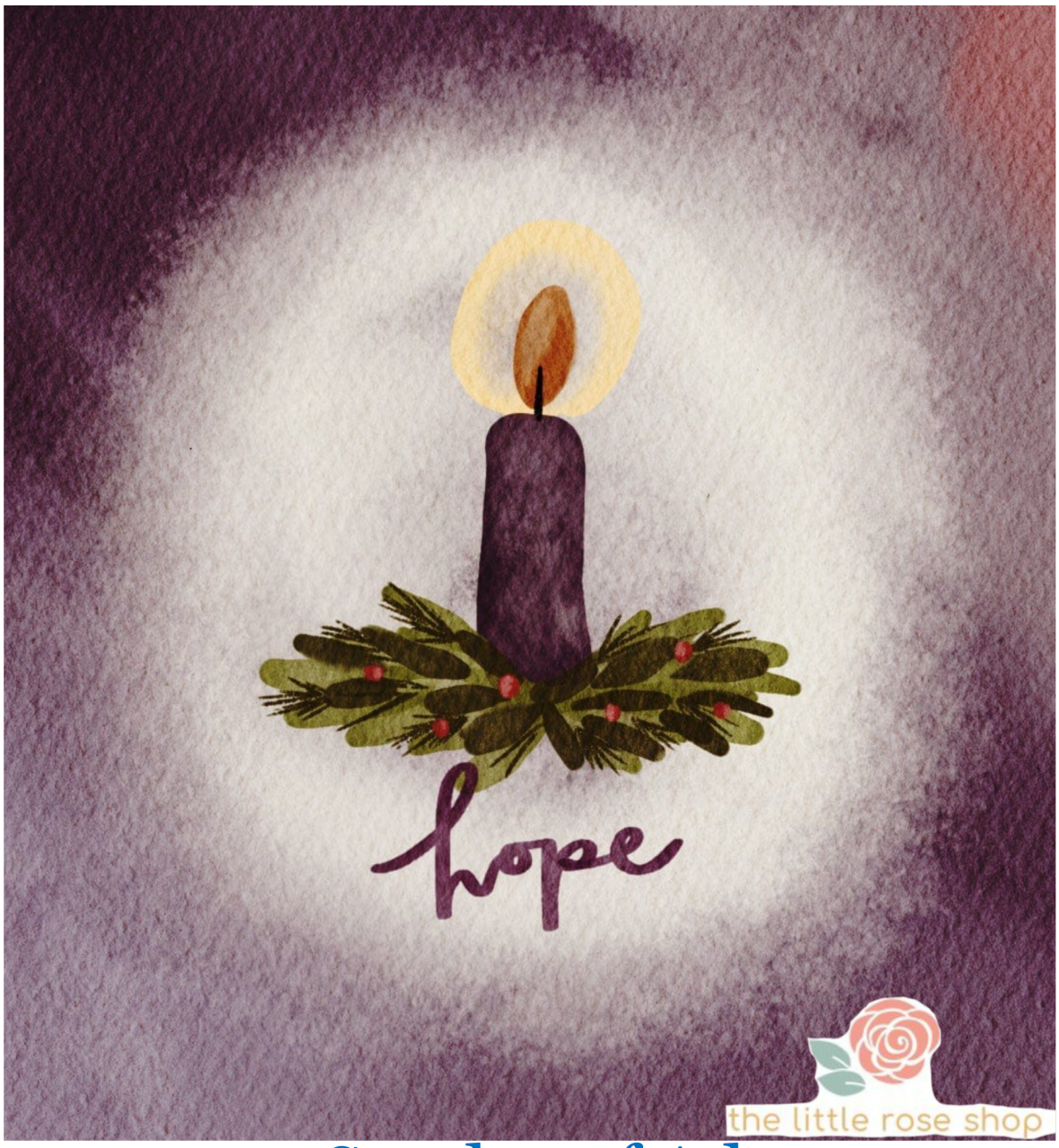


St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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M-F / 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
(Closed 11:00 AM—1:00 PM,
the 1st & 3rd Wed. each month)



1st Sunday of Advent
November 29th, 2026

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Spanish Mass: 1:30 PM, 3rd Sunday of each month
Weekdays: Tuesday—Friday, 9:00 AM in the Chapel
Holy Days: 9:00 AM & often at 6:00 PM (sometimes bilingual)

Eucharistic Adoration:

After Friday 9:00 AM Mass till 3:00 PM in the Chapel.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30—4:30 PM, or as always by appointment.
Call Fr. Francis for an appointment at a different time.

