

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church



## Risen Lord Catholic Church



## All Saints Catholic Church



# November 2024

### St. Joseph's Catholic Church

78 St. Josephs Lane  
Woodlawn VA 24381-1101  
Sunday English Mass 11:30am  
Spanish Mass: 1:30 PM  
Daily Mass: Wednesday & Friday  
9:00am  
Spanish Weekday Mass : Thurs. 6:00 pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Before Mass 11:00-11:15 am

### Risen Lord Catholic Church

59 Mountain View Loop  
Stuart, VA 24133  
Sunday Mass: 8:30 AM  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sun. 7:45-8:15am

### All Saints Catholic Church

598 Needmore Lane, NE  
Floyd, VA 24091 (540)763-6000  
Mass: English  
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:15-4:45pm

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### **Feast Days for November 2024**

1. ALL SAINTS, Solemnity
2. ALL SOULS
3. THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sunday
4. Charles Borromeo, Memorial
9. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast
10. THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sunday
11. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day (USA), Memorial
12. Josaphat, Memorial
13. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Memorial
15. Albert the Great, Opt. Mem.
16. Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, Opt. Mem.
17. THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sunday
18. Basilicas of Peter and Paul; Rose Philippine Duchesne (USA), Opt. Mem.
21. Presentation of Mary, Memorial
22. Cecilia, Memorial
23. Clement I; Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro (USA), Opt. Mem.
24. OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, Memorial
25. Catherine of Alexandria, Opt. Mem.
30. Andrew, Apostle, Feast

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### ALL SAINTS DAY.

This month of November, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. Saints are baptized Christians who have died and are now with God in his glory.

In celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints, we celebrate as we strive to enter into heaven by the narrow gate by imitating the saintly lives that our brothers and sisters have lived in their lives and now are saints in heaven.

In fact, we celebrate the feast of each saint on a particular day of the year but there are many other saints, men, women and children united with God in Heaven, whose feasts we do not celebrate. Among these would be our own parents and grandparents, brothers and sisters who were great women and men of Faith. The saintly life is not for a selected few. All of us in our various states of life are called to sainthood.

In our Catholic faith, we believe in the Communion of the Saints. This communion of the saints means that there is a relationship between the faith Community of the believers here on earth- The pilgrim Church and the souls in purgatory- Suffering Church and the saints in heaven- Victorious church.

In this very communion, there is a connection of prayer in which the believers on earth pray for the souls in purgatory, the saints in heaven pray for the believers on earth and together with the saints in heaven the believers on earth pray for the souls in purgatory.

This feast is observed to teach us to honor the saints, both by imitating their lives and by asking them to pray for us.

Saints lived an Ideal Christian life and by their life they continue to preach to us and influence our Christian living. Thats why we are all encouraged to give real Christian names to our young ones so that they can easily become their role models.

More often a person will always try to imitate their Patron Saint. Children can also be given names of places that have a religious significance.

The saints encourage us in our own struggles because like us they also endured struggles, they grew from strength to strength, they matured in the Lord as they grew up. The Saints are living together with God in heaven, they can from time-to-time approach God the Father to intercede for us.

It is good therefore to have your personal saint whom you always approach whenever you have a need. We honor the saints because they are our mediators who intercede for us. We ask them to pray for us. We ask them to join us in prayer as we pray to God.

The Beatitudes propose to us a way of life, inviting us to identify with the poor, those who mourn, the meek, and those who hunger and thirst after justice.

They challenge us to be compassionate people, to be men and women who are pure in heart, and to become the peacemakers in our dealings with one another, in our families and in the society at large, even when this approach to things exposes us to ridicule and suffering.

None of the saints we celebrate today, intended to amass wealth, to acquire power or to gain popularity instead they looked forward to the eternal reward which God gives to his faithful ones at the end of this short earthly life.

We are invited to walk the path of the saints and the way of the Beatitudes. The way is narrow and difficult. We need faith and courage to walk it. The example of the saints and their prayers encourage us and help us in this struggle.

