

**Welcome!** We welcome everyone here today. Sunday Mass is celebrated here each week at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to join in praying the rosary at 8:00 before Mass.

**Reconciliation:** Fr. Anthony is available Sundays at 8:00 a.m., or by appointment. In case of medical emergencies, Father's cell number is 571-733-3695.

### **Prayer Requests**

*God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have abundance for every good work. (2 Cor. 9:8)* Please pray for the terminally ill, the sick, for those who are recovering, as well as the following people:

- Gerry Dilks' son Marvin; Al Katz, who continues to undergo treatment; Phil Haurus, who is undergoing treatment for cancer; Fr. Charles Breindel;
- All our parishioners who are struggling with chronic illness and pain;
- For the elderly and infirm, that they may have courage, strength and good cheer in their daily struggle with weakness and infirmity;
- Our Holy Father, Pope Francis I;
- For all refugees fleeing war or persecution;
- For greater stability of governments;
- Victims of natural & man-made disasters and tragedies;
- Christians who live in pagan, Muslim or Communist countries who are unable to practice our holy religion;
- For all law-enforcement personnel;
- For all veterans who have served our country;
- The Coalition Forces in the war zones; for all people resident in the war zones and in the areas of civil unrest.

**Next Week:** Lectors -- Brenda Stephan & Jim Thompson  
(Alternate – Chris Sokol)  
Eucharistic Ministers – Gerry Dilks & Joan Zolovick  
(Alternate – Pat Muldoon)

### **Advent/Christmas Schedule – Revised!**

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation. While there is no Mass here at Holy Family that day, there are number of Masses in the area:

Holy Spirit, Christiansburg, 9 a.m.  
Sacred Heart, Princeton, 10 a.m.  
St. Jude's, Radford, 11 a.m.  
St. Mary's, Blacksburg, noon

**Parish Life** – Parish Life hosts donuts and coffee the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month and a pot-luck meal the last Sunday. Please join us after Mass for a pot luck meal to celebrate our parish's feast day: Feast of the Holy Family!

**Thank you for Christmas basket donations** – Twenty-eight food baskets were distributed just before Christmas. Your donations provided food to 60 adults and 58 children! We received this thank you note from one of the families:

*We couldn't get gifts for each other, but you made it possible for us to have a great meal. Thanks to you and the church and we thank God everyday for Him and people like you. My son and I are really thankful to you and the church for making our Christmas dinner possible. We are thankful.*

**Diocesan Funds Received** - Justice and Peace will receive \$4,000 from the Diocesan Fuel & Hunger Fund. This fund is from parishioners' donations to the Annual Bishops Appeal and represents nearly one-third of the Committee's annual income.

**New Parish Ladies Group** - Holy Family will be starting a parish Ladies Group in January. We are looking for lots of great ideas and vibrant women to share fellowship with purpose. All ladies are welcome to come join in the newest group at Holy Family. Is there something you'd like to see offered at our parish? Would you like to find ways to deepen your spiritual life? Come! Let's share our talents and make it a blessing to all. Our 1st meeting will be Wed. Jan. 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. (Light refreshments). Please sign up in the Narthex. Contact Katherine Blackburn for more info. klb2149@gmail or text (540) 922-2143.

**Offertory from December 24** - Envelopes \$469; Total \$686

**Catholic Commonwealth Charities sends their thanks:**

Thank you to each and every person whose generous and continued support allows CCC to carry on the work of serving the community. Without a caring and committed network of mission-minded individuals, we would not be able to continue helping the homeless, feeding the hungry, and caring for the young, the elderly, and the sick. Thank you!

**Who To Contact in the Parish:**

Fr. Anthony		571-733-3695
Deacon Jose Melendez		540-250-1903
Parish Council	Jim Thompson	540-544-7145
Justice & Peace Committee	Teresa Savage	921-3098
Maintenance/Planning	Jim Thompson	540-544-7145
Bookkeeper	Eli Altizer	540-421-7434
Religious Education	Suzy Bane	256-430-6910
Parish Life	Jake Patterson	304-753-6360
Hostel Committee	Pat Muldoon	626-3337
Liturgy Committee	Brenda Stephan	599-2438.

Do you have items for the bulletin? Would you like to receive the bulletin by e-mail? Contact Chris Sokol, at [csokol17@gmail.com](mailto:csokol17@gmail.com) or call 540-818-8442 to leave a voice mail message.

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
December 31, 2017**

**Feast of  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**



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