PARISH INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: When inclement weather is in the forecast please check our website, Facebook, Flocknote & WHSV-TV3 for closings and delays.



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SCAN ME

November 29 Sunday	November 30 Monday	December 1 Tuesday	December 2 Wednesday	December 3 Thursday	December 4 Friday	December 5 Saturday
Mass Intentions:						
8:30 am + Virginia & Ray Trykowski **11:30am** People of the Parish		**9 am** Special Intention for Patrick Nwachukwu	**9 am** + Julian Studds	**9 am** + Carmella Liebal	**9 am** + John Lacy	**5 pm** + Easter Pitzer
Weekly Events:						
10-11am - Gallery Breaking open the Word --- **10-11am** Adoration	**4:45-8:14pm Moo Room** OCIA For Adults --- **6-8:15pm - Gallery & Moo Room** OCIA in Spanish --- **6pm - CH** Choir Rehearsal	**10-11am - Gallery** Divine Mercy --- **10am - Charles Home** Sewing Ministry --- **12:30-2:30pm - Gallery** Knitting Group --- **6:30-8pm - MOO Room** Men's 4th day Cursillo Group --- **7-8:30pm - Narthex & Gallery** OCIA	**9:30-11am - Gallery** 4th day Group --- **Parish Office Closed From 11am-1pm** --- **4-6pm - Gallery** PPC Meeting --- **6-7:30pm - Church** OLG Play Rehearsal --- **6:30-7:30pm - Chapel** Spanish Prayers --- **7pm - Embrace Community Center** Respect Life meeting --- **7pm - Gallery** Safety Meeting	**1-2:45pm - Gallery** Catholic Daughters --- **6-7pm - Gallery** Baptism Prep --- **7pm Chapel** Spanish Choir Practice	**9am-12pm - Gallery** Catholic Moms Group --- **10am-3pm - Chapel** Adoration	**7-8:30am - Embrace Community Center** That Man is You --- **3:30-4:30pm** Adoration --- **3:30-4:30pm** Confessions --- **6:30-7:30pm** Speaker Mike Pietrzyk Our Lady of Guadalupe

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Steven Showman, Paul Fitzgerald, Edward Kuderski, Tricia Ryan, Jenna Keenan, Ida Levin, Pete Pekala, Anthony Valente, Megan Krogh, Maria Morales and John Marvec.
DECEASED: Tommy Lipscomb
IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY: General Benjamin Sprouse and all who go unnamed

The Prayer Tree: Call (540) 949-7611 for special prayer requests

UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS? St. John's Friends will bring the Eucharist to you. Contact the Parish Office.
¿NO PUEDE ASISTIR A MISA? Los Amigos de San Juan le llevarán la Eucaristía a casa. Contacte a la Oficina Parroquial.

For additional safety please park in the SE parking lot across from the glass doors during hours of darkness. Enter and exit using the glass doors so you can be aware of your surroundings. - Safety Committee



The committee that is working on the play for the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe is asking for donations of artificial roses. The roses can be any color and we can adjust the stems as needed. The play will take place on, Friday, December 11 after the 6 PM mass. We will have a container in the Narthex for you to place your roses. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Charles at 540-817-0356. Thank you for your donations, we hope to see you on December 11.



Advent resources will be available in the Narthex until Tuesday, December 2nd



DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

December schedule:

***Baptism prep*:** Thursday, December 3 at 6:00 PM
Grades 1-5: Dec 6, 13 and 20, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
First Holy Communion Prep: 5:00 – 5:30 pm Dec 6 and 13
Middle/High School Youth Group: Dec 6 and 20 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
OCIA: no class Dec 22 and 29

With winter approaching please keep in mind the inclement weather policy on the front of the bulletin. If we do not cancel, but you feel it is dangerous from where you live……stay home. Safety first.

LAST CALL for DYC 2027!
February 19-21, 2027,
at the Greater Richmond Convention Center
The Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) is an annual weekend event that gathers 8th-12th grade youth from Diocese of Richmond parishes in one central location. From sacraments to free time, DYC is an opportunity for your teens to experience the joy that comes from living the Catholic faith and to *endure all things* through the inspiration of the love of God! We expect over a thousand teens and chaperones to gather in worship - you won't want to miss it!
Save $50 per participant by registering by November 30! Youth Ministers must be the ones to register their youth and chaperones so please contact Tami at: tmullin@stjohnevan.com

If you wish to get Oplatki Wafers please call the office to let us know! They will be going fast so let us know as soon as possible!



