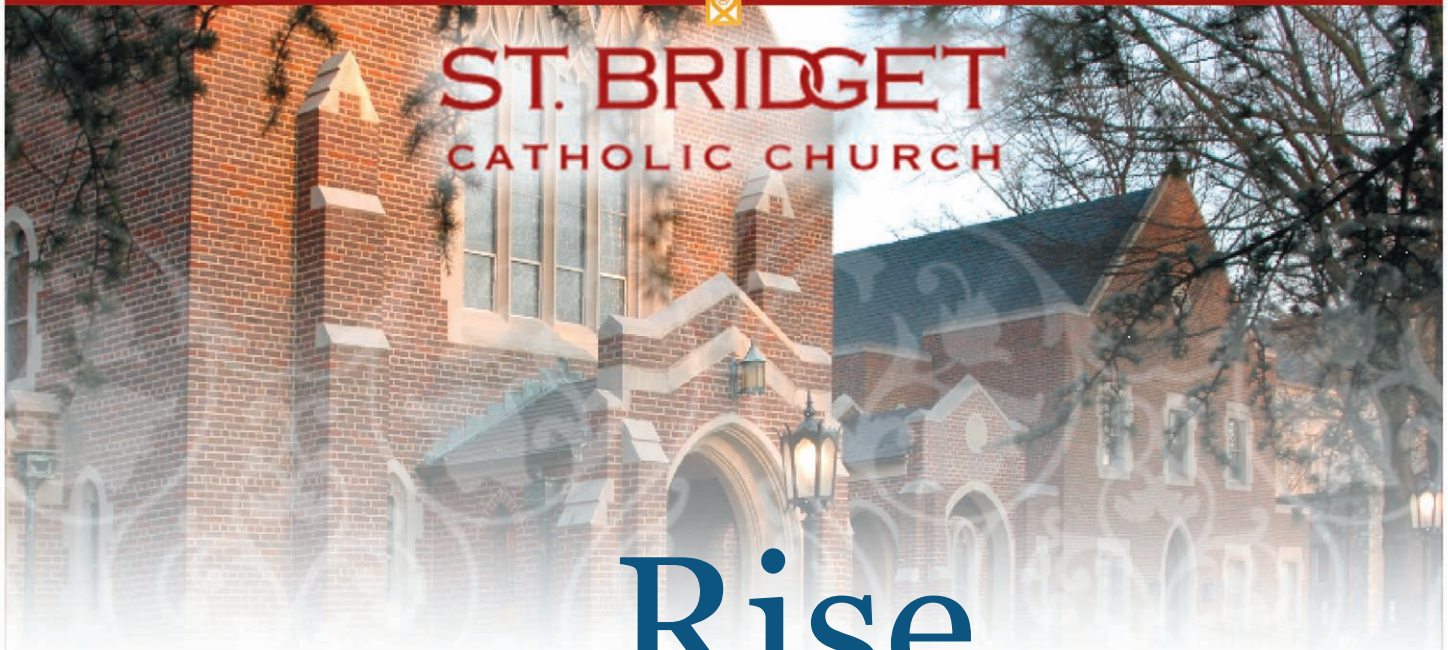


January 2, 2011
The Epiphany of the Lord



Bulletin



Rise, let us be on our way

WORSHIP at SAINT BRIDGET

Winter Schedule

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon,
5:00 p.m.

Nursery, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass

Monday to Saturday, 8:10 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. & by appointment

Following Jesus' example, Saint Bridget Parish recognizes the inherent value of each member of our community as we travel on our faith journey. Just as Christ did, our parish welcomes and supports one another in love as we share our talents and resources with those in need.

Believe: Inspire, Educate, Serve

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome you to join our Parish Family. Please join us for *Second Sundays*. The second Sunday of each month we will be hosting a new member orientation in the Parish Center Meeting Room after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The next *Second Sunday* will be January 9th, 2011.

Catholic faith inquires and those seeking to join the Catholic Church are welcome! Contact RCIA Coordinator Deacon John Arkesteyn, 804. 264.0386, ark6565@comcast.net.

INFANT BAPTISM

Parents attend a preparation session prior to scheduling baptism. Call office for the schedule.

OUTREACH SUNDAY

On the third Sunday of the month, baskets are placed at exits of Church for food and money donations.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact Wedding Coordinator, Pat Morrison, at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding.

VISITING THE SICK

Call the parish office re: Communion and/or for Anointing of the Sick.

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REFLECTION

The wonder and fascination implicit in the appearance of a star and of Magi with their exotic retinue and precious gifts usually overshadows the prophetic words that are found in today's Gospel. Matthew's mash up of Micah 5:1 and 2 Samuel 5:2 represents a method on his part to portray Jesus as the true Messiah and king who is born in accordance with the Scriptures. In alluding to the prophet Micah's oracle about Bethlehem, Matthew has the chief priests and scribes of the people respond to Herod's question with: "from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." It is the last part of this quote that comes from 2 Samuel at the time David was anointed king of Israel.

