

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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A Roman Catholic Community since 1932

24 October 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 October 2021
Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28b-34



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, WHSV TV-3, and NBC 29 for updates.



"WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO YOU FOR YOU?"

Could your answer be the grace of a vocation to the priesthood?
Contact Fr. Brian Capuano (804)-359-5661 or vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

OCTOBER 23 SATURDAY	OCTOBER 24 SUNDAY	OCTOBER 25 MONDAY	OCTOBER 26 TUESDAY	OCTOBER 27 WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 28 THURSDAY	OCTOBER 29 FRIDAY	OCTOBER 30 SATURDAY
5:00 PM † Thomas Dewey	8:30 AM People of the Parish 11:30 AM † Richard Crotty		9:00 AM † Marian Calder	9:00 AM † Celia Gerdes	9:00 AM † Michael Ripici 	9:00 AM † Virginia Fretwell	5:00 PM † Gary Kessler
3:30—4:30 PM, CH Confessions 	10:00—11:00 AM Virtual Breaking Open the Word		6:00—9:00 PM, NARTHEX Scouts		4:00—7:00 PM Spooktacular, Drive Thru Trunk-or-Treat 7:00—8:00 PM, GALLERY & NARTHEX Cub Scouts	2:45—4:00 PM Rosary of Reparation 	3:30—4:30 PM, CH Confessions 

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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kiger Davis, Linda Dean, Barbara Ferency, Calvin Handsome, Tommy Hoy, II, Donald Narducci, Marie Overstreet; **DECEASED:** Deborah Hammett;

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, Sr. Airman Kory Hartline 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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER 25 — OCTOBER 30, 2021 (view online at www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25 • Romans 8:12-17 • Psalm 68:2, 4, 6-7, 20-21 • Luke 13:10—17

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 • Romans 8:18—25 • Psalm 126:1-6 • Luke 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 • Romans 8:26-30 • Psalm 13:4-6 • Luke 13:22—30

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 • Ephesians 2:19-22 • Psalm 19:2-5 • Luke 6:12-16

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 • Romans 9:1-5 • Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20 • Luke 14:1-6

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 • Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 • Psalm 94:12-15, 17-18 • Luke 14:1, 7-11



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!



SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE! Text SJ ECC to 84576. Don't have a smart phone? You can participate by going to www.flocknote.com/SJECCWboro. Let's keep connected!

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.



HAITI MINISTRY. Let us recall the parishioners of St. Louis King of France Parish on LaGonave Island, Haiti. They are located across the bay from the hardest hit earthquake damage experienced this summer. Those communities are trying to rebuild. Haitians help fellow Haitians. Please help us to pray for their success by joining the Haiti Ministry in a group rosary. Separate but together, we will pray from our homes on Monday, October 25 at 7:00 PM. As always, if this is not a convenient time, pray when it suits you. The Haitian mainland is struggling to rebuild and provide medical care as reports of gang controlled areas affect travel through the major cities. It is reported that the lawlessness affects procurement of supplies throughout the country as well as safety for its citizens. Haiti is also experiencing an influx of repatriated citizens as many return to their homeland after unsuccessful attempts to emigrate. Thank you for your emotional and spiritual support. Bondye beni ou.

Blood Drive
St. John the Evangelist
Catholic Church

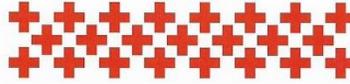
American Red Cross Bus
 301 Sheppard Court
 Waynesboro, VA 22980

Sunday, October 31, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.
 Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
 If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
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THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of Faith on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday by visiting www.missio.org.



LAST WEEKEND we asked for your blood (thank you very much). Now we are asking for donations of candy and fun treats that can be used to give out during the Spooktacular Trunk or Treat on October 28. We are expecting up to 700 cars, Yikes! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please drop off your treats in the Narthex or in the Parish Office by no later than October 26. Thank you, *Deacon Dave & the Knights*



2021 SPOOKTACULAR DRIVE THRU TRUNK OR TREAT

- *Candy
- *Costumes
- *Smiles

*Bring a food item to donate to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank

Thursday, October 28th
4:00-7:00PM

Weaver Insurance &
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
Parking Lots

(Route begins off Low Dewitt Blvd at Zeus/Bottles)

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The 40 Days For Life Campaign ends October 31. There is still time to sign up for vigil hours to pray in front of an abortion clinic in Charlottesville. Last week we joined Jack from St. Francis of Assisi, Laura and Kathy from area Christian churches, and Delia from St. Thomas Aquinas. St. John is represented every Friday during this campaign with a dedicated volunteer. If you are unable to pray in person, please consider praying the rosary from your home. Questions? Email Mona at respectlife.waynesboro@gmail.com or click on this link, <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/charlottesville> to sign-up for the vigil.



