

Our Catholic Life

December 1, 2024



Holy Rosary Mission
519 Main Street
Sistersville, WV 26175



Mater Dolorosa Parish
302 East Main Street
Paden City, WV 26159



Saint Joseph Mission
64 Frohnafel Lane
Proctor, WV 26055



Saint Vincent de Paul Parish
21 Rosary Road
New Martinsville, WV 26155



Serving the Catholic Communities of Marshall, Wetzel and Tyler Counties
Cluster Office: (304) 455-4615

First Sunday of Advent

Sacramental & Pastoral Schedule for the First Sunday of Advent— 1 December 2024—7 December 2024

December. We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

First Sunday of Advent— 1 December

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Mater Dolorosa—Vigil Mass

4:00p Confessions

5:00p Mass for + Mabel Pierpoint

St. Joseph

8:00a Mass for + Jeanette Shutler-Davis

St. Vincent de Paul

10:30a Mass for + Helen Gretchen Kacor

Holy Rosary

12:30p Mass for People of the Parishes

Monday of the First Week of Advent—2 December

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7. 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

No Mass

Food Pantry Open @ SVdeP

Tuesday of the First Week of Advent—3 December

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

8:30am Mass @ St. Vincent de Paul for Intentions of Becky Sutton

5:00p Adoration and Confession @ St. Joseph

6:00p **No Mass** @ St. Joseph

Food Pantry Open @ SVdeP

Wednesday of the First Week of Advent—4 December

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

8:30a Mass @ St. Vincent de Paul for Ann Spencer

5:00p Adoration and Confession @ Mater Dolorosa

6:00p Mass @ Mater Dolorosa for + Cora McKay Bowers

Thursday of the First Week of Advent—5 December

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

8:30a Mass @ Mater Dolorosa for + Dorothy Blatt

5:00p Adoration and Confession @ St. Vincent de Paul

6:00p Mass @ St. Vincent de Paul for + Tim Herrick

Friday of the First Week of Advent—6 December

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

8:30a Mass @ St. Vincent de Paul for + Mark Laurine

Saturday of the First Week of Advent—7 December

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

No Mass

Second Sunday of Advent— 8 December

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Mater Dolorosa—Vigil Mass

4:00p Confessions

5:00p Mass for + People of the Parish

St. Joseph

8:00a Mass for + Tony Kernan

St. Vincent de Paul

10:30a Mass for + Nicholas Tuttle

Holy Rosary

12:30p Mass for the Intentions of Eric & Cindy Peters



The month of December is dedicated to the **Immaculate Conception**. The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as of **Advent** and are represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

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December 6: Saint Nicholas, Bishop—Optional Memorial

c. 270–c. 346

Patron Saint of children, sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, brewers, pawnbrokers, unmarried people, Russia, and numerous countries and cities

Pre-Congregation canonization

Very little about Nicholas is historically verifiable, but because his life is the origin of the legend of Santa Claus, he is a highly venerated saint in the Church. Nicholas was born into an affluent and devout Christian family. When he was young, his parents died from an epidemic, leaving him an orphan and heir to his family wealth. Conscious of Jesus' exhortation to "sell what you have and give to the poor," Nicholas sold his inheritance and distributed the proceeds to the needy.

One popular legend is that among the recipients of his wealth were three girls whose father could not afford dowries for them to be married. Their futures looked grim, including the possibility of their resorting to prostitution to survive. Aware of the dire situation, Nicholas threw a bag of gold through their window that the father used as a dowry for his first daughter. Nicholas then did this a second time. After the second daughter's marriage, the father waited all night for

a third bag of money. When Nicholas threw the third bag through the window, the father ran out and thanked him. Nicholas asked him not to tell anyone. One version of the story says that each bag of gold landed in stockings hung by the fire to dry, leading to the Christmas tradition of placing stockings out for Saint Nick, who secretly fills them.

In another popular story, Nicholas was on a ship traveling to the Holy Land. A storm suddenly arose, and the crew were fearful for their lives. Nicholas prayed, and the storm ceased. For this reason, Saint Nicholas is patron saint of sailors and those taking sea voyages.

Nicholas became bishop of Myra, perhaps selected by the clergy, perhaps with God-given inspiration. During Nicholas' time as bishop, Emperor Diocletian ordered a great persecution of Christians. Sometime between 303 and 306, Bishop Nicholas was arrested and tortured. When Constantine became emperor in 306, he ordered the bishop's release. Seven years later, the Edict of Milan granted religious tolerance to Christians. The freed Bishop Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in 325, called to address the Arian heresy that denied the full divinity of Christ. In some sacred art, Bishop Nicholas is portrayed as slapping one of the Arians across the face.

Legends abound about Saint Nicholas, many portrayed in art and some that underlie his various patronages.

Bishop Nicholas died on or around December 6, 346 and was canonized by popular acclaim. On his feast day, the faithful performed charitable works, especially toward children.