St Augustine found it difficult to live the Beatitudes, but when he read the lives of the saints he said, "What these ordinary women and men have done, why not me?" All Saints Day reminds us that it is possible, and it is natural, to become saints, because that's what we are as God's children.

To become a saint is the ordinary goal of a Christian. The purpose of the Church: the purpose of baptisms, Eucharist, priests and sacramental marriages, the purpose of learning our catechism, engaging in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, fasting, doing penance, going to confession, the purpose of all of the things, every action of the Church is to make us saints. It is natural to become a Saint.

The saints are not fictional characters and magical heroes. They were men and women just like us. Where we are now, they used to be; where they are now, we hope to be someday.

And the Beatitudes give us a simple method to help focus our lives on God, the only source of real and lasting happiness here on earth and finally in heaven.

### DÍA DE TODOS LOS SANTOS.

Este mes de noviembre celebramos la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos. Los santos son cristianos bautizados que han muerto y ahora están con Dios en su gloria.

Al celebrar la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos, celebramos nuestro esfuerzo por entrar al cielo por la puerta estrecha imitando las vidas santas que nuestros hermanos y hermanas han vivido en sus vidas y ahora son santos en el cielo.

De hecho, celebramos la fiesta de cada santo en un día particular del año, pero hay muchos otros santos, hombres, mujeres y niños unidos a Dios en el Cielo, cuyas fiestas no celebramos. Entre ellos estarían nues-

tros propios padres y abuelos, hermanos y hermanas que fueron grandes mujeres y hombres de fe. La vida santa no es para unos pocos elegidos. Todos nosotros, en nuestros diversos estados de vida, estamos llamados a la santidad.

En nuestra fe católica, creemos en la Comunión de los Santos. Esta comunión de los santos significa que existe una relación entre la comunidad de fe de los creyentes aquí en la tierra - la Iglesia peregrina y las almas del purgatorio - la Iglesia sufriente y los santos en el cielo - la Iglesia victoriosa.

En esta misma comunión, hay una conexión de oración en la que los creyentes en la tierra oran por las almas del purgatorio, los santos en el cielo oran por los creyentes en la tierra y junto con los santos en el cielo los creyentes en la tierra oran por las almas del purgatorio.

Esta fiesta se celebra para enseñarnos a honrar a los santos, tanto imitando sus vidas como pidiéndoles que oren por nosotros.

Los santos vivieron una vida cristiana ideal y con su vida continúan predicándonos e influyendo en nuestra vida cristiana. Es por eso que se nos anima a todos a dar nombres cristianos reales a nuestros jóvenes para que puedan convertirse fácilmente en sus modelos a seguir.

Más a menudo, una persona siempre intentará imitar a su Santo Patrón. A los niños también se les pueden dar nombres de lugares que tengan un significado religioso. Los santos nos alientan en nuestras propias luchas porque, como nosotros, ellos también soportaron luchas, crecieron de fortaleza en fortaleza, maduraron en el Señor a medida que crecían. Los santos viven junto con Dios en el cielo, de vez en cuando pueden acercarse a Dios Padre para interceder por nosotros.

Es bueno, por tanto, tener un santo personal al que siempre nos dirigimos cuando tenemos una necesidad. Honramos a los santos porque son nuestros mediadores que interceden por nosotros. Les pedimos que oren por nosotros. Les pedimos que se unan a nosotros en oración mientras oramos a Dios.

Las Bienaventuranzas nos proponen un camino de vida, invitándonos a identificarnos con los pobres, los que lloran, los mansos, los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia.

Nos desafían a ser personas compasivas, a ser hombres y mujeres de corazón puro, y a convertirnos en artífices de paz en nuestro trato con los demás, en nuestras familias y en la sociedad en general, incluso cuando esta manera de abordar las cosas nos exponga al ridículo y al sufrimiento. Ninguno de los santos que celebramos hoy pretendía acumular riquezas, adquirir poder o ganar popularidad; más bien, esperaban la recompensa eterna que Dios da a sus fieles al final de esta corta vida terrena.

