

# Our Catholic Life

November 28, 2021



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# First Week of Advent

## **Sacramental & Pastoral Schedule for the First Week of Advent 2021**

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT— 28 November 2021**

Year C (Sundays); Year II (Weekdays); Golden Number 9  
Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 (1003)

#### ***Mater Dolorosa—Vigil Mass***

**4:00p** Confessions

**5:00p** Mass for the people of the Parochial Cluster

#### ***Saint Joseph***

**7:30a** Confessions

**8:00a** Mass for *Bill Klug* +

#### ***Saint Vincent de Paul***

**10:30a** Mass for *Glynn Higgins* +

#### ***Holy Rosary***

**12:30p** Mass for *Rev. Samuel S. Sacus*

Followed by Joint HR Parish Pastoral & Finance Councils Meeting in the Parish Rectory

### **Monday of the 1st Week of Advent — 29 November 2021**

Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

**8:30a** Mass @ Mater Dolorosa for Kathleen Montgomery +

#### **Food Pantry Open @ SVdeP**

**6:00p** SVdeP Finance Council Meeting @ de Paul Room

### **Tuesday of the 1st Week of Advent — 30 November 2021**

#### ***Feast of St. Andrew, ap.***

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

**8:30a** Mass @ Holy Rosary for Albert Hohman +

#### **Food Pantry Open @ SVdeP**

**5:00p** Adoration & Confession @ St. Joseph

**6:00p** Mass @ St. Joseph for Fr. Mark Kraus +

Followed by Joint SJ Parish Pastoral & Finance Councils Meeting in the Parish Rectory

### **Wednesday of the 1st Week of Advent Time—1 December 2021**

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

**8:30a** Mass @ St. Vincent de Paul for Albert Albertini +

**5:00p** Adoration & Confessions @ Mater Dolorosa

**6:00p** Mass @ Mater Dolorosa for Martie Vogel Howell +

**7:00p** RCIA @ de Paul Room

### **Thursday of 1st Week of Advent — 2 December 2021**

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**8:30a** Mass @ Mater Dolorosa for Betty Wilson +

**5:00p** Adoration & Confessions @ St. Vincent de Paul

**6:00p** Mass @ St. Vincent de Paul for Jolene Tuttle +

**7:00p** Bible Study @ Klug Hall & Facebook Live

### **Friday of the 1st Week of Advent — 3 December 2021**

#### ***FIRST FRIDAY***

Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, priest

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

**8:30a** Mass @ St. Vincent de Paul for Barbara Myer +

Followed by First Friday Devotions in the Church

### **Saturday of the 1st Week of Advent — 4 December 2021**

#### ***FIRST SATURDAY***

Memorial of St John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**9:00a** Mass @ Holy Rosary for *Don Hohman* +

**9:30a** Confessions @ Holy Rosary

**12n—2p** Confessions @ St. Vincent de Paul

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT— 5 December 2021**

Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 (1006)

#### ***Mater Dolorosa—Vigil Mass***

**4:00p** Confessions

**5:00p** Mass for the People of the Parochial Cluster

#### ***Saint Joseph***

**7:30a** Confessions

**8:00a** Mass for *Carl and Dorothy Ferrell* +

#### ***Saint Vincent de Paul***

**10:30a** Mass for *Dolores Joseph* +

#### ***Holy Rosary***

**12:30p** Mass for *Donna Baker* +

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

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DIocese of WHEELING—CHARLESTON

## Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops, and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. Where a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

If you have any other kind of complaint about a bishop—such as parish assignments, church closings, or homily contents—please address those directly to your diocesan or eparchial bishop instead. Sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or a staff member or volunteer of the Church should be reported to the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. So, to be sure you get the help you need, phone numbers and addresses may be found at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under the accountability tab.

If you are the victim of sexual abuse (or any other crime), please contact local law enforcement.

