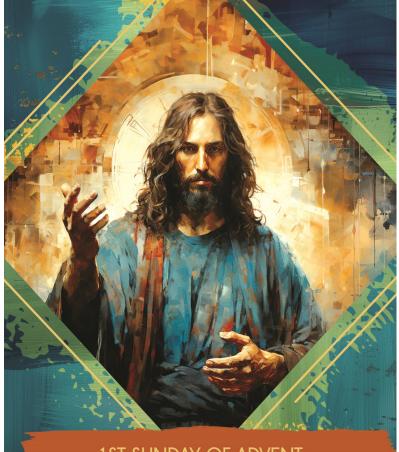
# PENINSULA CLUSTER OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES

### DECEMBER 1, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." - Lk 21:27

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TO YOU, I LIFT UP MY SOUL, OH GOD. IN YOU, I HAVE TRUSTED; LET ME NOT BE PUT TO SHAME. NOR LET MY ENEMIES EXULT OVER ME; AND LET NONE WHO HOPE IN YOU BE PUT TO SHAME.

#### First Reading: Jer 33:15

"In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land."

> **Psalm: 25** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

#### Second Reading: I Thes 3:12-13

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.

#### Gospel: Lk 21:28

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE SAINT JOSEPH

Saturday 4pm (English) & 6:30 pm (Español) Sunday 8am & 11am SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA Saturday 5:30 pm Sunday 9:30 am SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL Saturday 4pm Sunday 10am CLERGY Fr. Romeo Jazmin, Pastor Fr. Dillon Bruce, Parochial Vicar Deacon Guillermo Gonzalez Deacon David Reaves Deacon Mike Swisher

#### **SAINT JOSEPH**

512 Buckroe Avenue Hampton, VA 23664 757-851-8800 www.stjosephcatholic.org Monday-Thursday 9am-2 pm Friday 9am-Noon

#### SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA

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#### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

230 33rd St. P.O. Box 258 Newport News, VA 23607 757- 245-4234 www.stvincentnn.org Monday-Friday 8am-3pm

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS		Clergy and Staff Contact Information	
Saturday, November	r 30	Pastor	
St. Joseph (9am)	+Rodney Seymour by KOC Council #511	Fr. Romeo Jazmin	rdjazmin@richmonddiocese
St. Joseph (4pm)	+Mike Ruddy by Janet Ruddy	Parochial Vicar	
San José (6:30pm)	~Será Anunciado	Fr. Dillon Bruce	dbruce@richmonddiocese
St. Mary (5:30pm)	+Priscilla Wessner by Tom & Wendy Koelsch		C
St. Vincent (4pm)	~People of Our Parishes	Deacons	
		Deacon Guillo Gonzalez	gagonzalez@richmonddiocese
Sunday, December 1		Deacon Dave Reaves	dreaves@richmonddiocese
St. Joseph (8am)	+Joshep Nham Vu	Deacon Mike Swisher	mswisher@richmonddiocese
St. Joseph (11am)	~People of our Parish		
St. Mary (9:30am)	~Pro Populo	Cluster Manager	
St. Vincent (10am)	~Fraternal Society of St. Peter by Heitman Family	- Alan Cole	acole@peninsulacluster
		Bookkeeper	
Tuesday, December	3	Judi McKenna	jmckenna@peninsulacluster
St. Joseph (9am)	~Maria Palmer by Anne Baker		,
		Adult Faith Coordinator	
	per 4 Mass & Adoration	Dominique Seraphin	dseraphin@peninsulacluster
St. Joseph (6pm)	+Richard Re by Joseph Poslik	Youth & Family Formation	
St. Vincent (12:05)	+All Souls in Purgatory by Angelita Phipps	Sharon Taylor	staylor@peninsulacluster
Thursday, December	_	,	
Thursday, December St. Joseph (9am)	+Don & Bernadette Boyce by Don Boyce	Music Director SJ/SM	
St. Vincent (10am)	+Terry Culotta Ennis by Kathleen Tierney		dcorneliussen@peninsulacluster.
San José (6pm)	~Será Anunciado	Music Director SV	
San Jose (opin)		Steven James	sjames@peninsulacluster
Friday, December 6			sjannesæpennisaldelaster
St. Mary (12:05)	+Hildege & Aline Marchessault by Bloxom's	Saint Joseph	
		Melanie Plue, Admin. Assistant	mplue@peninsulacluster
Saturday, December	7	Melanie Flue, Admin. Assistant	Inplae@peninsdiaclaster
St. Joseph (9am)	+Laurent & Dussiel Family Members	Saint Mary Star of the Sea	
	by Christine Dussiel	Kim Primo, Admin. Assistant /Bull	atin Editor
St. Joseph (4pm)	+Richard Re by Sue Murray	Kim Filmo, Aumin. Assistant /Bull	kprimo@peninsulacluster
San José (6:30pm)	~Será Anunciado	Saint Vincent de Paul	kprinowperinsulaciuster
St. Mary (5:30pm)	~Pro Populo		
St. Vincent (4pm)	+Molly Clarke by Mary Giguere	Jeanne Klump, Admin. Assistant	jklump@peninsulacluster

