

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

A Roman Catholic Community since 1932



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December 17-18, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings for the Nativity of the Lord

December 24-25, 2011

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1 1-6

John 1:1-18

Celebrations of the Eucharist:

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 AM

1st Friday of each month: 12:00 PM

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Holy Days: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday Evening at 4:00 PM, or by appointment.

Rosary: Friday: 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 10:00 AM-7:00 PM

Pastoral Care: *Please call Father Rolo if you are aware of parishioners who are in the hospital or are sick, frail or grieving at home or in area facilities.*

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism: *Parents/Guardians (or at least one) must be registered, practicing Catholics who attend a Baptismal Preparation Session offered several times throughout the year. Please call the Parish Office for the next scheduled session. Children 7 years of age or older are eligible for the catechumenate process culminating in the reception of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Contact Jeanne Branch or Fr. Rolo.*

First Penance and First Eucharist: *Upon reaching the age of reason, customarily at age 7, children are invited to the celebration of First Penance and First Eucharist. The requisite sacramental preparation is conducted through the Faith Formation year in Grade 2. Parents must participate in the preparation program. Contact the Grade 2 catechist or Michele Kresge for more information.*

Confirmation: *The only requisite for the reception of Confirmation is Catholic Baptism. If baptism was celebrated in another Christian tradition, contact Fr. Rolo. Sacramental preparation is completed in the Tenth Grade. Students must attend Faith Formation classes and specific sacramental prep sessions. Parents must attend parent sessions as directed. Young adults past high school age seeking Confirmation need to contact Fr. Rolo.*

Funerals: *Please contact Fr. Rolo upon the death of your loved one, but before arranging the funeral date and time. Advance planning of funeral liturgies is welcomed and highly encouraged.*

Marriage Policy:

- 1) *You (either bride or groom, or both) must be a registered member of St. John. If either has a previous marriage, please contact Fr. Rolo before doing anything else.*
- 2) *If you no longer live in the parish, contact Fr. Rolo, who will communicate with your present pastor and begin sacramental preparation as required by the Diocese of Richmond. Until this initial contact is made, preferably in person, you cannot be guaranteed your choice of wedding date at St. John.*
- 3) *You must complete sacramental preparation at your parish of residence within the Diocese of Richmond, or in whatever diocese you reside. Your wedding will be recorded in the parish marriage register, and your marriage file stored at St. John.*
- 4) *You must meet with the pastor before renting a reception hall, and before sending out invitations.*
- 5) *You must meet with the Music Director as you prepare your wedding program and the wedding Liturgy.*

Parish Mission Statement

The Parish community of St. John the Evangelist is committed to follow the example of Jesus and so we are called to accept God's challenge to "Come, Follow Me". We commit ourselves: to proclaim the Gospel through meaningful liturgy, to address spiritual, physical, emotional and financial needs appropriately, to provide ongoing spiritual formation and education of our people and to promote the value of Christian family life and the sanctity of all human life, to protect all of God's creation and environment, to reconcile the alienated of the parish, especially those separated by culture, age and race, to minister to those who are homebound or physically and mentally challenged, to work for a more just social order, and to embrace the spirit of ecumenism. To fulfill the above commitments, we will give freely of our time, talents and finances in response to Christ's call.

CHURCH & OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS: 344 Maple Ave. Waynesboro, VA 22980

WEBSITE: www.stjohnevan.com

OFFICE PHONE: 540-949-6145 **RECTORY PHONE:** 540-943-4051 (only after office hours please) **FAX:** 540-932-8512

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM; Wednesday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

PARISH INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: In the event of inclement weather during the week, we follow the Waynesboro School System closings. If the city schools are closed due to the weather, the Parish Office will be closed and Eucharistic Adoration will be cancelled (if it is a Friday). On Sundays, Christian Formation cancellations are called into WHSV channel 3 and can also be found by calling Michele Kresge's voice mail box at 932-1527.

A warm welcome to all worshipping with us today. *Please remember...children 12 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult to the restroom during Mass or any church event!*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17
5:00 PM † Ken DeSimone
SUNDAY DECEMBER 18
8:30 AM † Fred Bischof
11:00 AM † Don Trohaugh
MONDAY DECEMBER 19

No Mass
TUESDAY DECEMBER 20
9:00 AM People of St. John the Evangelist
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21
9:00 AM People of St. John the Evangelist
THURSDAY DECEMBER 22
9:00 AM Flor & Roberto Castillo
Anniversary
FRIDAY DECEMBER 23
9:00 AM † Greg Baruffi
SATURDAY DECEMBER 24
5:00 PM † Richard Yard
SUNDAY DECEMBER 25
12:00 AM † William F. Back
8:30 AM † Zoila Rosa de Ameglio
11:00 AM † Elizabeth Welsh

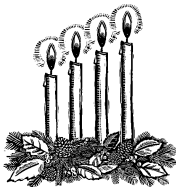
For special prayer requests call THE PRAYER TREE at 949-7611 or 949-8433.



