

The Holy Family Our Catholic Life December 28th, 2025



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



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



Saint Joseph Mission
64 Frohnapfel Lane
Proctor, WV 26055



Holy Rosary Mission
519 Main Street
Sistersville, WV 26175

LET THE PEACE OF
CHRIST
CONTROL YOUR HEARTS

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



HOLY MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

12:30 PM

TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY

8:30 AM & 6:00 PM

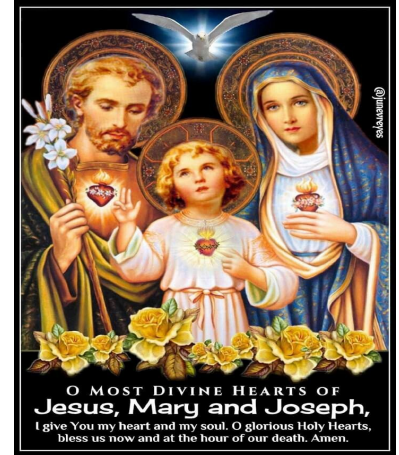
ADORATION

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM



OUR PARISH OFFICE

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From the Office of Safe Environment: 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, 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.


Liturgy Schedule

December 28th to January 4th, 2025

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| SUN 28th | Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 4:00pm (Sat) Mater Dolorosa Confession 5:00pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish 8:00am Mass at St. Joseph Marsha Klug 10:30am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul † Doris Herrick 12:30pm Mass at Holy Rosary † Bill & Susan Sutton |
| MON 29th | No Mass |
| TUE 30th | 8:30am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul † Bob Schrader 5:00pm Adoration/Confession St. Joseph 6:00pm Mass at St. Joseph † Vera Shutler |
| WED 31st | 8:30am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul † Margie Rymer 6pm Mass at Mater Dolorosa † † Charlie and Dyke Fox |
| THU 1st | Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 8:00am Mass at St. Joseph † Jason Cook 10:30am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul † † Leo & Doris Herrick 12:30pm Holy Rosary † † Jean and Roger Howdyshell |
| FRI 2nd | Memorial of St.'s Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 8:30am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul † Don Yanik |
| SAT 3rd | No Morning Mass |
| SUN 4th | The Epiphany of the Lord 4:00pm (Sat) Mater Dolorosa Confession 5:00pm Vigil Mass Marilyn Kay Dunham 8:00am Mass at St. Joseph † Rob Miller 10:30am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul † Francis Piekarski, Joseph & Mary Balcerek 12:30pm Mass at Holy Rosary † Vickie Bowden |

Scripture Readings

December 28th to January 4th, 2025

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| MASSES BY: Butch Klug Matt & Kim Herrick Becky Sutton | READINGS Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 |
| No Mass | 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35 |
| Bertha Schrader Nancy McCardle | 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a; 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40 |
| Judy Grace Jennifer Butler | 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18 |
| The Fox Family Kim & Matt Herrick Jennifer Butler | Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 |
| <u>First Friday</u> Barbara Smith |  1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28 |
| No Morning Mass | 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34 |
| Judy & Terry Yeager Lorna & Cindy Fox Piekarski & Balcerek Families Mike & Patty Skeen | Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12 |

A heartfelt thanks to Rev. Fr. Priyesh Sebastian of Moundsville and to all who joined us for the Penance Service. Your prayers, participation, and openness to God's grace made the day truly beautiful and spiritually uplifting.

May the Lord continue to Bless you Abundantly.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are in the season of the Incarnation, the mystery of God's love poured out in Christ's birth. The word derives from the Latin *carnis* meaning "flesh." Throughout history, some Christians have distrusted the "flesh," and stressed a hatred of this world and its pleasures. Perhaps they have not paid enough attention to how "embodied" the sacraments are. One third-century author put it plainly in an image that may alarm diet-conscious Americans, explaining that we wash the body so the soul can be cleansed, that we anoint the body so the soul can be strengthened, and that we eat the body and blood of Christ so that "the soul can fatten on God."

