

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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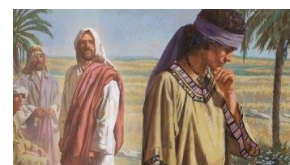
3 October 2021

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 October 2021
Wisdom 7:7-11
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30



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) Weekdays: Tuesday—Friday: 9:00 AM (L) Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Parish Staff

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Finance Council Chair: currently in transition

... 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



CALLING VOLUNTEERS to plan, create, & edit videos of our New Church Tour for use with visitors and parish ministries. Contact the Pastor if interested. We will train and guide you through the process.



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.



"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME; DO NOT STOP THEM."

Are you being called to bring others to Christ and His Kingdom as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother?
Contact Fr. Brian Capuano (804)-359-5661 or vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

OCT 2 SATURDAY	OCT 3 SUNDAY	OCT 4 MONDAY	OCT 5 TUESDAY	OCT 6 WEDNESDAY	OCT 7 THURSDAY	OCT 8 FRIDAY	OCT 9 SATURDAY
5:00 PM † Tom Woodson HAITI † Elizabeth & Frank Kalison 	8:30 AM People of the Parish 11:30 AM † Gary Kessler HAITI † Marian Calder	HAITI † Charles Doon 	9:00 AM † Alice Christman HAITI † Eileen Bara	9:00 AM † Richard Baker HAITI † deceased members of the Farkas & Baska families 	9:00 AM † Freddy Fitzgerald & Mike Wheeler HAITI † deceased members of the Farkas & Berceci families	9:00 AM † Alfonso Garcia HAITI † Margaret & Frank Orzel 	5:00 PM † Tom Woodson HAITI † Rose Sawyer
3:30—4:30 PM, CH Confessions	10:00—11:00 AM Virtual Breaking Open the Word	 St. Francis of Assisi	6:00—9:00 PM, NARTHEX Scouts	 Our Lady of the Rosary	7:00—8:00 PM, GALLERY & NARTHEX Cub Scouts	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, Calvin Handsome, Colleen Hondel, Tommy Hoy, II, Ray Johnson, Patricia Keckler, James Langenstein, Bernie McGough, Donald Narducci, Marie Overstreet, Juan Pizzini, Tiffany Sobczak, Dwight Stancil, Dee Thompson, Lara Ward, Graciela Zavala; **DECEASED:** Margaret Heubeck;

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 OCTOBER 4 — OCTOBER 9, 2021 (view online at www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 • Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11 • Jonah 2:3-5, 8 • Luke 10:25—37
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 • Jonah 3:1—10 • Psalm 130:1-4, 7-8 • Luke 10:38-42
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 • Jonah 4:1—11 • Psalm 86:3-6, 9-10 • Luke 11:1-4
 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 • Malachi 3:13—20a • Psalm 1:1-4, 6 • Luke 11:5-13
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 • Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 • Psalm 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9 • Luke 11:15—26
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 • Joel 4:12—21 • Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 • Luke 11:27-28



UNITED, WE PRAY THE ROSARY. To honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, our local Knights of Columbus council will lead the parish in praying the rosary 30 minutes before each weekend mass during the month of October in the chapel. Join us.



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.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD (BOW) will return to meeting virtually on [ZOOM](https://zoom.us) on Sundays at 10:00 AM for the next several weeks. Everyone is welcome to join our great discussions on the Sunday readings. Join us 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.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR DONATIONS! 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.



DIRECT DONATIONS. We are so grateful for your ongoing support for our parish. If your donation comes directly from your investment counselor, please remember to inform them of our new address at 301 Sheppard Court, Waynesboro VA 22980. Thank you.



DIAPER DONATIONS size 1 & 2 for Afghan babies may be dropped off at the Baby Moses Basket in the Narthex.

CHILDREN & YOUTH



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!)



HAITI MINISTRY. Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world, and the poorest of its neighbors in the Caribbean. Your generosity helps to sustain approximately seventy people in the community surrounding St. Louis King of France Parish on the island of LaGonave, Haiti. The recipients of monthly food distribution are families often led by grandmothers. Daily meals are provided to the residents of St. Anthony House. These residents are elderly and infirm. Please know that your kindness provides a stable food source for individuals without family who are unable to provide for themselves. Bondye beni ou. God bless you.

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: October 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is one of our most beloved and familiar saints. One of his greatest passions was care for God's creation—nature, animals, the solar system. Francis saw God's love reflected in all created things. Your challenge this week is to choose one part of God's creation which is threatened by human greed, neglect, or abuse. Commit to taking one action to preserve and treasure this God-given resource. For example, you might choose water and then make a plan for using less water when you shower or brush your teeth. You might choose animals and make a donation or volunteer time at your local animal shelter. Whatever you choose, include a prayer of gratitude to God for this special part of God's creation.



SHOEBOXES for Afghan refugee children—ages 18 months—18 years are being put together. We are in need of new, unused hats, scarves, gloves, baseball caps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hairbrushes, hair accessories, baby dolls, matchbox cars, play-doh, crayons, coloring books, soccer balls, hand balls, puzzles, playing cards, toys, toy harmonicas and flutes. Please place donations in the Baby Moses basket in the Narthex.

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.



