

THIS WEEK AT ST. VINCENT

Sunday, December 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent

THANK YOU TO OUR CELEBRANTS, Fr. Ray Martin (7:15 PM), Fr. Jim Casciotti (9:30 AM) and Fr. Steve Spahn (11:45 AM).

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

TODAY Dec. 18 at 1 PM volunteers will decorate the church for Christmas.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE - This year Jan. 1 is both a holy day of obligation (Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God) and a Sunday. There will be a special Mass schedule—**7:15 PM Saturday and 10 AM on Sunday.**

WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON — On Jan. 21 there will be a march in Washington DC, which according to its website (womensmarch.com) is for “the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families.” Several parishioners have expressed interest in attending. Rita McMullin is collecting the names of those interested and will put together an email list so they can be in contact with each other. Contact her at grammymcmullin@gmail.com.

SOUTH AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION FUND (SAHEF) supports tuition and living costs for students from the village where parishioner Sylvia Eastman volunteered in 2006. See flyers in Gathering Space for more info. Write checks to St. Vincent de Paul Church and give to Sylvia. Call Sylvia (410-323-2258) with questions.

ST. V'S 2017 RETREATS

Lenten Half-Day Retreat on Saturday, March 18, at the Shrine of St. Anthony will delve into mysticism with retreat directors Gerry Fialkowski and Peggy Shouse.

St. Vincent's Family Retreat will be May 19-21 at Camp Nawakwa near Gettysburg. Our retreat director, Dr. Monica Weis of the Sisters of St. Joseph, will use the work of Thomas Merton, a Catholic monk, writer and mystic, to guide the retreat.

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Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve – Fr. Frank Kaminski will be our presider at both Christmas Eve Masses. First Mass is the



Children's Christmas Pageant Liturgy. Mass begins at **5:15 PM** with carols by the Children's Choir at 5 PM. Children participating in the pageant, singing before Mass or playing an instrument should be there by 4:45 PM. We will have a brief period of fellowship after Mass. If you can, please bring some Christmas cookies or other treats to share. At 8 PM, St. V's Choir will sing carols as a prelude to Mass, which begins at **8:30 PM.**



Dec. 25 - Christmas – Unfortunately due to health issues that make Fr. Chuck and Fr. Dick unable to be with us this year, our midnight Mass will be a Word and Communion Service (beginning at **12 AM**). Our music director Joe Organ will fill the service with music, and this service will be sign-language interpreted. On Christmas Day at **12 PM**, Fr. Bob Hamm will celebrate St. V's Christmas Mass.

FR. DICK CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS in his recovery at Future Care Homewood (2700 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21218). Visiting hours are 10 AM to 8 PM. Drop by and see him or send him a note.

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

In order to preserve the sacred space we try to create at the end of Mass, one person will make announcements. If you have a parish-centered announcement, email it to bulletin@stvchurch.org by Wednesday 10 PM and ask for an announcement.

MORE INFO: For questions about any of our events or ministries, call the parish office at **410-962-5078**, or go to our website at stvchurch.org. See our monthly bulletin for staff and committee contacts. Also find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/stvchurch](https://www.facebook.com/stvchurch) and Twitter [@stvchurchbalt](https://twitter.com/stvchurchbalt) for parish news updates, photos and interesting info and news about Catholicism and social justice issues. To submit an item to the weekly bulletin, send it to bulletin@stvchurch.org by Wednesday at 10 PM.

MUSIC FOR 9:30 AND 11:45 MASS

Opening: O Antiphons	
Wreath Song: Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus	Handout
Psalm: Psalm 24: We Long to See Your Face (Ref #2)	Gather #32
Gospel Acclamation: Gloria in Excelsis Deo	
Preparation: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	Worship #374
Acclamations: This is the body of Christ, broken that we may be whole. This cup as promised by God, true to God's word, cradles the Lord. Food for the good of the soul.	Mass of Wisdom
Communion: The Hand of the Lord Feeds Us (Vs 9-11, 1-4)	Handout
Post-Communion:	
Recessional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Verses 1-2, 6-7)	Worship #357
Gather - Blue Worship - Red	

SCRIPTURE READINGS: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24
Next Sunday: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

MASS MINISTRIES

7:15 Lectors: Anne M. English	
7:15 Eucharistic Minister: Frances Winder	
Lectors: Jim Casey, Mary Jane Daly	
Liturgy Planner: Peggy Meyer	
Eucharistic Ministers: Bob R., Mary Lynn, Al, Marianne, Mike J., Willie, Kathy B., Colleen	
Altar Dressers: Geri Sicola, Mary Ann Dunevant	
Liturgy of the Word: O. Hershfeld, C. Fitzpatrick, F. Jorgensen	
Cup Washers: Dennis F.	
Set-up/Clean-up: M. J. Daley, Jerry Pech/M. Brighoff, C. Baish, Saccenti Family	
Food: Jacko, Waldman, Daley/Pech, Bunting	

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday	Dec. 18	11 AM 4 PM	Friends of St. Vincent Park AA Meeting	Classroom Undercroft
Monday	Dec 19	12:30 PM	Christmas Food Bags Given	Breezeway
Tuesday	Dec 20			
Wednesday	Dec 21			
Thursday	Dec 22			
Friday	Dec 23	5 – 6:30 PM	Breaking Bread With the Hungry	Undercroft
Saturday	Dec 24	5:15 PM 8:30 PM 7 PM	Children's Christmas Liturgy Christmas Eve Mass AA Meeting	Church Church Undercroft
Sunday	Dec 25	12 AM 12 PM 4 PM	Word & Communion Service Christmas Mass AA Meeting	Church Church Undercroft

Stewardship Last Week: Attendance: 261; Offertory: \$5,963.30.
Second collection for retired religious was \$855.22.