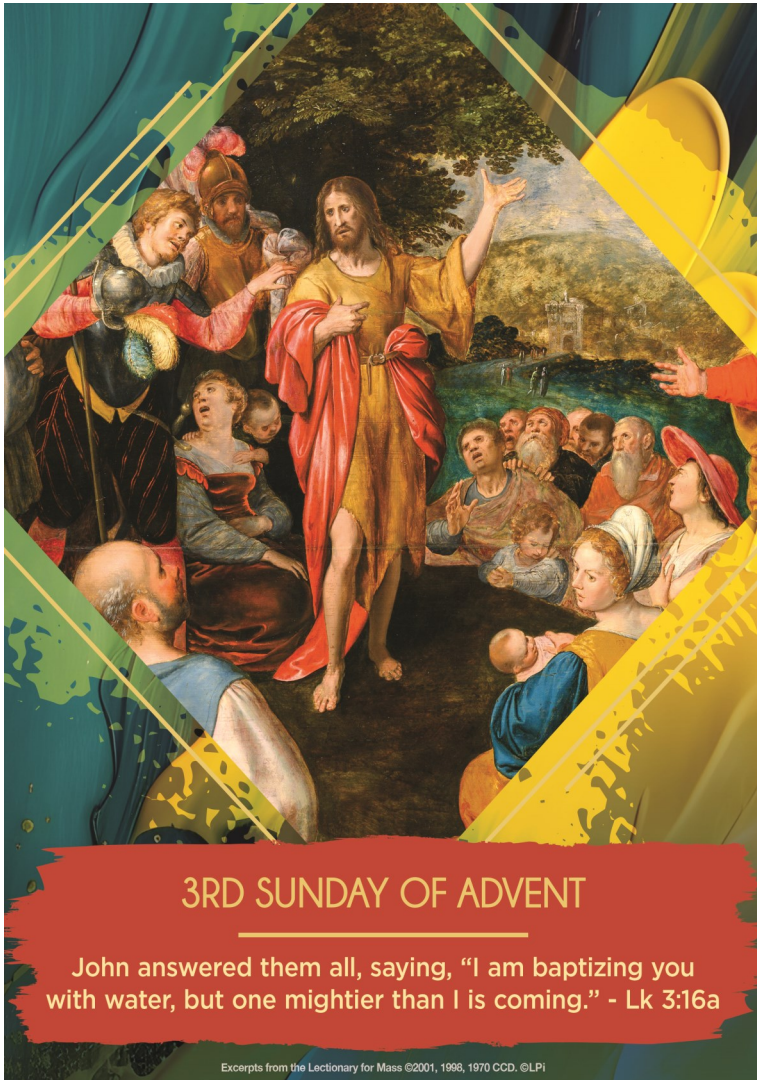


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DECEMBER 15, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:16a

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**REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS:
AGAIN I SAY REJOICE.
INDEED, THE LORD IS NEAR.**

First Reading: Zep 3:17
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness.

Psalm: Is 12:6
Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you
is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Phil 4:5-6
The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.

Gospel: Lk 3:10
The crowds asked John the Baptist,
"What should we do?"

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

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Monday–Friday 8am–3pm

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 14

St. Joseph (9am) +Mary Fran Polino by Madonna Galvan
St. Joseph (4pm) +John Boerner by Mary
San José (6:30pm) ~Será Anunciado
St. Mary (5:30pm) +Carl & Elisa Grose by the Family
St. Vincent (4pm) ~People of our Parish

Sunday, December 15

St. Joseph (8am) +Joseph by the Tran Family
St. Joseph (11am) ~People of our Parish
St. Mary (9:30am) ~Pro Populo
St. Vincent (10am) +Sarah Starkey by Kathleen Tierney

Tuesday, December 17

St. Joseph (9am) ~Conversion of Souls

Wednesday, December 18 Mass & Adoration

St. Joseph (6pm) +Ellen Jo Edgette by Molly Edgette
St. Vincent (12:05) +Angela Soriano by Angelita Phipps

Thursday, December 19

St. Joseph (9am) +Art Everson by Anne Baker
St. Vincent (10am) +Anna Victoria Chavez-Soriano by Angelita Phipps
San José (6pm) ~Será Anunciado

Friday, December 20

St. Mary (12:05) +Robert Epstein by Cecil Turner

Saturday, December 21

St. Joseph (9am) +Liza Ford by St. Joseph's
St. Joseph (4pm) +John Boerner by Mary
San José (6:30pm) ~Será Anunciado
St. Mary (5:30pm) ~Pro Populo
St. Vincent (4pm) +Agnes Liakos by Ames Family

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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.

