

December 5, 2021



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

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**OUR VISION**

To expand and strengthen  
the Christian Community in  
which the Gospel of Jesus  
Christ is demonstrated and  
fulfilled.

**OUR MISSION**

In the spirit of our patron  
saints and missionaries, we  
commit ourselves to a  
pilgrimage of faith through  
Evangelization, Sanctification  
and Social Service ministries.



**ST. JOSEPH'S**

SHRINE OF

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekends**

Saturday 5pm: SPP

Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's

11am: SPP

**Weekdays**

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

Thursdays 5pm: St. Joseph's

**Holy Days**

Vigil 7pm: SPP

Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's

Noon: SPP

**Confession**

Saturday 4pm: SPP

Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's  
(or by appointment)

Hospital Visits:

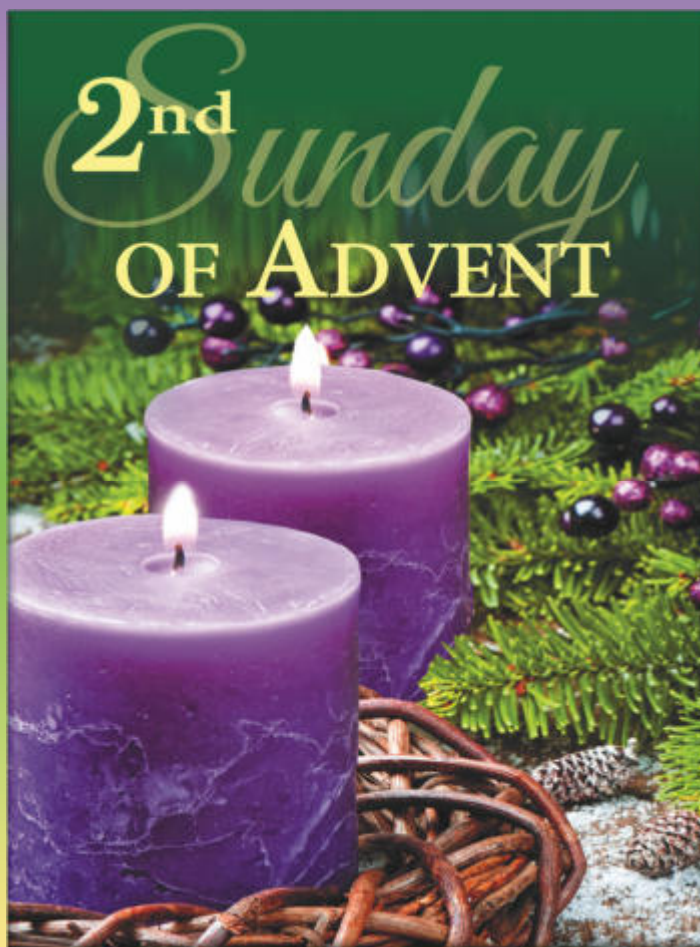
Call Parish Office

Or Rectory: 434.589.5200

Homebound: Call Parish

Office to schedule

Communion



**Evangelize**



**Sanctify**



**Serve**

# WELCOME



## ADMINISTRATION

### Pastoral Council Chair

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### Bible Study

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### Deacon

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### Administrative Assistant

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### Receptionist

Marianne Stewart-Carbocci

### Custodian

Patricia Harrison

Whether you are a visitor or new to our parish, interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or an active member of our parish, we are pleased that you have come.

### Bulletin & Announcements Deadline

Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to

[karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org)

## Readings for the week of December 5, 2021

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6  
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-1

## Observances for the week of December 5, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent  
Monday: St. Nicholas, Bishop  
Tuesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Wednesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Thursday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin  
Friday: Our Lady of Loreto  
Saturday: St. Damasus I, Pope  
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

## DECEMBER 2021

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

#### BREAD & WINE

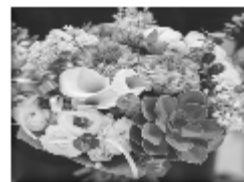
Donor  
Diana Mariutto

Memorial  
Fred Mariutto



#### ALTAR FLOWERS

None during Advent



#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor  
Dianna Mariutto

Memorial  
Fred Mariutto



Or have a Mass said for a loved one. Contact the office for availability.



