

# Saint Ann Catholic Church

December 5-6, 2020



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

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***Something to think about:*** When preparing your estate, please consider St. Ann, your parish family, in your will. Your gift can help the parish continue Faith Community in the future.

## A Note from Fr. Danny

December 6 marks the liturgical memorial of Saint Nicholas. We honestly don't know that much about the actual historical figure, despite the many legends that have endured about him. All we know is that he was bishop of Myra, a city in Asia Minor (present-day Turkey), in the fourth century.

Probably the most famous legend about him is that he provided the money for the dowries of the three daughters of a poor man, thus enabling them to be married. Thus the custom of giving gifts on his feast day developed, and in English-speaking countries, "Saint Nicholas" became "Santa Claus".

A not-so-famous legend is that at the Council of Nicea in 325, which established that Jesus Christ is the "same substance" as God the Father in his divinity, jolly old Saint Nick punched Arius in the face. Arius was condemned as a heretic by the council for denying that doctrine. Even saints can have tempers.

As I like to say, all stories or legends are true until proven otherwise. May Saint Nicholas inspire true charity in us to others, especially those in need, and make us thankful for what we have, so that we don't have to desire what we don't really need.

Let us pray for each other,  
Fr. Danny

"He will feed his flock like a shepherd." If God may be calling you to nourish His people as a priest, call Father Brian W. Capuano at (804)359-5661, or write: bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org.



**Safe Environment**—Bishop Knestout encourages anyone who is aware of misconduct or abuse on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities. Call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline (833-454-9064) and reach out to the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Karen Loper at 877-887-9603 or VAC@richmonddiocese.org. More information about the bishop's commitment to transparency, a timeline of actions, and other resources can be found on the diocesan website: www.richmonddiocese.org/diocese-response.



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## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Joe Hearington, *Chair*; Craig Follo, Andrew Short, Chris Burns

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Closed to the Public  
Staff available via phone call, email, or by appointment only .

## MASS TIMES

### *WEEKEND EUCHARIST*

*Saturday - 5pm Sunday - 8:30am & 11:15am*

*Capacity limited, doors will open 30 mins before Mass start time, face masks required, health screening at the door*

### *WEEKDAY EUCHARIST*

*"Livestreamed; not open to the public"*

### *RECONCILIATION/ PENANCE/ CONFESSION*

*Every Saturday from 3:45-4:30pm*

## SUPERVISED WEEKEND NURSERY

*Temporarily suspended*

## PASTORAL CARE

If you or a loved one becomes seriously ill or are facing surgery and would like a visit, please contact Fr. Danny or Katie Johnson in the office. Please inform us whether you would like to receive the Eucharist and/or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Also, please contact us if you would like to place your name or a loved one's name on the St. Ann prayer list for the sick.

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please contact Fr. Danny or Katie Johnson as soon as possible when a loved one has passed away. We will be happy to work with you and the funeral home regarding funeral arrangements, as well as offering prayer and support during this difficult time.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

St. Ann's offers support for anyone who is hurting because of life's ups and downs. Stephen Ministry is one-to-one, confidential, Christian caring for those who are grieving, struggling with job or relationship difficulties, living with an illness, caring for someone who is ill, or many other issues. Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people through people. To get help for yourself or someone else, contact Katie Johnson (kjohnson@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548) or Laurel Rothenberger (ldrothenberger@comcast.net; 804-898-1684).

## PARISH LIFE

**Year-End Giving** - This is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. It is also a good time to begin considering how we might give back some of our wealth or assets to Him with a special year-end gift. Gifting is a great way to thank God for these blessings. Take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31 (benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings, and other financial benefits), and consider the variety of gift options available to you. Your gift to St. Ann can make a great difference. There are a variety of ways you can contribute a gift. The easiest and most direct methods are donations of cash, stock and IRA Charitable Rollover. For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift to our parish, please contact Melissa Pakurar in the parish office.



