The Epiphany of the Lord

St. Veronica Catholic Church
Chantilly, Virginia

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CATHOLIC CHURCH
ST. VERONICA

Rev. Father Dennis W. Kleinmann, Pastor
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Seminarians: Mr. Nick Schierer and Mr. C. William Nyce

"To know, to love, and to serve God"

January 8, 2017 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Sacramental Information

Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date. It is best for us to hear from you as soon as you become engaged to set up your initial appointment.

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Mass Schedule*

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am & 5:00 pm
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)
Weekdays: Monday—Friday 8:30 am & 12:15 pm
Wednesday & First Friday 7:30 pm
Friday (except First Friday) 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)
Saturday 8:30 am

Holy Hour Schedule*

Wednesday: 7:00 pm (includes Exposition, Holy Rosary, Benediction & Mass)

Confession Schedule*

Monday and Friday: 11:30 am—Noon
Wednesday: 6:30 pm through the Holy Hour
Saturday: 9:00 am—10:00 am & 3:30 pm—4:30 pm
First Friday of the Month: After the 8:30 am Mass & 6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration*

Monday: 9:00 am—Saturday: 8:00 am

** Please listen to pulpit announcements & parish office recordings, and consult current bulletin & website homepage for schedule changes.*

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 8: The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 am LINK Food Dive—Vestibules
8:30 am Pancake Breakfast Hosted by Knights of Columbus—Parish Hall & Kitchen
12:15 pm Norbertines—St. John Paul II Room
6:00 pm Ablaze High School Youth Group—Parish Hall & Kitchen

Monday, January 9:
8:30 am Holy Mass
11:30 am Confessions
12:15 pm Holy Mass
1:30 pm School Use—Acolyte Room
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes
7:00 pm Patricians—Acolyte Room
7:30 pm EnCourage—P203
7:30 pm RCIA—St. John Paul II Room

Tuesday, January 10:
8:30 am Holy Mass
10:00 am 50+ Women's Bible Study—Acolyte Room
12:15 pm Holy Mass
3:15 pm STEM—P202
6:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle—Sacristy
6:45 pm Religious Education Classes
7:00 pm Legion of Mary—Acolyte Room

Wednesday, January 11:
8:30 am Holy Mass
12:15 pm Holy Mass
6:30 pm Confessions
7:00 pm Holy Hour with Exposition, Holy Rosary and Benediction
7:30 pm Holy Mass
8:00 pm Divorced/Separated Catholics—St. John Paul II Room

Thursday, January 12:
8:30 am Holy Mass
12:15 pm Holy Mass
4:30 pm Children's Choir—P208
7:00 pm St. Mother Teresa Outreach Apostolate Sandwich-Making—Parish Hall & Kitchen
7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting—St. John Paul II Room
7:30 pm Adult Choir—P208

Friday, January 13:
8:30 am Holy Mass
11:30 am Confessions
12:15 pm Holy Mass
7:30 pm Ignite Middle School Youth Group—Parish Hall & Kitchen

Saturday, January 14:
8:30 am Holy Mass
9:00 am Holy Rosary
9:00 am Confessions
3:30 pm Confessions

Bulletin Deadline
10:00 am Friday, 9 days prior to the Sunday publication
Announcements should be sent to bulletin@stveronica.net.

Mass Intentions

First Saturday, January 7: Saint Raymond of Penyafort
8:30 am Eugene Leuer +
5:00 pm Ann DePasquale +

Sunday, January 8: The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 am Justin Munger
9:00 am Thresia Myalil +
10:45 am The People of St. Veronica
5:00 pm Frank Hodas +

Monday, January 9: The Baptism of the Lord
8:30 am Samuel John Deboeck +
12:15 pm Marine Sergeant Craig Julian "Guppy" Higginbottom +

Tuesday, January 10
8:30 am John Acker
12:15 pm David Ballard +

Wednesday, January 11
8:30 am Connie Puchrik
12:15 pm Patricia Turant
7:30 pm Fernando Pantoja +

Thursday, January 12
8:30 am Jane J. O'Connor +
12:15 pm Father Michael Morris +

Friday, January 13: Saint Hilary
8:30 am Father Michael Morris +
12:15 pm John Leslie Zavadil +

Saturday, January 14
8:30 am Thelma Rapatan +
5:00 pm Jack and Marge Quinn ++

Sunday, January 15: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am Annette Moccia +
9:00 am The People of St. Veronica
10:45 am Stella Flores Trachsel +
5:00 pm George Palayur Mathew +

Pray the Rosary Daily
Pray the Rosary Every Day

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From Green to Gold – January 8, 2017

As you read this I have returned from Wisconsin after enjoying a week with my family celebrating Christmas. Fr. Isenberg is now gone on a well-deserved break with some of his priest friends. We of course continue to mark the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ with all the glory and joy we can, however that liturgically ends on Monday (the 9th), which is the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Traditionally, this season goes until February 2nd, the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. We tried to celebrate that in this way last year. It will be a bit more difficult to do so this year, which I will explain in a moment. We also continue the NFL season, even though last weekend was the end of the regular season. This weekend we begin the playoffs. As I was gone, and this column had to be written in advance, I do not know whether my Packers are in the playoffs or not. If they defeated the Lions last week, they are! If they lost to Detroit, the Packers may still be in the running as a Wild Card team, if the Redskins "cooperated."

