

December 11, 2022



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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.



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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:**

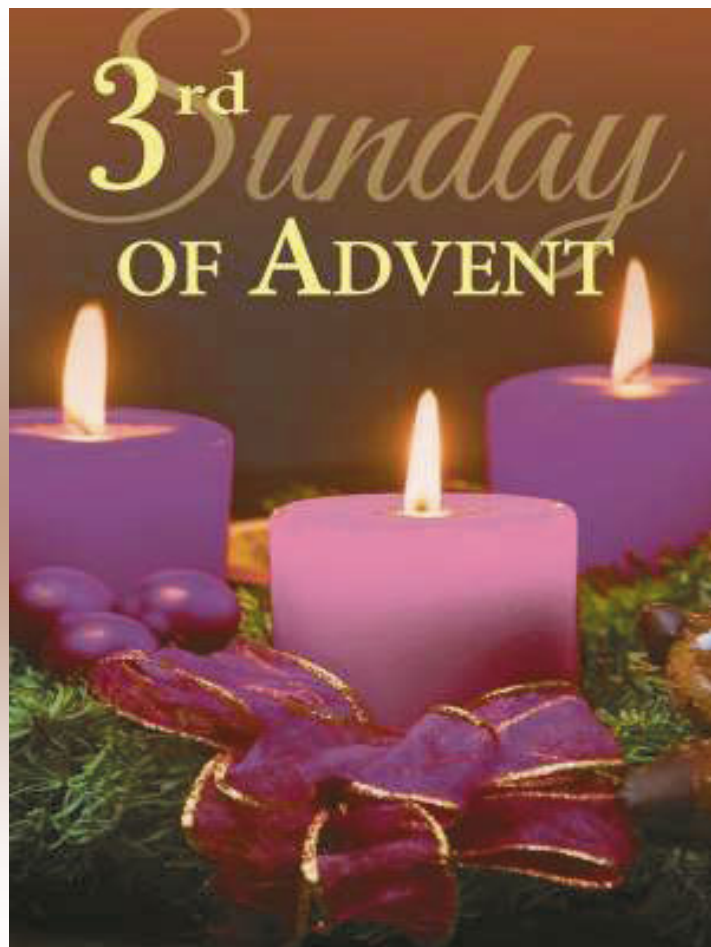
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

**HOMEBOUND:**

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



**Evangelize**

**Sanctify**

**Serve**

# WELCOME



## ADMINISTRATION

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### 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 11, 2022

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Lk 7:24-30  
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36  
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17  
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

## Observances for the Week of December 11, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent; St. Damasus I, Pope  
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Tuesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Thursday:  
Friday:  
Saturday:  
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

## DECEMBER 2022

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

#### BREAD & WINE

Donor

#### BILL & VERONICA LYTTLE

MEMORIAL  
Deceased Members of  
the Lyttle & O'Reilly  
Families



#### ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor

NO FLOWERS IN  
ADVENT

#### MEMORIAL



#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor

#### The Bockman Family

MEMORIAL  
George Bockman



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



# ENCOUNTER

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022

**Do you rejoice in the Lord?  
Is He asking you to consider  
a vocation as a priest,  
deacon or in the  
consecrated life?**

**Call the Vocations Office  
to speak with  
Father Brian Capuano  
at  
804-359-5661**

**Or write  
[vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)**



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

“Be strong, fear not!” Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life’s roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life’s unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God’s merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God’s child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist’s message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life’s distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?

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# PARISH YOUTH



## CCD CLASSES

SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM

**It's not too late to register!**

Please contact Doug Mullinex  
with questions.  
434-981-6950



## SHARE THE GOSPEL

Name someone that you think is very important. Jesus said that John the Baptist was the greatest man ever born. John the Baptist did not live in a big house or wear nice clothes. He was not the president, and he did not own a huge company. You would probably think he was very poor. But John the Baptist was truly great because he loved and trusted God with his whole heart. He helped other people follow God, too.

## PRAYER

*Dear God, show me ways to help my friends follow God, too.*



Our Diocesan World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage, offers an exciting experience for Catholic youths everywhere you turn - in the healing waters at Lourdes, on the fields of Fatima where the sun danced, and at the multi-lingual prayer sessions led by Pope Francis.