**Christmas Flower Donation** – It is that time again! Your donation will help make our church a beautiful worship space for this holiday season. What a special way to remember a loved one or to honor someone you hold dear. You will find Christmas

flower donation envelopes on the table in the Commons the weekend after Thanksgiving. You are welcome to make a donation in any amount. Please be sure to fill out the envelope just the way you want it to appear in the Christmas Bulletin. The envelopes may be placed in the offering basket or turned into the office. All flower donations are due by December 9th to be included in the Christmas bulletin. Envelopes that come in after the due date will be included in the in the January 10th Bulletin.

**Let's Be Real – The Pandemic is Tough!** If we're honest with ourselves, sometimes it's all we can do to make it through each day; everything seems like more work than it used to be: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual work. And if you're also experiencing some of life's "normal" ups and downs – loss of a loved one, chronic illness, financial stress, loneliness – it's even worse. If you are having a tough time right now, maybe you could use a caring, supportive person to talk to. Stephen Ministers are well-trained, compassionate members of our church who would love to help you. Stephen Ministry offers one-on-one, confidential conversation and prayer to help you through life's tough times. Don't go through this alone! For more information, contact Katie Johnson (kjohnson@stanncc.com; 804-526-2548), Laurel Rothenberger (ldrothenberger@comcast.net; 804-898-1684), or Beverly Cornell McGlynn (beverlycornell@gmail.com; 248-556-6746). Please spread the word about Stephen Ministry to your family members and friends who could use a helping hand, too! (They do not have to be members of St. Ann.) Thank you!

**Saint Joseph School Angel Tree** -At Christmas time, we receive the greatest gift of all, and we are reminded to share our many blessings generously with others. Each year, Saint Joseph School sponsors an Angel Tree to purchase Christmas gifts for families in need in our community. This year, you can sign up virtually! Use the link below or email [kmcelheny@saintjosephschool.com](mailto:kmcelheny@saintjosephschool.com) to receive the link to sign up for an "angel". Return your unwrapped gifts to Saint Joseph School by Tuesday, December 8th.

## PASTORAL CARE

**PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:** *Missy Muncy, Ray & Patti Andrade, Mallory Flores, granddaughter of Elaine and Robert Flores, Lucas, Miles, and Christine Hilsher, great-grandchildren of Peggy Lee, Pat Eaton, Robert Crenshaw, Norma Brown, John Hadden, for the Granddaughter of Shawne and Jim Kaeser, Christine Harris (daughter of Cynthia Mayberry), Moses Graham, Diane Flanagan, Elizabeth Kerekes, Sean Higgins, Rita Newby, Barbara Whelan, Lawrence Coleman, Craig Henry the son of Tammy Martin, Jim Wallen, Diane Ouellette, Mary Ann Estep, Christine Alcaraz, Robin Zivadinovic, Diane Errico, Bud Mervine (grandfather of Amy Mervine), Nancy Snyder (mother of Berny Snyder), Karen Covington, Carlos Rivera, Antonia Quinones, Chad Glass (Husband of Jennifer Glass), Judith Ashley & Jeanne White (mother and aunt of Judith Dialessi), Mark Chisholm, Keith Nestor (brother-in-law of Robin and Heath Driver), Pat Nalepka, Barbara Meloy, Gregory Nelson, Joe Lamontagne, Claire Richards, John Metzinger, Holly Clement, Johnny & Alice McDaniel, Annette Zimmerman, Elizabeth Quaiss, Grace Heydet, Jay Allen, Al Miller, Salete Valter, Matthew Priestly (son-in-law of John Klink), David Rogers (son of Margaret Rogers) Jacqueline Anne Wallace (daughter of Anne Lizzol), Lucy Dunn, Alison Devereaux, Claire Lecomte Du Nouy, Kathy Wilusz, Amari Friend, Tiny Anckaitis, Irene Kelly (sister of Julie Miller), Debra Hayer, Marie Ascenza and Edgardo Scian.*

**During the month of December**– The members of Churches participating in Metro Richmond at prayer pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the unemployed and underemployed, for suitable work, living wages, and fair benefits for all workers in this metropolitan city; and for sufficient employment to make healthy family life possible.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for December**- We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



**The Food Pantry Needs YOU!** Many, many thanks to those who answered our recent request to help re-stock our shelves – the response was amazing! We are able to provide needy families with food five days each week, so we continue to ask for your help to keep food on our shelves. In particular, we need canned vegetables, beans, soup, and canned meats – but any non-perishable food is welcome! Also, we need drivers to help us pick up donations from area Food Lion stores. On a temporary basis, we are picking up two days a week at the Rivers Bend Food Lion (the agency that usually picks up there has had to close for a few weeks because of COVID), so the need for drivers is even more acute. Please contact Bernadette Gilmore ASAP if you are able to help (804-914-0293; [bgilmore653@gmail.com](mailto:bgilmore653@gmail.com)). Thank you!





## CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY Dec 6, 2020

For more info about Christian Formation and Youth Ministry, contact the office, (804) 526-2548, for: Coordinator of Religious Education Grades Pre-K-5th Grade): contact Linda at [lmingos@stanncc.com](mailto:lmingos@stanncc.com); Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12 & Confirmation Prep.): contact Elise at [echapman@stanncc.com](mailto:echapman@stanncc.com). Coordinator of Adult Formation: contact Pat at [pclement@stanncc.com](mailto:pclement@stanncc.com)

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION (K-12)

**Christian Formation for Elementary, Middle & High School resumes on Sunday, Dec. 6 during their regularly scheduled times. NO Walk Through Bethlehem.**



**ADVENT WEEK 2 TO DO:** This pandemic often causes us to focus on what we CAN'T do instead of what we CAN do. Over the next couple of weeks, we'll be sharing some things you CAN do with family and friends, building relationships while having some fun at the same times. Consider your favorite board games or try one of these:

**Show Me a Motion** First person does a dance move and everyone follows. Group picks a person to go next, who models another dance move and everyone follows, until everyone has taken a turn (or multiple turns). Also try having folks repeat the sequence of moves (dance or otherwise) Last one standing wins!

**Rhyme with Me** First player picks a one-syllable word and everyone else takes a turn saying a rhyming word e.g. "Cat". The next player could say "Sat". Then the third player could say "Mat." Players are out once they either repeat a word or cannot think of a word in five seconds.

**Once Upon a Time** You begin with that statement and each player adds a line to keep building the story, until you have made a unique family story! Make sure to record this session! You'll want to remember this one:)

**Fortunately, Unfortunately** One player begins with an unfortunate statement combined with a related fortunate statement e.g. "Fortunately I like to eat vegetables. Unfortunately, I don't like chocolate." After you play a few rounds you can go around and ask each player to see how many things they can remember about other players. Who can remember the most wins!

**Words Within a Word** Call out a word and give one minute to see how many words players or teams of players can make from that word. You can choose to give extra points for words that are two or three syllables long etc. All words can be explained and used in a sentence to help the children build vocabulary.

**Try a different activity each night! Consider fun prizes for winners! Pay attention to all that you can receive during these activities! Post a photo on the facebook page of your family or group of friends enjoying time together. Let's enjoy this time of CAN DO's together!**

### ADULT FORMATION



#### SUNDAY MISSALS and ADVENT FAMILY SUPPLIES

**All the Advent supplies are available in the Commons. During December, additional Christmas items will become available, including the St. Ann calendars (free).**

**St. Ann's gave a warm welcome in November to our newest parishioners through the RCIA welcome rites.** Please keep the following people in your prayers as they continue their faith journey toward full membership into the Catholic Church: **Diana Galindo:** Catechumen; **Muphid Guibi:** Catechumen; **Carmen and Walt Strohecker:** Baptized Candidates for Full Initiation; **Haley Hysong-Assad:** Baptized Candidate for Full Initiation; **Amelia Crittendon:** Baptized Candidate for Full Initiation. It's never too late to join the RCIA process.

If God is calling you to consider becoming Catholic, or if you know someone who wants to be baptized or become Catholic, contact Pat Clement in the parish office. Interested folks can start this special faith journey at anytime and proceed at your own pace with the prayer and support of the entire St. Ann Parish community!

### SACRAMENT UPDATES



**Infant Baptisms:** Our Winter Baptism weekend is Feb. 6-7, 2021. Parents must register and attend 2 virtual sessions and 1 short on-site rehearsal. The Winter virtual parent sessions will be on Jan 11 & 25 at 8pm with the on-site rehearsal on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm .

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
(Fiscal Year: July 2019– June 2020)

Week Beginning:	11/15/2020	\$16,260.63
In Church Collection		\$10,198.98
WeShare		\$3,424.25
EFT Collection		\$2,637.40
Last Year Week Beginning	11/17/2019	\$11,830.87
Weekly Budget		\$14,175.96
YTD Collections Thru	11/15/2020	\$264,616.60
YTD Budget		\$297,695.16
YTD Difference		(\$33,078.56)

Week Beginning:	11/22/2020	\$12,789.43
In Church Collection		\$7,520.83
WeShare		\$5,268.60
EFT Collection		\$0.00
Last Year Week Beginning	11/24/2019	\$10,220.36
Weekly Budget		\$14,175.96
YTD Collections Thru	11/22/2020	\$277,406.03
YTD Budget		\$311,871.12
YTD Difference		(\$34,465.09)

**2020 National & Diocesan Second Collections**

Respect Life	January 19, 2020
Catholic Relief Services	March 22, 2020
Diocesan Home Missions	May 24, 2020
Peter's Pence	June 14, 2020
Retired Religious	September 27, 2020
World Mission Collection	October 18, 2020
Archdiocese of Military Services	November 8, 2020
Catholic Charities	December 25, 2020

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

TUES.	Dec 8	8:00 am	Parish
WED.	Dec 9	8:00 am	† Archbishop Oscar V. Cruz By Mr. & Mrs. Pascual Parish
THURS	Dec 10	8:00 am	Parish
FRI.	Dec 11	9:00 am	† Edward Blaszk By Pat Blaszk
SAT.	Dec 12	5:00 pm	Parish
SUN.	Dec 13	8:30 am	Birthday Blessing for Rencel Bernadette & Renato Negad By Abigail Negad
		11:15am	† James T. Bradley, Sr. By Vern & Chit Peters

**THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT ANN CHURCH**

**MONDAY—December 7 Night Manager—John Klink**

9:00 am	Lauds	Live-Stream
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**TUESDAY—December 8 Night Manager — John Alban**

8:00 am	Immaculate Conception Mass	Worship
7:00 pm	RCIA	Dbl Classroom
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**WEDNESDAY—December 9 Night Manager—Cathy Laskowski**

6:15 am	Bible Study	Worship
8:00 am	Mass	Live-stream
7:00 pm	Las Posadas	Parking Lot
7:00 pm	Wild Worship Wednesday	Worship
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**THURSDAY—December 10 Night Manager—Eric Ertzner**

8:00 am	Mass	Live-stream
9:00 am	Morning Pause	Chapel
5:00 pm	Vespers	Live-stream
7:00 pm	Confirmation Retreat Meeting	Zoom
7:00 pm	Reconciliatin & Eucharistic Adoration	Worship
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**FRIDAY— December 11 Night Manager— David Grizzle**

8:00 am	Mass	Live-stream
10:00 am	Women's Cursillo Group	Chapel
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**SATURDAY— December 12**

3:45 pm	Reconciliation/Confession	Chapel
5:00 pm	Mass	Worship
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**SUNDAY—December 13**

8:30 am	Mass	Worship/Live-stream
9:45 am	Elementary Christian Formation	Schl Building
11:15 am	Mass	Worship
4:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group	Worship
6:30 pm	High School Youth Group	Worship
8:00 pm	Compline	Zoom

**Hours the Worship Space is Open**

Mondays—Thursdays: 9am – 6pm  
Fridays: 10am – 6pm  
Saturdays: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Please help keep our Worship space open for prayer. We need Volunteers to sign up as a Porter. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aa9aa29a20-porters>



**Supporting our Mission**  
During Covid-19

A big “thank you” to all of those participating in online giving with WeShare! Online giving has been a big help to our parish during this time. WeShare is a great way to still contribute to the parish even if you cannot make it to a Public Mass. WeShare can accept credit and debit cards and make automatic withdrawals from checking or savings accounts. WeShare is a secure way to give.

No matter how you give, your gifts are always appreciated! If you have not yet made the switch to online giving, we invite you to consider doing so. If you need any assistance setting up your online contributions please call Melissa Pakurar in the office at (804) 526-2548. Thank you for your support!