Please pray for those who are ill: Sarah Aitcheson, Permelia Scott Alexander, William P. Allen, Bernie Beard, Quincy Bennick, Lucy Black, Ethan Blevins, Nancy Bowman, Ronda Bretthauer, Kelly Butler, Fred Capps, Steven Carter, Sandy Cave, Joseph Cekada, Sherry Charles, Elizabeth Chepalis, Douglas Cole, James Connelly, Trudy Conroy, Sean Cook, Sue Cunningham, Phyllis Deaver, Jen-I DeBetta, Louis Delorio, David DeSimone, Edward Desper, Crystal Drumheller, Logan Dupuis, Larry Echols, Nina Fenwick, Windi Fitzgerald, Mary Franchini, Connie Frank, Andy Fretwell, William Frye, Roberta Fulton, Myra Furtrell, Joseph Gigliotti, Amelia Glasser, Betty Godack, Jared Godwin, Danny Goodson, Lil Granieri, Sabina Graziano, Helen Grzybowski, Alton Hatter, Bill Hatzell, Jeanne Hatzell, Beverly Holdsworth, Margaret Holeman, David Huewe, Jana Huewe, David Huffer, Wade Hutchinson, Libby Jamison, Ada Johnston, Jackie Jones, Sally Keppel, Brenda Kieon, Susie Lagasse, Joseph Lawrence, Frances Leary, Fred Levin, Sue Lewis, Pat Lotts, Preston Mayson, Mick McGinnis, John Melnik, Mary Elizabeth Miller, Ted Miller, Mary Moran, Arlene Moreno, Cathy Morgan, Christine Morlino, Patricia Murphy, Richard North, Fred Ogle, Heather Owen, Joan Peters, James Peloso, Michelle Peppers, Tony Perrelly, Chris Powell, Catherine Pryor, Mary Reed, Debbie Roughgarden, Kitty Rugani, James Sarsfield, Barbara Sartini, Inez Scholl, Paula Senter, Evan Sine, Doris Stamm, Jeremy Straight, Hugh D. Sutton, Jr., Mark Sutton, Michael Taft, Hank Taylor, Pam Taylor, Jennifer Turner, Miranda Villella, Bobby Vines, Jennifer Volpato-Huntsberger, Jameson Ward, Laura Ward, Francis Webb, Daniel Weimert, John Wheelden, John White, Lucy, Rosie & Genevieve Wilkins, John Witry, Marie Woods, Robert Yankoski & Linda Young; **recovering**: ; **hospitalized**: Mary Katherine Fitzgerald, Linwood Gibson, Jim Minich; **homebound**: Helen Beardsworth, Nancy Cole, Agnes Hagen, Dorothy Kleinfeldt, Ann Roughgarden & Sam Scott; **special intentions**: Joshua Aldridge, A1C Tom Coleman, 1Lt James S. Crotty, Paul Santana, Major Benjamin Sprouse & MSgt Joshua Stowers. *Please call the Parish Office when you or a loved one are hospitalized or ill and need prayer and/or a visit. Don't rely on the "grapevine" to get the news to us—we want to know as soon as possible! Your call when the crisis has passed also would be appreciated.*

COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY DECEMBER 19
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting, CA
TUESDAY DECEMBER 20
7:00 PM Advent Reconciliation Service, St. John, Waynesboro
Spanish Bible Study Group, OA
7:00 PM DECEMBER 21
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21
7:30 AM Breakfast Club, OA
THURSDAY DECEMBER 22

Clothes Closet Closed
FRIDAY DECEMBER 23
9:45 AM Rosary, Church

NO Eucharistic Adoration

NO Friday Prayer Group, OA
SATURDAY DECEMBER 24
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Mass
SUNDAY DECEMBER 25
12:00 AM Christmas Midnight Mass
8:30 AM Christmas Day Mass
11:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

NO Christian Formation PreK-12
9:45-10:45 AM Adult Faith Formation *Breaking Open the Word*, FR

Meeting Spaces Key: CA=Cafeteria, FR=O'Brien Family Room, OA=Office Annex, PO=Parish Office, MR=Music Room, SC=School