The Packers season was an interesting one. It began with reasonably high hopes. But it was back and forth. Midseason brought a low Green Bay hasn't seen in years as they lost four in a row. Then, thankfully, they had a resurgence and won five in a row leading up to last week. My hope is that it was six in a row and that they now are a contender for the Super Bowl. If they are they will face some formidable opponents, like the Patriots perhaps, so I don't know how deep they can go into the playoff season. Obviously my hope is they go all the way. As always that is just what we have to do in regards to our spiritual lives as well. We may slip morally, but we can't give up. We have to persevere and by God's grace we can, but we have to strive to avail ourselves of those graces and then cooperate with this gift from God. Doing so pretty much assures us that heaven can be ours, for unlike the Super Bowl where there is only one winner, with God we can all "win." Thus that is the goal, and what we do in church helps to foster that goal, which returns us to what I started above and touched on here last week.

I mentioned that I would talk about the church renovations. I have periodically given you updates about them here in this column and one Sunday in October from the pulpit before all the Masses. Briefly, we are proceeding with "phase one," which includes the reconfiguration of the sanctuary, the refurbishing of our current pews, the addition of new pews to replace the chairs, and flooring. This phase will nearly deplete the paid up pledges. We have over $600,000 in cash with more to come if those who made pledges continue to redeem them. This will allow us to make further enhancements to the sanctuary and a few more in the nave of the church, including the possibility of a new altar, ambo, baptismal font, and sound system.

The big news and what impacts us directly is that this "phase one" begins tomorrow, January 9th! If all goes well, as this column was written two weeks in advance and like all things changes occur, the current pews will be removed on Monday. They will return all refurbished a week before Easter. In addition new pews are being constructed to match as close as possible the current ones. They will be installed at the same time that our current ones return to us. The sanctuary will be scaled back by about a third. The flooring will be a new decorative tile in the sanctuary and down the main aisle. Under the pews will be a wood-like vinyl product which is very durable and easy to clean. This same product may be used throughout the rest of the church. There is a possibility yet that the side aisles will also be that tile, if we think we can afford it. Sunday Masses will continue to be said in the church. Daily Masses, however, will be in the St. John Paul II Room (modular unit). No doubt this will be somewhat inconvenient for about four months. I ask you to be patient with us and to pray this all goes well and as planned. ~ In Christ, *Fr. Kleinmann*

The Holy Father's January Prayer Intentions

Evangelization: *Christians at the service of the challenges of humanity.* That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Weekly Readings

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday
Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday
Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday
Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday
Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday
Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday
Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Parish Council Meeting on January 12th

Fr. Kleinmann invites all St. Veronica parish volunteer contacts, apostolate and ministry facilitators, and parishioners to attend the next parish council meeting on Thursday, **January 12th** at 7:30 pm in the John Paul II Room. The agenda will include Fr. Kleinmann's update on church renovations, and reports by apostolate and ministry representatives on their plans and upcoming activities. Parishioners are encouraged to attend. If you have an agenda or discussion item to include on the agenda, please email your suggestions to info@stveronica.net for consideration. One suggestion that arose from the October meeting will guarantee a shorter, more efficient meeting. Come check us out.

Meet Our New Bishop

Bishop Burbidge will be celebrating a series of Masses around the diocese in January, each followed by a reception. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our new bishop. Please see the flyer on page 8 of this bulletin for the schedule. All are welcome at any of the Masses, but the Mass for our "deanery" is at Our Lady of Good Counsel on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 pm. Please note that on that evening, we will NOT have 6:30 pm confessions, 7:00 pm Holy Hour or 7:30 pm Mass.

Inclement Weather Policy

St. Veronica follows the Fairfax County Schools' and Park Authority's policies regarding closures due to inclement weather. In the event of school closure or Park Authority event cancellation, all activities that take place on the parish grounds will be cancelled except Mass. Masses will be celebrated as long as it is possible for the priests to reach the facilities. This policy provides the safest environment for all involved. When in doubt on the weekends, you may contact the Fairfax County Park Authority's 24-hour inclement weather information line at 703-324-8661 or visit fairfaxcounty.gov/parks or fcps.edu on the internet.

