets for 30 families**: Yams, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Stove Top Dressing, Turkey Gravy, Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Cranberry Sauce, Cake Mix, and Ramen Noodles—canned, boxed or jars. *Thank you for your support.*

Rum and pound cakes are on sale for Christmas. If you would like to order a cake, please fill out the flyer in the bulletin and hand it to Rita Martin by Sunday, December 15th for Christmas orders. In addition, you may call during the evening at (410) 292-1257 to place your order. All cakes are \$20. Proceeds will be donated to New All Saints Church for current projects.

NAS Healthcare Committee is having a “Holiday Basket of Cheer” Raffle fundraiser. Purchase raffle tickets now thru December 15th, 2019. The winner will be announced at Mass. *You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any member of the Healthcare Committee or contact Willie Greer 410-944-5708.*

**UPDATE YOUR NAS CHURCH
SOCIAL MEDIA CONTACT INFORMATION.**

Parishioners receive information via the phone, email and text from NASNotify the broadcast message system and Flocknote. Has your information changed? Update your communication preferences and contact information. Email: NASChurchCC@gmail.com. Include ministries that you are affiliated with. View Weekly Church Bulletins at www.NASChurch.org or [My Parish app](#).

Help Needed: The Franciscan Center’s Annual Giving Tree Project. The Franciscan Center is asking churches, organizations, local businesses and concerned individuals to help collect new and unwrapped winter clothing and personal hygiene items for the hundreds of homeless and poor men, women and children for their annual winter clothing drive. Also, they are requesting donations of new and unwrapped toys for K-5 elementary school children for this holiday season. The items will be distributed at the Franciscan Center during the Christmas season and throughout the coldest winter months. *Drop Off Instructions: 101 West 23rd Street, Baltimore, MD 21217. Monday to Fridays from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Donations deadline: December 6th (toys for K to middle school children and December 13th (all donations)). If you need help with your pick up items contact Angela Hall (410) 467-5340 ext. 113 or ahall@fcbmore.org.*

Holy Family Parish is hosting “Breakfast with Santa” on Saturday, December 7th, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Breakfast: Adults \$6 / Children (3-10) \$4. Vendors available. Photos with Santa. Free crafts for kids.

“Do Others See the Face of Christ Reflected In Your Ministry?” This workshop will examine and explore how to reflect Christ to those we see and touch in our ministry. The event will be held at Transfiguration Catholic Community on Saturday, December 7th, 775 W. Hamburg St., Baltimore, MD 21230 at 9:30 a.m. With a continental breakfast & lunch. Free to all ministries. *Please RSVP by November 27th to alan.cramblitt@archbalt.org or call 443-569-1037.*

The Ladies of Charity of St. Cecilia Church are holding their **Annual Pre-Christmas Luncheon & Card and Game Party** on Saturday, December 7th, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. in the church hall. Cost: \$20 p.p. *For tickets and additional information, please see any member of The Ladies of Charity or call the church at (410) 624-3600.*

Save the Date to Share in the Spirit! Catholic Charities Christmas Festival at the Basilica benefiting Head Start of Baltimore City and My Sister’s Place Women’s Center. “The Wonder Through a Child’s Eyes” will be playing on Thursday, December 12th, 7:30 p.m. Featuring: Baltimore Choral Arts Society, Morgan State University Choir and CoroLAB. *Reception to follow at the newly renovated Enoch Pratt Free Library.*

Jazz Expressways Foundation, Inc., “Blues & Jazz Breakfast Show & Scholarship Presentation” Pre-Christmas Party will take place on Saturday, December 14th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at NAS Church Hall. Music Scholarships for two children will be presented; hear them perform with The One & Only Greg Hatza Organization. Donation: \$30. *For tickets call Rosa & Shorty 410-833-9474 or pay online at www.JazzExpresswaysFoundation.org.*

Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart will host **“A Day of Advent Retreat” ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas...God’s Story...Our Story...Your Story.** Prayer reflecting on God breaking into our lives will be held on Saturday, December 14th, 9:30 a.m. -3 p.m. at Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, 1001 W. Joppa Rd., Towson, MD 21204 (*entrance on Chestnut Avenue*). Lunch provided. Presenter: Sr. Clare Walsh, MSHS. Free Will Offering. *Register by December 2nd. Contact Lydia Madsen, 410-823-8585, ext. 264 or email: LMadsen@missionhelpers.org.*

Bishop Madden invites you to join him for his next PRAYER WALK on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 600 South Conkling St., Baltimore, MD 21224. This evening will begin with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. and end before 7:30 p.m. *For information contact St. Ann Parish (410) 235-8169.*