Estamos invitados a recorrer el camino de los santos y el camino de las Bienaventuranzas. El camino es estrecho y difícil. Necesitamos fe y coraje para recorrerlo. El ejemplo de los santos y sus oraciones nos alientan y nos ayudan en esta lucha. A San Agustín le resultaba difícil vivir las Bienaventuranzas, pero cuando leía las vidas de los santos decía: "Lo que han hecho estas mujeres y hombres comunes, ¿por qué no lo hago yo?" El Día de Todos los Santos nos recuerda que es posible y natural convertirse en santos, porque eso es lo que somos como hijos de Dios.

Convertirse en santo es el objetivo común de un cristiano. El propósito de la Iglesia: el propósito de los bautismos, la Eucaristía, los sacerdotes y los matrimonios sacramentales, el propósito de aprender nuestro catecismo, participar en las obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales, ayunar, hacer penitencia, ir a la confesión, el propósito de todas las cosas, cada acción de la Iglesia es hacernos santos. Es natural convertirse en santo.

Los santos no son personajes ficticios ni héroes mágicos. Eran hombres y mujeres como nosotros. Donde estamos ahora, ellos solían estar; donde están ahora, esperamos estar algún día. Y las Bienaventuranzas nos dan un método sencillo para ayudarnos a centrar nuestras vidas en Dios, la única fuente de felicidad real y duradera aquí en la tierra y finalmente en el cielo.



## Fellowship Meal

## ALL SAINTS COVERED DISH

Parishioners of All Saints will have covered dish fellowship meal on the third Saturday of each month following the 5:00 Mass. The meal will be held Lutheran Church Hall across the street from All Saints.

## ALL SAINTS REQUESTS YOUR PRAYERS

Cards and visits are encouraged for Catholic residents Barry Wells and Gladys Genova. No appointments or COVID screening necessary

Skyline Nursing and Rehabilitation Center  
237 Franklin Pike Rd. S.E.  
Floyd, VA 24091



Please remember William Yearout in your prayers for his continual growth in holiness as he discerns and prepares for the priesthood. Cards to William are always well-received. Please send to the following address:

William Yearout  
St. Mary's Seminary  
5400 Roland Ave.  
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*Dedicated to helping you heal*

Virtual Support Group for those who have suffered abuse by clergy or lay personnel residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

We invite you to join the group on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support, and heal.

Spouses and affected community members are also welcome.

Questions? Email [vac@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vac@richmonddiocese.org)

QR code for joining the virtual support group.