We tend to think of kings as omnipotent rulers who are in charge of everything. But the biblical dimensions of kingship involve a different set of realities. The king is shepherd and protector of the people. His power—that is, the loyalty of his forces to him—is to be used to ward off enemies and to care for the tribes that the LORD has entrusted to him. When the king fails in this duty, especially when it comes to protecting the poor, it is then that the LORD pronounces judgment against the king. This newborn King of the Jews in Matthew's Gospel comes to shepherd and care for his people. He will save us from the enemy: sin and death.

Now comes the big leap! This day, the Epiphany, is one of the great baptismal feasts of the church (after Easter and Pentecost). The early church saw in this celebration its own call to put on Christ, who is priest, prophet, and king. When we were anointed at our baptism we were given that very charge: to be a king like Christ. So how will you care for the poor today? How will you shepherd God's people?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2011

Saturday	9:00 a.m.: Joseph and Edith Kane, 5:30 p.m.: Penelope Best
Sunday	7:30 a.m.: Martha Stoppie, 9:00 a.m.: Mary Townsend, 10:30 a.m.: Joseph Svoboda, 12:00 p.m.: Joyce Doyle, 5:00 p.m.: Stephen Casey
Monday	Special Intention
Tuesday	Special Intention
Wednesday	Charlotte Belton
Thursday	Baudelio Sanabria
Friday	The People
Saturday	8:00 a.m.: Eunice Christmas, 5:30 p.m.: Alice and Stuart Torbeck
Next Sunday	7:30 a.m.: Alison Griffin, 9:00 a.m.: Teresa Houston Carter, 10:30 a.m.: John Kloecker, 12:00 p.m.: Dolores Usher, 5:00 p.m.: Mary Townsend

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, INFIRM & THOSE IN NEED****OUR PARISHIONERS**

Angel Presti, Bonnie Ware, Lethe Kazi, Evelyn Binns, Janet Alston, John Dannehofer, Mary Jo McRoberts, Jackie Glasscock, Charles L. Sweeney, Evelyn Whitlock, Ida Saxby, Michael Buseck, Joe Jowaisas, Grant Mountcastle, Mary Bliley Davies, those facing long term illness and disability

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF PARISHIONERS

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Welcome New Parishioners!

Mr. & Mrs. David Friedman and Family
(wife is Lauren, child is Caroline)

Mr. Christopher Piacentini

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Quigley and Family

(wife is Amy, children are Mason, Carter and Knox)

Mr. Matthew Steele & Mrs. Sarah Anzelmo-Steele

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Wright and Family (wife is Karen, child is Avery)

St. Bridget's Blood Drive— Has been rescheduled for TODAY, January 2, 8:30 to 1:30 in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

Food Drive for Commonwealth Catholic Charities Food Pantry: In November the CCC food pantry received 205 bags of food from St. Bridget's, which also included 58 bags of food that St. Bridget School donated as part of their special Thanksgiving food drive. Your combined donations helped to feed 746 individuals (360 adults, 362 children, and 24 elderly friends & neighbors). Our next food drive will be the weekend of January 9th. Look for our volunteers who will be handing out empty food bags after all Masses. Please don't pass them by, your help is most needed.

World Day of Peace Message— RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, THE PATH TO PEACE: Pick up the Pope's statement in the commons next weekend or read it on our website.

The **VCC Sign-up Campaign** in December at St. Bridget was very successful as 53 parishioners signed postcards to register for the VCC network. This network allows parishioners to be kept up to date on current legislation at the Virginia General Assembly on a timely basis in order for them to "Let your voice be heard" before votes are cast, as opposed to reading about it the next day when it is too late. If you missed the opportunity to sign up last month, but are still interested, you can sign up at www.vacatholic.org.

Catholic Advocacy Day— Join the Bishops of Arlington and Richmond, the Virginia Catholic Conference and other Commonwealth Catholics in Richmond the morning of Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011, to learn about upcoming legislation and to visit the offices of your legislators to discuss life, social and economic justice, family and education issues. The annual Catholic Advocacy Day begins with prayer and a welcome from the Bishops, followed by briefings, visits to legislators, and lunch. See more details (in English and Spanish) and register at www.vacatholic.org. Join us! The cause is good!

March for Life & Respect Life Holy Hour

On Monday, January 24, 2011, the Knights of Columbus will provide bus transportation to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. The busses depart the Columbian Center on Pump Rd. at approximately 7:45 a.m. and return by 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us in this powerful nationwide witness to the sanctity of unborn life. To reserve seats on the bus, or for further information, please contact Mike Kozak at ckoz654@aol.com.

