



FATHER JIM'S SCHEDULE

Mon.-10 a.m. Mass followed by Adult Formation at St. Victoria with evening meetings:
Tues. – Our Lady of Peace - 10 a.m. Mass followed by Meetings – 7 p.m. Mass followed by evening meetings.
Wed. -St. Victoria -10 a.m. Mass - followed by Clergy Association Meeting Or Over the Hill Gang Lunch
Thurs.-Holy Cross Sch. 7:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m., Mass- OLP - 12:15 p.m. - Mass St. Victoria 6:30 p.m. followed by RCIA - Adult Formation
Fri. - Father Jim's day off.
Sat. -10:15 a.m. RCIA at Our Lady of Peace- Afternoon weddings, funerals, at 5 p.m. or 4 p.m. - Mass at Holy Cross when scheduled.
Sun. Mass: OLP 8:30 a.m.-St. Victoria 11 a.m. Spanish Mass- Holy Cross 2 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meetings are the first and third Monday of each month.
Finance Council Meeting - Monday, December 10 at 8:30 a.m.

St. Thomas More will be hosting our next Region-"Deanery" Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 10 a.m. Please let Fr. Jim know if you are coming so they can plan lunch.

Communal Confession/Reconciliation -December 13th - There will be confessions with four (4) priests at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 13, right here at St. Victoria.

Fr. Jim's Christmas Visit Home

After all the masses at Christmas, Fr. Jim will finally get to go home in Rhode Island. His Christmas visit with his family will be January 7-11. He will also be celebrating his Dad's 90th Birthday. You co-operation is appreciated.

Singing at the Crèche -December 19

Wednesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m., you are invited to sing at the crèche in the center of town near Peace of Pizza, across from the hardware store. New Prospect Baptist will be joining us. Refreshments will follow at New Prospect for all.

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

December 9th, 2018

St Victoria Catholic Church
Pastor: Rev. James Gallagher
305 Victoria Drive, Box 640
Hurt, VA 24563,
Phone: 434-324-4824
Mass: Sunday, 11 a.m.
Holy Days 7 p.m.
Mass: Mon. and Wed., 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study: Mon. 10:30 after mass.
Thursday evening, 6:30 p.m.

Information

Marriage: Plan 1 year ahead.
Registration: Forms in office.
Confessional: 1st Sunday after mass or by appointment.

Visitation of the Sick

Contact Fr. Jim of any needs, include name and phone number as hospitals no longer notify the clergy.

December 9th, Second Sunday of Advent

Greeters: Diane & Len Young, Elaine Ferguson
Lectors: Phyllis Stanga, Anthony Konopka
E.M. Allan & Dianna Lavoie, John Carey,
Ruth Simpson, David Van Donsel
Readings: Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6,8-11,
Luke 3:1-6
Servers: Michael Hall, Alma Ramirez
Counters: Kathy Perri, Pat Nelson

December 16th Third Sunday of Advent

Greeters: Dick & Diane Donnelly, Samson Wells
Lectors: Mike Lewis, Jane Coates
E.M.
Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a, Philippians 4:4-7,
Luke 3:10-18
Servers: Michael Hall, Alma Ramirez
Counters: Cathy O'Callaghan, Linda Harkness

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Weekly Collections: December 2, 2018 - \$2632.00

Mass Intention Ron Carter

PARISH PRAYER LIST:

Paula Barabach	Emily McCurry	Joe Smith
Jessie Burks	Bernard Mitzler	Chink Thomas
Patty Clark	Peg & Carl Obuchowski	Roger Wood
Vince Gryctko	Polly Ostmann	Marilyn Thurman



COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

Mia Foy, Margaret Kennedy, Ronnie Hackworth, Cynthia Bennett, Mike McCard, Maureen Scholl, Tommy Partington, William Curran, Kathleen Kruse, Robert Woehle, Wayne Mayhew, Gail Hebert, Andy Walker, William Rock, Ken Curran, Tish O’Callaghan, Rosemarie Dugan, Carman Nelson, Dave dela Motte, Ron Larson, David Fountain, Louise Hall, Jeannie Smith, Ronald Smales, John Schmit, Kathy Jackson and Silas Allen.

