

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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A Roman Catholic Community since 1932

28 November 2021

First Sunday of Advent



Second Sunday of Advent

5 December 2021

Baruch 5:1—9
Psalm 126:1-6
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6



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
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

2021 CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

24 December / Christmas Eve Mass @ 5:00 PM & 12:00 AM Midnight Mass

25 December / Christmas Day Mass @ 10:00 AM

THERE IS NO SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER VIGIL MASS @ 5:00 PM

26 December / Feast of the Holy Family Mass @ 8:30 & 11:30 AM

1 January / Mary Mother of God Mass @ 10:00 AM

1 January / Epiphany Vigil Mass @ 5:00 PM / 2 January @ 8:30 & 11:30 AM

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT



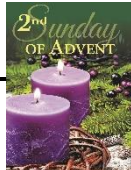



We strive to Proclaim the Gospel & to Love One Another
... RIGHT HERE ... RIGHT NOW.

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.



"MY KINGDOM IS NOT FROM THIS WORLD."

Are you being called to proclaim the glorious reign of Christ the King as a priest?
Contact Fr. Brian Capuano (804)-359-5661 or vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

NOV 27 SATURDAY	NOV 28 SUNDAY	NOV 29 MONDAY	NOV 30 TUESDAY	DEC 1 WEDNESDAY	DEC 2 THURSDAY	DEC 3 FRIDAY	DEC 4 SATURDAY
5:00 PM People of the Parish 	8:30 AM † Virginia & Ray Trykowski 11:30 AM † Alice Christman		9:00 AM † Alfonso Garcia 	9:00 AM † Juanita Oliver HAITI † Jean & Frank	9:00 AM † Raven Garcia	9:00 AM † Richard Baker	5:00 PM † Tom Woodson 
3:30—4:30 PM, CH Confessions 	10:00—11:00 AM Virtual Breaking Open the Word	7:00 PM, NARTHEX Middle & High School Christian Formation	7:15—9:00 PM, GALLERY & NARTHEX Scouts 	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: Brian Bickers, Eleanor Coyne, Terry Crone, Kiger Davis, Linda Dean, Barbara Ferency, Pat Noonan, Tommy Hoy, II, Angel Knous, Donald Narducci, Pat Noonan, Marie Overstreet, Fred Siebenmann, Fr. Eric Vogt, Mona White; **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.



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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 29 — DECEMBER 4, 2021 (view online at www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29 • Isaiah 2:1-5 • Psalm 122:1—9 • Matthew 8:5-11
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 • Romans 10:9—18 • Psalm 19:8-11 • Matthew 4:18-22
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 • Isaiah 25:6-10a • Psalm 23:1-6 • Matthew 15:29—37
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 • Isaiah 26:1-6 • Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27 • Matthew 7:21, 24-27
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 • Isaiah 29:17—24 • Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 • Matthew 9:27-31
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 • Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 • Psalm 147:1-6 • Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8



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) returns to meeting virtually on **ZOOM** on Sundays at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to join our great discussions on the Sunday readings. Join us!



SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE! Text SJECC to 84576. Don't have a smart phone? You can participate by going to www.flocknote.com/SJECCWboro. Let's keep connected! Or visit the parish website.

WITH HOLIDAYS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, OUR ALREADY BUSY LIVES ARE PICKING UP EVEN MORE!

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.



DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 2022

DYC is for youth in Grades 8-12. It is a highly energetic, engaging, and fantastic opportunity for high school teenagers to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate the incredible richness of our Catholic Christian faith. The conference takes place in Richmond, February 11—13. This year's theme is "Breathe," based on Ezekiel 37 and John 3:8. Our keynote speakers are Paul J. Kim and Lisa Cotter. As we navigate our way through this pandemic, there is a registration cap for all parishes to

reduce numbers. We are only permitted 13 participants this year. If you are interested in attending, complete your registration form EARLY!! The cost is \$145. (\$95 if you register by November 28.) When God breathes life into our dry bones, when he fills us with the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to live in a spirit of freedom. That breath from God enables us to discern what God is calling us to do. It enables us to breathe freely as we know that God is the one who guides us, provides for us, loves us. The Lord gives us life; it is time to freely receive it and breathe. Scholarships are available. If you are interested or have any questions contact Michele Kresge at the Parish Office.

