

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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A Roman Catholic Community since 1932

12 September 2021



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 September 2021
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Psalm 54:3-6, 8
James 3:16—4:3
Mark 9:30—37



CELEBRATIONS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST / MASS:

Occasionally due to funerals or other unforeseen and extraordinary events, even sometimes at the very last minute, the Mass schedule may have to be modified. Please contact the parish office to make certain. Weekday & weekend livestreamed Masses are recorded and available after on the parish website. Holy Days: 9:00 AM (L) & 7:00 PM Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (L) Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM Weekdays: Tuesday—Friday: 9:00 AM (L)

Parish Staff

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... IN THE NAME OF
Jesus the LORD. AMEN.

The Prayer Tree:

Call (540) 949-7611 or (540) 221-4162
for special prayer requests

Eucharistic Adoration:

One hour after Friday 9:00 AM Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30—4:30 PM; or as always by appointment.
Call Fr. Rolo for an appointment at a different time.

Pastoral Care: Please contact the Parish Office if you are aware of parishioners who are in the hospital or are sick, frail, or grieving at home, or in an area rehab, convalescent, or retirement facility.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: M-F / 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES ONLY AFTER OFFICE HOURS CALL: (540) 324-3146



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to assist with live-streaming Weekday (Tuesday-Friday) and Saturday evening Masses. If you have an interest and a willingness to learn, we will teach you. Contact the Pastor.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT


**We strive to Proclaim the Gospel & to Love One Another
... RIGHT HERE ... RIGHT NOW.**

PARISH INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: In the event of inclement weather during the week, we follow the Waynesboro School System closings. If city schools are closed due to the weather, the Parish Office will also be closed. Check parish website & Flocknote updates.



"WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"

The One who calls is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Will you follow Him as a priest?
Contact Fr. Brian Capuano (804)-359-5661 or vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

SEPT 11 SATURDAY	SEPT 12 SUNDAY	SEPT 13 MONDAY	SEPT 14 TUESDAY	SEPT 15 WEDNESDAY	SEPT 16 THURSDAY	SEPT 17 FRIDAY	SEPT 18 SATURDAY
5:00 PM † Gary Kessler	8:30 AM People of the Parish 11:30 AM † Modris Kucs	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	NO MASS 	NO MASS Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows 	9:00 AM † Tim McDow 	9:00 AM † Virginia Fretwell 	5:00 PM † Gary Kessler 
 3:30—4:30 PM, CH Confessions	10:00—11:00 AM, GALLERY Breaking Open the Word	JOHN  CHRISTO SIO XX	6:00—9:00 PM, NARTHEX Scouts 7:00 PM, GALLERY Knights of Columbus	7:00—8:30 PM, AT PANERA BREAD Respect Life	7:00—8:00 PM, GALLERY & NARTHEX Cub Scouts	9:45—10:45 AM Adoration 2:45—4:00 PM Rosary of Reparation	3:30—4:30 PM, CH Confessions

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Richard Bronski, Dante Chevalier, Linda Dean, Gerald Eggleston, Tom Evans, Raven Garcia, Calvin Handsome, Colleen Hondel, Ray Johnson, Patricia Keckler, James Langenstein, Bernie McGough, Donald Narducci, Gustavo Ortiz, Juan Pizzini, Tiffany Sobczak, Dwight Stancil, Lara Ward, Graciela Zavala;
DECEASED: Margaret Cowan, Gloria de los Reyes, Elias Scott;
IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY: Sr. Airman Michael Brown USAF, Sgt. John Burns, LCDR Christopher Farkas USN, Sgt. David Grennan US Army, Col. Brent Harms USAF, Maj. David Hildebrand US Army, Sgt. Christopher Kennedy, Jimmy Negrete, LCDR Megan Piotrowski USN, LCDR David Piotrowski USNR, Maj. Benjamin Sprouse, and all who go unnamed.

pray



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 13 —18, 2021 (view online at www.usccb.org/bible/readings)



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 • 1 Timothy 2:1—8 • Psalm 28:2, 7-9 • Luke 7:1—10
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 • **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**
Numbers 21:4b-9 • Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38 • Philippians 2:6-11 • John 3:13-17
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 • 1 Timothy 3:14-16 • Psalm 111:1-6 • John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 • 1 Timothy 4:12-16 • Psalm 111:7-10 • Luke 7:36—50
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 • 1 Timothy 6:2c—12 • Psalm 49:6-10, 17-20 • Luke 8:1-3
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 • 1 Timothy 6:13-16 • Psalm 100:1-5 • Luke 8:4—15



FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA), St. John's Christian Initiation for Adults is year-round and tailored to each individual's needs. Please contact Fr. Rolo if you wish to explore full and active participation in the Catholic Church. We look forward to assisting you on your faith journey! Don't wait. We will get you started on your journey whenever you (and the Holy Spirit) are ready.



SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION AND OUR BUSY LIVES ARE NOW EVEN BUSIER!
Have you considered Online Giving? It's so easy and safe. Simply visit www.stjohnnevan.com and click on the Online Giving icon at either the top or the bottom of the home page. You can choose to sign up to use it often or click Quick Give for a one-time offering. Thank you for your generosity.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD (BOW) meets every Sunday, between 10:00—11:00 AM in the Gallery. Join fellow parishioners to meet and discover the Lord's presence in the Word and deeper meaning in the Sunday readings. Our lively discussions help us discern how scriptures impact our faith and our daily living. All are welcome to join in any Sunday!



JOIN US ON FLOCKNOTE! Text **SJECC** to **84576**. Just take a few minutes to sign up, and you're on your way to receive email or text messages from the groups and ministries that YOU choose. Your personal information remains confidential.

CURSILLISTAS, please join our next Grand Ultreya Zoom gathering on Sunday, September 12 at 3:00 PM. Check your email for Zoom details or contact Valley Cursillo at valleycursillo@gmail.com.



CURSILLO WEEKEND! Who is the Holy Spirit calling? Cursillo is a worldwide Christian movement dedicated to helping others encounter the Spirit of God. Our goal is to provide a beautiful and powerful retreat experience that allows the babe chicks (people on the retreat) to get closer to God and build a community centered in Christ. On the last day, everyone on the retreat is entered into a lifelong experience of faith-filled friendship. The Men's weekend is September 23-26 and the Women's weekend is October 21-24, to be held at Saint Clare of Assisi Retreat Center, 620 Buckroe Ave, Hampton VA. You must be 18 or older to attend. The cost is \$100. For more information email ghcursillo@gmail.com.



CHILDREN & YOUTH



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION/CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION. Please complete Christian Formation Registration form online. To find it, go to stjohnnevan.com, scroll down the page until you see a blue banner titled "New Parishioner Registration is now online. Click here." On the next screen, scroll down to the words "Christian Formation" in bold capital letters. Click it. It will take you to the form that you need to complete.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN. Our new narthex affords us the space to once again celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with our young people who have not yet received First Eucharist. Adults who love children and the Mass are perfect candidates to serve as prayer leaders. Parents of young children can also take part by offering assistance for the prayer leaders. Contact Michele Kresge (mkresge@stjohnnevan.com) for more information. Training is available.



MASS TRANSIT. Normally you would keep these cards in your car's glove compartment. Not only because of COVID 19, but also in keeping with the care of our common home, we've gone digital! Access these by logging in at stjohnnevan.com, click on *We Are St. John* drop down menu, click *We are formed in Faith*, then click on *Mass Transit* to get started. The purpose is to help families ready their hearts and minds for active participation in the Eucharist. Not only is it a way for your family to engage with the weekly readings, completed cards will be collected for a monthly drawing for fun prizes. (Some of the prizes support local parishioner owned restaurants!)



VA CATHOLIC DAY AT BUSCH GARDENS AT BUSCH GARDENS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2. In addition to rides and entertainment, celebration of Sunday Vigil Mass will take place at Abbey Stone Theatre. The \$63 fee includes park admission, dinner, and Mass. Single-day admission tickets are available for \$46 per person. All You Can Eat Dinner Buffet is \$17. The event is open to all youth and families. After September 19 tickets will be charged a \$5 late fee. Contact Michele Kresge for more info.



BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

September 12, 2021 • 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 8:27—35

Take Up Your Cross

In a moment of grace, Peter speaks out proclaiming Jesus as the Christ. Jesus warns him not to tell anyone. Jesus goes on to predict his own rejection by the chief priest and scribes. He tells the apostles that he will suffer greatly, die, and rise again on the third day.

Jesus asks us to accept the crosses that come to us in our lifetime. We are asked to accept all the limitations and problems that go along with being human. We are invited to give up the illusion that we can live a problem-free life and accept whatever unique limitations or challenges we encounter without whining and complaining. We are invited to follow Jesus and live our lives as fully and honestly as he lived his.

One of the most challenging responsibilities of parenting is helping our children accept their limitations as they work toward self-reliance. Remember when your toddler was learning to stand on his own? At some point you had to remove your fingers from his and watch him teeter back and forth. Sometimes he would fall; other times, he might reach back and grab your finger. This process of letting go and standing by continues until our children reach adulthood and learn to balance their independence with a healthy need for others.

The process of letting go isn't always easy, but at some point we need to step aside, especially when the problem is of the child's own making. Sometimes we must allow our children to experience the consequences of missing the bus or forgetting their homework. At all times, we teach faithfulness and trust when we are there for the real emergencies.