**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 5, 2021**

*Is the Holy Spirit asking you to  
be “a shepherd who feeds his  
flock” in the priesthood?*

**Call Father Brian Capuano  
at**

**804-359-5661**

**Or write**

[vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)



# ENCOUNTER

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. “You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him.” When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

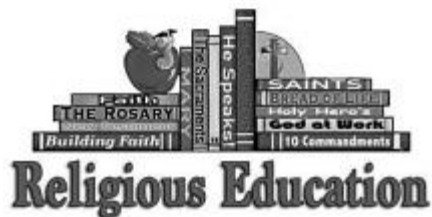
We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God’s gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God’s promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts’ doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God’s simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.



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# PARISH YOUTH



For the safety of our  
children,  
if you are not attending  
Mass,  
you may pick up your child  
in the Commons in the  
front of the church  
before Mass.

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*We are in need of  
teachers and  
substitutes to help in  
classrooms.*

## Youth Group

**'TIS THE SEASON FOR CAROLING,  
COCOA AND COOKIES!**

**Friday, December 17th**



**Students in Grades 5 through 12  
meet on the 3rd Friday of the month.**

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*We are in need of volunteers to help make  
Youth Group successful.  
Please prayerfully consider  
giving your time and talent to  
help the kids grow in their faith.*

**CONTACT: [john.verga@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:john.verga@saintspeterpaul.org)**

**COME ONE, COME ALL TO A CHRISTMAS CAROL PARTY!**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 2:00PM, ST. FRANCIS HALL**

Come and enjoy an afternoon of music, stories, food, Santa,  
and fellowship all in one place.

Sign-up in the Commons to let us know how many children in your  
party. Please bring an edible treat to share.



**Join Scouting!**

Do you have a son or daughter  
between the ages of 11 and 17? Now  
is the perfect time to sign him or her up  
for Scouts. The Scouting program helps  
youth develop academic skills,  
self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills,  
and citizenship skills that  
influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys):

**Chuck Palmer**

[charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com](mailto:charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com)

(571)212-4445

# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 4-12, 2021

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Saturday	12/4	5pm	William Hutton	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	12/5	9am *	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	12/5	11am	Michael Dougherty	D	Jim & Maggie Cullinan
Tuesday - Immaculate Conception vigil	12/7	7pm	Thomas Kinsella	D	Liz Ciesel
Wednesday - Immaculate Conception	12/8	9am *	David Nadig	D	Irene Nadig
Wednesday - Immaculate Conception	12/8	Noon	Ellen Cullinan	D	Jim & Maggie Cullinan
Thursday	12/9	9am	George Zimbaro	D	Jack & Kathleen Best
Thursday	12/9	5pm*	Sylvia Coromoto Melendez	D	Gloria Marquez
Friday	12/10	9am	Deceased Members of Church Choir	D	Carmel Tighe
Saturday	12/11	5pm	Kenneth Branigan	D	Anne Branigan
Sunday	12/12	9am *	Evelyn Fray	D	Will & Julie Kulick
Sunday	12/12	11am	Joel Gomes	D	Kirk Gomes

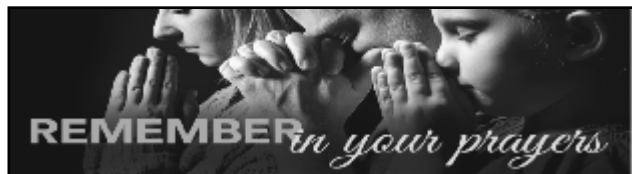
### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country, particularly . . .



Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, Katie Marron, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Luke Marron, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Russ Marron, Christopher McCarthy, Amanda Illig, Zach Marron, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Alex Ostrowski, Adam Warren, and Matthew Reinitz.