### Peninsula Cluster Advent Penance Service: December 5th 6:30pm – 8:30pm at St. Joseph.

**Parish Registration:** To register in one of our cluster parishes, please pick up a registration form at Mass and turn it in to the parish office, or contact your parish office directly.

**Baptism:** For infants and children under the age of 7: a pre-baptismal preparation process for parents is required, and the sacrament is celebrated on a scheduled basis. Please contact your Deacon to register for preparation.

**RCIA (Becoming Catholic):** The RCIA process is for unbaptized persons, ages 7 and older, and those who were baptized in another Christian tradition. The process is one of conversion and formation and people are welcomed into the process year-round. Contact one of our Deacon's for more information.

**Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at St. Joseph on Wednesdays: 5pm & Saturdays: 3-3:45pm, St. Vincent on Wednesdays: 12:30 & Saturdays: 3:30pm and St. Mary's on Sundays: 8:45-9:15am.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated after masses when requested or by appointment.

Marriage: Engaged couples should contact the parish at least six months in advance of a desired wedding date.

Monday, December 9th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at Saint Joseph at 9am, Saint Mary at 12:05pm, and Saint Vincent de Paul at 6pm



O Come Emmanuel Advent Celebration: December 15, 2-4pm in Cordier Hall.

Dress Rehearsal : December 8th, 2-4pm at SJ. Parents are asked to stay and assist.

**Coffee with Clergy:** All are welcome to grab a cup of coffee with Fr. Dillon on **Thursdays from 10-11am at Buckroe Coffee.** This is an informal event each Thursday to learn about topics of your choice and to pick a priest's brain about any subject you want. **First gathering will be Thursday, December 5th!.** 

Advent Day of Recollection: Father Dillon will be leading an Advent Day of Recollection at Saint Joseph's on December 21st from 10am-2pm. On this mini retreat, we will seek to hear the voice of God as we meditate upon the mystery of the Incarnation and prepare ourselves for Christmas. Please bring your own lunch.

Advent Book Study: Join Father Dillon in a 3-week advent book study beginning on December 7th. We will be reading and discussing Carol Houselander's *The Reed of God*. The group will meet on Saturday mornings from 7:30am-8:45am at Saint Joseph's Little White House. Please sign up using the forms in the back of the church or in the parish halls (Dec. 7,14,21).

**Ephesian Bible Study**: Father Dillon will be leading an 8-part bible study on the Letter to the Ephesians starting **Dec. 30th.** We will explore how this book of the Word of God helps us better understand the nature of marriage, the purpose and role of the Church, the preeminence of grace in God's plan, and the reality of spiritual warfare. We will gather on **Mondays at Saint Mary's parish hall from 7pm-8:30pm.** Please sign up using the forms in the back of the church or in the parish halls (Dec. 30 Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17).

A Note from Danny, Music Director for St. Joseph and St. Mary Star of the Sea: Please join us for

Christmas! Are you interested in singing Christmas music and/or playing handbells or hand chimes for Christmas? Singers (ages twelve and up) are invited to join our rehearsals on Tuesday nights during Advent—from 6:30-8pm at St. Joseph. The choir will sing for 10pm mass on Christmas Eve as well as 8am mass on Christmas Morning at St. Joseph.



And if you're interested in playing handbells or hand chimes, please consider helping us in that way—**no experience is necessary**. Anyone ages 8 and up is invited to play. Also invited are those

who have already been to music rehearsals for the nativity play during Faith Formation classes. We'll practice at St. Joseph from 5:30 to 6:15 on Tuesday nights during Advent. Those playing handbells will play for 4pm Christmas Eve mass at St. Joseph. And those playing hand chimes will play for 5:30pm mass at St. Mary Star of the Sea. Thanks very much for helping us to make Christmas extra merry and bright this year!

### LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus tells us to "be vigilant at all times." Advent is a time of watchfulness. Things are moving and shifting and changing — in our souls, in heaven, on earth. It's a time of great consequence. Great trial. Great hope.

### This Week's Scripture:

**First Reading:** The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to save Jerusalem so all can "dwell safely" in the land. Where in your life do you feel the safest?

**Second Reading:** In preparation for the return of Jesus, Paul prayed that the believers in Thessalonica would love one another and conduct themselves in a way pleasing to God. As we enter the season of Advent, what could you do to actively prepare for the return of Jesus?

**Gospel:** Jesus forewarns his disciples not to let the daily anxieties of life distract them from the coming day of his return. Who helps you when you are overcome with anxiety?

## Saint Joseph, Pray for us

November 17, 2024	
OFFERTORY:	\$6,746.96
E-Giving:	\$5,025.00
SOS	\$856.00
Holiday Basket	\$700.00
Parish Charities	\$30.00
Food Pantry	\$70.00
Initial Offering	\$20.00
Candles	\$51.00



Attendance: Saturday 4pm: 95 6:30pm: 84 Sunday 8am: 106 11am: 154 Weekly budgeted offertory \$11,000 This week's second collection: Gen. Op. Fund Next week's second collection: Retired Religious

**Father Joe's House Thrift Shop** will be hosting its Year-End ½ price sale on all items over .50 in the house AND garage. This sale runs Saturday, December 7th through Saturday, December 14th. Please come by and check out what goodies we have for sale!

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to a beautiful Thanksgiving season and supported our Advent readiness. It takes many hands to prepare, serve, and bear fruit as a community and your gifts of time, talent, and treasure show around every corner! Thank you!

**Poinsettia Memorialization:** Saint Joseph's Arts and Environment will be offering Poinsettia Memorialization for the Month of December. These will adorn our worship space Christmas Season. Please keep a lookout for purchasing opportunity in the commons and additional information over the next few weeks.

**Please Visit Our ANGEL GIVING TREE In The Commons Area:** Saint Joseph's is again partnering with Catholic Charities to support local families in need, as well as some of our very own patrons and guests in need. Please help us to bless families who could benefit from a hand-up this season. All gifts should be returned **unwrapped** to Melanie in the office no later than **Friday, December 13**<sup>th</sup> so everything may be picked up and delivered to families in time. If you want to assist with wrapping you may also donate wrapping paper for families to use in wrapping their gifts. Thank you for always being active members of a fraternal charity community!

**Simbang Gabi Mass**: Father Romy has requested for the incorporation of Philippines' Christmas traditions into our parish. The Philippines has a 300 year tradition of celebrating midnight masses 9 days before Christmas called Simbang Gabi. The Masses begin on December 16 and end of December 24. Normally, attendees do not come home until 1 am. In lieu of the traditional midnight masses, the Filipino-American parishioners for Saint Joseph will sponsor a Mass On December 18 at 6pm. Snacks will be provided after Mass. All are invited to participate and bring a dish to share. Questions? Contact Cynthia Bowen 757-218-0212. Hope to see many of you there!

**Breakfast Ministry:** Once again, we will be taking a collection of McDonald's gift cards to include in our Christmas Holiday Gift for those in need of support this Christmas Season. We will continue to collect these cards through **December 18th** and appreciate any assistance you can provide.



**Lighting of the Advent Wreath Sign-ups**: If you or your family would like to take part in lighting the Advent wreath, sign-ups are in the Commons. One sign-up per family Please!

Ladies Cookies, Gift Wrap, and DIY Exchange: Friday, December 6th from 12-2pm. All interested bakers are invited to join us for a Cookie Exchange in Cordier Hall. Please bring your favorite cookie batch and a copy of your recipe with enough to share throughout and some for each member to take home. We are also having a gift wrap exchange so everyone can switch out those pretty papers of past and take home a new gem. To participate in the DIY exchange, please bring your favorite DIY craft item donation to the raffle table and in exchange receive tickets for your chance to win a great gift handmade by one of our very own talented crafters.