Children learn to rely on God by witnessing our trust in God and by being taught to pray for the support they need. We know we have been successful as parents when our children can stand on their own, knowing they do not stand alone. Now if we could only learn that lesson ourselves.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask each person to think about last week and name something they are thankful for. Talk about where they need God's help in the coming week. Say a prayer listing your thanks and naming each need.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

How are you helping your child/children become self-reliant? In what areas of your life do you need to become more self-reliant? In what areas do you need to learn how to ask for help? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: The second reading for Sunday is from James' letter. He challenges us to not just talk about helping others, but to actually DO it. Then we hear in the Gospel Jesus' challenge to deny ourselves, carry our crosses, and follow him. Your challenge this week is to have a conversation with your family to figure out the connection between doing something for a person in need and being a follower of Jesus. Then choose a person whom you have talked about and for whom you feel compassion because they are in a difficult situation. This time don't just talk about it; do something to help the person in a specific, concrete way.



HAITI MINISTRY. Please continue to remember in prayer the residents of St. Louis King of France Parish on the island of LaGonave, Haiti. Transportation, food scarcities, and other difficult challenges affect their daily living situation. In addition to the monthly stipends sent by St. John the Evangelist for food, mass stipends go directly to Fr. Augustin. Masses said in Haiti may be arranged through the St. John Parish Office. Mesi Anpil. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



THE VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE Please consider marching for Life next week in Richmond on September 17. Visit <https://marchforlife.org/virginia-march-for-life/> or contact respectlife.waynesboro@gmail.com to join with us in prayer from your home during the march.

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. On November 2, Virginians will go to the polls to elect a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and all the members of the House of Delegates. There are several important dates to keep in mind:

- September 17: first day of in-person early voting
- October 12: last day to register to vote
- October 22: last day to request mail-in ballot
- October 23 & 30: voter registration offices open on Saturday
- October 30: last day of in-person early voting
- November 2: ELECTION DAY



Our bishops urge all Catholics to inform themselves on the issues, choose candidates whose positions best fit with Catholic moral teaching, and exercise their civic duty to vote. Click here for USCCB resources - <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>.

RESPECT LIFE meets Wednesday, September 15, at 7:00 PM at Panera Bread, Waynesboro. All are welcome! Questions? Email respectlife.waynesboro@gmail.com.



YOU'RE INVITED to ComfortCare Women's Health fall fundraising *Called for a Purpose* Banquet Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 PM at the Cornerstone Church of Augusta in Fishersville. ComfortCare exists to promote the value of LIFE so that abortion is no longer desired. Register by October 1, or for more information, contact respectlife.waynesboro@gmail.com.

ROSARY OF REPARATION. Please join us each Friday from 3:00—4:00 PM in the chapel to pray 20 decades of the rosary in reparation of the sins of the world. Penitential psalms begin at 2:45 PM. Praying in reparation for the sins of others is a profound act of charity, especially when most people don't know to do it for themselves. This rosary schedule is subject to parish priorities such as liturgies. Contact Mona Peglow with any questions at respectlife.waynesboro@gmail.com.



THANK YOU to our 27 trained tour guides who welcomed approximately 574 guests and gave over 154 tours from 5 July to 16 July. They welcomed guests from 20 States, the District of Columbia, the Philippines and included six hikers from the AP trail. The most repeated comments were about the church's beauty and how blessed we are to have such a place to worship. A few words that were left were: "Stunning," "largest church I've ever been in," and "A church worthy of Christ." Tour guides commented that they had fun giving the tours and enjoyed meeting parishioners and community members. The experience served as a "refresher" in faith. One way was answering guests' questions. The other was in the conversations that led to recognizing the similarities that unite us in faith. Tour guides are more than happy to continue giving tours. Contact Jennifer at the parish office for arrangements.

MASSES FOR HOPE & HEALING. His Excellency Bishop Knestout will celebrate Masses for Hope and Healing for victim survivors of sex abuse and their families. We encourage you to attend one of these Masses, so that we can come together as a community and pray for the healing of individuals who have survived sex abuse, for those who support them, and for continued vigilance for the protection of all our children and youth. The first of these Masses will take place on Friday, September 17 at Our Lady of Nazareth Church in Roanoke at 7:00 PM. Another Mass close by will take place on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish in Charlottesville at 7:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served after. Counselors will be available before and after Mass. For more information, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (877) 887-9603.



BECOME A TUTOR! LEARN English and Reading Now, Inc. is in need of dynamic, energetic volunteers to join them as tutors. To learn more join in one of their Zoom information sessions on September 21 from 10:00—11:00 AM or 7:00—8:00 PM. Peggy Bischof has volunteered before, if you would like to ask her about this worthwhile opportunity email her at peggybishof4044@gmail.com.