Dear Friends—What a surprise! What a delightful surprise! The poinsettia is absolutely beautiful and the reason you sent it so comforting. Thank you for caring and for this lovely remembrance.—Gertrude Hughes

Dear St John's—What a beautiful surprise! Thank you so much for the lovely poinsettia that Angie delivered to my home on Sunday. I'm very fortunate to belong to such a thoughtful and caring church community. Again, thank you.—Bea Muncy

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 19-24, 2011

Monday, December 19: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25•Psalm 71:3-6, 16-17•Luke 1:5-25

Tuesday, December 20: Isaiah 7:10-14•Psalm 24:1-6•Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 21: Song of Songs 2:8-14•Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21•Luke 1:39-45

Thursday, December 22: 1 Samuel 1:24-28•1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8•Luke 1:46-56

Friday, December 23: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24•Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14•Luke 1:57-66

Saturday, December 24: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16•Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29•Luke 1:67-79

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24: 5:00 PM & 12 AM Midnight

Sunday, December 25: 8:30 & 11:00 AM

LAS POSADAS: St. John's will celebrate an adapted Las Posadas on Friday, December 23rd from 6:00-8:00 PM. All ages are invited to come to the cafeteria to join in our celebration of a tradition that is over 400 years old from Mexico and Guatemala commemorating Mary and Joseph's difficult journey and search for a warm place to stay. (Posadas is translated as lodging or accommodation.) We will have crafts, prayer, song, a pilgrimage seeking lodging, and a celebration of acceptance and community that includes festive food and a piñata! Children may come dressed as angels, shepherds, or animals that accompany Mary and Joseph on their journey. Some costumes will be available that evening.

CHRISTMAS SECOND COLLECTION: Throughout the Diocese, the second collection at Christmas will benefit the compassionate work of **Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC)**. Please contribute generously so that CCC can continue their life-changing work here in central and southwestern Virginia. To learn more, go to www.cccofva.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEW OFFERINGS IN THE WORKS! Our adult study groups are making plans for the winter and spring. The Monday evening group will reconvene in January and begin an eight session Little Rock Scripture study on Women in the New Testament. The Wednesday evening group will begin a book study on Pope Benedict XVI's book, *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week: From the Entrance to Jerusalem to the Resurrection*. The Tuesday morning group will begin a book study on *Longing for the Holy: Spirituality for Everyday Life* by Ronald Rolheiser, OMI. The Sunday afternoon group will begin a ten session Little Rock Scripture study on Acts of the Apostles. Be sure to check out the bulletin next week for starting dates and times. If you are not part of one of these groups, or wish to change groups, please call the Parish Office (949-6145) to register and join the study of your choice. ALL ARE WELCOME!

STRONG BACKS NEEDED! We need strong, healthy volunteers to help with snow removal during the coming winter months. We have a snow removal service for the parking lot, but will need some help clearing sidewalks and walkways. Parishioners who live nearby would be ideal as transportation may be a problem during a storm. If you can help, please call Jose Rodriguez at (540) 471-0605 so he

will have a list of people to contact in case of inclement weather.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY MORNING

"BREAKING OPEN THE WORD" is open to everyone desiring to be formed by God's Word. Join us in the O'Brien Family Room as we gather in small groups, open our minds and hearts to ponder how God's Incarnate Word speaks to us each week, share our faith and discern how our lives are changed from this encounter with Jesus in the Word. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and spiritual companions are available every Sunday morning between the liturgies from 9:45-10:45 AM. Parents, show your children the importance of faith formation by joining us while your children are in class. If you would need babysitting available to do so, please let us know by calling the parish office.

ST JOHN'S BREAKFAST CLUB is taking a break for Christmas & New Year and will reconvene Wednesday, January 11th.

FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP will not meet December 23rd or December 30th. Perhaps you would like a "dynamic, conscious interaction with God" in your new year. Join our Friday Evening Prayer group in 2012 as we explore *Immersed in Christ* which offers a simple plan for transforming a sense of 'religion' into a spirituality of dynamic interaction with God for the sake of transforming the world. Check out the Immersed in Christ blog at: <http://immersed-in-christ.blogspot.com>.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? St. John's Christian Initiation for Adults is year round and anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or who would like to join us at the table may start the *Inquiry* process at any time. A new group is beginning the Inquiry phase of initiation with our community on Sunday evenings, from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Office Annex (the white house next to the church). Anyone interested in learning about Catholicism are invited to join in the Inquiry. In addition to *Inquiry* sessions, we offer year round *Dismissal* sessions and *Breaking Open the Word* sessions for those adults preparing for the sacraments and extended *Catechetical* sessions and *Disciple Formation* for catechumens and candidates. Children of catechetical age (7+) who have not been baptized are also part of our catechumenate program. If you are interested in learning more about our Initiation programs, or joining the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Rolo or Jeanne Branch at 949-6145 or jbranch@stjohnnevan.com.

