

December 18, 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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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

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Call Parish Office
to schedule Communion



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Sanctify

Serve

WELCOME



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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

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2022

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Observances for the Week of December 18, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:
Friday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Saturday: Christmas Eve
Next Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022

God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness. Is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life.

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

Or write vocations@richmonddiocese.org



GOSPEL MEDITATION

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

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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



St. Joe's is excited to host the next WYD fundraiser on Saturday, January 14th with a spaghetti dinner and pie contest. Donations go directly to the World Youth Day Pilgrimage in July 2023.

See Page 11 for more info.

SHARE THE GOSPEL

An angel told Joseph to marry Mary because her baby was through the Holy Spirit of God. They would name the baby Jesus because he would save his people from their sins. God called you by name, too. Before you were born he could tell you how many hairs would be on your head. He knew how long your feet would be. He knew all the good things you would do for his people.

PRAYER

I am proud that I am your child, Father God.



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



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 571.212.4445

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 17 - 25, 2022

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
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
Tuesday	12/20	noon	Eileen Tyler	I	Linda Zink
Wednesday	12/21	9am	Willard Hahn	D	Barbara Senig
Thursday	12/22	9am	David Powers	D	Donald & Eileen Tyler
Thursday	12/22	5pm*			
Friday	12/23	9am	Dominic & Mary DeMarco	D	Timothy & Eileen Monahan
Sat. - Christmas Eve	12/24	5pm	Marge Fusaro	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sat. - Christmas Eve	12/24	8pm	Thomas Miglas	D	Diana Mariutto
Sunday - Christmas Day	12/25	7am	The Finn Family	I	Don & Eileen Tyler
Sunday - Christmas Day	12/25	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday - Christmas Day	12/25	11am	Gary Lobman	D	Craig & Lisa Jamison

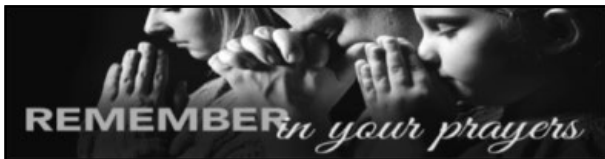
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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 Kuhlrow, 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 Kuhlrow, 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 Sipsress, 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.



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

Pew Count* Sat. - Sun. -	Dec. 10/11*
First Offering	\$
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,534
Total	\$
December MTD Debt Reduction	\$
*Info unavailable due to early publication.	


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.



Hope. Love. Joy. Peace.

These are the gifts of the Advent season. The gifts you help share here in our community, throughout the year, with your thoughtful stewardship. Advent is a meaningful time to reflect on your generosity. One special way to give is eGiving. It can simplify your stewardship and provide steady, consistent support to the parish - so we can be ready with programs, services, and ministries for church families and those in our community. Your recurring gifts will sustain our parish, even if you need to miss a Sunday service. It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Visit faith.direct/VA249
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

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

Sat	17-Dec	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	18-Dec	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
Mon	19-Dec	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
Tues	20-Dec	Confessions	11:30a	Church
		Mass	12:00p	Church
		Confessions	12:30p	Church
Wed	21-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Worship Committee	7:00p	123
		Troop 138/1138	7:00p	F
Thurs	22-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Mass	5:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	23-Dec	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	24-Dec	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Christmas Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Christmas Night Mass	8:00p	Church
Sun	25-Dec	Christmas Mass at Dawn	7:00a	Church
		Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Christmas Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Christmas Mass	11:00a	Church
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)	R - St. Raphael Church)	
		E - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)	M - St. Michael Church)	
		C - 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

or call 757-690-1369.



PARISH NURSE NEWS

About 17 billion hours of unpaid care are given by more than 16 million relatives and friends of dementia patients each year in America.

A number of our parishioners care for a family member with Alzheimer's. Are you one of them? It's important that you feel supported and informed.

If you often feel angry, sad, depressed or isolated, please reach out for help. There are at least 3 Caregiver Support Groups in the Charlottesville area. If that's too far to go, you can join a group virtually by Zoom, or even by phone. Upcoming dates are Nov. 24th, 7-8 PM, and Dec. 5, 2-3:30 PM. Register at the number below.

A 24/7 information and help line sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association is: 1-800-272-3900.