Catholics "get" that God is revealed in this world. The sacraments use the "stuff" of creation: water and oil; the senses of the body, touch and taste and smell. We use the things of this world rightly. After all, God's love poured out into human flesh means the world has eternal value. Why else would Jesus describe the kingdom to come as a teeming city or a marriage banquet? Catholics are realists, and nowhere is that more evident than when we gather for a sacrament.

—Rev. James Field

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome, new members, to Our Parishes. To register as a new or returning member of the parish, please call the Parish Office at (304) 455-4615.

BAPTISM

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

MARRIAGE

The couple *cannot set a date until you have met with* Fr. Joseph Abraham at least **SIX months** in advance, to begin preparation requirements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/ PENANCE

Sat. 4 to 5pm & Wed. 5-6pm Mater Dolorosa in Paden City; Tuesday 5-6pm St. Joseph in Proctor; Thur. 5-6pm at St. Vincent de Paul, New Martinsville, or you call the office to schedule an appointment.

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

Anointing of the Sick,

please Contact Fr Joseph at (304)435-9709.

HOUSE BLESSING

Anyone may request this blessing by calling the Office at (304)455-4615 to setup a time. Fr. Joseph Abraham is available for you any time of the day or night spiritual assistance. If you need him please call, (304) 455-4615, for emergencies only: (304) 435-9709
or

You may also contact Deacon Klug (304) 596-1337

**Funeral Arrangements
office: (304)455-4615**

The Holy Family

St. Joseph's Obedience

Dreams are a thing in the Bible. Joseph in the Old Testament, famous for his coat of many colors, interpreted dreams and earned himself a place in Pharaoh's government. Daniel also interpreted dreams and worked for King Darius.

Joseph, Mary's husband and father to Jesus, was no stranger to divine communication via dreams. When Jesus' life was threatened by Herod, Joseph was told in a dream to rise and take the family to Egypt. He was obedient and he trusted. Despite having nowhere specific to go and no way of supporting himself or his family, he went in the dark of night. He did what any loving father would do, trusting that God would take care of them. And God did.

We see Joseph acting with complete trust in God. We imagine his fear for his family's safety, his worry about the necessities of life, his awe at the instructions and their urgency. We wonder if he wondered about it. But we know he acted. We know Joseph embraced God's perfect plan. In him we see a man who radically trusted God. We do not know if he initially struggled with what God asked of him; we only know he obeyed.

Whether we are man or woman, single or married, a parent or not, we can hold Joseph up as a model of trust and fidelity to God and his plan. When we struggle with what God asks of us, we can ask for intercession from St. Joseph. During this Christmas season, we can thank him for his obedience and docility. He played a quiet, yet important role in salvation history. By Merridith Frediani

December 28th Collection Amounts will be on January 11th's Bulletin due to the Publishing Companies being

St. Vincent de Paul

December 28th, 2025

Envelopes...
Loose...
Maintenance...
Christmas Flowers..
Christmas Offering..
Immaculate Conception...

Mater Dolorosa

December 28th, 2025

Envelopes...
Loose...
Maintenance...
Christmas Flowers...
Immaculate Con...

Holy Rosary

December 28th, 2025

Envelopes...
Loose...
Maintenance...
Christmas Flowers...
Holy Christmas...
Immaculate Con...

St. Joseph

December 28th, 2025

Envelopes....
Loose...
Maintenance...
Christmas Flowers...
Immaculate Conception...

Happy 10th Ordination Anniversary Fr. Joseph!

Happy Birthday!