**ReportBishopAbuse.org**  
or (800) 276-1562

### Joseph, most obedient ... pray for us

As we pass onto the next virtue which the Litany hails St. Joseph as the superlative example and practitioner, we come to one of the most challenging virtues that our patron urges upon us: obedience. The only other more challenging for us children of the Fall who are and are becoming the children of God is, I think, humility. And, the virtue of humility is an important element in exercising perfect obedience; indeed, the virtues work together like the many muscles and tendons necessary to extend a single one of my fingers, the life of virtue being as intricately and beautifully arranged as the life of the body, sharing similarly great strength and potential vulnerability. For Joseph to be most obedient, he needed justice, chastity, prudence, and strength; for him to be most faithful, he needed these augmented by obedience. It is, perhaps, for this reason that Holy Mother arranged this section of the Litany in the order we have it, if not intentionally than by the serendipitous action of grace.

Obedience, as the word's every etymology implies, begins with the disposition to hear or to listen to the other. It is in the act of listening that St. Joseph excels. The angel approaches him in a dream and says, *Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins* (Mt 1:20-21). He does not wake from this dream filled with questions or doubts, "did I really hear that?," "was that real?" It is here where his silence is so eloquent: disposed to listen – not merely to hear, but to listen from the depths of his heart – Joseph knows what he heard, knows that he heard it, and knows that it was not him speaking to himself.

St. Matthew emphasizes the obedience of St. Joseph by the unadorned declaration: *When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home* (Mt 1:24). Where obedience begins with listening, it ends with action, completing that which was asked. In place of many words, is Joseph's action of doing what had been commanded of him by the angel indicates his disposition to obey the Lord God, whom he takes from the angelic messenger to the source of the command itself. His dedication to justice, to giving to each what is his due, prompts his immediate fulfillment of the request, since God's commandments are to be trusted and heeded promptly. No words were needed on St. Joseph's part, not even a word of assent, as his obedient action speaks more expressively than any combination of words could have.



Father Lucien Deiss, in *Joseph, Mary, Jesus*, points precisely to this moment of the angelic dream when he asks, "What was the influence of Joseph's—and Mary's—obedience on the formation of the child Jesus? Did they, in the child's presence, speak about the 'angel of the Lord' who visited Joseph three times?... The obedience of Jesus perfectly reflected the religious atmosphere of the family whose head was Joseph. Concerning his obedience to the heavenly Father, Jesus would declare later on, 'I always do what is pleasing to him' (John 8:29)." Just as his religious piety and his keeping of religious practices and customs would be a lesson for the Christ Child, teaching Him how to pray and the human practice of religion, so to Joseph teaches Christ the manner in which the human person carries out obedience to the Divine will: hearing it, listening to it, and doing it. And Joseph can teach us the same lesson, and it is for this reason that we ask for his prayerful intercession and seek his patronage. I would hazard to guess that the number of those on this side of the veil who could not suffer to learn better and live better the virtue of obedience to God is very small indeed.

At the same time, it is also true that we need St. Joseph's help in preserving in the keeping of the commandments; for this is also part of St. Joseph's obedience. He recognizes in the angel's call to *not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home* the implied but nonetheless real command to be a chaste and full continent husband to her and a father to the Child. And St. Matthew shows us that St. Joseph grasped this implicit direction as much as the explicit one, narrating that after he did as the angel commanded him, he *had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus* (Mt 1:25). The action of taking Mary into his home would have constituted the minimum fulfillment of the mandate given him; in fact, it may have fallen short of literal obedience in that the object of the angel's declaration was Joseph's dismay at Mary's being found pregnant during their courtship. The angel commanded him *not to be afraid* to complete the marriage ritual by bringing Mary into his home. But Joseph grasped that more than a simple dismissal of fear was being sought of him; he realized, even as he awoke, not divorcing Mary, while a necessary step in fulfilling his mandate, was not sufficient at all. And so, he refrains from sexual congress with her permanently and perpetually, out of love for her and out of a profound obedience to the God's Plan of Salvation in which Mary, as the New Eve, would be the would be Ever Virgin yet the Mother of the Church. By bringing her across the threshold of his home, Joseph claims Mary as his wife; by refraining from sexual intercourse with her, he acknowledges that her vocation is so much more than that of wife and mother.