**Pray God keeps them in His care.**



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Melissa Bowling, the Compton family, Cathy Dempf, Jean Dalsky, Emily Desgrosiellier, Bill Ellis, Ann Gasparro, Patricia Golgosky, Patrick Granville, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Tom Harrison, Jack Hartwell, Margaret & Edwin Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Judi Kuhlow, Jackie Kraemer, Marcia Lagomarsino, Veronica Lyttle, Patti Markle, Tom Miglas, John Misorek, Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Peggy Powell, Donald Raab, Joel Rivera, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol & Ted Starowicz, Bob Toepfert, Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters and Ellen Stoppe Wenger.

Please call the office at **434.589.5201** for homebound or hospital visits.

*Congratulations to the couples who celebrated their wedding anniversary in **November***

Danny & Andrea Buck 27 Years

Rudy & Ruth Vialpando 55 Years

William & Margaret Walton 58 Years

Stanislaus & Elizabeth Tokarz 60 Years

**You can join our Legacy Society by remembering Sts. Peter and Paul in your estate plans. Call the office for more information.**

## JOIN THE CHURCH CHOIR

Contact Sid D'Amico - Music Director - 434.996.4325



# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

## DECEMBER SCHEDULES

SATURDAY 5:00PM

SUNDAY 11:00AM



Date	Lector	EM	Date	Lector	EM
12/04			12/05		
	Doug Mullinex	Deacon Peter		Diana George	Deacon Peter
	John Condon	Janis Duffy		Steve Momper	Lorraine Momper
12/07	7 PM - Immaculate Conception		12/08	12 pm - Immaculate Conception	
	Cynthia Aycock	Deacon Bob		Nancy King	Deacon Bob
	John Condon	Dianna Campagna		Mary Ann Barcia	Veronica Lyttle
12/11			12/12		
	Mary Ann Barcia	Dcn. Bob		Carolyn Holcomb	
	Joanne Miglas	Maggie Raab		JoAnn Tavormina	Janet Forster

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pew Count Sat. - 82   Sun. - 152	Nov. 27 & 28, 2021
First Offering	\$ 2,806
First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>	\$ 1,918
Total	<b>\$ 4,724</b>
MTD Debt Reduction \$ 5,656	



This Thanksgiving we are expecting an unprecedented number of people throughout our community to turn to Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church for warm meals, comfort, and shelter. No one in need should be turned away, which is why we are reaching out to our parishioners.

Your generous online donations now will help sustain Thanksgiving ministries that reflect God's love. As you can imagine, our ministries are feeling the effects of rising costs and empty shelves. We must prepare as early as possible this year to do our best to help those in need.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/VA249](http://faith.direct/VA249). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless you.

The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

**Our Next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is JANUARY 1 & 2.**

*God bless you for your continued support .*



- \* For the past 16 years Jim and Maggie Cullinan have organized the annual Sts. Peter and Paul Golf Tournament and Awards Dinner?
- \* The annual golf tournament is a major source of revenue for the church?
- \* Jim and Maggie are ready to pass the baton to the next great organizer and planner of the annual golf tournament?
- \* You can contact Jim at 434.589.4551 to find out more?



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	4-Dec	Liturgy of the Hours	9:00a	FB
		Happy Face Distribution	8:00a	E/F/parking lot
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale	6:00p	Commons
Sun	5-Dec	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		RCIA	9:30a	Lounge
		CCD	9:45a	Hall/Church
		Mass	11:00a	Church/FB
		Bake Sale	12:00p	Commons
		Dcn. Peter - Farewell reception	12:00p	F
Mon	6-Dec	Liturgy of the Hours	9:00a	FB
		Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
		Knights of Columbus Officers	7:00p	F
Tues	7-Dec	Confession	6:00p	Church
		Immaculate Conception-vigil	7:00p	Church
Wed	8-Dec	Mass - Immaculate Conception	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass - Immaculate Conception	Noon	Church
		Grief Share	7:00p	122
Thurs	9-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Mass	5:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	10-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:35a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	11-Dec	Liturgy of the Hours	11:00a	FB
		Baptism	11:00a	Church
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	12-Dec	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		RCIA	9:30a	Lounge
		CCD	9:45a	Hall/Church
		Mass	11:00a	Church/FB
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)	R - St. Raphael (Church)	
		E - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)	M - St. Michael (Church)	
		FB - Facebook	C - Commons (Church)	

