

December 29, 2024

*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19)*



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

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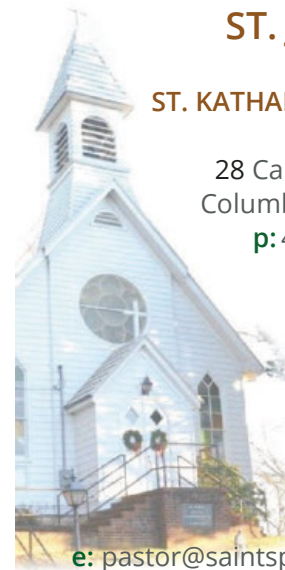
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**OUR VISION**

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**

1st Saturday 10am: SPP

Saturday 5pm: SPP

Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's

11am: SPP

**WEEKDAYS**

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

**HOLY DAYS**

Vigil 7pm: SPP

Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's

Noon: SPP

**YOUTH MASS**

Last Sunday of the Month

**CONFESSION**

1st Saturday 9:00am: SPP

Saturday 4pm: SPP

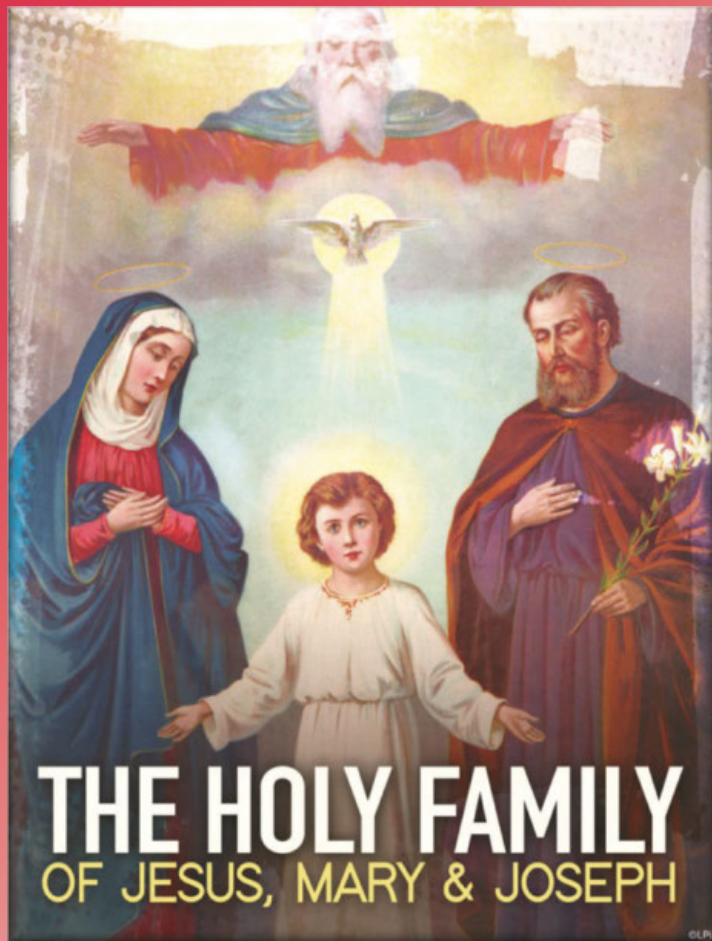
Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's

**HOSPITAL VISITS:**

Call Parish Office  
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

**HOMEBOUND:**

Call Parish Office  
to schedule Communion



**THE HOLY FAMILY**  
**OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

**EVANGELIZE**

**SANCTIFY**

**SERVE**

# WELCOME



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Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to  
[karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org)



Whether you are a visitor,  
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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10  
(see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/  
Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2024

Sunday: The Holy Family

Tuesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Wednesday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day,  
World Day of Peace

Thursday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

## DECEMBER 2024

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

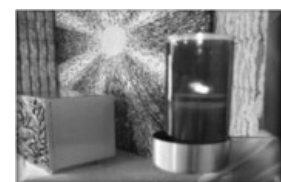
#### **BREAD & WINE**

**Donor:** Diana Mariutto  
**In Memory of:** Fred Mariutto



#### **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

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**In Memory of:** Fred Mariutto



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



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
DECEMBER 29, 2024

*“Did you not know that I must be  
in my Father’s house?”*  
(Luke 2:49)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph serves as a model of love, faith, and obedience. Just as Jesus was guided by his Father’s will, so too can we be guided in our marriages by God’s love. Reflect on how your family life mirrors the faith and devotion of the Holy Family. Strengthen your commitment to each other by nurturing a deeper relationship with God.



**PARISHIONER UPDATES:**

If you move, change your email or phone number, no longer need envelopes, etc., let us know. We don’t want you to miss anything!

