

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

December 23-24, 2017

Today's Bible Readings: Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14,16; Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
Themes of the Readings: David's posterity shall endure forever. His kingship finds its fulfillment in the son of Mary, Jesus the Christ. To him be glory and praise forever.

THIS WEEK'S CAMPUS MEETINGS

Tuesday - Thursday: Daily Mass	8:30 A.M. (Chapel)
Tuesday: Prayer Group	10:30 A.M. (Chapel)
Legion of Mary	10:30 A.M. (Deacon Thompson Room)
Thursday: Liturgical Dance Youth).....	4:00 P.M. (Church)

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

- ❖ **PLANNING TO GET MARRIED?** Arrangements should be made by calling the Parish Office at least six months in advance.
- ❖ **INFANT BAPTISM:** A Baptism Preparation Conference is required of parents and god-parents. To make arrangements please call the Parish Office at 410-542-0445 or e-mail to 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 sacraments.
- ❖ **MEDICAL EMERGENCIES:** If one is about to enter the hospital for a medical procedure, Anointing of the Sick may be administered prior to the procedure. Please contact the Parish office or see the priest when at church before entering or undergoing a medical facility.

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY NOTES

- Hymnal: "LEAD ME, GUIDE ME HYMNAL"
 - *Response* to Psalm 89-2: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."
 - Saturday, December 23rd, 3-4 pm:
Fr. Patrick Okwunmuo is available for confessions.
 - 12/23: Saturday 4 pm - Vigil Mass of 4th Sunday of Advent
 - 12/24: 9:45 pm: Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent
- CHRISTMAS WEEK LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**
- 12/24: 7 pm - Christmas Eve Music Concert
 - 12/24: 8 pm - Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
 - 12/25: 10:00 am. Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
 - 12/30: Saturday 4 pm Mass - Vigil Mass of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 - 12/31: Sunday 9:45 am. Mass of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph will be celebrated by Archbishop William Lori.
 - 12/31 at 6:00 pm. ("NY" Eve) Vigil Mass, The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
 - 01/01, NEW YEAR'S DAY: 10:00 am. Mass Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES AND HOSPITALS: Louise Bankins (Augsburg); Barbara & George Bess (Paradise Assistant Living); Belinda Gordon-Bullock (Future Care, Scotts Level); Gladys Chambers (Keswick Rehab); Franklin Fitzgerald (Lorien Mays Chapel); Charles Griffin (Holly Hill); Lonnie Hall (Levindale); Ivy Harris (Northwest Hospital); Doris Johnson (Future Care Cherrywood, Reisterstown); Genesta Lane (Augsburg Lutheran); Ola Lewis (Woodholme Garden, Pikesville); Letitia Maddox (Keswick Rehab); Marcia Morton (Home); Sr. Mary Margarita Musquera, OSP, (Jenkins at St. Agnes Hosp.)

"SHUT-IN PARISHIONERS: Sylvia Buchanan; Vanessa Bullock; Sandra Brice; Donald Evans; Margaret Hunter; Pat Mitchner; Anita Parker; Godfrey Smith; Jeanette Sterling; Edmund Ward

AILING" PARISHIONERS: Rhaiyanna Allen; Alvin Baker; Shirley Baker; Vickie Barry; Mary Bevans; William Blake; Merle Borel; Thelma Brookes; George Brown; Marie Brown; Lorna Rice Byers; Joseph Campbell; Marcus Carson; Charles Coates; Christine Coates; Elvard Cooper; Belinda Cornish; Anne Davis; Loretta Davis; Lionel Desbordes; Marge Dorsey; Margaret Fernandez; William "Bill" Fields; Debbi Fowlkes; Harriett Garrett; Carolyn Gray; Jeannette L. Hall; Susie Harding; Shirley Hargrove; Barbara Harris; Martha Henley; Donna Hunter; Margaret Hunter; Catherine Johnson; Aubrey Knox; Gwendolyn Lindsay; Charlotte Malinowski; Denise Matthews;

The **NAS** Welcome Committee will host a Christmas Eve Reception immediately following the 8:00 p.m. Mass at the Church Hall. *Come, share some Christmas joy, fellowship and light refreshments!*

Bertha White May; Alvin Moore; Karen Moore; Gloria Marrow; Betty Morton; Vanessa Nelson; Maxima Shay; Theresa Sisco; Donald H. Stokes, Sr.; Carla Thompson; Rita Turner; Margaret Wallace; Gerald White, Sr.; Gerald White, Jr.; Consuela Wilder; Betty Williams