## Saint Vincent de Paul, Pray for us

November 17, 2024	
OFFERTORY:	\$2,191.00
E-Giving	\$1,307.63
Back Door Ministry	\$270.00
Social Action Ministries	\$150.00
Gen. Op. Shortfall	\$25.00
Church Maintenance	\$35.00
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$225.00
Christmas Flowers	\$541.00
Catholic Virginian	\$161.00
PORT	\$50.00

Attendance: Saturday: 63 Sunday: 115 Weekly budgeted offertory \$6,080

This week's 2nd collection: **Back Door Ministries** Next week's 2nd collection: **Retired Religious** 

**Day of Reflection:** What is Advent Really All About? Join Deacon Dave at St. Vincent, Dec 14 12-4pm- in time for Mass



**Altar Flowers:** Sunday, November 17th, in honor and memory of their son, Ferenzo Gainey. Jr., Deborah & Ferenzo Gainey Sr. gave a beautiful fall floral basket arrangement for the adornment of the altar.

**Downtown Christmas Angel Tree**: St. Vincent's will be doing the 40<sup>th</sup> year of the Downtown Christmas for the needy in our community. This year our Angel Tree will focus on our backdoor guests, many of whom are homeless. We hope to serve about 75 of our guests this year along with 25 Families from Housing and 50 disabled individuals. We ask you to consider adopting an individual from our Angel Tree in the back of the church. Please bring this gift back, unwrapped to the Downtown Christmas collection box by **December 10th.** Make sure the angel tag is attached to the gift. Thank you for all you do to bring the joy of Jesus's birth to the least fortunate of our community.

**Christmas Flowers:** If you wish to donate to our Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please use the designated envelope in your packet of offertory envelopes or place cash or check in an envelope showing your name and designation for Christmas Flowers. For those wishing names of loved ones to appear in our Christmas bulletin flyer, donations should be submitted by **Monday, December 16th—PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** 



**2024** Downtown Christmas Needs Volunteers: The Downtown Christmas is a large event that provides gifts, toiletries, hats, gloves, socks and snack bags to over 250 people. This will be our 39<sup>th</sup> year and we hope that you will be involved in this exciting ministry. We need your help for such a big event. We will be collecting donations, have an Angel Tree and wrapping and sorting of gifts. Dates you could volunteer would be **Dec 10, Dec 12, 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> starting each day at 9am.** If you have any questions please feel free and would like to volunteer please call Ellen Williams at 757-332-0988. Thanks!

**2024 Downtown Christmas Toiletry, Socks & Glove Request:** Donations of family-size toiletry items-shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrushes, hand cream, along with socks & **warm** gloves, are being collected. Please place donations in the box in the chapel marked, Downtown Christmas Toiletries. Thank you for your support!

**KPC Christmas Dinner Raffle:** The Lloyd F Stephenson St. Vincent De Paul Knights of Peter Claver Council 362 is sponsoring a Christmas Dinner Giveaway Raffle. The "dinner" consists of a Cracker Barrel Gift Card for \$70.00. Two gift cards will be awarded. The drawing will be conducted at St Vincent De Paul Church on **December 22, 2024, after the 10 am Mass**. The winner need not be present to claim their prize. Ticket price is \$10.00. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Knights of Peter Claver Council 362.

## Saint Mary Star of the Sea, Pray for us

This week's 2nd Collection: Support Our Schools Next week's 2nd Collection: Retired Religious

Average Budgeted Offertory is \$3,033 per weekend.

November 17, 2024	Attendance:	Saturday: 50	Sunday: 129	9° × 98
OFFERTORY:	Basket	E-Give		C 0 2
1st Collection	\$1,746.00	\$1,040.00		
Support Our Schools	\$20.00	\$105.00		
Building Fund	\$51.00	\$165.00		
Parish Charities	\$457.00	\$60.00		
Catholic Virginian	\$O	\$20.00		101 190
All Saints	\$20.00	\$O		
Slate Roof	\$O	\$50.00		J. Ragar
Flowers	\$O	\$25.00		

We Miss You When You Are Not With Us: Did you know there is a way to support our Parish even if you are not able to attend a weekend Mass? Sign up today for our secure online giving system.

Visit our website- *http://www.smsschurch.com/* click the blue **Give Online with WeShare** Link and you will be directed to our church's online giving page. You can make your donation by using your checking, saving or credit card account. Customize your giving for a one-time or recurring donation.