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:33) Advent begins with Christ's call to remain watchful and attentive. God's call is first heard when we learn to recognize His voice amid the distractions of daily life. Could the Lord be inviting you to consider priesthood or consecrated life, serving His people with a generous heart? Stay awake to His call through prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and time with Scripture. Talk to your parish priest or contact the Vocations Office at (804) 359-5661 or by email vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

A Personal Invitation from Jesus to Attend Eucharistic Adoration:

The time you spend with Jesus in the blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will bring about an everlasting peace on earth." St. Teresa of Calcutta
As Advent begins, consider spending 1 hr in Eucharistic Adoration as **your gift to the Infant Jesus.** Hours are every Friday between 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and, during Advent, on Saturday from 3:30-4:30-pm and on Sunday from 10-11am. Here you can experience a time of peace, recollection, and healing and receive the many graces the Lord is waiting to bestow on you. See you there!



All parishioners are being invited to spend one hour in the presence of the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration during Advent as a gift to the infant child Jesus. In order to make it possible for more parishioners to give this gift, Adoration is being offered around mass times each weekend during Advent. From 3:30-4:30pm on Saturdays, and from 10-11am on Sundays in the Chapel. You can also attend at the regularly scheduled times on Friday from 10am-3pm.

Mike Pietzryk Talk

Mike Pietzryk is coming to speak on Our Lady of Guadalupe after the 5:00 Mass on Saturday Dec. 5, 2026. A light snack will be served in hopes that everyone can grab a quick bite and then come back into church to hear Mr. Pietzryk speak. Mr. Pietzryk and his wife come to explain the mysteries surrounding Our Lady of Guadalupe, so that we can all better understand.

Please come for this beautiful story of Our Lady!



Giving Tree:



Be on the lookout for this year's Christmas Giving Trees! The trees will be up and decorated in the narthex the weekends of November 28 & 29, and December 5 & 6. Please take a tag or two and help support parish families, along with FosterLove ministry, and Waynesboro HS! Please return all Gifts, unwrapped, by Monday, December 14. Thank you in advance for helping St. John spread the love of Jesus this Christmas season!"

Got Questions? Contact Laura Kencel at Kencel2@msn.com

WARM
WAYNESBORO AREA REFUGE MINISTRY

Volunteers Needed for Warm Shelter Meal Service

St. John the Evangelist will be preparing and serving meals for our neighbors staying with the Warm Shelter during the week of December 28th through January 4th.

- Dinner Service: Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinners from Monday through Sunday at the Expo Center.
- Breakfast & Lunch Supplies: We will also provide food items for breakfast and lunch from Tuesday, December 29th through Monday, January 4th.

We are seeking volunteers to assist with preparation and service. If you are unable to volunteer your time, monetary donations to help cover the cost of supplies are greatly appreciated.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Janeice Raiche at 703-867-5928.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least, you did it to me." — Matthew 25:35, 40

Thank you for your assistance.



Christmas Eve Children's Choir!

December 24, 2026 -- 4:45 pm

Open to all parishioners ages 5 to 12

First Rehearsal: This Sunday, November 29th at 9:45 a.m.

***** Registration Deadline: Monday, November 30th *****

Parents, please contact Justin at:
540-949-6145 ext. 4002 or music@stjohnevan.com

Winter Safety Tips

With the colder weather and darker times approaching here are a few general safety tips to remain safe while attending church.

- Leave plenty of time for travel to and from church especially when there is bad weather. If needed stay home, your safety is number 1 priority!
- Leave Mass with a group of friends or family as it is getting darker earlier. Be sure to park in the SE lot across from the glass double doors for extra safety.
- Be watchful and alert to your surroundings. Especially when entering and exiting the church and walking through the parking lot.
- Keep your car stocked with emergency equipment as well.

Happy First Sunday of Advent!

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of the Advent season! This is the the time prior to Christmas where you can reflect, prepare, and thank the Lord for all he has done for us. This is a very joyous and hopeful season for the Church.

This is also the beginning of the new liturgical year! So in a way Happy New Year!

Advent Activities:

- go to daily mass during the week
- Join in Eucharistic Adoration
- Volunteer at soup kitchens or homeless shelters
- Pray!
- Spend time with family
- Take part in the Advent Wreath
- Learn how different cultures celebrate advent



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