

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 22nd
5:00 p.m. Jan Olekszyk by Phil Olekszyk

Sunday, November 23rd
8:00 a.m. For the People
10:30 a.m. Thomas Irby by Mary Foley

Monday, November 24th – No Mass

Tuesday, November 25th
12:00 p.m. Tony Sinisi by Mary Sinisi

Wednesday, November 26th
7:00 p.m. Tom Moynihan by Pat Moynihan

Thursday, November 27th – No Mass

Friday, November 28th – No Mass

Saturday, November 29th
5:00 p.m. Doris Melancon by Linda and Chris Conway

Sunday, November 30th
8:00 a.m. For the People
10:30 a.m. Christopher T. Irby by Mary Foley

Sacrament Chapel vase flowers are a perpetual living memorial for Anna Lupei.
Tabernacle Candle shines in loving memory of Teri Syslo.
Altar arrangements provided by Nan Nichols in Memory of Barbara Novotny & Kathe Scalf.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. Aelred of Rievaulx was one of the great lights of the Christian faith in the 12th century. He was one of the major figures in the flowering of the Cistercian reform of monasticism inspired by St. Bernard of Clairvaux. He was known as “the Bernard of the North.” Join us today, Sunday, November 23, between the morning Masses (starting promptly at 9:15 a.m.) and learn more about this **Doctor of Friendship**, when Fr. Gregory will present ST. AELRED OF RIEVAULX: HIS LIFE AND TEACHING. This will take place in the Meeting Room. All are welcome, Catholic or not!

ADVENT STATIONS

Yes, it's true. **Advent** begins on November 30. This is our season to enter into **quietness, stillness, and composure** in preparation to celebrate Christmas. Our Christmas season begins on December 24 and ends on January 11, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Unlike the secular world around us, we Christians do not celebrate Christmas during Advent, but during the Christmas season proper. To help us to enter into this prayerful space of Advent, we will take some time to pray 7 ADVENT STATIONS on **Friday evening, December 12**, at 7:00 p.m. Come join us!

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Morning Bible Study Group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. New members are welcomed anytime. If interested and would like more information, please call Sid Dugas at 804-642-5869 or email at spdugas@cox.net or call Kim Green at 804-824-1073 or email at kwg853@yahoo.com.

OFFICE CLOSURE – The parish offices will be closed Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th. Be advised that as the holiday seasons are approaching, there are early bulletin deadlines for the printing company. Contact the office to ensure your submittal will be on time.

JUSTICE AND CHARITY

The Angel Tree is located in the Commons. The **gift bags** are for the children of migrant workers on the Eastern Shore. Suggested items are on the tag attached to the gift bag. All items must fit in the bag. The **tags** are gifts for adult clients being helped by Jubilee Churches. Please return your unwrapped gifts or the gift bags by December 1. Be sure to attach the tag to your gifts. Thank you for helping to bring the joy of Christmas to others.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament comes easily. Never feel worried if you find you have no thoughts at all while you are before the Blessed Sacrament. Never feel inadequate about being an adorer even if you have not developed a spirit of devotion, if you are numb, down and out, weakened by life. The all-important factor is that you are before the Lord. Before Him who knows you inside-out. He reads your innermost thoughts and He still loves you immensely. **Imagine that!** St. John Vianney once compared Adoration to spiritual sunbathing. You are taking in the warmth of the grace and love radiating from the Sacred Host. **Join us for Adoration and Benediction on December 10th at 6:00 p.m. Jesus is Our Hope in the Blessed Sacrament.**

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Sunday, November 23 Youth Ministry Class, YLC
Sunday, November 30 NO CLASS – Happy Thanksgiving

Donate to the youth and have your gifts wrapped. Coming soon...check future bulletins for details.



EVER WONDER WHAT TO GET FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE EVERYTHING FOR CHRISTMAS????

Let the Youth Ministry Fundraiser solve your problem.

All you do is place an order at lynchcreekfundraising.com/campaigns and let them do the rest. No wrapping, no shipping and most of all, no cleanup after Christmas. To place an order online, go to the website above and use Campaign # 2556157.

If you would rather speak to a human, call 1-888-426-0781 and tell the operator you would like to place an order using the campaign # 2556157. Simple, quick and supporting a good cause.

All money raised from this campaign will go toward attendance of the youth at the Diocesan Youth Convention in February.

Contact Linda Gregory for any questions. Ordering will end on **November 30** for delivery in time for the holidays.



BINGO

Bingo is played on Tuesday Nights. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Bingo could use some help working in the kitchen and selling pull tabs. Many of our staff are out with surgeries. Any additional help you can provide would be so appreciated.