**Angel Tree**: Once again we will participate in the Catholic Charities Angel Tree Gift Card program which benefits our local brothers and sisters (of all ages) that can use a hand up this Christmas. Instead of asking you to make a special trip for a particular request, we ask that when you are already out on an errand, pick-up a gift card to donate and we will send them to Catholic Charities. They will pass them on to someone in need or do the shopping for us. It could be from a Big Box Store, a grocery store, wherever you wish. *Last year, your generosity totaled over \$2,500!* The collection card box is in the Hall and **THIS WEEKEND** our Second collection will be dedicated to this cause. Please turn in or mail your gift cards to the office no later than **next Sunday-December 8th**.

**Advent Wreath**: Advent begins **THIS WEEKEND** with the Blessing of the Advent Wreath at our Saturday Vigil Mass. If your family would like to take part in lighting our Advent Wreath, please sign-up in vestibule.

**Christmas Flowers and Decorations:** If you would like to contribute to our Christmas Flowers and Decorations, please use the envelopes in the vestibule. Please **PRINT ALL MEMORIAMS AND HONORIES IN ALL UPPERCASE LETTERS! Don't forget to include your name or Parish number!** 

**St. Mary Prayer Quilters** invite all cluster parishioners to join them on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday's at 10am in our Parish Hall. Beginner or experienced– All are Welcome! Contact: Kathi Pollard at 757-593-4151

**Sunday Socials:** Join us immediately following Sunday Mass for Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall. Hospitality is a cooperative effort to build our community and strengthen the bonds of our Parish family. Please consider signing up to host on the sheet posted in hall. All are always welcome!

**First Friday Mass & Adoration**: Join us this Friday, December 6th at 12:05 for **1st Friday Mass** followed by **Adoration**. We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

\*Please arrive before noon- as we recite the Angelus when the bells finish tolling!

**December Nocturnal Adoration at St Clare of Assisi Retreat Center** begins Thursday, December 5th, at 10pm. There will be rotating hours throughout the night, beginning on the hour, with the last hour being from 5-6am. The office of the Blessed Sacrament is recited during the hour. What a good way to give a gift to Jesus, spend one hour with Him. Please call Joe Pincus at 757 262-6107 if you are interested in attending or have any questions.



**Respect Life Ministry**: Join our Peninsula Cluster Parishes Respect Life Ministry as we pray and work for further protection for the unborn and vulnerable among us. We meet on the **2nd Saturday** of every month at 10am in the Little White House, 516 Buckroe Ave., Hampton. For further information or questions contact Carolyn Moore at (757) 719-6666 or www.respectlife.org

**New Parish Directory:** Registered parishioners will soon be contacted by a volunteer to schedule a photo session for our New Updated Cluster Directory. That smile looks good on you!

"May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart."

## This Week's Readings

**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11 **Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24 **Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

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

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31 **Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



**St. Joseph:** Don Boyce, Joe Boyce, David Braunbeck, Roxanne Brown, Jeremiah C. Burke, Wynette Burke, James Burns, Dean Charles, Steven Charles, Brian Emmons, Skip Fontz, Catherine Freel, James Freel, Rita Haynes, Mark Harmer, Cindy Hoffler, Cindy Jo, Ellie Kalski, Art Kelly, Michelle & Paul Kirkland, Annette Lyons, Mona Mazonkey, Eugenia Perugi, John Ruth, Delores Shackley, James & Pamela Shoffber, Margaret Silvia, Tede Smith, Loretta Thompson, Gary Vonderhaar, Eugenia Walters, Carol Williams, Danielle Winters, AC White, Nellie Jo Yannarella

<u>St. Mary</u>: Larry Berger, Helene Biondi, Melynda Golla, Art Johnston, Tom Koelsch, Joe Leffson, Kate Luke, Bill Meidenbauer, Aaron Michalski, Gail Najarian, Tony O'Connell, Jennifer Oliver, A.P, Milia Panaccione, Arthur Regan, Steven Swyers, Terri Vidarri.

**St. Vincent**: Irene Aleandro, Barbara Backus, Anthony Bland, Juanita Brown, Jim Buckman, Myasia Butler, Judy Drew, Charles Farquhar, Pam Haas, Doris Inman, Michael J. Link, Grayson Mineck, Bambi Mohammed, Brenda Orie, Vincent Paige, Pat Patterson, Angela Reilly, Lanny Smith, Mary Stephenson, Franziska Steverson, Karen Sudler, Tondalaya Thomas, Dillion Witherspoon

Please notify your parish office of any changes.



"and please rememberdon't forget to pray for me". ~Pope Francis



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