After the Church split between East and West in 1054, Saint Nicholas' remains were in the hands of the Orthodox Church. In 1087, Catholic sailors from Bari, Italy took part of Saint Nicholas's remains from his Myra tomb and brought them to Bari where a church was later built in his honor. To this day, his bodily remains excrete a liquid, at first thought to be an oil but now believed to be water, which is collected, mixed with holy water, and distributed to the faithful in bottles every May 9, the day his remains arrived in Bari. Commonly referred to as the "Manna of Saint Nicholas," the liquid is believed to contain miraculous healing power.

Saint Nicholas, through your intercession, God has touched many lives. Legends of your life have inspired faith throughout the centuries, just as your ministry impacted the people of your day. Please pray that I will become a saint and fulfill the mission God has given to me. Saint Nicholas of Myra, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

From the Desk of Father Joseph

Parish Membership—Welcome, new members, to Our Parishes. To register as a new or returning member of the parish, please contact the Parish Office at 304-455-4615. *Make sure to identify yourself as a new or returning member to Fr. Joseph before or after Mass.*

Baptism— For infant Baptism, please contact Father Joseph Abraham. Pre-Baptism sessions are normally required and will be arranged with Father Joseph.

Marriage—The couple must contact Father Joseph Abraham at least **six months** in advance to begin preparation requirements. *A date cannot be set until you have met with the priest.*

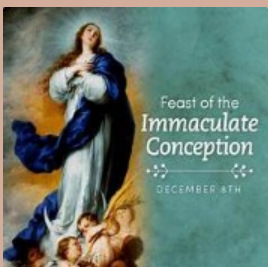
Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance—Saturday, 4 to 5pm, Mater Dolorosa Church in Paden City; Tuesday through Thursday before evening Masses in Parish Cluster Churches; other times by appointment with Father Joseph.

Sick and Homebound Ministry—If you or a family member is sick, hospitalized, or homebound, please contact the Parish Cluster Office at 304-455-4615 to be placed on our Communion & Visitation list. *In an emergency or for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Joseph at 304-435-9709.*

House Blessing—Anyone may request this blessing by reaching out to the Parish Cluster Office at 304-455-4615 to have this scheduled.

Fr. Joseph Abraham is available for you at any time of the day or night for spiritual assistance. If you need him, call 304-455-4615 or text (or call) his phone after office hours for emergencies only: 304-435-9709.

For spiritual assistance, you may also contact Deacon Bill Klug by calling or texting 304-596-1337.



Holy Day of Obligation
Monday, 9 December

8am @ St. Joseph
10:30am @ St. Vincent de Paul
12:30pm @ Holy Rosary
5pm @ Mater Dolorosa



First Friday of the Month
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction after Friday Morning Mass, 6 December @ SVdeP

Dear family of
Judy Cochran

Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

May you find the peace that Judy has found in her Heavenly Home.



Communal Service

Thursday, 19 December

St. Vincent de Paul

Prayer service @ 4:30pm

Confessions Heard @ 5:00—6:00pm

Four priests will be present to hear our confessions.



St. Joseph Christmas Party

December 8, 2024

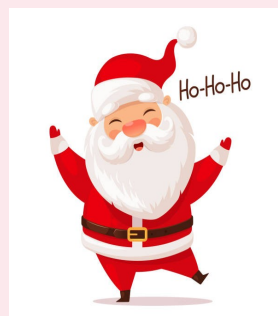
Dinner at 4:00

Santa arrives at 6:00pm!

Please bring a covered dish to share.

Dessert will be provided.

All are welcome.



**Due to scheduling by the publisher
for the Thanksgiving Holiday
contribution report for 11/24/2024
will combined with the 12/1/2024
and will be published in the
12/8/2024 bulletin.**

Thank you



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Barbara Frum, Keith Frum, George Heinzman, Jim Herrick,
Charlie Johnson, Ted & Tommy Kacor, Crissy King,
Dave King, Kay Klug, Baby Koon, Jackie Laurine,
Brian and Joan Leary, Stan Maslowski, Jim Melott,
John & Tulane Mensore, Jeri Miller, Landon Miller,
Patty Meyers, Baby Nash, Bernadette Ortiz,
Abdelia Hernandez-Perez, Greg Richmond,
Jim Richthammer, Bill Savage, Bertha Schrader,
Austin Sizemore, Anne Spencer, Nancy Stender, Sharon
Stone, Becky Sutton, Elsie Taylor, Margie Rymer,
Margie Whiteman, Frances Whitmore, Ike Willey,
Gail Yeater,
All Shut-Ins

To add or remove names to the prayer list please contact the
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or [email office@svdpm.org](mailto:office@svdpm.org)
[Thank You](#)

December Birthdays



Glenda Miller — 1
Darlene Koerber — 1
Robbie Starcher — 3
Kim Herrick — 5
Becky Sutton — 5
Dave Franklin — 6
Stanley Maslowski — 8
Helen Miller — 10
Angi McDonald — 10
Marsha Klug — 16
Dick Stender — 17
Gloria Nice — 18
Larry Hennessy — 18
Benjamin Joseph Klug — 20
Paul Feldmeier 22
Peggy Mysliwicz — 23
Gerry Young — 23
Jesus Chris, Lord and Savior — 25
Keith Frum — 25
Waylon Miller — 25
Linda Franklin — 31
Jim Cavezza — 31

Happy Anniversary

Jack & Robbie Starcher — 20
Charlie & Barb Racer — 22

Secret Santa Gifts

Please return Secret Santa gifts
NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 6.