EXPECTANT MOTHERS. Please pray with us for expectant mothers (connotes eagerness and anticipation). Call Carolyn Lacy (540) 949-7611, or Peggy McGough (540) 337-3536 to share their names with those who pray.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart." Fill your hearts with joy by learning how to love your spouse to the fullest on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience weekend is November 5-7 in Atlantic Beach NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit <http://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact Mark & Cathy Stangler, Virginia Encounter, Worldwide Marriage Encounter at (703) 378-4150, or local couple Kevin & Angie McFarling at (540) 569-6041.



THEOLOGY ON TAP. Looking for a place to grab a beer, hang out with friends, and hear someone speak about some Church-related topic? If so, then come to Theology on Tap! Currently Theology on Tap is holding their events online over Zoom. Check out their [Facebook page](#).



EMMAUS JOURNEY: A RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS. Of all the pains that life can hand us, arguably the most searing is the death of a child. A parent's world irrevocably and horrifically changes forever. As Jesus joined his distraught disciples on the road to Emmaus after his crucifixion, we ask him to join us as we struggle through this horrendous journey of grief daily. To meet the spiritual needs of parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago, the Diocese of Richmond now offers the Emmaus Journey, a faith-based, day-long, spiritual retreat for grieving parents conducted by a team offering a safe place where you can find peace, comfort, and hope. Visit to register <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/emmaus-journey-retreat/>.



TODAY IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY! Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month! More information can be found on <http://www.respectlife.org/celebrate>. Questions? Contact respectlife.waynesboro@gmail.com

VIEW THE RICHMOND DIOCESE [OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION 2021-2022 CALENDAR](#)

ELECTION PREPAREDNESS – STEM CELL RESEARCH AND THE QUESTION OF USING EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS VERSUS ADULT STEM CELLS



What are stem cells? A stem cell is a “blank” cell, capable of becoming another more differentiated cell type in the body, such as skin, muscle, or nerve cell. Stem cells can be used to replace or heal damaged tissues and cells in the body.

There are two broad classes of Stem Cells:

- Embryonic (Embryonic Stem Cells, and Embryonic Germ Cells)
 - Embryonic Stem Cells are obtained by harvesting living embryos, generally 5-7 days old, and the removal results in the destruction of the embryo.
 - Embryonic Germ Cells can be obtained from miscarriages or aborted fetuses
- Adult (Umbilical Cord, Placental, and Adult Stem Cells).
 - Adult Type Stem Cells: derived from various pregnancy-related tissues.
 - Adult Tissues: in adults, stem cells are present within various tissues and organ systems (bone marrow, liver, epidermis, retina, skeletal muscle, intestine, brain, dental pulp, and elsewhere)
 - Cadavers: neural stem cells have been removed from specific areas in post-mortem human brains (up to 20 hours following death).

There are advantages and disadvantages to using both classes of stem cells as described in detail on the National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) website.

Is Stem Cell Research morally acceptable? Most types of stem cell research are morally acceptable and laudable.

- Embryonic stem cells research is always morally objectionable because the human embryo must be destroyed to harvest its stem cells.
- Embryonic Germ Cells is morally objectionable when utilizing fetal tissue derived from elective abortions, but morally acceptable when utilizing material from spontaneous abortions (miscarriages) if the parents give informed consent
- Umbilical Cord Stem Cells is morally acceptable, since the umbilical cord is no longer required once the delivery has been completed
- Placentally-derived stem cells is morally acceptable, since the afterbirth is no longer required after delivery
- Adult Stem Cells are morally acceptable, assuming informed consent from the adult donor.

Are embryos human? Are they really one of us? Embryos are no different in their essential humanity from a fetus in the womb, a 10-year-old boy, or a 100-year-old woman. At every stage of development, human beings retain their identity as an enduring being that grows towards its subsequent stage. Despite their unfamiliar appearance, embryos are what very young humans are supposed to look like.

Is it a matter of religious belief as to when human beings begin? It is not a matter of religious belief, but a matter of biology. A human embryo is a human being, a being that is clearly and unmistakably human. Each of us was once an embryo, and this affirmation does not depend on religion, belief systems, or imposing anything on anyone. It depends only on a grasp of basic biology. It is a matter of empirical observation.

Why is the destruction of human embryos morally wrong? The well-known moral principle that good ends do not justify immoral means applies. Once you’re a being who is human, you are the bearer of human rights, and you should never be violated for any reason. We know that the human embryo is a human being because it possesses an internal code for self-actualization and is an organism with an independent and inherent teleology (goal-directedness) to develop into an adult and is physiologically alive and genetically human.

Some Media Myths in the Debate Over Stem Cell Research

Myth	Fact	Detail
Stem cells can only come from embryos	False	Stem cells can be taken from umbilical cords, the placenta, amniotic fluid, adult tissues, and organs such as bone marrow, fat from liposuction, regions of the nose, and cadavers (up to 20 hours after death)
Christians oppose stem cell research	False	Of the 4 categories of stem cells (embryonic, embryonic germ, umbilical cord, and adult) Christians in general oppose only one category (embryonic).
Embryonic Stem Cell Research has the greatest promise	False	Up to now, no human being has ever been cured of a disease using embryonic stem cells. Adult stem cells have already cured thousands.