

**CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY
JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL
FORT MYER, VIRGINIA 22211**

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**1st Sunday of
Advent
29-30 November
2014**

Dear Catholic Community:

As we celebrate the Season of Advent, I know that it's challenging, but I invite us to really try and use these 4 weeks in some way, to prepare spiritually to remember the birth of the "Word made Flesh." You all are going to be very busy. There's nothing wrong with that. A great deal of what you'll be doing has to do with celebration and giving. That's a good thing. I challenge you, though, to do something special: to focus on growing in your walk with the Lord. We've handed out the "Little Purple Books." That's a great way to take a few minutes each day to reflect on some thought for Advent. Perhaps some more of you could consider coming to Daily Mass. Don't forget the PARISH PENANCE SERVICE on Thursday, 11 DECEMBER at 1900 here at the chapel. That's a great way to prepare for Christmas. We'll have a lot of priests here to provide the opportunity for you to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Whatever you choose, may the Lord bless you and your families during this special time of year.

Finally, on Thursdays during Advent, we have an Ecumenical gathering. It starts with an organ concert in the chapel at 1130, followed by lunch and a devotional. Each week one of us, either CH Dabeck, CH Jacobs or myself, will give the devotional. Because I think it's so important that we join together as a Chapel Community during this time, on Thursdays I've moved Daily Mass to 0900 during the Season of Advent. Again, this is JUST ON THURSDAYS DURING ADVENT. I hope a number of you can come to these events.

Many blessings,
Fr. Fred

Upcoming Events

- 30 November** *4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* seminar
4 December 0900 Daily Mass
1130 Advent Concert featuring organist Randall Sheets
1200 lunch then devotional at 1225
7 December *4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* seminar
8 December *Holy Day* Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Masses at noon and 1800
11 December 1900 Penance Service and Individual Confession/Childcare available

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER--for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; and for our deceased:

Deployed: FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Carol Yannarella, USAF; CPT Mike Mobbs, USA; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps

Deceased: Ivan Pierce Jr. (father of Ivan Pierce), George Fries, Joseph E. Nestro, Louise Pratt, Charles Daknis (brother of Bill Daknis)

Healing: Buddy Craven, Sue Higgins, Bob Daknis, Jimmy Daknis, Joseph Toth, Jeanmarie Jonston, Jim Campbell, Betsy Hendrix, Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, Bonnie Benne, Richard Wicks

Toy Collection: In coordination with the Installation Chaplains' **Holiday Food Voucher Program at Christmas**, the **ACS Volunteer Association** collects and distributes toys to the children of Service members assigned to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. There are donation boxes for toys at the Fort Myer Exchange and the JBM-HH Commissary. To make it even easier for our chapel members, we will have donation boxes here at the Chapel on **7 December** and **14 December**. Please bring NEW, UNWRAPPED toys to share with the children of our Joint Base. For information, contact CJ Buche at 703-945-4050.

Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are 20-22 Feb 2015 in Herndon or 17-19 Apr 2015 in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-378-4150.

Offering for 22-23 November

1700 Vigil Mass: \$1,495.00

0900 Sunday Mass: \$2,553.95

Total: \$4,048.95

ATTENDANCE: 397

Please make checks payable to "CTOF"

Parish Contact Information

Pastor: Fr. Fred Wendel 703-696-5688 or alfred.w.wendel2.mil@mail.mil

Mass: 5PM Saturday Vigil, 9AM Sunday, Noon M-F. All at Memorial Chapel.

Reconciliation: 11:30-11:45AM Tuesday-Friday in Room 112 of Memorial Chapel.

Emergency Contact: Marshall Desk SGT 703-696-3525

Catholic Coordinator: Pam Ortiz pamortiz85@gmail.com

Parish Registration: See usher for form.

Advance E-bulletin: Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday

Sacraments and sponsor letters: Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members.