Please bring them to the Parish Cluster
Office at St. Vincent de Paul between 9 am
and 2 pm, Monday through Friday.

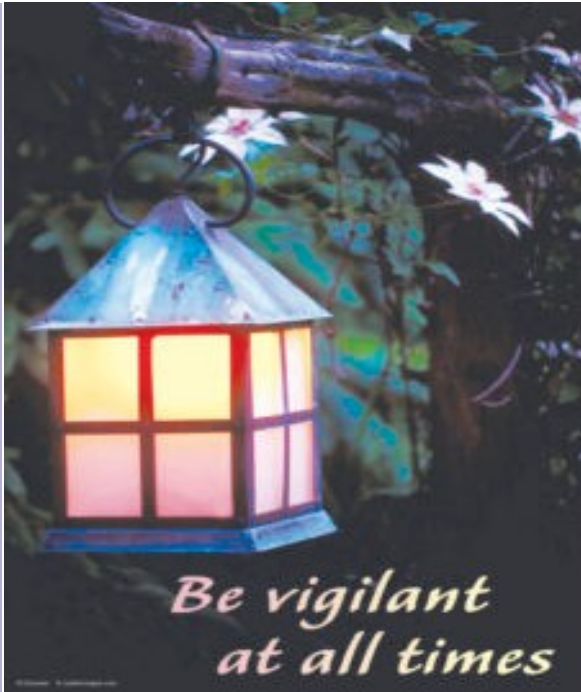
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FIRST THURSDAY

Our Next First Thursday will be on
December 5.

Please come to help hand out bags of
groceries. Volunteers gather after

8:30am Mass.

The distribution is 9:30—10:30am.

Third Thursday Soup Lunch

Thursday, December 19.

All help is welcome and appreciated!

Blankets and Coats will be distributed.



OUR LADY OF SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY

*Saturdays @ 4:30p
Rosary and Pamphlets
will be provided.*

Rosary Leaders for November 30 @ 4:30
Barb Racer, Charlie Racer, Judy Yeager

Rosary Leaders for December 1 @ 4:30
Danielle Ice-Davis, Carolyn Hizer, Joanna Casto

Volunteer at the Food Pantry
In kind donations are always appreciated.
**Pantry days will remain Monday
and Tuesday same hours of 9am
1pm.**

**Volunteers are needed for:
December 2, 9, 10, 16, and 17**

Ministers for November 30 @ 5pm

Lector: Joanna Casto
Gifts: Tim & Carolyn Hizer
Eucharistic Minister: Judy Yeager

Ministers for December 7 @ 5pm

Lector: Kay Pierpoint
Gifts: Terry & Judy Yeager
Eucharistic Minister: Barb Racer

Parish Council: (HN) Joe Herrick, John Piekarski,
Patty Potts, Therese Schoolcraft, Don Tuttle,
(LF) Marianne Balcerak, Pat Lilkendey

Finance Council: Matt Herrick, Judy Grace,
Debra Freeland

Parish Council: Rod Fagert, Carolyn Hizer,
Charlie Racer, Dick Stender, Judy Yeager, Barb Racer
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Lector: 12/1/24 Charlene Galluzzo

Lector: 12/8/2024 Eric Peters

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 to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of the people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.

Bud Ozar

To You, O Lord,
I Lift my Soul.

Christmas Party

December 8

Dinner at 4:00pm

Santa arrives at 6:00pm!



Please bring a covered dish to share.

Dessert will be provided.

All are welcome.

Feast of Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 9, noon, at Holy Rosary .

BRASS POLISHING @ Rectory on 6 December @ 10 am



Christmas Dinner will be celebrated after Mass on 15 December

The Food Pantry is in need of:

Baked Beans

Soups

2lb-Bags of Sugar

Applesauce Brownie & Cake Mixes w/ Frosting

Please leave items in the baskets at the entrance of the Church.

Coffee and Donuts

December 9



St. Joseph Women's Club

December 17 @ 11a

Parish Council: Jim Cavezza, Butch Fiore, Charlene Galluzzo, Jerry Richardson, Patty Skeen

Finance Council: Cathy Cavezza, Mike Galluzzo, Becky Meckley, Eric Peters, Patty Skeen

Parish Council: Alana Fox, Abel Frohnafel, Ken Janiszewski, Nancy McCardle
Finance Council: Clem Frohnafel, Lee Ann Kirkland, Mark Miller