

December 12, 2021



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

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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:

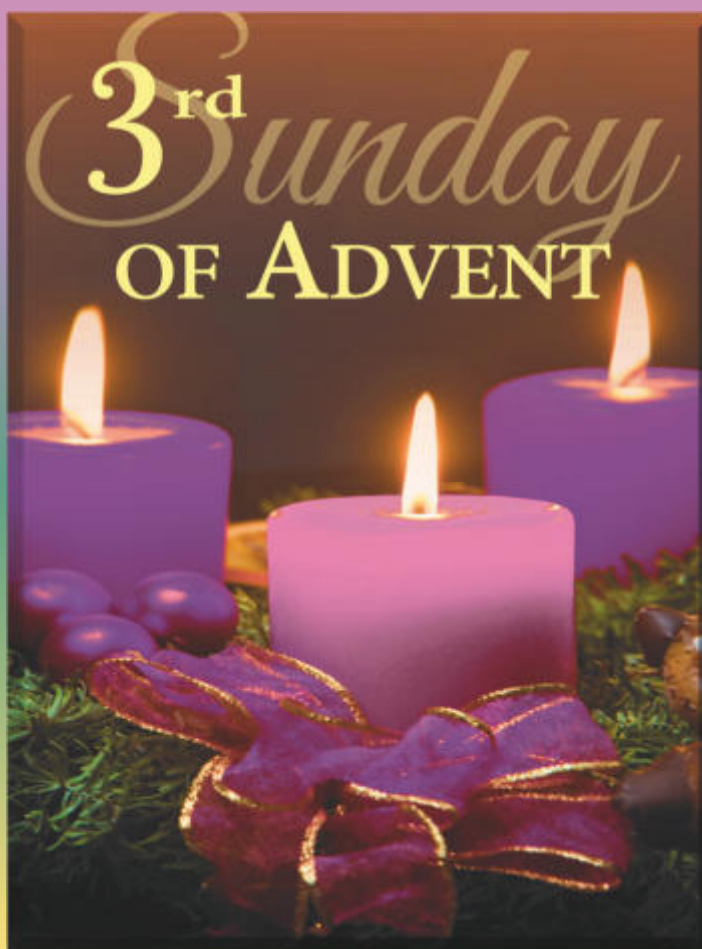
Call Parish Office

Or Rectory: 434.589.5200

Homebound: Call Parish

Office to schedule

Communion



**Evangelize**



**Sanctify**



**Serve**

# WELCOME



## ADMINISTRATION

### Pastoral Council Chair

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### Altar Servers

Deacon Bob, 434-589-0941

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## EVANGELIZATION & EDUCATION

### CCD/Youth Group

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### RCIA

### Bible Study

June Wimer, 434.589.2863

Celeste Shapiola, 434.981.1405

## SUPPORTED GROUPS

### Cursillo

Ellie Henrietta, 434.981.3448

### Knights of Columbus

Scott Harrison, 434.964.6853

### Pastor

Rev. David Martin Ssentamu,  
434.589.5200

### Deacon

Rev. Mr. Robert Allen, 434.589.0941

### Administrative Assistant

Karen Davidson, 434.589.5201

### 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 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

## Observances for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th 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.



# ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION -  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

3rd Sunday of Advent

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)



**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 12, 2021**

**Do you rejoice in the Lord?**  
**Is He asking you to**  
**consider a vocation as a**  
**priest?**

**Call**

**Father Brian Capuano**

**at**

**804-359-5661**

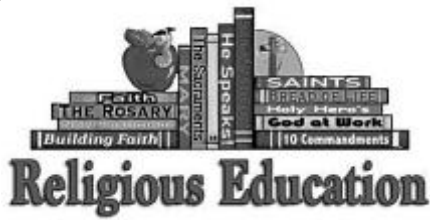
**Or write**

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



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# PARISH YOUTH



## Religious Education

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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**NO CCD on 12/19 or 12/26**

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

# Youth Group

**'TIS THE SEASON FOR  
CAROLS  
AND COOKIES!**

**Friday, December 17th  
6:30 - 9:00p**

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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.*

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



**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, cookies, Santa, and fellowship all in one place. Please bring a plate of cookies to share. Sign-up in the Commons to let us know how many children in your party.



**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 11-19, 2021

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

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
Wednesday	12/15	9am	Dominick Capuano	D	Linda & Gerard Zink
Thursday	12/16	9am	Catherine Myers	D	Bob & Catherine Heffley
Thursday	12/16	5pm*			
Friday	12/17	9am	George Zimbardo	D	Jack & Kathleen Best
Saturday	12/18	5pm	Jerry Brophy	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	12/19	9am *	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	12/19	11am	Giovanni & Anna Capuano	D	Jerry & Linda Zink

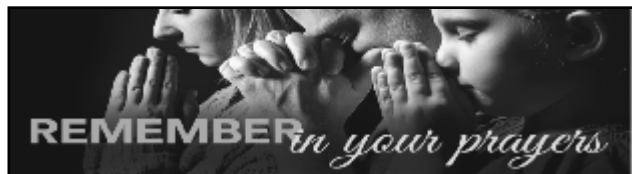
### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Jean Dalsky, Emily Desgrosiellier, Bill Ellis, Ann Gasparro, Patricia Golgosky, Patrick Granville, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Tom Harrison, Jack Hartwell, Margaret & Edwin Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Judi Kuhlow, Jackie Kraemer, Marcia Lagomarsino, Veronica Lyttle, Patti Markle, Tom Miglas, John Misorek, Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Jeanine Polansky, Peggy Powell, Donald Raab, Joel Rivera, Carol Scampoli, 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.