In conjunction with the annual March for Life, there will be a Respect Life Holy Hour at St. Bridget Church on January 19, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. The Holy Hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Please join the Church in prayer for the success of our pro-life efforts and for the protection of all life, from conception to natural death.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Homebound Retreat: Will be January 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center Meeting Room. If you have not RSVP'ed please do so as soon as you can to Paul Amrhein at 525-7902 or paul@saintbridgetchurch.org.

Micah Initiative New Mentor Training— Thursday, January 27, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 5404 Monument Avenue, 23226. Contact person, Diane Munsey 285-6500. Bring a brown bag supper; beverages & dessert provided. RSVP by January 25 to Mary Hetzel hetzelmary@comcast.net or 282-5872 - indicate name of your faith community & school (St. Bridget and Blackwell)

New Year's Resolutions are about improving ourselves. Nothing helps to improve our lives like volunteering. Why not try on of the following volunteer opportunities to help others. You will be sure to get back more than you give.

Freedom House Help Wanted— Freedom House is a ministry that cooks Sloppy Joes on the first Tuesday of each month and delivers them to the Conrad Center to feed the homeless of the city. We are in need of substitute cooks who arrive at St. Bridget in teams of four at 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. We need a large list of substitutes that can be called upon the night before cooking in case someone has an emergency & cannot make it. If you are interested in being a sub for the Freedom House ministry contact Paul Amrhein at 525.7902 or paul@saintbridgetchurch.org.

Haiti Committee—Help Wanted— Our Haiti committee has had a very successful year that has seen students obtain text books for the first time, much needed renovations and repairs, beginning of a school nurse program, and a great fund raiser with student sponsorships. The only thing missing is you. Our committee is a combined one with Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Cathedral has many more volunteers than St. Bridget. We could really use your support on the Haiti committee. We need all skills, the most important thing is a heart for the people of Haiti. Next meeting: Jan. 10, 7 p.m., in the PCMR here at St. Bridget. See you then.

The Saint Bridget Men's Ministry of Faith & Fellowship will host its next meeting in the Parish Center Meeting Room on Saturday, January 8, 2011, beginning at 6:30 a.m. with coffee & treats. The meeting will adjourn at 8:05 a.m. For more information, please contact Charlie Giovannetti at 673.8980, Wayne Slough at 740.4257 or Leon Shadowen at 740.2948 or lshadowen@aol.com.

Saints and Sinners sponsors an interesting program by Dr. Hugo Seibel titled "Anecdotes in Medical Anatomy". Dr. Seibel is presently Professor Emeritus at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. He will begin his presentation 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2011. Coffee & desserts will be served. Sign up today on the Saints & Sinners bulletin board in the Commons Corridor.

Alpha— Saint Bridget is the first Catholic church in Richmond to offer Alpha, a class that delves into the meaning of Christianity. Over the course of ten weeks of relaxed dinner & video meetings, participants learn more about their personal relationship with Jesus & the Holy Spirit. Alpha will begin on Thursday, January 13th, 6:00 p.m. To register or learn more about Alpha contact Michael Siewers at 804.353.7884.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES, COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Help Welcome a Parishioner with Special Needs— Thank you to all who have volunteered to help our parishioner with special needs. We have assembled a group of parishioners sufficient in size to provide adequate support.

Morning of Recollection for Women— There will be a Morning of Recollection for Women on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Chapel of the Comboni Missionary Sisters, located at 1307 Lakeside Avenue. Meditations will be given by a priest of the Prelature of Opus Dei. Mass will be celebrated at 11:45 a.m., and there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information, please call Pilar Moore at 360.7151.

JAM Orientation— Responding to Jesus' exhortation to feed His sheep, the Jobs Assistance Ministry provides a variety of resources and services to support job searchers in identifying and obtaining employment that meet their skills and needs. JAM collaborates with neighboring parishes and other ministries to share resources. Weekly networking meetings are held at St. Michael Catholic Church in the church hall and JAM services are available to all job searchers. Newcomers orientation meetings are scheduled through the end of January. All newcomer meetings are at St. Michael's Catholic Church in room 105. The next meeting date is January 19.

JAM NOTICE— Because of holiday and scheduling conflicts, there will be no weekly meetings for the St. Michael's Jobs Assistance Ministry on 1/5.