ADVENT TRIVIA CHALLENGE: You've been challenged! Due to popular demand, we are adding a prize category to the Advent Trivia Challenge. The Challenge was created by our High School Christian Formation Instructors for our high school students. A number of parishioners are interested in the challenge and want to participate, and we're responding. All parishioners are eligible to compete. Just complete the trivia challenge on the new high school website (www.stjohnformation.org/advent-trivia-challenge/). If you choose to submit your score, either email Michele Kresge at mkresge@stjohnevan.com or call 932-1527. Provide your name, the score you received and the date and time you completed the test. High school students do not need to register. Just bring your score and the date and time you took the test to our next class.

Rules:

1. You may use Google and other resources to research questions
2. You may submit more than one entry (but only your best score will be eligible for prizes)
3. All parishioners are encouraged to compete (deadline 1/6/12)

While on the high school site, make sure you check out the content under the Advent tab. We will be adding new content throughout the Advent and Christmas season.

THE CLOTHES CLOSET will be closed Thursdays, December 22nd & 29th.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES will **NOT** meet December 18th, December 25th, nor January 1st as we celebrate the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Enjoy your time with family and friends! We look forward to seeing you again when classes resume January 8th.

ON DECEMBER 4th, High School Youth prepared 23 College Care Packages for students and 3 seminarians. Thank you to all who submitted names and addresses. We received a call from JMU student **Emma Gage**, daughter of Linda and Patrick Gage, who said she was surprised and elated to have received her package. She sends her thanks to the parish for thinking of her and "making her day".

OUR SECOND CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSION is scheduled for January 15th immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass until 2:30 PM. Please notify Michele Kresge if you have a schedule conflict.

THANK YOU to the **Fosnocht** and **Krogh** families for preparing dessert for our Confirmation candidates!

LUNCH AND/OR DESSERT NEEDED! Our next Confirmation Preparation session is January 15th. If you would like to help nourish our Confirmation Candidates as they prepare to be nourished by the Holy Spirit, please contact Michele Kresge, mkresge@stjohnevan.com or 932-1527 to see how you can help.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (Oplatek) are available in the Parish Office. Call Janet if you are interested in purchasing a set for your Christmas celebrations.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST NOTECARDS: Local artist, Hillary Jeffers, has created a pencil drawing of our beautiful church and has had it reproduced on notecards. These cards (with envelopes), in sets of 6, are available for purchase at the Parish Office. The cost is \$5.00 per set.

UPDATE ON SHOES FOR KENYAN WIDOWS: Since August 6, 2009 we have collected 1605 pairs of shoes to assist *Well of Hope America* with their ministry! (This is an additional 120 pairs since we last updated in September!) We will continue to collect shoes and sincerely appreciate all your generous donations. Shoes can be left in the box located in the vestibule at the main entrance of the church. It's a great way to recycle! If you have any questions please call Lois Castle at 337-0779.

GO GREEN FOR CHRISTMAS by signing up for Online Giving! If you still have not signed up for Online Giving, we urge you to consider this option. You are still welcome to receive regular envelopes, if you wish, but by signing up for Online Giving and cancelling your envelopes you will be saving your parish some green (money) and some of God's green creations (trees)!. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stjohnevan.com and click on the Online Giving link. Please notify Janet at the Parish Office if you wish to be removed from the offertory envelope mailing list after your registration is complete!

ENROLLMENT FOR 2012-2013: If you are interested in having your child attend Charlottesville Catholic School for the 2012-2013 school year, applications are being accepted for grades Pre-K through 8th. Please contact Admissions Coordinator, Kim Emmert at 434-964-0400 or k.emmert@cvillecatholic.org to schedule a time to visit CCS and to receive an information packet. You also may download an application from the website: www.cvillecatholic.org. Become a part of the CCS community...where faith and academics work hand in hand.

FAITH FORMATION QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Suggested text for faith sharing: Luke 1:26-38. Question for Children: What can I do this week to show my love for God? Question for Adults: What can I do this week to grow closer in my relationship with God?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA DE FORMACION DE LA FE: el Evangelio de hoy: Lucas 1:26-38. Pregunta para los niños: ¿Qué puedo hacer esta semana para demostrarle mi amor a Dios? Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Qué puedo hacer esta semana para acercarme a Dios?