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Oct 27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1	2
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8:30am RL Sunday Mass 11:30am SJ Sunday Mass 1:30pm Misa en Español	8:30am RL Sunday Mass 11:30am SJ Sunday Mass 1:30pm Misa en Español	5:30pm AS PARISH COUNCIL	9:00am SJ weekday Mass	6:00pm SJ Misa en Español seguida con Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento	9:00am SJ weekday Mass	4:30pm AS Rosary prior to Mass 5:00pm AS Vigil Mass
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1 November 2024	All Saints Solemnity	7 November 2024	First Reading: Philippians 3: 3-8a Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 105: 2-3, 4 Alleluia: Matthew 11: 28 Gospel: Luke 15: 1-10	13 November 2024	First Reading: Titus 3: 1-7 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 23: 1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 Alleluia: First Thessalonians 5: 18 Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19	19 November 2024	First Reading: Revelation 3: 1-6, 14-22 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Alleluia: First John 4: 10b Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10	26 November 2024
2 November 2024	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)	8 November 2024	First Reading: Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Alleluia: First John 2: 5 Gospel: Luke 16: 1-8	14 November 2024	First Reading: Philemon 1: 7-20 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 146: 7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Alleluia: John 15: 5 Gospel: Luke 17: 20-25	20 November 2024	First Reading: Revelation 4: 1-11 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 15c: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Alleluia: John 15: 16 Gospel: Luke 19: 11-28	27 November 2024
3 November 2024	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	9 November 2024	First Reading: Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Second Reading: First Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17 Alleluia: Second Chronicles 7: 16	15 November 2024	First Reading: Second John 1: 4-9 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 119: 1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 Alleluia: Luke 21: 28 Gospel: Luke 17: 26-37	21 November 2024	First Reading: Revelation 5: 1-10 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Alleluia: Psalms 95: 8 Gospel: Luke 19: 41-44	28 November 2024 – Ordinary Thanksgiving Day/ Ordinary First Reading: Revelation 18: 1-2, 21-23; 19: 1-3, 9a Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 100: 2, 3, 4, 5 Alleluia: Luke 21: 12-19
4 November 2024	First Reading: Philippians 2: 1-4 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 27: 1, 4-13 Alleluia: Matthew 11: 28 Gospel: Luke 14: 15-24	10 November 2024	First Reading: First Kings 17: 10-16 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10 Second Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28 Alleluia: Matthew 5: 3 Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44 or Mark 12: 41-44	17 November 2024	First Reading: Third John 1: 5-8 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 112: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Alleluia: Second Thessalonians 2: 14 Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8	22 November 2024	First Reading: Revelation 10: 8-11 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 119: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Alleluia: John 10: 27 Gospel: Luke 19: 45-48	28 November 2024 – Proper Day/ Proper First Reading: Sirach 50: 22-24 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 145: 2-3, 4 -5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 Second Reading: First Corinthians 1: 3-9 Alleluia: First Thessalonians 5: 18 Gospel: Luke 21: 28-28
5 November 2024	First Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 22: 26b-27, 28, 29-30, 31-32 Alleluia: Matthew 11: 28 Gospel: Luke 14: 15-24	11 November 2024	First Reading: Titus 1: 1-9 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 24: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Alleluia: Philippians 2: 15d, 16a Gospel: Luke 17: 1-6	18 November 2024	First Reading: Revelation 1: 1-4; 2: 1-5 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Alleluia: John 8: 12 Gospel: Luke 18: 35-43	24 November 2024	Christ the King Solemnity (Thirty-Fourth and Last Sunday in Ordinary Time) First Reading: Daniel 7: 13-14 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 93: 1abc, 1d-2, 5 Second Reading: Revelation 1: 5-8 Alleluia: Mark 11: 9, 10 Gospel: John 18: 33b-37	29 November 2024 Ordinary Weekday First Reading: Revelation 20: 1-4, 11-21: 2 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 84: 3, 4, 5-6 and 8a Alleluia: Luke 21: 28 Gospel: Luke 21: 29-33
6 November 2024	First Reading: Philippians 2: 12-18 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14 Alleluia: First Peter 4: 14 Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33	12 November 2024	First Reading: Titus 2: 1-8, 11-14 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 37: 3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 Alleluia: John 14: 23 Gospel: Luke 17: 7-10	18 November 2024 – Proper First Reading: Acts 28: 11-16, 30-31 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6	25 November 2024	First Reading: Revelation 14: 1-3, 4b-5 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 24: 1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Alleluia: Matthew 24: 42a, 44 Gospel: Luke 21: 1-4	30 November 2024 First Reading: Romans 10: 9-18 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11 Alleluia: Matthew 4: 19 Gospel: Matthew 4: 18-22	

## IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

The Holy Spirit brought the early Church alive by giving individuals gifts that would sustain the Church. By sharing your gifts, you can keep the church alive for years to come. If you're at least 70 ½ years old, you can make a 'tax-reducing' gift today through an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). It doesn't create taxable income for you, but it can count towards your required minimum distribution. Plus, it will help you feel good about giving to our parish because we can put your gift to use right away in providing financial support to our ministries.

To learn more, Contact Ken at the Parish Office



All three parishes of the Woodlawn Cluster have been registered in the iGiveCatholic giving Tuesday campaign for 2024. Giving Tuesday will be on December 3 and we will have several ways for you to support your parish. More details will be shared in November as the date approaches

## WOODLAWN CLUSTER HURRICANE RELIEF

Our parish cluster raised \$4,177.02 (\$2890.02 = SJ  
\$794.00 = RL and \$493.00 = AS) in support of the Bishop's Special collection for Hurricane Helene Relief. Proceeds will be distributed in the Diocese of Richmond, Diocese of Charlotte NC and the Diocese of Knoxville TN. Thank you all for the very generous support of this campaign



### KOC Meeting

The next Knights of Columbus (KOC) Council 17313 will meet on Saturday November 16, 2024 following the 5 PM Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wytheville. The Meeting starts at 6:00 PM.

