

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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A Roman Catholic Community since 1932

26 December 2021

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph



The Epiphany of the Lord

2 January 2022

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



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

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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

2022 NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

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

1 January (Saturday) / Epiphany Vigil Mass @ 5:00 PM

2 January (Sunday) / Epiphany Sunday @ 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.



**ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE THE FAMILY OF THE LORD
AND SHARE THE FATHER'S LOVE AS A PRIEST?**

Contact Fr. Brian Capuano (804) 359-5661 or vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

DEC 25 SATURDAY	DEC 26 SUNDAY	DEC 27 MONDAY	DEC 28 TUESDAY	DEC 29 WEDNESDAY	DEC 30 THURSDAY	DEC 31 FRIDAY	JAN 1 SATURDAY
12:00 AM People of the Parish 10:00 AM † Elizabeth Welsh	8:30 AM People of the Parish 11:30 AM † Raven Garcia	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	10:00 AM People of the Parish 5:00 PM † Gloria de los Reyes
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS							
	10:00—11:00 AM Virtual Breaking Open the Word						

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Eleanor Coyne, Terry Crone, Charles Daniel, Kiger Davis, Linda Dean, Emily Hauser, Angel Knous, Danielle LaCharite, Sam Leshay, Donald Narducci, Pat Noonan, Marie Overstreet, Lynn Rhein; Bob Rowell; Fred Siebenmann, Fr. Eric Vogt, Mona White; **DECEASED:** Ruth Barsby, Charles Manor;

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, Col. Benjamin Sprouse, and all who go unnamed.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 27 — JANUARY 1, 2021 (view online at www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 • 1 John 1:1-4 • Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 • John 20:1a, 2-8

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28 • 1 John 1:5—2:2 • Psalm 124:2-5, 7-8 • Matthew 2:13-18

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29 • 1 John 2:3—11 • Psalm 96:1-3, 5-6 • Luke 2:22—35

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30 • 1 John 2:12-17 • Psalm 96:7-10 • Luke 2:36-40

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 • 1 John 2:18-21 • Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13 • John 1:1—18

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 • **MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

Numbers 6:22-27 • Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 • Galatians 4:4-7 • Luke 2:16-21



WITH HOLIDAYS HERE AND IN ADDITION TO OUR ALREADY BUSY LIVES, LET ONLINE GIVING HELP!



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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.

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.



THE MARCH FOR LIFE takes place January 21, 2022 in Washington DC. Reserve space on a bus coordinated by St. Francis of Assisi in Staunton. For more information, contact respectlife.waynesboro@gmail.com.



COMFORTCARE WOMEN'S HEALTH is in need of diaper bags, diapers size 3 and up, baby lotion, baby wash, and wipes. Please leave your donations in the Baby Moses basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations.

WE ARE SEEKING PEOPLE TO JOIN OUR SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY to help keep Catholic Social Teaching in action at St John's. By prayerfully discerning new opportunities for service and providing pathways to participation for all parishioners we want to help use your talents and gifts to answer Jesus' call. Our next meeting is Sunday January 9 from 1:00—2:00 PM in the Narthex. The meeting agenda and notes from our last meeting are posted on Flocknote. Please sign up and click on Social Outreach Ministry to receive information. Contact Mary Katharine Froehlich at mary@stonesoupbooks.net if you have any questions or are not able to receive Flocknote.



CONCERT. On Sunday, January 2 at 3:00 PM we continue our celebration of Epiphany with a concert of solo violin classical pieces and Christmas favorites with violinist Liana Branscome. Liana's roots in the area run deep, as her cousins are longtime residents of Staunton and Fishersville. Liana shared her gift of music with her cousin's family and friends when she visited St. John's this past summer to play at a family wedding. We are thrilled to have her back for a concert which will both benefit the young performing artist and our Music Ministry! Suggested donation is \$25 per person.



JUSTICE CHALLENGE. During the Christmas season, we reflect on the images of peace that the prophets said would come when the Messiah arrived on earth. We hear about lions and lambs lying down together and of swords being beaten into plowshares. January 1 is World Day of Peace. Yet we live in a world in which war and violence shatter the peace for which the Old Testament prophets yearned. All of us as one global family are called to do our part to bring peace to our world. Your challenge this week is to be a peace-maker—in your family, with your friends and colleagues at work or school, in your community. How can you bring people together, encourage others to settle disputes without resorting to violence, or advocate for global peace?