**Rejoice!**

**Bible Study**

**Letter to the Hebrews**

Mondays @ 1pm

in St. Elizabeth

Contact: June Wimer

(434-589-2863)



This program provides instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholics who are interested in becoming full members of the Catholic Church. If you, a spouse or a friend is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, direct your inquiries to the office at 434-589-5201.



**SIGN UP  
TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH  
JESUS  
in the Adoration Chapel  
M - Th, 6am - 8pm**

Contact June:  
Phone: 434-589-2863  
Email: wimer2001@yahoo.com

**GENERATE DONATIONS  
ALL YEAR WHILE SHOPPING THROUGH AMAZON**

Whenever you shop deals at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate a portion of its proceeds to **Sts. Peter and Paul Church.**



Here's how: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1570812>

**FIRST EVER MEMORY ALBUM  
OF STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH**

Many exciting things are happening as we prepare for our 40th Anniversary, and there is so much history to honor!

In continued preparation for our 2026 Celebration, we invite you to share your special thoughts and memories about Sts. Peter & Paul Church. What is your first recollection? When did you arrive? Who was our Pastor at that time? What significant experiences here hold a special place in your heart?

Our goal is to create an archive of your presence in our parish family for today and for future generations. If you have something to share with us, please contact Eileen or Tim Monahan at [emttouch@gmail.com](mailto:emttouch@gmail.com).

Thank you for your participation in this fun, memorable journey!



**WEEKLY GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP**

**Wednesdays from 7:00pm - 9:00pm,  
Parish Hall - Room 122 Library**



Grief Share is a Bible-based ministry for those who have lost a loved one. This 13-week program offers video presentations, workbook exercises and group discussions guided by lay ministers. There is a \$20 fee for workbooks.

Please contact Cynthia Aycock at 434.996.6065 or [Cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com](mailto:Cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com).



**We are neighbors helping neighbors one meal at a time!**

When inclement weather hits. And the schools and FMOW close, our clients do not receive their daily lunchtime meal. To alleviate the hardship to our clients, FMOW asks the community to fill and donate Emergency Food Bags. We deliver these bags in December before the winter storms hit. These "E-Bags" contain 5 full meals. Bags can be dropped off before 12/17/21 at our office in Crofton Plaza, M - F, 9am - noon. **For additional information, call 434.589.1685.** Please choose single-serve size with easy open containers and LOW SODIUM and LOW SUGAR.

**Protein - Choose 5**

- ◇ soups or stews
- ◇ tuna, chicken, salmon in cans or pouches
- ◇ beans
- ◇ peanut butter (16oz. or smaller)
- ◇ jars or cans of unsalted nuts

**Fruit - choose 5 cans or 2 (4 or 6 serving) packs of fruit cups**

- ◇ Fruit in fruit juice
- ◇ Dried fruits
- ◇ applesauce

**choose 1 or 2 of the following:**

- ◇ Box of saltine or Ritz crackers
- ◇ Box of Graham crackers, granola bars, cereal bars

**Fruit juice & milk: one box - 6 or 12 cartons in single-serve size**

- ◇ 100% fruit juice
- ◇ Shelf stable Milk cartons (not canned milk)

**NO CANDY OR COOKIES PLEASE - expiration dates should be any time after July 2022**



#### EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES

Sts. Peter and Paul

Tuesdays

Dec. 7 - Dec. 21, 6 - 7pm



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

#### EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES

St. Joseph

Thursday

Dec. 16th, 5:30 - 6:15p



## ADOPT AN ANGEL

Help a neighbor in need this Christmas through our

Sts. Peter and Paul Angel Tree Project.

