

**CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY
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Dear Catholic Community:

I want to wish to all of you a Blessed Christmas. It's a joy to be here with you all and a part of this faith community. If you're traveling during the Christmas/New Year, please have a safe journey. 2015 is almost here! For some, Christmas is a very difficult time. It recalls painful memories or people feel more intensely the missing of those family and friends who have died. If you know of such people and have the opportunity, please do reach out to them. Today we hear the gospel speak again of Mary's "yes" to the angel. It was her act of faith that changed her life. As mentioned at the Immaculate Conception Mass, Mary was a person of deep faith. She reminds us that we too are always called to be growing in our faith. Life throws surprises at us also. Do we still say "yes" to God? May Mary, the Mother of God, continue to assist us on our way to her Son.

Blessings,
Fr. Fred

Christmas Schedule

24 December Christmas Eve: 1630 Choral Prelude

1700 Solemn Christmas Mass

25 December Christmas Day: 0900 Mass

The **Children's Christmas Pageant** is this Sunday, **21 December**, during the 0900 Mass. Immediately following Mass, please join us for a reception in Fellowship Hall.

"A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us." ~ Psalm 97:1

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; Kevin Voelker, USA

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, Margaret Asten, Morris McGregor, John Bikus

Many thanks to those helped with the 10 December Meals-on-Wheels deliveries in the Arlington area. Your efforts were greatly appreciated! If you'd like to volunteer or would like more information about the Meals-on-Wheels program, please call Carol Campbell at 703-472-2413 or email her at campbellbraves1@aol.com.

God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. 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 13-14 December

1700 Vigil Mass: \$ 709.00

0900 Sunday Mass: \$2,482.35

Total: \$3,191.35

ATTENDANCE: 391

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.