Save the Date: Our Annual Christmas pancake breakfast is scheduled for December 8 after the 9:00 AM morning Mass at St. Mary's Church in Wytheville. Council 17213 includes the Parishes of St. Mary's in Wytheville, St. Joseph's in Woodlawn and St. John's in Marion. Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization. If interested in considering membership, please contact a Knight in your Parish.

## THANKSGIVING

The tradition of eating goose as part of the Martin's Day celebration was kept in Holland even after the Reformation. It was there that the Pilgrims who sailed to the New World in 1620 became familiar with this ancient harvest festival. When, after one year in America, they decided to celebrate a



three days' thanksgiving in the autumn of 1621, they went in search of geese for their feast. We know that they also had deer (a present from the Indians), lobsters, oysters, and fish. But Edward Winslow, in his account of the feast, only mentions that "Governor Bradford sent four men on fowling that so we might after a more special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruit of our labours." They actually did find some wild geese, and a number of wild turkeys and ducks as well.

The Pilgrim Fathers, therefore, in serving wild turkeys with the geese, inaugurated one of the most cherished American traditions: the turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day. They also drank, according to the ancient European tradition, the first wine of their wild-grape harvest. Pumpkin pie and cranberries were not part of the first Thanksgiving dinner in America, but were introduced many years afterward

The second Thanksgiving Day in the New World was held by the Pilgrims two years later, on July 30, 1623. It was formally proclaimed by the governor as a day of prayer to thank God for their deliverance from drought and starvation, and for the safe arrival from Holland of the ship Anne.

In 1665 Connecticut proclaimed a solemn day of thanksgiving to be kept annually on the last Wednesday in October. Other New England colonies held occasional and local Thanksgivings at various times. In 1789 the federal Congress authorized and requested President George Washington to proclaim a day of thanksgiving for the whole nation. Washington did this in a message setting aside November 26, 1789 as National Thanksgiving Day.

After 1789 the celebration reverted to local and regional observance for almost a hundred years. There grew, however, a strong desire among the majority of the people for a national Thanksgiving Day that would unite all Americans in a festival of gratitude and public acknowledgment for all the blessings God had conferred upon the nation. It was not until October 3, 1863, that this was accomplished, when President Abraham Lincoln issued, in the midst of the Civil War, a Thanksgiving Proclamation. In it the last Thursday of November was set apart for that purpose and made a national holiday.

Since then, every president has followed Lincoln's example, and annually proclaims as a "Day of Thanksgiving" the fourth Thursday in November. Only President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed the date, in 1939, from the fourth to the third Thursday of November (to extend the time of Christmas sales). This caused so much consternation and protest that in 1941 the traditional date was restored."—Excerpted from the *Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs*, Francis X. Weiser

SAINT JOSEPH FINANCIALS LAST MONTH AND YTD SEPTEMBER 2024		ALL SAINTS FINANCIALS LAST MONTH AND YTD SEPTEMBER 2024		RISEN LORD FINANCIALS LAST MONTH AND YTD SEPTEMBER 2024	
INCOME	\$22,849.88	INCOME	\$8,031.88	INCOME	\$7,932.51
EXPENSES	\$12940.07	EXPENSES	\$4,684.87	EXPENSES	\$3,902.53
NET +(-)	\$9,909.81	NET +(-)	\$3,447.51	NET +(-)	\$4,029.98
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INCOME	\$93,222.55	INCOME	\$26,178.93	INCOME	\$29,484.14
EXPENSES	\$43,211.88	EXPENSES	\$21,784.94	EXPENSES	\$17,172.07
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# **THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024**

**For anyone who has lost a child:** We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

## MATTHEW 25 PILL BOTTLE MINISTRY

**Matthew 25: Ministries** is a humanitarian organization that accepts donations of clean, empty plastic pill bottles to include in shipments of medical supplies to developing countries and disaster victims. The program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.