Upcoming Retreats at Shalom House Retreat Center— February 4-5, 2011: Couples Retreat led by Mike and Joan Schlosser; March 4-6, 2011: Silent Weekend Retreat; March 18-20, 2011: Myers Briggs Personality Inventory/Prayer and Temperament with Msgr. Chester Michael and Jean Radford. For more information call Shalom House at 883.6149 or go to www.shalomhouseretreatcenter.com to register.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion— A Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat will be held January 14-16th, 2011, at The Well Retreat Center in Smithfield, VA, sponsored by St. Joan of Arc Church. The weekend retreat includes spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service & a Mass of Entrustment and is available to women, men, & any person who may have been adversely impacted by an abortion. Participation is strictly confidential & offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. Contact Linda Riva at 757.887.3144 or lindajr2@yahoo.com to register. Cost is \$185 for meals, a private room, & all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden assistance is available.

Rebecca St. James - Sanctity of Human Life Event— January 23, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at West End Presbyterian Church (9008 Quioccasin Road Richmond, Virginia). Come join us to benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center. Rebecca St. James will lead a time of praise and worship followed by a special viewing of her new film, *Sarah's Choice*. Tickets are on sale now for \$10.00. Tickets may be ordered by going online to www.rebeccastickets.com, calling 804.673.4150, or ordered in-person at the PRC. Gold ticket holders will meet Rebecca, have their picture taken with her, and receive an autographed CD. Gold tickets are \$50.



Happy New Year from our Parish Family to yours.
May 2011 be filled with many blessings for you & your family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2011**SATURDAY, 1.1—NEW YEARS DAY**

9:00 a.m.: Solemnity of Mary Mass—Church

5:30 p.m.: Feast of the Epiphany—Church

SUNDAY, 1.2—EPIPHANY**SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY OF THIS AREA**

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m.: Mass—Church

8:30 a.m.: Blood Drive—PCMR

10:30 a.m.: RCIA Dismissal—Chapel

1:00 p.m.: Knights of Columbus Brunch—Church Hall

3:15 p.m.: Youth Choir/Band Rehearsal—Church

MONDAY, 1.3

8:10 a.m.: Daily Mass—Church

2:30 p.m.: School Band—Church Hall

TUESDAY, 1.4

8:10 a.m.: Daily Mass—Church

9:00 a.m.: Freedom House Cooking—Kitchen

9:45 a.m.: School Band—Church Hall

2:30 p.m.: Daisy Troop #623—PCMR

3:00 p.m.: Latina Christiana—Nurseries

4:00 p.m.: Parish Boy Choir—Church Hall

7:00 p.m.: Eucharistic Ministers to the Infirm Retreat—PCMR

WEDNESDAY, 1.5

8:10 a.m.: Daily Mass—Church

1:30 p.m.: School Band—Church Hall

3:45 p.m.: Parish Girl Choir (A)—Church Hall

4:30 p.m.: Wednesday Christian Formation Program—School

6:00 p.m.: Men's Evening of Reflection—Church

6:15 p.m.: Trebles Rehearsal—Church Hall

6:45 p.m.: Schola Rehearsal—Church Hall

7:30 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal—Church, Church Hall

THURSDAY, 1.6

8:10 a.m.: Daily Mass—Church

8:30 a.m.: Scripture Study—Church Hall

4:00 p.m.: Parish Girl Choir (B)—Church Hall

FRIDAY, 1.7

8:10 a.m.: Daily Mass—Church

SATURDAY, 1.8—HAITI SECOND COLLECTION

8:10 a.m., 5:30 p.m.: Mass—Church

7:00 a.m.: Men's Catholic Studies—Church Hall

3:30 p.m.: Kennedy Center Debut Workshop—Church/Church Hall

SUNDAY, 1.9—HAITI SECOND COLLECTION

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m.: Mass—Church

10:30 a.m.: New Parishioner Welcome Orientation—PCMR

3:00 p.m.: EDGE—Church Hall

3:15 p.m.: Youth Choir/Band Rehearsal—Church

3:30 p.m.: Sunday Christian Formation Program—School

6:00 p.m.: Life Teen—Church Hall

6:00 p.m.: CHWC Sub Committee—Chapel

6:15 p.m.: Richmond Catholic Singles—PCMR

**SAVE THE DATE!
ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

Training sessions are as follows for any St. Bridget parishioner in the 5th grade and above who would like to be an altar server.

Friday, January 28, 2011 3:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Friday, February 4, 2011 3:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, February 12, 2011 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Friday, February 18, 2011 3:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Sunday, February 20, 2011 1:15 – 3:15 p.m.

If interested you must attend ANY 3 COMPLETE (no late arrivals or dismissals) sessions from the above dates. Tack on ½ hour to your 3rd session for evaluation. More information and registration forms will be available in January.

ATTENTION ALL VETERAN ALTAR SERVERS!

THURIFER TRAINING will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. If you have been altar serving for 2 or more years and would like to become a thurifer (incense bearer), mark March 12th on your calendar and look for more information in the January and February bulletins.

Readings for Week of January 2, 2010

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17





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