THE MARCH FOR LIFE will take place January 20-21, 2022. The Office for Evangelization sponsors an annual Diocesan-wide delegation to the annual March for Life in Washington DC. This march marks the anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark decision *Roe v. Wade*, which legalizes abortion in the United States. The delegation is for 8th-12th grade youth. This two-day pilgrimage has participants attending the "Life is VERY Good" evening of prayer, staying overnight in Northern Virginia, and participating in the morning "Life is VERY Good" youth rally and Mass before traveling by bus to the March for Life in downtown Washington DC. The cost is \$60 for Youth Participants and \$75 for adult chaperones. All buses are scheduled to arrive in Woodbridge VA by 7:00 pm at the EagleBank Arena (formerly the Patriot Center) on the campus of George Mason University. Once the Diocesan bus routes are established based on those attending, we will learn our departure time. Contact Michele Kresge for additional information and to obtain a registration form. Registration closes Monday, December 13! Scholarships are available.



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES begin Monday, November 29, 7:00—8:30 PM in the Narthex. If you have not signed your child up for Christian Formation classes, please visit our website and at the top of the page you see a banner that reads "Christian Formation." Click on it and it will take you to the form that you need to complete. Contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

HAITI MINISTRY. We have just celebrated our American Thanksgiving. We have much to be grateful for. Our brothers and sisters in Haiti continue to feel the effects of political upheaval. If you are interested in specifics within the country, the internet can provide articles and daily briefs through international news sources. Fr. Augustin reports that while he has been successful at food delivery to our friends, the situation is becoming more and more dire. Please pray that the opportunities to procure and transport food become stable and effective. May God bless you. Bondye beni ou.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. Let the colors of fall remind you to rediscover the beauty of your marriage. Worldwide Marriage Encounter has many helpful tools for a great marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming WWME weekends, January 28-30 in North Myrtle Beach SC and June 24-26 in Beauford SC. 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.

KEY WORDS FOR THE SYNODAL PROCESS. The theme of the Synod is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." The three dimensions of the theme are communion, participation, and mission. These three dimensions are profoundly interrelated. They are the vital pillars of a Synodal Church. There is no hierarchy between them. Rather, each one enriches and orients the other two. There is a dynamic relationship between the three that must be articulated with all three in mind.



COMMUNION: By his gracious will, God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith, through the covenant that he offers to his people. The communion we share finds its deepest roots in the love and unity of the Trinity. It is Christ who reconciles us to the Father and unites us with each other in the Holy Spirit. Together, we are inspired by listening to the Word of God, through the living Tradition of the Church, and grounded in the *sensus fidei* that we share. We all have a role to play in discerning and living out God's call for his people.

PARTICIPATION: A call for the involvement of all who belong to the People of God – laity, consecrated and ordained – to engage in the exercise of deep and respectful listening to one another. This listening creates space for us to hear the Holy Spirit together, and guides our aspirations for the Church of the Third Millennium. Participation is based on the fact that all the faithful are qualified and are called to serve one another through the gifts they have each received from the Holy Spirit. In a Synodal Church the whole community, in the free and rich diversity of its members, is called together to pray, listen, analyze, dialogue, discern and offer advice on making pastoral decisions which correspond as closely as possible to God's will (ICT, Syn., 67-68). Genuine effort must be made to ensure the inclusion of those at the margins or who feel excluded.

