

The Catholic Church of the Visitation

WEEKLY BULLETIN

JANUARY 17, 2010

OUR GUEST PRIEST: Please welcome Fr. Thomas Wantland of Cross International Catholic Outreach who will speak at Mass today on behalf of the poor in developing countries. His organization was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. (See Father's biography on next page)

BISHOP SULLIVAN UPDATE: I am happy to let you that Bishop Sullivan is back home in Richmond. He has visited the Pastoral Center, is feeling much better, and has been in touch with his doctor here in Richmond. Thank you so much for your prayers and concern. *Rev. Msgr. Thomas Shreve*

FOOD PANTRY: Because of recent donations from our pantry, we are short of many products. Our primary needs are cereals, packaged meats, and packaged meals, but we will gladly accept anything you wish to donate. Thank you. *Anne Dunn*

UPCOMING EVENTS: On February 7th, Bishop DiLorenzo will visit us and conduct a Town Hall meeting after Mass. A light snack will be served by Peg's loyal kitchen crew. The Liturgy Committee will meet on Saturday, January 30th, at 10AM in the Daily Mass room.

2009 INCOME TAX STATEMENTS: If you desire to receive a statement of your 2009 donations, please sign the list located on the table in the new wing next to the envelopes and calendars.

2010 ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS The 2010 envelopes and calendars are now available for pickup. They are located on a table in the new admin wing.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS: I will begin taking yearbook photos of different groups; knitters, lectors, counters, sacristans, etc. If your group has a meeting planned, please call me at <?XML:NAMESPACE PREFIX = SKYPE /> (804)815-6917 (804)815-6917 or email at baysands@hotmail.com to let me know so that I can show up to take a picture. Otherwise, I will be taking them after Mass. **If you have 2009 photos you would like to share in the yearbook, please email a full resolution photo to covpictures@gmail.com.** Thank you, *Leslie Krom*

THANKS ARE IN ORDER: Many thanks to Lynne Dreelin, who (with an assist from Mike) did a superb job on our "angel tree" Christmas project at the prison. We donated gifts to twice the number of children as last year. Lynne involved other parishioners and the inmates in the project this year. Her wonderful enthusiasm is contagious and set the tone for this fine success. *Carole McPherson*

CANCER CAUSE We still have headscarves to give out to those members of the parish who are suffering from the after effects of chemotherapy. Please contact Mary Jacobs (435-9803) to obtain one. Recipients will be kept confidential. We are still collecting headscarves.

Pastoral Care: To help us be attentive to the needs of the sick and homebound in our parish, the pastoral care team asks that you call Lynne Richardson (776-0949), or the church office (758-5160), when a member of your family enters the hospital or nursing home or is homebound for any reason. We will follow up to be certain that the spiritual needs of your family member are addressed.

RCIA: If you know anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith please call Louise Petralia at (804) 435-9027 (804) 435-9027. Catholics and non Catholics are invited to attend the Adult Ed discussions.

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HAITI INFORMATION received as of Wednesday morning: I know we are all concerned about our Haitian friends. Information is beginning to come in. We have heard from the upper plateau but not directly from the lower plateau or the island of La Gonave. Resurrection Church in Moneta is twined with a girl's orphanage in Port au Prince. I do not know their status. Please, please pray for them. Again an official response from the diocese will be forthcoming. Thank you for all of the prayers, support and concern. *Patrice Schwermer*

REV. THOMAS A. WANTLAND: Father Wantland, born in Kokomo, Indiana, was ordained at St. Peter's Cathedral in Marquette, Michigan on June 3rd, 1967. He holds a Master's Degree in Divinity from St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan.

Father Wantland has been involved in parish work for most of his vocation. He was pastor of St. Albert the Great University parish at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan from 1974 to 1984.

From 1989 to 2005, Fr. Wantland was parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo in Port Charlotte, Florida. Since 2005, he has been at St. Andrew in Cape Coral, Florida.

Father Wantland brings his extensive pastoral experience, strong sense of community, and love of the poor to Cross International Catholic Outreach.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jose Elias Jimenez, Fr. John Boddie

PARISHIONERS: Maryanne Grubbs, Edna Duel, Jeanne Lessner, Jean Golembicki, Margo Couzens, Elizabeth Gallagher, Theresa and Alice Foley, Virginia Banks, Barbara Keck, Tyra Freed, Genie Kauffman, Audrey Sidoli, Jean Harris, Michael Pollard, Sal & Lori Messina, Clara Thorne, Mary Pinchbeck, Lucy Hock, Chris Henkel, Beryl O'Connor, Elsie Zent, Ron Beville, Allen Hines, Chris Morrell, Tom and Lynn Shepherd, Jodie Riley, Ed Mahoney, Jim Dreelin, Jennifer Harris.

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS: Theresa Reamy, The Walton Family, Peyton Baynes, Grover Hodge, Timothy Wilkins, Michelle Gray, Denis Popp, James Parker, Catherine Hall, Robert Wilkins, Paul John & Paul James Schwedler, Kathy Reamy, Cathy Schueckler, Harry Sikora, Neil Hodge, Cindy Drinkwater, Jerry Howerton, Robbie Beasley, Doris Green, Shirley & Jim Rundle, Joanne Hensley, Ruth Gascoigne, Larry Gullickson, Esther Fraley, Leo Elenz, Robert M. Marks, James & Carroll Morton, Evan Smith, Eugenia Smith, Cliff Theiss, James Butler, Rachel Polhamus, Donnell Greene, Gary Baker, Tracey Dobbins & Family, Ray Depew, Joe Hock, Carla Wilkins, Darrin "Pudd" Hillman, Patrick Davis.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS: Carson Higgins, Chester Kauffman, Charlotte Groves, Elizabeth Xavier, Nick Klaiber, Sally Kingsley, Rev. Bill Sigler, Judy Ward, Ralph Valdrighi, Dylan Bibro & family, Marlon Parker, Deborah Mitchem, Elizabeth Panzer, Sandy Bruce, Samantha Butry, Bob Schockney, Dottie Dea, Kay Anderson, John & Violet Brooke, Lynn Hinkel, Maggie Prietz, Kathryn Hand & Family, James Pitts, Nikola Traynor, Missy Morris, John Thomson, Mac McLure, Pat Winklemayner, Larry Medeiros.