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In the same manner, his naming the Child Jesus is symbolically more than seeking to fulfil what the angel had said. The action of giving the Child a name as part of the rite of circumcision is a public declaration of Joseph's fatherhood of the Child: naming Him communicates the parental rights of disposition and dominion; it is a simple, eloquent way of saying "mine." Joseph proclaimed his paternity, though the Holy Family themselves knew this was in a fostering role, so well that the people of Nazareth, jealous of the miracles Jesus worked in other towns and scandalized by His teaching, would ask in derision, *Is he not the carpenter's son?* (Mt 13:55). Moreover, Joseph would become a father to the Christ in every meaningful sense of the word, other than the supplying of genetic material. Time and again, St. Matthew shows us our patron doing exactly what was asked of him, doing it promptly and well, and willingly being the man that these commands envisioned and that the Lord God knew Joseph could be.

St. Joseph, then, can teach us to listen with the heart, to hear what we are asked in its fullest scope, and to carry out the mandate entrusted to us in each of the Lord's commands directed to us. From him and through his intercession, we can learn to be obedient without being begrudging, displaying the willful stubbornness of a child who does his chores in the most lackadaisical and laggardly manner possible so as to make his parents pay for having even the temerity to ask. We are tempted from time to time to minimally fulfill the commandments, to delay our doing of what is asked. St. Joseph reminds us: get up, do it, and do it well for love of the one who asks you.

**First Friday of the Month**  
 Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and  
 Benediction  
 after Friday Morning Mass on  
 December, 3rd @ SV



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
 for Esther Crumbley on packaging of the food  
Thursday evening, December 16th @ 5:30pm in  
the hall and December, 17th @ 8am for the  
distribution of food.

**Also Secret Santa distribution on**  
**Wednesday, December 22nd beginning @ 8am**  
**Please contact Denise or Cecilia**

**These events, like always are all hands on deck,**  
**your devotion to always helping those in need is**  
**greatly appreciated <3**

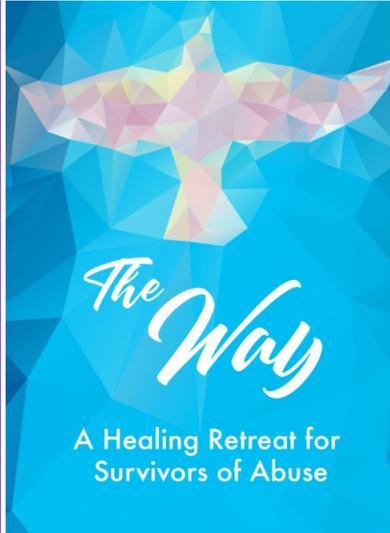
**CCWV Food Pantry @ SVdeP**

Volunteer Dates that need filled  
 are:  
 Nov. 22, 30  
 Dec. 28




Rite of Christian Initiation  
 for Adults

**RCIA meets on Wednesday Evenings.**  
**Wednesday, December 1st**  
**The Four Marks of the Church**



*The Way*

A Healing Retreat for  
 Survivors of Abuse

Survivors of all forms of abuse across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are invited to attend a special retreat entitled, "The Way."

The Way is 3-day guided meditation and prayer program for men and women crafted around the Stations of the Cross. It is an opportunity for healing and prayer and for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives through prayer and sacraments. There will be opportunities for individual counseling and spiritual direction. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the retreat is free of charge and will be held **November 19-20, 2021, for men** and **February 18-20, 2022, for women**. The location of the retreat is not being publicized to protect the privacy of survivors.

For more information on the retreat, visit <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat>. To learn more and to register, please contact **Deborah McDonald** at [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org) or 301-853-4466.

## COLLECTIONS

Due to the bulletin deadline for the holiday.  
Collections for 11/21 will be posted in the  
Dec. 5th bulletin.

Sorry for the inconvenience.