GRIEFSHARE – SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Join us this Sunday, November 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Church of St. Therese. This one afternoon session will be an opportunity to hear experts in Grief Counseling speak to people going through grief during the holidays. The holidays can be a difficult time when loved ones are missing. Refreshments will be available. There is no cost for this meeting, but please register so there will be enough workbooks. You can register at griefshare.org – Church of St. Therese or contact Linda Gregory at 804-693-5939, ext. 4.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Council gathers on the First and Third Thursdays of the month. Rosary is at 7:00 p.m. and a meeting is to follow. BYOK!!!

ANY EXTRA CHAIRS AT YOUR PLACE?

Have you borrowed some metal chairs and just haven't gotten around to returning them yet? The chairs belonging to the church have decreased in number. Perhaps they were used off site and haven't made their way back to storage. Please be reminded that use of parish items need to be signed out and back in through the Parish Office.

Until March 20th, 2026, **Bread for Life Community**

Food Pantry will be hosting a Sacred Soups Winter Food Drive. Please bring all donations (or schedule a



pick-up of large donations; e-mail bflpantry@gmail.com) to the Donation Bin located around the back of our building, 7840 John Clayton Memorial Highway. The individual, business, organization, or church that donates the most, easy pop-top-open soups will win a lunch for up to 10 people!

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have relocated the black lock box in the Commons to outside of the glass windows at the Parish Offices. You may use this box to drop off offertory envelopes and any other information or correspondence for us in a secure manner. Thank you and we hope this helps when the offices are closed!

COMING SOON...

We will be launching a new system to accept offerings for everything from Mass Intentions to Bible Study books and anything in between!

TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP

Please join us for Bible readings, saying the Rosary, meditation, and sharing. Our main purpose is to pray for Christian Unity as our Holy Father Pope Francis had asked of us. Point of Contact is Trudy Vanderhoof. You may reach her at btcentauri@aol.com. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the church in the library.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas flower intentions start November 30 and end December 21.



GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE

Prayer shawls are available to gift for the holidays, holy days, Birthdays and more and are free!

Slippers, hats and scarves are now available! Each is crafted with the prayer that the recipient knows they are loved not only by the giver but by our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for special orders or for more information.

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE

For the weekend of November 9, 2025

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2025/2026:	\$ 757,901.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget:	\$ 14,575.02
Actual Plate Contributions:	\$ 5,158.00
E-giving:	\$ 5,861.00
Other Contributions:	\$ 787.50
Weekly Grand Total:	\$ 11,806.50
Total Weekend Mass Count:	364

2nd Collection schedule:

December 6/7 – MMR

December 13/14 – Retired Religious

December 24/25 – Catholic Charities

ADVENT SCHEDULE

November 30 First Sunday of Advent
December 7 Second Sunday of Advent
December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses at 12:00 p.m. Noon and 6:00 p.m.

December 12 7 Advent Stations, 7:00 p.m.
December 14 Third Sunday of Advent
December 16 Advent Reconciliation Service at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 7:00 p.m.

December 17 Advent Reconciliation Service, 7:00 p.m.
December 19 Advent TNT, 7:00 p.m.
December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22 Christmas Music Program, 7:00 p.m.
December 22 Advent Reconciliation Service at Church of Francis De Sales, 6:30 p.m.

December 23 Advent Reconciliation Service at Church of the Visitation, 6:30 p.m.
December 24 The Nativity of the Lord
Vigil Masses, 5:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
December 25 The Nativity of the Lord
Mass, 10:00 a.m.

December 28 Adult Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Mass, 10:00 a.m.

The Parish offices will be closed December 22-26, 2025 and January 1, 2026.

IS YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE? Find out if your contact information is on file and/or updated. We may need to reach you or visit you. Contact Denise in the office at 804-693-5939.



Welcome, New Parishioners! We would like to hear from you! Please register with us, especially if you or a family member anticipate receiving any sacraments in the future. Forms are located in the Commons next to the office entrance or fillable electronic forms may be emailed upon request. Thanks!

Check out this link: **Catholics Come Home | You're Not Alone**
www.catholicscomehome.org

MAKE YEAR-END GIFTS ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE

In the course of year-end tax planning, you may find yourself considering special one-time donations. There is a growing trend among donors to make contributions to their favorite organizations online during the final week of the year. As you contemplate year-end gifts, please keep the church in mind. We welcome your donations through the giving page on the church website.

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.



We thank you for the turkey,
The gravy and the dressing.
Dear Lord, this table overflows
With Thy abundant blessing.
Let us always be aware
That all gifts come from You,
And may we serve Your heavenly will
In everything we do. Amen (Joanna Fuchs)