Need help? Email Catherine Heffley, Parish Nurse, at caheffley@aol.com for more information.

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, contact Eileen or Tim Monahan at emttouch@gmail.com.

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



Whether from donations of time, talent, coats, toys and monies, may God generously bless all those who supported Happy Face this year. It was wonderful to see the children's wide-eyed delight.

Thanks from Mitzi & Maureen, Justice & Peace



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.

ALL BLESSINGS FLOW



Used Medical Equipment Mission

All Blessing Flow is a local faith-based nonprofit group that collects, refurbishes and redistributes used medical equipment and supplies to those who are uninsured, under insured or simply cannot afford these items on their own. All items are given at no charge, but monetary donations to help with operating expenses are gratefully accepted. **Donations can be taken to ABF’s warehouse located in the Riverside Center at 2335 Seminole Lane directly behind UVA Primary Care. Call first for operating hours and to see if a needed item is in stock.**

Accepted donations include:

- ◆ Shower chairs, tub benches, tub & toilet safety rails
- ◆ Walkers , rollators, knee scooters
- ◆ Wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, scooters
- ◆ Bedside commodes, raised toilet seats, grab bars
- ◆ Canes and crutches
- ◆ Reacher, sock aids, long-handles sponges & shoehorns
- ◆ Unopened adult brief and bed pads
- ◆ Nutritional drinks
- ◆ Portable oxygen machines and BP machines
- ◆ Bed rails, air mattresses and patient/hover lifts
- ◆ Electric hospital beds, bed tables, recliner lift chairs

Please visit: www.allblessingsflow.org or

Call 434-422-8888

Email: allblessingsflow@yahoo.com

St. Joseph the Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God’s Son and Spouse.

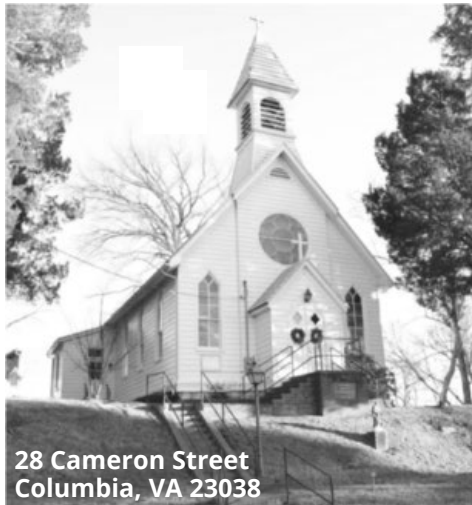
Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her. Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal. Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one. Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, “he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home.”

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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LADIES AUXILIARY

INTROSPECTIVE

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“God is with us.” This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but also dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life’s unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!

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Christmas Brunch

Join us today after Mass for our annual parish Christmas brunch and enjoy celebrating this 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 11th \$

**Info unavailable due to early publication.*

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:

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JANUARY 14TH

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

The WYD kids are hosting a spaghetti dinner at 6:30pm. Make a donation for dinner and enjoy great food & fellowship. All proceeds go directly to our youth for their pilgrimage in July 2023.

PIE CONTEST

The beloved pie contest is back! There will be two categories:

Youth - Under 16

Adult - 16 and over

Bake your favorite pie and enter it for a chance to win \$25 and bragging rights. All pies received for the contest will become dessert for the spaghetti dinner, and the two winning pies will be auctioned off.

See Melissa Kenney for more info and sign up form. All are welcomed.



- ◆ Jingle Bells was the first song played in space.
- ◆ Princess Charlotte popularized Christmas trees in England.
- ◆ Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer got his start as an advertising gimmick for Montgomery Ward in 1839.
- ◆ Legend has it that candy canes were created to make choirboys quiet.
- ◆ In Japan, a traditional Christmas dinner is to go to KFC. When KFC launched their "Kentucky for Christmas" marketing campaign in 1974, it was an instant hit and now KFC is a popular choice for Christmas dinners in Japan.
- ◆ Queen Victoria was the first official person to send a Christmas card, but the first commercial card came in 1843 when Sir Henry Cole produced 1000 and sold them for one shilling each. Currently only 12 of these cards are left in the world; one sold at auction for £30,000.

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