MISSION: The Church exists to evangelize. We can never be centered on ourselves. Our mission is to witness to the love of God in the midst of the whole human family. This Synodal Process has a deeply missionary dimension to it. It is intended to enable the Church to better witness to the Gospel, especially with those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographical, and existential peripheries of our world. In this way, synodality is a path by which the Church can more fruitfully fulfil her mission of evangelization in the world, as a leaven at the service of the coming of God's kingdom.



HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF MUSIC TICKETS ON SALE NOW (VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON)! The money raised through your ticket purchases benefit Commonwealth Catholic Charities programs for the most vulnerable & services that truly represent the reason for the season. Please take a moment to view Bishop Knestout's video on the Holiday Festival of Music [here](#). To purchase tickets for either event or to learn more information, please visit www.cccofva.org/hfom.

GIVING TUESDAY & #IGIVECATHOLIC. CCC is celebrating #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday this November 30. Anyone inspired to give on this global day of generosity and kindness to help support CCC can visit <https://richmond.igivecatholic.org/organizations/commonwealth-catholic-charities>.



#IGIVECATHOLIC

Waynesboro Youth Mission

First Baptist Church
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
St. John's Episcopal Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church



THANK YOU to the approximately 20 St. John's parishioners who contributed in some way to the care of 35 adults, five youth (6-12), four children (3-5), and several babies under the age of 3; the weekend of 20/21 November! In cooperation with the Waynesboro Ecumenical Churches, St. John the Evangelist prepared and served breakfast and lunch for the Afghan refugees temporarily housed at Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg so that their staff could have a bit of a break. Breakfast consisted of hard-boiled eggs, flatbread, yogurt, assorted breakfast bars, and assorted fresh fruit. Curried lentils with vegetables, Jasmine rice, flatbread, and fresh fruit were served for lunch. Additionally, on Sunday afternoon, a group of youth from the Waynesboro Ecumenical Churches gathered to prepare the dinner that would be served later that evening with a video message prepared for the guests. One of the refugees spoke English very well and expressed his tremendous appreciation for the volunteers caring for them and our country and all that it has done for Afghanistan. Some other observations were: we greet someone by placing your right hand over your heart and slightly bowing; Peek a Boo and a smile are universal (even with a mask); yellow raisins and dates are favorites. Approximately 70 refugees will cycle through Massanetta Springs in transition to permanent placement with the help of Church World Services(CWS). You can sign up to help serve a meal by visiting the Massanetta Springs website. Also, visit www.cwsharrisonburg.org under their **GET INVOLVED** tab to see other ways that you can help.



BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

November 28, 2021 • 1st Sunday of Advent • Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Don't Be Anxious

This Gospel from Luke is read on the first Sunday of Advent, the season we are to prepare for the coming of Jesus, not just as a baby but also at the end of time. It's a frightening reading about roaring seas and nations in disarray. Jesus tells his disciples to pray for the strength to stand firm, "Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man" (v. 36).

My generation worries, as did generations before, about how quickly the world is changing. We've watched technological development escalate. We see the global scope of poverty and the rising horrors of terrorism and genocide. We live in an age of constant alteration and altercation, and we are worried.

Parents today are responsible for preparing children for a future none of us can even imagine. We have no idea what questions or decisions today's children will face. Yet somehow, in the few precious years from infancy to adulthood, parents must equip their youngsters with the tools that will help them not only survive, but also do well, while revitalizing the world they inherit.

Certainly one of the key factors in facing the uncertainties of the future is belief in a greater reality, and hope in a higher power.

So much is possible and bearable when you believe in a loving God who promises not only to be with you but also to be in you. So much is possible and bearable when you know you are a part of something that is true and good, bigger and stronger than our chaotic world. So much is possible and bearable when you know you are not alone and can count on the support of others who will be there for you and with you. These are important truths in an uncertain world—important for grown-ups, too.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask each person to share the best thing that happened to him or her this week. What was most difficult?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What are your hopes and concerns for the year ahead? What were the highlights from last year?