Daily Mass Location Change

"Phase one" of our church renovation begins this **Monday, January 9th!** The current pews will be removed, the flooring replaced and the sanctuary reconfigured. As this work takes place, the 8:30 am and 12:15 pm Masses will be said in the St. John Paul II Room. Details will follow about the location of 11:30 am confessions on those days, and confessions and Mass on Wednesday evenings.

Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found is overflowing. Starting Tuesday, **January 10th**, these items will be in the south vestibule for pick up. Anything remaining after Sunday, January 22nd will be given or thrown away.

Faith Direct

The twelve days of Christmas culminate with the celebration of the wonderful feast of Epiphany. Thank you for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish. Since you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year, you may wish to consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collections donations of your choosing. Our church code is VA92 when you visit www.faithdirect.net.

Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend, **January 14th and January 15th**, is to support St. Veronica School. Thank you for your generosity.

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December 25, 2016

Regular Sunday donations	$ 16,443.69
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Monthly Mortgage Payment	$ 4,249.96
Faith Direct*	$ 2,675.75
Christmas	$ 7,921.00

414 Families Donating through Faith Direct

Thank you, and may God bless you for your continued support and generosity.

*Contributions via Faith Direct are deposited in parish bank account once a month. The total deposit designated for Regular & Debt Reduction has been divided by the number of weeks for that month and added to the weekly totals.

Education, Catechesis and Evangelization

Religious Education News

+ January 9th/10th: Religious Education classes resume.

Share the Faith

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this month, let us recall our own Baptism. We have all received the call to go and baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they too are ready to renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises. If there is someone you think would like to explore what Baptism in the Catholic faith means, ask him or her to contact Scott Bradford, RCIA@stveronica.net, to inquire about classes held Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the St. John Paul II Room. The next class, Monday, **January 9th**, is on "Grace and the Sacramental System." Join us!

Norbertine Third Order Meets This Sunday

The Norbertine Third Order will meet this Sunday, **January 8th** after the 10:45 am Mass in the St. John Paul II Room. Bring your own lunch, and join us for a lesson and discussion on Sacred Scriptures and Prayer.

Separated/Divorced Catholics This Week

We invite Separated and Divorced adults to join us in the St. John Paul II room on Wednesday, **January 11th**, after 7:30 pm Mass for fellowship and a discussion on finding and sharing Christmas joy. For more information or to RSVP, please email Susan McCullough, swmccullough@verizon.net.

Diocesan Women

Please join us for the Annual Women's Conference on March 11th at St. Joseph Herndon. This year conference is entitled "Breaking Free Through Forgiveness" with speaker Immaculee Ilibagiza, author and survivor of the Rwandan Genocide. The day also includes confession, breakfast, lunch and Mass with Bishop Burbidge. Please go to www.arlingtondiocese.org. Registration began January 1st.

Men of the Diocese

All men of the Diocese are invited to the sixth annual diocesan Men's Conference on March 4th. This year's conference is titled "Girding for Battle." It will feature Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Ralph Martin and Fr. James Searby. Breakfast, lunch and Mass with Bishop Michael Burbidge will be included. Confessions will be offered from 7:30–8:45 am. Registration began January 1st. No registration at the door. Parking is limited. Go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men to register.

Catholic Means More Than Roman: The Byzantine Catholic Church

Is the Roman Catholic Church the only Catholic Church recognized by the Pope? Did you know that there are 23 Eastern Catholic Churches that are in full communion with the Pope in Rome? The Patricians will discuss the Byzantine Catholic Church, which is one of the 23 Eastern Catholic Churches. The discussion will explain what full communion with the Pope means, how the Byzantine Catholic Church evolved in world and American history, and how the Eastern Orthodox Church is involved. The discussion will also explain what the differences are with the Roman Catholic Church within the Byzantine Catholic Church. This involves church hierarchy, the liturgical calendar, Holy Days of Obligations, liturgy, sacraments (including celibacy), and the Eucharist. The discussion will conclude showing locations of Byzantine Catholic Churches in the local area.

The next Patricians meeting as we discuss this topic will be Monday, **January 9th**, 7:00 pm in the Acolyte Room. Food will be provided, and all are welcome

What If We've Been Wrong?

Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church welcomes guests from neighboring parishes on Wednesday, **January 11th** at 7:00 pm to Terry Beatley's compelling presentation based on her new book *What If We've Been Wrong? Keeping My Promise to America's "Abortion King."* Before he died, Dr. Bernard Nathanson, father of the modern day abortion industry who became Catholic in 1996 and dedicated the rest of his life to teaching the truth about abortion, gave Beatley instructions on teaching America the truth about how and why he exploited American women and children. Christ the Redeemer is on Harry Byrd Highway in Sterling.