For women and men suffering after abortion: May the Church's abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel, help them find peace and healing through Christ's endless mercy; **We pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.**

OUR CHURCH, OUR STORY: BLACK CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND CULTURE RETREAT will be held both in-person and at Roslyn Retreat Center in Richmond and virtually on Zoom. The retreat begins November 5 at 5:00 PM and ends at 11:00 AM on November 7. The virtual program will be from 9:30 AM—2:30 PM. All are welcome. Dr. Tia Prat of Villanova University will give the keynote address, followed by four breakout sessions on Racism in the Catholic Church, Black Vocation, Catholic experience in Africa, Your Empowerment. Bishop Knestout will preside at the closing Mass that will take place at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Richmond. Contact Araceli Perez if you are interested or have questions at ethnicministries@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5241.





WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend is November 5-7 in Atlantic Beach NC. 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

PLANNING FOR THE END OF LIFE. The Diocese of Richmond, through the Office for Evangelization, invites you to join them for a half day seminar on planning for the end of life. This practical seminar will look at funeral planning, wills and trusts, legacy giving, and advance medical directives. It's an opportunity to hear about what you can do to help get your affairs in order and to plan for the future. The seminar is in person on November 16 at the Pastoral Center in Richmond. There's a virtual option for those unable to attend in person. [Registration](#) will be open until November 9.



WHAT IS A SYNOD? By dictionary definition, it is "an assembly of ecclesiastics or other church delegates, convoked pursuant to the law of the church, for the discussion and decision of ecclesiastical affairs; ecclesiastical council¹." The Latin derivative speaks more of "an assembly," the Greek implies more of a "walking together." In its essence, it is an ancient practice and process of deep, mutual listening. *Synodality* is the process by which lay faithful and clergy listen deeply to God and one another, discern the working of the Holy Spirit, discuss matters in the context of our time, and reflect upon them in the light of the Gospel. It is the nature of the Church. Stay tuned for more.



1. *Dictionary.com, Dictionary.com, <https://www.dictionary.com/>.*

JUSTICE CHALLENGE: This week celebrates Halloween. We often focus on treats and tricks when we celebrate this holiday. Your challenge is to find a way to share treats with someone who doesn't get treated very often. Identify a homeless shelter or food pantry in the local community which you'd like to support. If you have children in your family, have each child carry a second bag or container for treats for the homeless or those who need help with food as you go house to house. Ask people to donate treats to them. If you don't have children, buy extra treats and bring them to a shelter or pantry so the less fortunate can have a Happy Halloween, too.

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BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

October 24, 2021 • 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 10:46—52
Jesus Calling

Jesus is being followed by a large group of people. A blind man, Bartimaeus, wants to get through the crowd, but can't break their ranks. Finally, one of Jesus' followers approaches the man telling him that Jesus wants to see him.

Just for a moment consider what you would do if you heard that Jesus was calling you. Imagine yourself sitting in a church or in a park. You see a large group of people who are obviously spellbound and in awe of the person who is speaking.

Someone leaves the group and comes up to you. He tells you Jesus wants to see you. How would you feel? How would you approach Jesus? What would you say to him? What would you ask for?

Reflecting on such questions is called meditation, and it is a form of praying. It involves taking some time to think about Scripture, asking yourself some questions and reflecting on your response. Your answers can tell you a lot about yourself, and about your life situation. They can also say much about your relationship with Jesus. You can teach your child how to pray in this way by doing the exercise together.

Consider incorporating meditation with the two other forms of prayer, vocal prayer and contemplative prayer. Vocal prayer is praying the words that are your own or another's. Contemplative prayer is the prayer of silence, just sitting quietly with God, not even thinking.

You can employ all three prayer forms and engage in the centuries-old prayer exercise—*Lectio Divina*. Read the Scripture out loud. Put yourself in the story and consider how you would respond. Finally, take some quiet time to just sit in silence, letting your thoughts rest in God. End by saying a prayer together, or decide on an action you will do together.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Try praying together using the *Lectio Divina*. Follow the suggestions in the last paragraph of the reflection below. Ask family members to comment on what the experience was like for them.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Take a moment and read the Scripture passage Mark 10:46-52 again. After you have read it ask yourself the questions from the reflection above. Sit quietly with your answers. 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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