### UPCOMING EVENT:

- ♦ **JANUARY 14TH - SPAGHETTI DINNER & PIE CONTEST (SJ)**  
**6:30 PM**
- ♦ **FEBRUARY 11TH - VALENTINES DANCE & HORS D'OEUVRES (SPP)**

For more info, contact: Linda Mangiaracina at:  
[lmangiaracina@k12albemarle.org](mailto:lmangiaracina@k12albemarle.org)



## 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 10 - 18, 2022

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	12/10	5pm	Bill Hutton	D	Ida & Connie
Sunday	12/11	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	12/11	11am	Tom Horan	D	K of C
Tuesday	12/13	Noon	Kathleen Ohliger	D	Claire Kraemer
Wednesday	12/14	9am	Christopher Ciesel	D	Christopher & Liz Ciesel
Thursday	12/15	9am	George Rindos	D	Anne Marie Rindos
Thursday	12/15	5pm*			
Friday	12/16	9am	Bob Burger	D	Bill & Veronica Lyttle
Saturday	12/17	5pm	Giovanni & Anna Capuano	D	Linda & Jerry
Sunday	12/18	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	12/18	11am	Bill Hutton	D	Ida & Connie

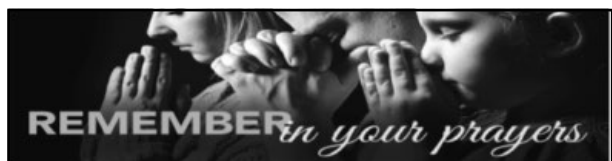
### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Zach Marron, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Alex Ostrowski, Adam Warren, and Matthew Reinitz.

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



REMEMBER in your prayers

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Melissa Bowling, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Emily Desgrosiellier, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Ann Gasparro, Patricia Golgosky, Patrick Granville, Bob Griffin, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie & Joe Lodato, Patti Markle, Art Menard, Brigid Markle, Rose Meese, Rose Meyer, Irene Nadig, Rosario Nixon, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Marc Ramirez, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Barbara Sipress, Carol & Ted Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, and Mike Waters.

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



*December  
Wedding Anniversaries*



If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in December and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on either January 7th or 8th, please contact the office by Wednesday, December 28th.



Catholic Health Initiative for Uganda

Do you have old sneakers that you no longer wear?  
Catholic Health Initiative for Uganda can use them!

A box is in the Commons where you can drop them off.  
*Just sneakers, please!*

*Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda is a 501(c) (3) non-profit entity. All donations are tax deductible.*

**Thank you for your support!**



# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

<b>Pew Count</b> Sat. - 94   Sun. - 190	<b>Dec. 3/4</b>
First Offering	<b>\$4,998</b>
First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>	<b>\$ 1,534</b>
Total	<b>\$6,420</b>
<b>December MTD Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 3,002</b>
<b>December Bake Sale</b>	<b>\$532 Many Thanks!</b>


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

**Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is**

**JANUARY 7TH & 8TH**

*Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.*

**THE NEXT BAKE SALE IS JANUARY 7TH & 8TH. BAKED GOODS ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE MASS.**



Summer is over -- have you made the switch to eGiving? It's a great way to support Sts. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church and grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts can streamline your stewardship throughout the year. You'll provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

**BUY A CHRISTMAS OR OTHER OCCASION GIFT AND HELP SOMEONE WITH A TEMPORARY FINANCIAL NEED**

You may want to consider 2023 membership in the *Sts. Peter and Paul, Knights of Columbus "100 Club"* for yourself or others. We have **limited** available numbers for 2023 membership. You **DO NOT** have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus to join the "**K of C100 Club**".

Annual membership includes a chance to win a weekly \$25 cash prize, and additional Annual Grand Prize Drawing prizes totaling \$1400.

**MEMBERSHIP rules:** numbers limited to #'s 01-100

- Annual membership fee per number: \$52.00/yr. (January 1 - December 31)
- Weekly winner receives: \$25.(see drawing method below)

Annual Grand Prize Drawing (in November): \$400; \$200; \$100 (3); \$50 (8); \$25 (4).

***All remaining "100 Club" membership profit is used to assist those in temporary financial need.***

**WEEKLY WINNER (\$25)** is based on the **LAST 2 NUMBERS of the WEDNESDAY evening Virginia VA Pick 3 Lottery.** Example:  
 If the VA Pick 3 Wed. evening winning number is 685: the "100 Club" winner is #85.  
**A \$25 check will be mailed to the weekly winner.**

**ANNUAL GRAND PRIZE DRAWING:** Winning numbers drawn in November.

Thank you for considering a 2023 membership in the Knights of Columbus "100 Club," which benefits both our "100 Club" members, and more importantly, those needing temporary financial assistance.