### November Birthdays

29th—Cindy Fox

29th—Burch Fiore

29th—Tom Kacor

30th Mike Skeen

### December Birthdays

1st—Glenda Miller

1st—Darlene Koerber

3rd—Robbie Starcher

5th—Kim Herrick

5th—Becky Sutton

6th—Dave Franklin

6th—Mary Ann Shepherd

10th—Helen Miller

10th—Angi McDonald

16th—Dorothy Blatt

16th—Marsha Klug

17th—Dick Stender

18th—Gloria Nice

18th—Larry Hennessy

20th—Benjamin Joseph Klug

22nd—Paul Feldmeier

23rd—Peggy Mysliwicz

23rd—Gerry Young

25th—Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior

25th—Keith Frum

25th—Waylon Miller

31st—Linda Franklin

31st—James Cavezza

## *We Believe In The Power Of Prayer*

Bill Abraham, Irona Adams, Charlie and Charity Andrew,  
Linda Bartley, Terri Bassett, Deloris Batson, Jim Batson, Fred Baxter,  
Thomas Beaty, Dorothy Blatt, Brenda DeVore Boncore, Cora Bowers,  
Cathie Brookover, Drew Butler, Drew Cecil, Emily Chambers,  
Aiden Clark, Connie Clark, Joe Clark, Madge Clark, Mike Clohisy,  
Johanna Cochran, London Cochran, Reagan Cupp, Wyatt Dallison,  
Carolyn Davis, Jeanette Shutler-Davis, Fr. Kent Durig,  
Terry & Jerry Elliot, Dee (David) Estep, Joan Estep, Jodi Estep,  
Patrick Estep, Gail Fagert, Rod Fagert, Rebekah Barnes and Family,  
Michelle Feldmeier, Tricia Feldmeier, Cecile Fiest, Matthew Fiore,  
Chloe Fisher, Beri Fox, Keith Frum, Wilda Frunner,  
Charlene Galluzzo, The Giraldo Family, Carol Gorby, Eric Gorby,  
Stacy Gray, Norma Gunter, Mary Habig, Judi Hall, Myles Harris,  
Martin Havrilla, Larry Hennessy, Betty Herrick, Ed Herrick,  
Ella Herrick, Devin Hill, Bonnie Hizer, Diane Hohman,  
Roger Howdysshell, Brandon Howell, Sheila Howlett,  
John Johnston, Kathy Johnson, Molly Kelly, Darren Kelly, Dave King,  
Cathy Ruth Klug, Katy Koerber, John Leach, Jill Lemasters,  
George Lilkendey, Nathan Link, Ryan Link, Susie Prunty Love,  
Don Marin, Jean Marshall, Jared Marker, Stan Maslowski,  
Harold McClain, Molly McEvoy, Fr. Chuck McGinnis, Jim Melott,  
Tulane Mensore, Cindy Michael, Eleanor Miller, Gerry Miller,  
Bill Moore, Linda Moore, Salena and her Mother, Bethany Myer,  
Baby Nash, Sandy Nelson, Sarah and Cody Neff, Doris Nocida,  
Wilma Orndorf, Debbie Pryor Osborne, Lorraine Owens,  
Sara Pantone, Norman Peter II, Debra Park, Kay Pierpoint,  
Annie Ponikvar, Jason Powell, Jim Richthammer, Charles Rogers,  
Paula Rogers, Berdina (Bernie) Rose, Jay Salva, Karen Sapp,  
Bertha Schrader, Kierstyn Sendling, Kelly Shepherd, Sally Shreve,  
Stanley Shreve, Diana Smith, Yvonne Smith, Carl Sonnelberger,  
Crystal Stollings, Becky Sutton, Rosario Suyao, Rev. Andrew Tennant,  
Laura Rogers Thame, Gary Thompson, Ed Toman, Ron Virden,  
David Weekley, Linda Wells, Jack Wells, Hunter Wells, Tammy Wells,  
Margie Whiteman, Ike Willey, Tom and Mary Ann Worst,  
Judy Yeager, Gail Yeater, Lora Yeater, Izzy Yoho

All Shut-Ins

**To add or remove names to the prayer list please contact the  
Cluster Office 304-455-4615 or email [office@svdpm.org](mailto:office@svdpm.org)**

**Thank You**



### December Anniversaries

Jack & Robbie Starcher—20th

Charlie & Barb Racer—22nd

# Holy Rosary and St. Joseph Missions

519 Main Street, Sistersville, WV 26175

64 Frohnapfel Lane, Proctor, WV 26055



**Lector: 11/28/21 Gary Rymer**

**Lector: 12/5/21 Donna Peter**

**First Sunday of Advent:** Today we celebrate three “comings” of Jesus our Savior. He came to Bethlehem; he comes to us at Mass as we gather together in his name; he will come again to call us to our Father at the end of our days. Happily we recall his birth; we rejoice in his presence; we look forward with great longing to his final coming. In our past, our present, and our future, there is Christ.