**Prescription pill bottles:** Remove labels **ONLY IF YOU CAN GET THE STICKY GLUE OFF.** Otherwise, leave the labels on and mark through your name.

Over-the-counter bottles: DO NOT REMOVE LABELS.  
No sticky bottles, please

**Bring your bottles to any Parish and they will be delivered to Risen Lord.**

If you are a Parishioner St. Joseph Parish or knew someone who was, consider honoring them with a memorial brick installed in the St. Joseph Memorial Garden. Families, Individuals, anyone who made a Sacrament (First Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage) are encouraged to honor them with a memorial brick. Permanently honor deceased family members (even if they were not parishioners here) with a memorial brick. Proceeds from the sale of Memorial Bricks will be used to beautify the church exterior (statuary, plantings informational signs etc.)

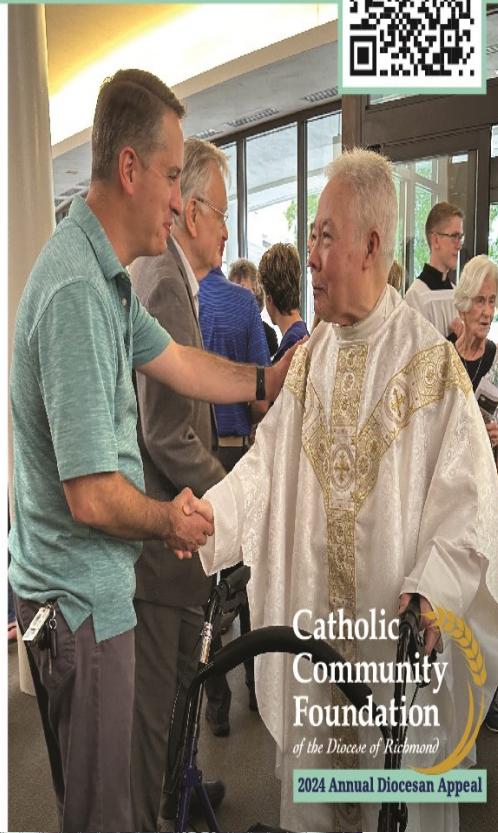
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54 total characters (including spaces and punctuation). 18 characters per line. Place this form and a check (or cash) totaling \$50 made payable St. Joseph Catholic Church into an envelope. Mark the outside of the envelope with "Memorial Brick". You can place the envelope into the collection basket or bring it by the office. You can also mail it to **St. Joseph Catholic Church 78 St Joseph's Lane Woodlawn VA 24381**

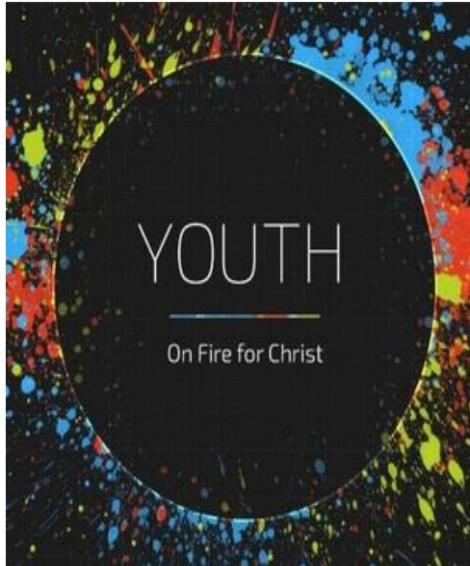
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Please reach out to Amy Provencher DRE of All Saints for more information

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\*\*\*\* No one with a fever, symptoms of Covid-19, or known exposure to a Covid-19 case in the prior 14 days, is permitted to attend programs. \*\*\*\*

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Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
Learn basic Line Dance steps

**Beginner Plus Level**  
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