December

Michael Estep-28th
Linda Franklin-31st
Amanda Rymer-31st
Jim Cavezza-31st

January

Stacey Kasun-8th
Brian Rodriguez-9th
Lydia Klug- 11th
Peyton Moore-14th
Kathy Powell-20th
Steve Wayman-27th
Suzanne Villers-29th



Bernice and Ralph Baker, Dave Beckett,
Joan Block, Nanci Bowen, Hayden Butler, Dutton Chichick,
Dominic Cipriani, Kathy Hawkins-Clegg, Bill Cline,
Butch Cunningham, Michelle Cunningham, Fr. Kent Durig,
Bill Estep, Jack Estep, Jim Eubanks, Gail Fagerth,
Deacon Rod Fagert, Ruby Fratt, Yvonne Simera-Ferrera,
Joey & Lisa Feronti, Cecile Fiest, Barbara Frum,
Keith Frum, Beri Fox, Jeff Fox, Dr. Dominick Galluzzo, Jr.,
Marino Galluzzo, Sandy Grandstaff, Barry Helms,
Jim Herrick, Keith Herrick, Mike Hickman,
Charlie Johnson, Logan Johnson, Tommy Kacor,
Sharon Kastigar, Dave King, Kay Klug,
Brian and Joan Leary, Jennifer McCardle, Jim Melott,
John & Tulane Mensore, Jeri Miller, Patty Meyers,
Baby Nash, Bernadette Ortiz, Karen Richmond,
Jim Richthammer, Bertha Schrader, Diana Smith,
Mike Snyder, Nancy Stender, Becky Sutton, Elsie Taylor,
Angie Vancamp, Rose Marie Young, Margie Whiteman,
Frances Whitmore, Ike Willey
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

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Little Flower, thank you for helping host the
CCD Christmas Party!
Wendy and Debra,
you made it a fun-filled night of memories,
that will last a lifetime!



We would like to Welcome Carolyn Hizer, as
our Confirmation CCD Teacher! Thank you
for your willingness to help our parishes and
children. If anyone is interested in helping
with the class or be in the class please let
Carolyn Hizer know.



Our Next Food Giveaway
will be on

Thursday, January 1st.

Volunteers start gathering at 9:30

The distribution time are 9:30-10:30am.



OUR LADY OF SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY
Saturdays @ 4:30p

Rosary and Pamphlets will be provided.

Rosary Leaders for December 27th @ 4:30 pm
Judy Yeater, Betty Jochum, Nanci Bowen

Rosary Leaders for January 3rd @ 4:30 pm
Danielle Ice-Davis, Carolyn Hizer, Joanna Casto

Ministers for December 27th @ 5pm

Lector: Kay Pierpoint

Gifts: Ensinger Family

Eucharistic Minister: Ron Casto

Ministers for January 3rd @ 5pm

Lector: Danielle Ice-Davis

Gifts: Jochum Family

Eucharistic Minister: Carolyn Hizer

We ask that you kindly think of the food pantry
or donating what you can!
The Food Pantry will be closed until the New Year.
Volunteer at the Food Pantry,
CLOSED

Food Pantry Team
(304) 455-9740

Carol Buck, Kate Wright, Cecilia Wetzell
Marlene Rodriguez, Theresa Schoolcraft,

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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Charlie Racer, Dick Stender, Judy Yeager, Barb Racer

Holy Rosary Mission
519 Main Street
Sistersville, WV 26175



Lector: 12/28/2025 - Charlene Galluzzo
Lector: 01/01/2026 - Donna Peters
Lector: 01/04/2025 - Gary Bowden

ROSARY IS PRAYED SUNDAY BEFORE 12:30 MASS ,
LED BY DONNA PETER.



SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170) December 29

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the King presumed, could be counted on, if made Archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the King's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep. —Peter Scagnelli

Food Pantry Needs: Thanks to all of you for your generous donations! The pantry has been restocked for the Holidays. However, we are still in need of Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup and Tuna Helper and of course monetary donations are always welcome.

Parish Council: Jim Cavezza, Butch Fiore, Charlene Galluzzo, Jerry Richardson, Patty Skeen
Finance Council: Cathy Cavezza, Mike Galluzzo, Becky Meckley, Eric Peters, Patty Skeen

St. Joseph Mission
64 Frohnafel Lane
Proctor, WV 26055



St. Joseph's Christmas Party in the Snow with Santa! #Blessings



The Holy Family

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| Judea | Night | Herod | Angel |
| Dream | Jesus | | |

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