*December*



### *Wedding Anniversaries*

*If you are celebrating your Marriage Anniversary in December and would like to be part of the Marriage Blessing at Masses on January 1st & 2nd please contact the office by **Monday, December 20th.***

**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
12/11			12/12		
	Mary Ann Barcia	Dcn. Bob		Carolyn Holcomb	
	Joanne Miglas	Maggie Raab		JoAnn Tavormina	Janet Forster
12/18			12/19		
	Pat Amato			Greg Palmer	
	June Wimer	Dianna Campagna		Janet Forster	Janis Duffy
12/24	4 PM			9 PM	
	Mary Ann Barcia	Dcn. Bob		Doug Mullinex	
	Andre Durant	Dianna Campagna		Cynthia Aycock	Greg Palmer
12/25	NO 5PM Vigil			11 AM Only	
				Diana George	
				Pat Amato	Veronica Lyttle

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pew Count	
Sat. - 87   Sun. - 176	Dec. 4 & 5, 2021
First Offering	\$ 4,064
First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>	\$ 1,918
Total	<b>\$ 5,982</b>
MTD Debt Reduction \$ 3,040 Thank YOU!!	
Bake Sale \$ 626 You're AWESOME!!	



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 .*



- \* An easy way to remember how many Holy Days of Obligation there are is by the following phrase: 3 for Mary, 2 for Jesus and 1 for all the saints.
- \* December 12th is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe?
- \* About 15% of all hospitals in the US are Catholic hospitals.
- \* We are still collecting memories of Sts. Peter and Paul of long ago to create a memory album to mark it's 40 year history?

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	11-Dec	Liturgy of the Hours	9:00a	FB
		Baptism	11:00a	Church
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass - 3rd Sunday of Advent	5:00p	Church
Sun	12-Dec	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass - 3rd Sunday of Advent w/ baptism	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		RCIA	9:30a	Lounge
		CCD	9:45a	Hall/Church
		Mass - 3rd Sunday of Advent	11:00a	Church/FB
Mon	13-Dec	Liturgy of the Hours	9:00a	FB
		Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
Tues	14-Dec	Confession	6:00p	Church
Wed	15-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Guided Adoration & Praise	4:00p	Church
		Finance Committee	7:00p	123
		Grief Share	7:00p	122
Thurs	16-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Mass	5:00p	St. Joseph's
		Confession	5:30p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
		Worship Committee	7:00p	122
Fri	17-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:35a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
		Youth Group - Christmas Carols & Cookies	7:00p	F
Sat	18-Dec	Liturgy of the Hours	9:00a	FB
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass - 4th Sunday of Advent	5:00p	Church
Sun	19-Dec	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass - 4th Sunday of Advent	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		RCIA	9:30a	Lounge
		Mass - 4th Sunday of Advent	11:00a	Church/FB
		Christmas Party	2:00p	E/F
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. 14 & 21, 6 - 7pm****ADVENT****HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.****EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES****St. Joseph****Thursday****Dec. 16th, 5:30 - 6:15p****Please return wrapped gifts****with tag attached****by Sunday, December 12th, 2021****God bless you for bringing joy to someone in need this Christmas!****'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****Guided Adoration  
And Confession****Wednesday, December 15th****4:00 - 5:00PM**

***All are welcome to this hour of prayerful music, times of silence, a short talk from Fr. David, and opportunity for confession. Childcare available.***

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



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### Pastoral Council Chair

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### Finance Council Chair

Pat Morse, 434.589.4106

## LITURGY & WORSHIP

### Director of Music

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### Refreshment Committee

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### Ushers

Marvin Jackson

Carroll Morse, 434.589.4106

### Lectors

Jo Hardy, 434.989.2609

### Extraordinary Ministers

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### Altar Servers

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Melissa Kenny, 434.589.3416

## FORMATION & EDUCATION

### CCD

Celeste Shapiola, 434.981.1405

### 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

### The Well That Never Dries Up

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute."

When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.

\* 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.



*December*

*Wedding Anniversaries*

*If you are celebrating your Marriage Anniversary in  
December  
and would like to be part of the  
Marriage Blessing at Mass on  
Sunday, January 2nd  
please contact the office by  
Monday, December 20th.*



St. Katharine Drexel

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Bradford Barrows \* Maria Correa \*  
 Nona Dooley \* Alice Galvez-Sobral \*  
 Mauricio Granados \* India Martin \*  
 Bill Miller \* Pat Morse \* Angelica Motta \*  
 Odila Motta \* Oscar Motta \*  
 Thelma Motta \* Denise Pillar \*  
 Bill Servais \* Jordan Watkins \*  
 Diane Wolfe \*

If you or anyone you know is homebound or needs to be added to our parish sick list, please fill out the short form on our parish's "Pray for Our Sick" page. If you'd like to join our parish email list to keep up with our parish and the needs of our parishioners, please sign up on our parish website:

<http://www.saintjosephcolumbia.org/>



## **ADVENT** **CONFESSION TIMES** **(EXTRA)** **AT ST. JOSEPH**

**THURSDAY**  
**Dec. 16th**  
**5:30 - 6:15pm**



### **CCD**

CCD classes meet each Sunday after Mass. Registration forms are available in the Parish Hall. For more info, please contact Celeste Shapiola.

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### **HOLY WATER**

#### **Question:**

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

#### **Answer:**

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On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!

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