Bulletin: Submissions for bulletin must be submitted to Kim Primo ten days prior to the first date of inclusion. Bulletin items will be included two weeks prior to event with advanced notice included 2 months prior. All submissions subject to approval/editing.



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.

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.

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).

The Angelic Doctor: Join Father Dillon on a 5-week series about Saint Thomas Aquinas and his theology. We will learn about the life of this great saint, how to read his theological works, and study his thoughts on God and the Christian faith. The group will meet at **Saint Joseph's Cordier Hall after the 9am Mass on Saturdays beginning January 4th** (Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1.)

Upcoming Young Adult Series at St. Clare Retreat Center:

Tues, Dec. 17, 2024, 7-9pm: Advent Movie Night and Popcorn

Tues, Dec. 31, 2024 7-9pm: New Years Eve Dancing & Midnite Adoration with Benediction

LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

This Week's Scripture:

First Reading:

The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a future joyful time of God's forgiveness and return to his people, Israel. What excites you most as you think about the future?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Christians in Philippi to be a community that rejoices and finds peace with God. What could you celebrate this Advent season with family or friends?

Gospel:

John the Baptist encouraged the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live ethically in very practical ways. How could this apply to your life this week?

Saint Joseph, Pray for us

December 1, 2024

OFFERTORY:	\$9,454.96
E-Giving:	\$5,581.66
General Operating	\$1,823.00
Parish Charities	\$1,400.00
SOS	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Food Pantry	\$1,100.00
Catholic Charities	\$100.00
Holiday Basket	\$25.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00
Christmas	\$800.00
Donuts	\$39.00
Candles	\$97.00



Attendance:

Saturday 4pm: 92 6:30pm: 74
Sunday 8am: 101 11am: 145

Weekly budgeted offertory \$11,000
This week's second collection: **Parish Charities**
Next week's second collection: **No 2nd Collection**



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Angel Giving Tree! Together we gifted over 65 people with your generosity this Christmas!

Food Pantry and Breakfast Ministry: We appreciate all the generous donors and volunteers who make services to our patrons and friends possible! **47 Holiday Food Baskets and 61 Thanksgiving dinners** were distributed Thanksgiving and more are being prepared for Christmas! That is outside of the beautiful Thanksgiving meal that is generously provided and enjoyed by many volunteers, parishioners, and local patrons who may be celebrating alone or with very little community. Your efforts were bountiful and we served many in need this season. Thank you for helping us serve **over 109 families with a Food Pantry bags in the month of November.** Additionally, the Breakfast and Sandwich volunteers served **over 307 breakfasts and lunches** with their efforts. No gesture is too small and it takes the whole community to serve so well... **THANK YOU** for your continuous charity and service!

Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to thank everyone who participated in our Prayer Shawl Raffle. Our lucky winner is Mike Araojo! We are grateful to the community for your outpouring of support. All members please be aware our ministry is having its last meeting for the year on December 13th. Meetings will resume the 2nd week of January.

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.



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!

Light of Hope Intercessory Prayer Ministry: SJ prayer intercessory group will greet, get to know, and pray for and with our regular patrons of Tuesday morning Food Pantry and Breakfast Ministry services. All interested parties should contact Bobbye Sinclair at 305-527-6716 or Melanie Plue in the office.

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!

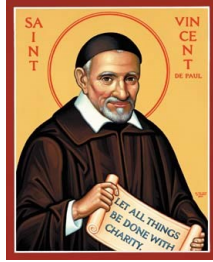
Respect Life: Join our Peninsula Cluster Parishes Respect Life Ministry as we pray and work for further protection for the unborn and vulnerable among us. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Little White House, 516 Buckroe Ave., Hampton. For further information or questions contact Carolyn Moore at (757) 719-6666 or www.respectlife.org



Saint Vincent de Paul, Pray for us

December 1, 2024

OFFERTORY:	\$3,496.00
E-Giving	\$2,606.67
Back Door Ministry	\$802.00
Social Action Ministries	\$25.00
Church Maintenance	\$35.00
Christmas Flowers	\$5.00
Building/Maintenance Donation	\$10,000.00



Attendance:

Saturday: 82 Sunday: 59
Weekly budgeted offertory \$6,080

This week's 2nd collection: **Gen. Op. Shortfall**

Next week's 2nd collection: **No 2nd Collection**



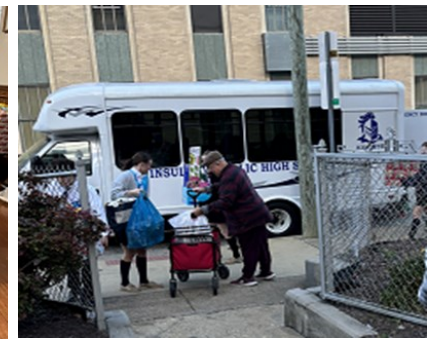
Thank You Knights: We want to thank The Knights of Columbus 17189 from St Kateri Tekakwitha Church in York County for donating 144 coats of all sizes for the needy. What a blessing!

Preparing for Downtown Christmas: One of our elves, Kathleen Ames, volunteered to sort & prepare toiletry bags for families, names provided to us by Newport News Housing & Redevelopment, and for our homeless guests. Thank you to everyone who donated items for this Christmas endeavor, helping us help those in need.



Downtown Christmas Delivery: Many nice socks and warm gloves were delivered to St. Vincent by Maureen F. for the Ladies of Carmel of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church for the homeless. For many years now, this group has helped with donations for the homeless at Christmas.

Downtown Christmas Delivery: Students of Peninsula Catholic High School and their sponsors delivered 766 gifts/toys on Thursday, Dec. 5. All students of the school participated in donating these items for the children of families and our homeless for Christmas. Our Downtown Elves, "Pete" and Karen Petersen, helped to bring them in to the chapel and will be involved in sorting and preparing them for delivery to our needy.



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. *Please see Cluster page for more info.*

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!



Saint Mary Star of the Sea, Pray for us

This week's 2nd Collection: **Retired Religious** Next week's 2nd Collection: **Building Fund**

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

December 1, 2024 Attendance: Saturday: 42 Sunday: 132

OFFERTORY:	Basket	E-Give
1st Collection	\$1,485.00	\$2,141.67
Support Our Schools	\$292.00	\$140.00
Building Fund	\$0	\$270.00
Parish Charities	\$0	\$125.00
Catholic Virginian	\$0	\$15.00
Slate Roof	\$100.00	\$70.00
Flowers	\$90.00	\$100.00
Christmas	\$0	\$100.00



Advent Wreath: If your family would like to take part in lighting our Advent Wreath, please sign-up in the 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!

Christmas Eve Carols: Join us before mass at 5:15pm Christmas Eve, for a Community Caroling Singalong.

Our Music Ministry is looking for volunteers to play chimes during the Caroling before our 5:30 Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. All over the age of 8 are invited and no experience is necessary. Please see Danny if you are interested.

Catholic Charities Angel Tree Gift Card Program: Thank you parishioners for your kind generosity. Because of you, we passed along over \$2,500 worth of Gift Cards to our brothers and sisters in need, in our own community!

**"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."
Matthew 25:40,**

Interested in becoming an Altar server? Please contact Deacon Mike.

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!

THANK YOU to the following families for hosting recent Socials:

**WOLCOTT, SWISHER, STEPHENSON, NEWTON, JONES, PASSARELLI, MCKENNA, TURNER,
TENCH, JOHNSTON, CHEUNG, QUIRK, CHLEBO GARCIA.**

Your generosity is most appreciated!



CLUSTER

The Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sales: THIS weekend December 14 & 15 will be our last weekend for Christmas Card Sales at St. Joseph and St. Mary's. We still have a nice selection of Christmas Cards to choose from so- please stop by.

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.

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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 1am. 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!



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

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



This Week's Readings

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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 Freely, James Freely, Rita Haynes, Mark Harmer, Cindy Hoffer, Cindy Jo, Ellie Kalski, Art Kelly, Michelle & Paul Kirkland, Annette Lyons, Mona Mazonkey, Eugenia Perugi, John Ruth, Barbara Scheuren, Delores Shackley, James & Pamela Shoffber, Margaret Silvia, Tede Smith, Loretta Thompson, Gary Vonderhaar, Eugenia Walters, Carol Williams, Danielle Winters, AC White, Nellie Jo Yannarella

St. Mary: Larry Berger, Helene Biondi, Noreen Casey, 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, 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 remember-
don't forget
to pray for me".
~Pope Francis

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