**CONTACT: Jim Cullinan, K of C "100 Club" Manager. 434.589.4551 or, 434.989.4375**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

AFCE replaces RCIA to offer instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with interest in being members of the Catholic faith. If you, a spouse or friend wishes to learn more about Catholicism, you may contact the office at 434-589-5201 for more info.

Group meets every Sunday at 9:30am in St. Elizabeth in the Parish Hall.



### ROOM SCHEDULE

<b>Sat</b>	<b>10-Dec</b>	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Rosary	6:00p	St. Joseph's
		Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass	7:00p	St. Joseph's
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11-Dec</b>	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/Adult Formation	9:30a	Hall/Church
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		Lessons & Carols	2:00p	E/F
<b>Mon</b>	<b>12-Dec</b>	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
<b>Tues</b>	<b>13-Dec</b>	Confessions	11:30a	Church
		Mass	12:00p	Church
		Confessions	12:30p	Church
		Youth Group	6:30p	119
<b>Wed</b>	<b>14-Dec</b>	Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Troop 138/1138	7:00p	F
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>15-Dec</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Mass	5:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
<b>Fri</b>	<b>16-Dec</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
<b>Sat</b>	<b>17-Dec</b>	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18-Dec</b>	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/Adult Formation	9:30a	Hall/Church
		Christmas Brunch	10:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
<b>Room Ledger:</b>		<b>F</b> - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)	<b>R</b> - St. Raphael Church)	
		<b>E</b> - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)	<b>M</b> - St. Michael Church)	
		<b>C</b> - Commons (Church)		

### 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>



## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study occurs each Monday at 1:00pm. Please join us in Room E in the Parish Hall.



Are you looking to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day? Do you want to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. You can sign up for an upcoming

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on

Jan 27-29, 2023 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC

and

Feb 3-5, 2023 in Warrenton, VA

Early sign up is recommended.

For more information visit our website at:

<https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at

[applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org)

or call 757-690-1369.



In an effort to raise funds for the clinic in Uganda, massage sessions will be available on the following Tuesdays:

December 15, 22, 29

January 3

**Services include:**

- ◆ Massages @ \$60/hour
- ◆ Happy Feet Treatments @ \$30 (30-minute foot soak & massage)

Call Carmen at 434-414-4282 to schedule.

The holiday season is here. Let's take care of ourselves & others too!

**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, and memorable journey!



**PARISH NURSE NEWS**

Health Literacy is success in obtaining, understanding and taking prudent action on health or medication-related information. It's not uncommon for people to be confused about information and directions that are given to them by health care professionals. Even with a medical background, it can be daunting to understand and remember info obtained at an appointment or ER visit. It's a good idea for someone with you to listen in and ask questions that you might not think of.

Asking questions, repeating directions, taking notes and asking for clarification are all part of "Health Literacy." If there's a decision to be made, my tip is to ask the doctor: "What would YOU do in my situation?"

Need help? Feel free to email me at, [caheffley@aol.com](mailto:caheffley@aol.com).



**THE KNIGHTS' KORNER**

*The Knights are conducting their annual toy drive and collecting toys that Santa will deliver to selected children in the area when he and his elf visit their families around Christmas time. If you'd like to donate toys, Santa is asking for unisex toys with tags or in the original packaging. Toys are needed for children aged infant to 12 years. Please leave unwrapped toys beneath the Knights' table in the rear of the Commons.*

*Please contact George Kuhlow, 434.414.2657 or David Cauffield, 814.525.0594.*

*Many thanks for your support!*







Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda

About one year ago a little girl, Evelyn from St. Joseph's Parish, gave Father David one dollar and told him he could spend it on anything he wanted. Father thought about this on his way to Sts. Peter & Paul that day, and he decided to call this generous gift ***"Evelyn's Dollar for the Girl Child."***

Father David is starting this initiative to raise funds and also to gather items for newborn babies and new mothers in Uganda.

In conjunction with this year's Angel Tree, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation to this cause which will be used to help impoverished new mothers receive education, mentorship and baby supplies. This endeavor is a gift of love to mothers who have little or nothing, and it is a beautiful and effective way to share the Gospel and support families. (For questions or other info, contact Claire Kraemer.)