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# ENCOUNTER

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**DECEMBER 29, 2024  
THE HOLY FAMILY**

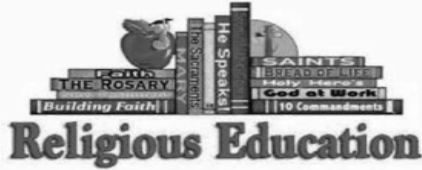
As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, “Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us.” I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God’s grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary “after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers...” (Luke 2:46). We don’t know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: “Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.” The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God’s presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— Father John Muir

# PARISH YOUTH



**CCD resumes January 5th  
at 9:30AM**

**Meet in St. Francis Hall**

## PRAYER

*Dear God, help me to feel at home in  
my church as Jesus did. Amen.*

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem as a 12-year-old young man, he felt completely at home in the Temple. He enjoyed talking to the teachers about his Father in heaven. His questions and answers showed how much he loved God.

## Youth Group

The next Youth Group meeting is  
January 10th, 2025 from 6:30-8:00pm.

This meeting  
will be held at  
St. Joseph's  
where you will  
construct your  
favorite scene  
from the Bible  
out of Legos.



## 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

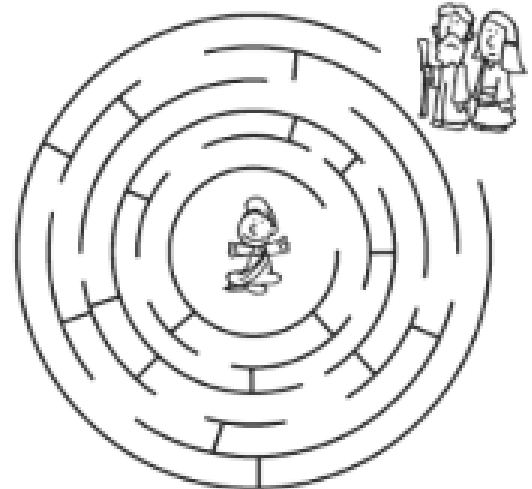
[charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com](mailto:charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com) 571.212.4445

Inquiries about the **Sacrament of Baptism**, or any of the Sacraments, should be directed to Celeste at [religioused@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:religioused@saintspeterpaul.org) for registration and prep information.



## PUZZLE

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus.



## MISSION

Help visitors to your church feel welcomed.  
As a family or as a class, make cards for visitors,  
asking them to come back.

# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 28, 2024 - JANUARY 5, 2025 \*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	12/28	5pm	Dottie Taylor	D	Royal & Janis Duffy
Sunday	12/29	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	12/29	11am	Frank & Kathy Saurman	D	Hal & Linda Smith
Tuesday	12/31	12noon			
Tuesday-MMOG	12/31	7pm	Mary Heffley	D	The Heffley Family
Wed-MMOG	1/1	9am*			
Wed-MMOG	1/1	11pm	Bobby Fint	D	John Condon
Thursday	1/2	9am	Clementine Sommerauer	I	Grazyna & Slawek Witkowski
Friday	1/3	9am	James Heffley	D	the Heffley Family
1st Saturday	1/4	10am	Ellen Cullinan	D	Jim & Maggie Cullinan
Saturday	1/4	5pm	Bill Tyler	D	Don & Eileen Tyler
Sunday	1/5	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	1/5	11am	Claire van Nierop	D	Hal & Linda Smith

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .



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

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



As a Parish, we strive to be good stewards of our resources. Many families have moved away from envelopes and are now using Faith Direct to fulfill their generous stewardship commitments to our parish and the wider church through electronic donations. We also have found that many are not using their envelopes that we mail out. Help us to reduce our envelope and postage expense and at the same time support us in a secure and convenient way by enrolling with Faith Direct. It's easy to get started. Here are ways to sign up:  
 Visit [faith.direct/VA249](http://faith.direct/VA249) or  
 Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866.507.8757.  
 Thank you and may God bless your generosity.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Peter & Philomena Alonso, Jean & Mary Louise Bernard, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jim Cullinan, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Frank Feliciano, the Fellins, Patty Frawley, David & Pat Garner, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Michael Gross, Phyllis Guthrie, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Marie Knighting, Jim Kraemer, George Kuhlrow, Judi Kuhlrow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Zachary W. Mayo II, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Gladys Pfeiffer, Margaret Reilly, Douglas Robinson, Carol Scampoli, Kathy Seroskie, Carol Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Rob Toepfert, Jr. Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters, the Williams and Walter Welham

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



**F**lowers are expensive; throw in delivery on top of that! The cost adds up fast. In order to control the cost but still have beauty in the church, we are seeking volunteers to arrange fresh flowers to sit atop the tabernacle every week. We are seeking enough people so that no one has to do it every week. To find out more details of what is involved, please contact the office with questions at 434.589.5201.

# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

<b>Pew Count</b> Sat. - 103   Sun. - 190	12/14 & 12/15
First Offering	\$ 4,203
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,435
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,638</b>
Dec MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 3,147

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

**Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is**

**JANUARY 4 & 5**

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

Our next monthly Bake Sale is Jan. 4 & 5 after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thanks!

## Schedule New Year's Mary, Mother of God Masses

December 31	Mary, Mother of God Vigil	7:00 pm	Sts. Peter & Paul
January 1, 2025	Mary, Mother of God Mass	9:00 am	St. Joseph
January 1, 2025	Mary, Mother of God Mass	11:00 am	Sts. Peter & Paul



### St. Basil the Great | January 2

St. Basil the Great (329 – January 1, 379) shares his feast day with his lifelong friend St. Gregory of Nazianzen. These accomplished men fought against heresies that threatened the foundations of the early Church, shaping doctrines around Christ's divinity and the nature of the Holy Trinity.

St. Basil was born at Caesarea of Cappadocia, to a family already deeply rooted in Christianity, going back to the time of widespread persecution in the 1st and 2nd centuries. Following in the footsteps of his father, Basil studied in Caesarea as well as Constantinople and Athens, training in the law and rhetoric. He became a popular teacher. However, his sister persuaded him to give up academia for monastic life. Before inviting St. Gregory to start an order with him, St. Basil traveled through Egypt, Palestine and Syria visiting monasteries, learning everything he could and formulating his own ideas about monastic rule. His rule is still followed today, and he is known as the Father of Eastern Monasticism.

His time in the monastery was relatively short, it was only five years before he was called to play a greater role in the Church. Ordained as a priest, by around 370 he was made bishop of Caesaria. It was in this role that he fought against the heresy of Arianism which denied the divinity of Christ, even defying an emperor! He also fought against other early Trinitarian heresies. But these important doctrinal stands were not what defined Basil. He was passionate about caring for the poor and sick, pastoral care, and fighting against institutionalized prostitution. He would preach twice a day to large crowds, and opened a complex with a hospital, orphanage, and shelter for the poor. In addition to influential monastic rules, sermons, and doctrinal treatises, more than 300 of his letters still exist. St. Basil the Great, pray for us!

*December*  
*Wedding Anniversaries*  
will receive a blessing at Mass on  
**January 4th or 5th**  
If you want your December anniversary to be included, call the Office  
**434.589.5201**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

includes OCIA, offering instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with an interest in being members of the Catholic faith.

**Sundays**  
**9:30am**



## BIBLE STUDY

Room 123

### Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm

*Resumes Jan. 6, 2025*

### Wednesdays

4:00-5:00pm

*Starts Jan. 15, 2025*

## ROOM SCHEDULE

### OFFICE CLOSED 12/28, 12/29, & 01/01/2025

<b>Sat</b>	<b>28-Dec</b>	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29-Dec</b>	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Youth Mass	11:00a	Church
<b>Mon</b>	<b>30-Dec</b>	KoC Officers	7:00p	E
<b>Tues</b>	<b>31-Dec</b>	Daily Mass	12:00p	Church
		Mary, MOG Vigil Mass	7:00p	Church
<b>Wed</b>	<b>1-Jan</b>	Mary, MOG Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mary, MOG Mass	11:00a	Church
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>2-Jan</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		KoC Round Table & Women	6:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
<b>Fri</b>	<b>3-Jan</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:45a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4-Jan</b>	Confessions	9:00a	Church
		1st Saturday Rosary & Mass	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	C
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5-Jan</b>	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/OCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	E/F
		CCD	10:30	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		Bake Sale after Mass	12:00p	C

**Room Ledger:** **F** - St. Francis (Hall)      **R** - St. Raphael (Church)  
**E** - St. Elizabeth (Hall)      **M** - St. Michael (Church)  
**C** - Commons (Church)



## SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

**Wednesday, January 29**  
**10:00 am, Commons**

## SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

**Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm**

A Block schedule for those who want a regular weekly adoration time is posted on the wall in the hall across from the Religious Store.

Any Questions?