SICK FAMILY & FRIENDS: Eric Brice Jr.; Carolyn Campbell; Audrey Carter; Florine Carter; Marybelle Carter; Judith Daniel; Barbara Fields; Sara Gray; Vera & Lawrence Hall; Glendia Harris; Michelle Humphrey; Robin Martin; Raymond E. Matthews; Bertha White May; Josephine McCoy; Melinda Miller; Zahara Moor; Robert Quarles; Jacob T. Sims, Jr.; Irene Shelton; Jerry Stamper; Adia Y. Stokes; Jacobi K. Stokes; Dorothy Taylor; Sue Tiggler; Deborah Windley; Harriet Tribble; Barbara Wade; Isabella Walker; Stephanie Walker; Betty Whidby; Jerome White

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

- 23 Randall Martin; Samantha Richardson
- 24 Bernette Downs; Kelley Kelly; Shirley Smith
- 25 Vanessa Chaplin; Shirley Hargrove; Sharon Wongus
- 28 Brandon Cousins; Idea Hunter
- 29 Rodell Johnson

The Woman of NAS Church-Ministry will offer scholarships to high school seniors who will be attending a College or University, Technical Institute or Military Academy in September, 2018 and who are members of NAS Church. Criteria: (1) Acceptance letter from the College or University, Technical Institute or Military Academy the student plans to attend; (2) Official High School Transcript; (3) "SAT" or "ACT" Scores (4) provide a 500 word essay - typed. *Please contact the following person(s) for a scholarship application: Mary Collins 410-922-6008, Darlene Hall 410-521-5142 or Marlene Downs 410-489-5947.*

Additional Pastoral Visitors Needed! Pastoral Visitors are trained parishioners that visit the sick and shut in of the parish. Visits may include parishioners' homes, assisted living facilities or nursing homes. It is an extremely rewarding ministry. *If you are interested, contact Marilyn Bevans at 443-929-0757. Come and see if this is for you.*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA. Do you want to be a disciple of Christ in the Catholic tradition? Are you an individual who has never been baptized? Were you baptized in another faith tradition, but would like to become a Catholic now? Are you a baptized Catholic who never received Eucharist or Confirmation? Are you a Catholic who would like to know more about your faith? Sessions occur on Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Come, join us. *Please contact Emily Moore at 410-298-0951 or Ruth Dawkins at 443-810-9187.*

NAS Food Pantry is seeking donations of the following items: canned vegetables, corn, green beans, baked beans, fruit, and meats. Hot Cereal, peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti, meat sauce, and tuna. *Thank you for your support.*

NAS Travel Club is hosting a 5-day New Orleans Cultural Tour, September 10-14, 2018 (\$675). *The price for airfare is not included and will be added at a later date.* Initial non-refundable deposit (\$100) is due by December 4, 2017. Flyers are available at the church entrances and the rectory office.

The MyParish app has been updated for Advent with a button that provides a daily Advent reflection. Please also remember to update your contact information by contacting the rectory or emailing NASChurchCC@gmail.com.

The Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Baltimore is hosting a *Duc In Altum* Men's Retreat, January 5-7, 2018 at St. Gabriel Retreat House, 1201 Hilton Ave., Catonsville, MD 21228. The retreat is for single men, 18 years and older. The cost: FREE! To register email contact Julia.vidmar@arcbalt.org or call 410-547-5426. Register by December 31st

Dr. Maria Thompson - President invites you and a guest to "Faith Based Day" at CSU Basketball Game on Saturday, January 6, 2017, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., at Physical Education Complex, 2523 Gwynns Falls Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21216 (parking lot H). *To reserve arena seat (s), RSVP your attendance by Friday, December 29th to coppinevents@coppin.edu or contact Sherrye Larkins 410-951-3819.*

Ecumenical Service of Healing for Baltimore City: Coppin State University, James Weldon Johnson Auditorium on Sunday, January 7, 2018; 3 pm-5 pm. Clergy from various denominations will be participating offering messages of Healing, Hope And Inspiration! An Ecumenical Mass Choir will be lifting melodies of inspiration. Free Admission. Seating is limited, therefore tickets are encouraged through Eventbrite.com. *For more information call Dr. Mark McCleary 240-535-3934, Dr. Joseph L. Davis Sr. 717-356-1223 or Rev. Edward N. Mason Jr. 410-622-9971, email: oneour2live1@gmail.com.*

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring High School Scholarships. Two scholarships available: (1) The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial H.S. Scholarship and (2) The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic H.S. Scholarship. Applications are being received thru February 1, 2018. Interested parents and students can *visit the website at www.kofc-md.org to obtain information.*

The Parish Office is closed Christmas Day, December 25th and New Year's Day, January 1st.