Please pray for our Servicemen and Servicewomen:

Dylan Allen, Chris Davidson, Ursula Hall, Edward Huddleston, Alex Simpson, Tiffany Smith, Chase Stanga and Chris Thielenhaus.

Fr. Jim says, "No Christmas Gifts"

Fr. Jim asks that parishioners withhold Christmas gifts this year for him. **Instead make a donation to our Building Fund.-Capital Improvements.**

Stockings for Homebound Parishioners:

If you visit one of our homebound parishioners, first of all thank you! Please take them the Christmas stocking that has been prepared for them. The stockings are labeled and are in a box in the church library. There is an extra stocking if I have forgotten anyone!

“Nathan’s Christmas Tale “It was the day after Christmas at St Peter and St Paul’s church in Borden, Kent, England. Father John, the vicar, was looking at the nativity scene outside when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the figures. Immediately, Father John’s thoughts turned to calling in the local policeman but as he was about to do so, he saw little Nathan with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus. Father John approached Nathan and asked him, ‘Well, Nathan, where did you get the little infant?’ Nathan looked up, smiled and replied, ‘I took him from the church. ‘And why did you take him?’ With a sheepish grin, Nathan said, ‘Well, Father John, about a week before Christmas I prayed to Lord Jesus, I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it.’

The Diocesan Justice and Peace theme for December is Charity:

During this month, we are reminded in the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI that “Christian charity is first of all the simple response to immediate needs and specific situations: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for and healing the sick, visiting those in prison,” (*Deus Caritas Est*, no 31). We are called to answer to the needs of our neighbors by encountering them and accompanying them on their journey. This is done by showing Christian charity or love. The U.S. Bishops in their “Two Feet of Love in Action” offer two complementary ways to walk this path of love: (1) through social justice, which looks at the root causes of poverty, and (2) through charitable works, which meets the basic needs of individuals. This is especially true during this Christmas season. We encourage you to consider volunteering in ministries that respond to the various needs of our neighbors and community.

A Christmas Memory

Elaine Ferguson



I miss the white Christmases of my childhood days. It always snowed on Christmas Eve and sometimes far into Christmas Day. The day before the snow, the sky would turn a strange almost colorless grey the air would be heavy with moisture and a strange quiet. I would stand and gaze up at the sky and feel an excitement course thru me as I waited for the miracle of a White Christmas to happen. By Christmas Eve day the flakes would start their dance to meet the ground. At first they would come slowly like a soft lullaby. This was followed by a lively reel, which built to a full blown overture, until the baton was lowered and all was silent. The landscape had been changed from ordinary to a mystical wonderland, as though I had stepped into something not quite real. **When you are a child,** Midnight Mass is a trip into the mysterious adult world. Christmas lights twinkle in the cold air, and all is untouched and virginal in its beauty. The walk to church seems short and though you should feel the cold, it is the anticipation of the miracle that is part of this night that feeds a glow from within. The church seems different and bathed in a light from the candles that in turn send flickering lights up to the ceiling, to light up a picture of the Holy Family. The sweet smell of pine, mingled with the sharp scent of incense always made my heart feel like it would burst with joy, just being allowed to be a part of this celebration to God. It was the innocent feeling of pure love, as yet unsullied by the adult world. **The walk home after mass** was just as wonderful. While the strains of Carols sung and danced *in my head, I indeed was a part of that most holy of nights.* **The morning would be bright** with sunshine and we all gathered under the tree to open our gifts. With the daylight, came the awareness that today was the same as the day before. The snow would begin to melt, and turn a dirty grey. We would run to show our gifts to our friends and relatives. And when Christmas day was over, and all the excitement had died down, I would lay awake in bed, and try to recall all the wonder and awe of Christmas Eve and though I could not quite recall it all, it was a feeling I would renew each year at Christmastime and now I was indeed part of the miracle that took place so long ago and is here forever, deep within my heart.

Reminder: Please bring in your food on the labeled bag any Sunday during Advent. Also, send Christmas Cards to those listed on the Advent Packet. “Caring is sharing.”