Contact: Denise Minor - [dminor92@gmail.com](mailto:dminor92@gmail.com)



# PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE

APRIL 24 - MAY 4, 2025 \$5,449

For further information, please contact:

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**Email:** [tours@albastours.com](mailto:tours@albastours.com)

**Website:** [albastours.com](http://albastours.com)

**\*Register by DECEMBER 31 to ensure your spot on this very special journey.**

## EYE GLASSES FOR UGANDA

Do you have old eye glasses that aren't helpful any more? Are they just piling up? Wondering what you can do with them? There is a collection box in the entrance of the church to deposit any unused, or even brand new eye glasses, which will help people in Uganda.



## CALL FOR GOOD SHEPHERDS:

Occasionally we might have a parishioner who needs a temporary helping hand or can no longer drive. Can you make time to help with a ride to a doctor's appointment, church, bank or to the grocery store? This is what the "Good Shepherd" ministry is about. With your name in my call file, you might be asked to be a temporary good Samaritan (Shepherd). To learn more about Good Shepherds ministry, please contact:

**Patricia Travers**

**434-953-5432**

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** According to tradition, what were the names of the three kings who visited baby Jesus?

**Answer:** Balhasar, Melchior, and Casper.

## STS. PETER & PAUL *Religious Store*

[religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org)



### HOURS:

#### SATURDAY

3:30 - 4:30pm

6:00 - 6:45pm

#### SUNDAY

12:00 - 1:00pm



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## GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS NEW YEAR

Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day!



For more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for your desired location. Feel free to contact Donald & Helen Dudley at 757-690-1369 or [donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org](mailto:donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org) with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

January 7 - February 18, virtual (Tuesday evenings)  
January 21 - February 2 Myrtle Beach, SC  
March 7 - 9 Rehoboth Beach, DE  
March 14 -16 Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ  
March 21-23 Emerald Isle, NC



# Catholic Q & A

**QUESTION:**

July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

**ANSWER:**


Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation--God becoming human!

**This Christmas, we donate flowers in memory of our loved ones:**

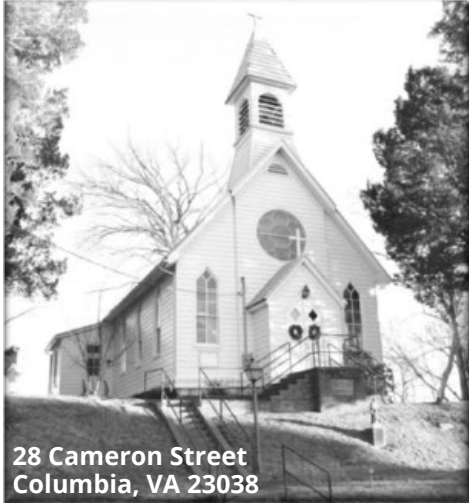
<b>Klinke Family and Erickson Family</b>		<b>Amy Stoppe, Ben Stoppe, Sr., Betty Lovelett, Bill Lovelett</b>
<b>Deceased members of Walton, Neubeck, Ronnenberg, and Herman Families</b>	<b>Lucile Vieyta, Hank Vieyra</b>	<b>Helen Bergman, Oscar Bergman, Eleanor Stillwell, Stephen Stillwell</b>
<b>Sal Barcia, Laurie Barcia, Frank DeStephano</b>	<b>Billy Miller, Laura W. Miller, Joe &amp; Ellen Mannix, Pat &amp; Bill Miller</b>	<b>Mary &amp; Gregory Bakumenko, Florence &amp; Harold Smith</b>
<b>Prospero Baniel, Sr., Melitona Baniel, Ted Schjoth, Sr., Sally Pasley</b>	<b>Sara &amp; Jerry Alletto, Kenny &amp; Jean Maher, Tim &amp; Mildred Monahan, Dom &amp; Mary DeMarco</b>	<b>Barbara &amp; Ray Russ, Forster Family, Otto &amp; Johanna Dionnibier, Elwin &amp; Emma Bradway</b>
<b>Janet DeGregory, David Degregory, Edwin Ohl</b>	<b>Alletto Family, Maher Family, Lucy BeniVegna, Joe Schafer</b>	<b>John &amp; Irene Ringlehan Family, Ruth &amp; Joe Duffy Family</b>
<b>Giovanni &amp; Anna Calvano, Dominick Capuano, Julia Bruno, Baby Vincent Earl</b>	<b>Kenneth C. Doll, Deceased members of Spadaro. Doll, and Joyce Families</b>	<b>Thomas Scott Glosick, Patricia Ann Polonis</b>
<b>Eugene Scott</b>	<b>Jose &amp; Marina Balagtas, Marcelina &amp; Pedro Vitales, Mary Vitales</b>	<b>Mary Doerler, Richard Doerler, Joan Doerler</b>

**Apologies for any misspellings**

We have a limited number of 2025 church calendars available.  
Limit one per Household, please. Available in the Commons.

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

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We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

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