The tree is on display in the Commons with names hoping to be adopted.

Will you be a blessing for someone in need

and bring joy to their Christmas?

Please return wrapped gifts with tag attached by Sunday, December 12th, 2021 God bless you.



## 'Tis the Season for Potlucks

*Why are we concerned about keeping potluck meals safe?*

Potlucks are popular during the holiday season and are a great way to share recipes. Preparing foods safely keeps potlucks fun by reducing the risk of foodborne illness.

*How can I make sure the food I bring to a potluck is safe?*

**Thaw frozen foods safely** - Thaw food in the refrigerator, under cold running water, or in the microwave.

**Keep clean during preparation** - Use warm, soapy water to wash hands before preparing food, after handling raw meat or eggs, sneezing/coughing, using the bathroom, changing diapers, or handling pets. Clean surfaces with hot, soapy water. Use separate utensils and plates when handling and preparing raw meat or eggs.

**Cook meats thoroughly** - Use a meat thermometer to ensure pork is cooked to at least 145°F (degrees Fahrenheit), red meats to at least 160°F, and poultry to 165°F. Never partially cook raw meats to warm later.

**Transport foods safely**—Use ice packs to keep cold foods at or below 40°F. If you cook a casserole at home, take it straight from the oven and either place it in an insulated bag or wrap it in several layers of foil followed by newspaper and a towel. If you can't serve it as soon as you arrive, return it to the oven.

**Serve it safely** - Always serve with clean utensils. Never leave perishable food out of the refrigerator for more than 2 hours. Keep cold foods cold (keep on ice) and hot foods hot (use warming trays or a crockpot) when serving.

For more information go to: [www.foodsafety.gov](http://www.foodsafety.gov)



## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Deacon Bob and his wife, Susan, invite you to join them on Saturdays & Mondays through December 20th at 9am on Facebook for

**Liturgy of the Hours**

## St. Nicholas | Feast Day December 6

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

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# ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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Pat Morse, 434.589.4106

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### Refreshment Committee

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Carroll Morse, 434.589.4106

### Lectors

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### Extraordinary Ministers

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Melissa Kenny, 434.589.3416

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### Prison Ministry

Will Kulick, 540.308.5152

### Knights of Columbus

### Roundtable Chairman

Denny Barberio, 434.981.0678

### Ladies Auxiliary

Danielle Murphy, 703.969.2123

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### God's Personal Assistants

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether it's a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone's personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it's even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act.

Personal assistants are masters of stewardship — overseeing things in their boss' absence. They prepare the way. This person's job is to get everything ready for the person in charge, so that when he or she shows up — whoever he or she is — it's smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray, mingle, what-have-you. It's usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key.

God is the guest of honor in our life, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants — what He needs — to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again.

We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up — however He shows up, whether it's in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us — everything is ready for Him to do His job.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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If you have pictures or ministry information to add to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at:  
[kenneymg@gmail.com](mailto:kenneymg@gmail.com)

If you would like to honor a loved one by having a Mass said for them, contact the office at Sts. Peter and Paul at 434.589.5201 to arrange an available date.



Congratulations to the following couple  
who celebrated their wedding anniversary  
in the month of **November:**

**John & Maggie Forenecker**

**10 Years**



St. Katharine Drexel

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Bradford Barrows \* Maria Correa \*  
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*Dear God, when I find myself doing or saying things that you would not like, help me to stop and start over.*

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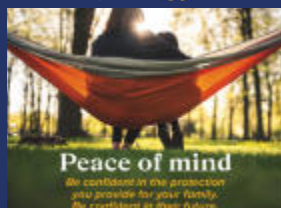
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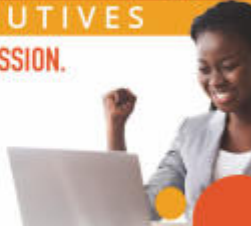



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