Checks should be made payable to:

***"Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda."***

Thank you very much for your consideration & support!

*Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda is a 501(c) (3) non-profit entity. All donations are tax deductible.*

## ADOPT AN ANGEL

### Angel Tree



The special time of year is upon us again to think about how we can live our faith by helping others in need.

The Angel Tree is on display in the Church entryway with names hoping to be adopted, including 14 children and 2 seniors who will have nothing

without our help. Wrapped gifts should be returned with tag attached by December 12th.

Also sharing this space are tags for items in need by young moms and their infants in Uganda. Evelyn's \$ for the Girl Child items should be returned unwrapped and placed in the baskets beside the Angel Tree.

Please prayerfully consider "adopting" a beneficiary and donating whatever is in your heart to make someone's Christmas a little more joyful.

God bless you.



## Lessons and Carols



**When: December 11th at 2:00pm**

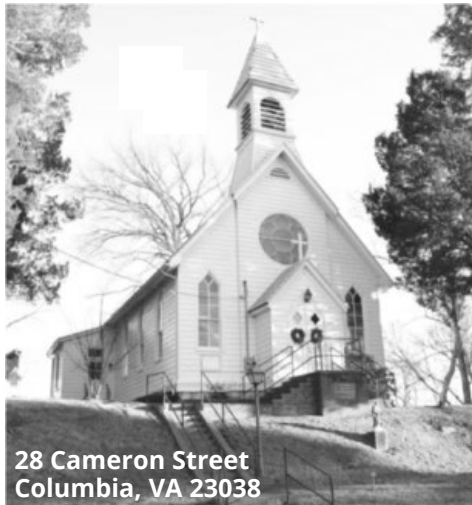
**Where: St. Francis Hall**

Please join us in fellowship to celebrate the reason for the season with an afternoon of music, stories, cookies, Santa and fellowship.

Donations of cookies for the carolers are greatly appreciated!



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



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**ASST.**, Marianne Stewart-Carbocci | 434.589.5201

## ADMINISTRATION

### PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

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### FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR

Fred Gunnels | 434.960.6092

## LITURGY & WORSHIP

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

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### USHERS

Marvin Jackson

Carroll Morse | 434.589.4106

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### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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### ALTAR SERVERS

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Melissa Kenney | 434.589.3416

## FORMATION & EDUCATION

### CCD

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### PRISON MINISTRY

Will Kulick | 540.308.5152

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### ROUNDTABLE CHAIRMAN

Denny Barberio | 434.981.0678

### LADIES AUXILIARY

## INTROSPECTIVE

A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren't going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics!

Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand. So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own life. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God's plan and our role in it.

Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven.

Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love.

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## Christmas Brunch

Join us on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> for our annual parish Christmas brunch immediately following Mass. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy celebrating the season with one another.



## December Anniversary Celebrations



If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in December and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on January 8th, please contact the office by Wednesday, December 28th.



St. Katharine Drexel

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

MaryEllen Agolia \* Bradford Barrows \*

Maria Correa \* Nona Dooley \*

Alice Galvez-Sobral \* Mauricio Granados

\* Andy Mallory \* Angelica Motta \*

Odila Motta \* Oscar Motta \*

Thelma Motta \* Denise Pillar \*

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



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

### OFFERTORY\*

December 4th \$929

**Thank you for your kindness and generosity!**

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.

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



**Do you need to stick around for CCD? Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments after Mass. The commitment is one Sunday a month to bring some food and help cleanup. This is a good way to spend time while waiting for CCD dismissals.**

**Please prayerfully consider helping with this important ministry so we may continue to offer fellowship with one another after Mass.**

**Please see Christine Stewart for more info. Thank you for your consideration.**



♦ Mary and Joseph travelled to a distant town before Jesus was born because it was required for the Roman census.

♦ The four traditional themes for the four Advent Sundays are:

1. God's People - The Candle of Hope. Hope is like a light shining in a dark place.
2. The old testament prophets - The Candle of Peace
3. John the Baptist - The Candle of Love
4. Mary the mother of Jesus - The Candle of Joy

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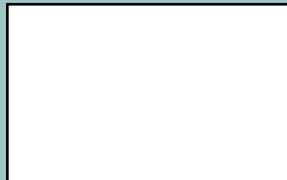
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