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information contact 703-351-7211 or HelpOurMarriage.com.

Catholic Doctrine Corner

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Joy, Long-suffering, Charity, Humility, Peace, Fidelity, Patience, Modesty, Kindness, Continence, Goodness and Charity.

Apostolic Service, Prayer and Fellowship

EnCourage Meets at St. Veronica This Week

Do you have a loved one experiencing same-sex attractions? Are you looking for answers in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church? EnCourage is a Catholic support community for parents, family, and friends who want to reach out in truth and compassion to loved ones experiencing same-sex attractions. Standing by the true teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, EnCourage members support one another and their loved ones through discussion, prayer, and fellowship. EnCourage is part of Courage, an apostolate of the Roman Catholic Church whose purpose is to minister to those with same-sex attractions and to their loved ones.

EnCourage meets this Monday, **January 9th**, at St. Veronica, 7:30 pm in Room P203. For more information: encourage@arlingtondiocese.org. Even if you're not comfortable with the idea of a group meeting, priests working in this ministry will help you.

Divine Mercy Corner

"Today Jesus said to me, 'I desire that you know more profoundly the love that burns in My Heart for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate upon My Passion. Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer: O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You.'" *Dairy* 186-187.

Words of Our Lady of Fatima

"*Certain fashions are going to be introduced which will offend Our Lord very much. Do not give yourself to immodest clothes.*"

~ Fast & Pray for Persecuted Christians ~

Looking for the Longest Married Couple in 2017

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is searching for the longest married couple. One national winner and winners from each of the 50 states are recognized each year. This project is held to honor the commitment of married couples and to give hope and inspiration to younger couples that they too can have long and lasting marriages. Nominations must be received by **January 10th**. To nominate a couple you know, please visit at http://wwme.org or contact 321-804-2310 directly.

ABLAZE Walk through the Lights:

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All high school youth are invited to our Epiphany Party on Sunday, January 8th from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm. We will be going to the Meadowlark Winter lights festival. The evening will include pizza dinner, walk through the lights, and hot chocolate. Everyone is asked to bring new, unwrapped baby clothes (0-12 months) which we will donate to HOPE in NOVA (a pregnancy center).

ABLAZE Breaking News: Beginning Sunday, January 22nd, our high school ABLAZE ministry will be meeting at a new time. All high school youth are invited to join us from 1:30 pm-4:00 pm in the St. John Paul II room. Between now and then we will continue with our regular schedule (Sunday evenings, 6:00 pm-8:30 pm). Contact youthminister@stveronica.net with any questions.

Looking Ahead: Please note that the March for Life will be held on January 27th this year (a week later due to the Presidential Inauguration). Our Youth Apostolate will be taking a group to the March and will participate in the Rally and Mass at the Patriot Center sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office of Youth Ministry. More information will be available soon.

St. Veronica Young Adults Group 20's-30's

We will not be meeting for study nights in observance of the holidays, see you all next year! The next time you'll see us is at the Reston Ice Skating & Dinner (1/14). For more details, email Cynthia at stveronicaya@gmail.com or visit our Facebook Group Page "St. Veronica Young Adults" or our webpage at www.ya.stveronica.net.

Pray for a Priest Each Day

We continue our daily prayers for priests by praying each day this week for:

January 8 Rev. Paul Grankauskas
January 9 Rev. Donald Greenhalgh
January 10 Rev. Horace Grinnell
January 11 Rev. Ronald Gripshover, Jr.
January 12 Rev. Lee Gross
January 13 Rev. Richard Guest
January 14 Rev. Andrew Haissig

You are invited to join

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge

Bishop *of* Arlington

for a

Mass
& Reception

January 9, 2017
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Winchester

January 10, 2017
Cathedral of St. Thomas More
Arlington

January 11, 2017
All Saints, Manassas

January 13, 2017
St. Theresa, Ashburn

January 17, 2017
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
Fredericksburg

January 18, 2017
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Vienna

January 23, 2017
St. Bernadette, Springfield

Masses begin at 7:00 p.m.
Reception to follow.
For more information, call (703) 841-2587.

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE CHALK

For the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 8, 2017, St. Veronica is observing the blessing of the chalk. This age old tradition asks the newborn Christ Child to bless our homes so that at the end of our earthly lives we will behold with our own eyes Christ our Savior, just as the three wise men saw the Christ Child over two thousand years ago.

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for the Epiphany for blessing one's home in the New Year.

The home blessing may be done as follows:

Use the blessed chalk to write

20+C+M+B+17

above the doorways--2017 for the year, C, M, B for the 3 Magi, Casper, Melchior and Balthasar, and for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House."

As you are writing, pray one of the following prayers:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us, and may we seek and serve in everyone we meet that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord our God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law. We give thanks to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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