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HAITI MINISTRY. Jwaye Nwe! (Merry Christmas!) We welcome the Christ Child around the globe and think of our friends at St. Louis King of France Parish. Fr. Augustin, whom many of you met several years ago, is joyfully celebrating with his parish family. We sent additional funds for the month of December, hoping that we could offer a small gift to those employed through our ministry and an extra fruit or treat for those we serve. The accessibility of food and water are affected by the political situation as gangs continue to control travel in and around the capital. We ask you to pray that this situation eases quickly. Regarding gifts for children—as in other developing nations—Christmas is a religious observance. Gifts are not usually exchanged as they are here. We thank you for your loving care of our families and elderly. Many would not be well and surviving without you. Bondye beni ou. God bless you!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION. Middle School and High School Youth will gather Monday, January 10 at 7 PM in the Narthex.

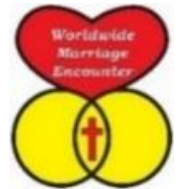
CHRISTIAN FORMATION



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 stjohnevan.com. At the top of the Home Page, click on *Mass Transit* to get started. This simple exercise helps 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!)

SAVE THE DATE! Charlottesville Catholic School's 27th Annual Spring Gala Auction takes place Saturday, April 30, 2022.

GIVE YOURSELVES THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER. Take time for your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter. It is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Sign up today to attend the upcoming WWME weekend, January 28-30 in North Myrtle Beach 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.



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THANK YOU for your generous donations to our collection for Commonwealth Catholic Charities. With your support, they are able to help those in need with safe housing, food, clothing and so much more.



DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE 2023 is at the end of July—beginning of August in Lisbon, Portugal. "Mary arose and went with haste" (Luke 1:39). Join millions of other young Catholics from around the world for this once-in-a-lifetime experience! Our diocesan pilgrimage will include day trips to Fatima & Lourdes as well as all of the World Youth Day activities August 1-6 in Lisbon, Portugal. High school teens (and chaperones or parents), college students, and young adults are all invited to join our diocesan pilgrimage! We expect the pilgrimage to be 10-14 days long and to cost between \$3,500 and \$4,000 per person. Contact Michele Kresge if you are interested.

ON THE PATH TO A SYNODAL CHURCH...

20. Jesus, the crowd in its diversity, the apostles: this is the imagery and the mystery that must be constantly contemplated and explored in depth so that the Church may increasingly become what she is.



ROSARY OF REPARATION. The Friday Rosary of Reparation in the Chapel will not meet Friday, December 24 or 31.



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](#).

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



UNDERSTANDING CHRISTMAS. Though decorations and carols have been in stores since before Halloween, for Catholics, Christmas is not about the day, but about the season! Christmas Time runs from Evening Prayer I of Christmas Day (December 24) through Evening Prayer II of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 9). It is at this time that we celebrate all that we have prepared for during Advent. The lights in the church are bright to reflect the brightness of the Lord's glory shining throughout the world. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he has once and for all overcome darkness.

WHITE IS THE LITURGICAL COLOR FOR CHRISTMAS; however, gold, red, and green abound. Gold suggests royalty, green hope and life, and red the passion.

SEND THE "ELF ON THE SHELF" HOME and allow the Magi to journey toward the place where your Nativity set rests to arrive on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6. Mark and bless your door lintel. Keep singing "Joy to the World." Christmas is not over!



(adapted from Children's Liturgy of the Word 2018-2019 A Weekly Resource)

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

December 26, 2021 • The Holy Family • Luke 2:41-52

The Holy Family



Jesus lived a rather ordinary life with this family. We have only one story from his childhood: Luke's account of Jesus being left behind in Jerusalem. I love this story because it makes the Holy Family seem so human, and it reminds us that even the holiest of families have problems.

Mary and Joseph are coming back from Jerusalem in a large caravan of relatives. After traveling for a full day they realize Jesus is missing. Imagine the scene. They are scared to death. Maybe they even argue a bit about what to do. Perhaps Joseph allows his fear to sound like anger as he questions Mary about when she had last seen Jesus. They turn around and retrace their steps to and through Jerusalem.

For three days they search for the boy Jesus, concerned that he is afraid, alone, and lost. Instead, they find Jesus in the temple, sitting comfortably with the teachers. Their relief turns to the very human emotion of frustration, as Mary asks her son, "Why have you done this to us?" Jesus answers like any other twelve-year-old: "I thought you'd know."

Like all families, the Holy Family probably had times when their communication was less than perfect. Like all strong families, they probably said their "sorries" and learned from their mistakes. I jokingly like to say that we don't hear about Jesus for the next eighteen years because he was grounded, but I'm just projecting a mother's frustration. More seriously, we know this was an important event for Mary, because she kept it forever in her heart.

FAMILY RESPONSE

All families have problems. Handling problems in a positive way, and not letting them dissolve family unity, is a trait of strong families. And so is good communication. Ask family members to talk about positive ways of solving problems.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

All parents hold things in their hearts regarding their children. What are the really special things about your child or children that you do not want to forget?

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Christ
the
Savior
is
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