**Family Perspective:** At this time of the year, we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today’s gospel warns us not be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others. Bud Ozar

**Parish and Finance Council Meeting: *TODAY*** after Mass.

**Church Cleaning Party:** On Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. the ladies of the church will be cleaning and polishing the brass in preparation for Christmas. Although it may not sound like a party, the ladies are sure to have a good time and will also provide doughnuts and coffee to encourage your participation.

**Church Christmas Dinner:** Please sign the reservation sheet in the vestibule if you will be attending the dinner. As in the past, everything will be provided by the church, but each family is asked to make a \$10.00 donation that will go to the Ministerial Association. If paying by check, please make the check payable to the Sistersville Ministerial Association.

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner:** A special thanks to all the ladies that provided desserts for the dinner and to those who helped serve on Thanksgiving.

**Rada Sale:** The sale ends December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please see Margie Rymer or Charlene Galluzzo for a catalogue and to place orders.

**Birthday Party Bundles:** The Altar Guild will begin putting the bundles together this week, but will still accept donations throughout this week. Please contact Becky Meckley, Margie Rymer, or Patty Skeen if you have more items.



**Parish and Finance Council Meeting: *Tuesday, November 30th*** after Mass.



*Santa is coming...*

On December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm will be our annual Christmas Celebration for the children.

Santa will arrive after dinner.

All are welcome!

# St. Vincent de Paul Church and Mater Dolorosa Parish

21 Rosary Road, New Martinsville, WV 26155

302 East Main Street, Padon City, WV 26159



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**Carter Grace Lilkendey**

Let God be the guiding light for you.  
May you be a wise person in your life and  
follow the path of wisdom of Lord Jesus.  
God Bless You.

*be vigilant at all times*  
LUKE 21:36

### Ministers for November 27th

Lector: Joanna Casto  
Greeter: Terry Yeager  
Gifts: Dick & Nancy Stender

### Ministers for December 5th

Lector: Lisa Toman  
Greeter: Mike Toman  
Gifts: Angi McDonald

There are  
envelops in  
the  
vestibule for  
poinsettias.

**– St. Vincent's Finance Council Meeting –**  
***Tomorrow, November 29th @ 6pm***  
in the de Paul Room

**Rosary Leaders for November 27th**  
**Barb Racer, Charlie Racer, Nanci Bowen**

**Rosary Leaders for December 4th**  
**Dick Stender, Lisa Toman, Judy Yeager**

**Next meeting for SVDP Little Flower** will be Tuesday,  
**December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6p**; please mark your calendars and plan  
to attend. We are social distancing at all the meetings. Please  
TRY to attend & wear a mask, TY!

**Parish and Finance Council Meeting:**  
***Monday, December 6th*** after Mass.

SVDP Little Flower Christmas Party Sunday,  
December 12th 2021 @ 6p at the home of  
Carolyn Moore

Sign up sheet in the back of the Church  
Please bring an appetizer to share  
and a \$20 gift exchange

Altar Society Christmas party will be December 9th at 6:00  
pm at Barb Racer's. Please bring an appetizer and a \$20.00  
gift exchange. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

The December Food and Fellowship will be a Christmas  
dinner on Saturday, December 11th immediately following  
Mass. We hope all will join us for this dinner. Sign-up sheet  
is in the vestibule.

### St. Vincent DePaul Little Flower

New Year's Basket Raffle  
\$5.00 ea or 6 for \$20.00

Drawing will be on January 1, 2022  
Tickets can be purchased after Masses or from

### The Blessing Bags



The Altar Society has begun  
providing the bags of blessing to  
high school students who may be  
hungry when school is not in ses-  
sion. If you'd like to donate indi-  
vidually wrapped snack items,  
please leave them in the basket in  
the vestibule.