



The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
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St. Jude Catholic Church
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Church Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9AM—2PM

Mass Times/ Sacraments

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Wednesday 10:30AM Thursday 6:00PM (**St. Jude**)

First Friday of the month 10:00AM (**Shrine**)

Second Wednesday of the month 12:00 PM (Bon Secours-Southampton Medical Center)

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM (**Shrine, Wakefield**)

Sunday 10:30AM (**St. Jude, Franklin**)

Anointing of the Sick: Every last weekend of the month after Mass

Reconciliation: 1st Friday of the Month after 10:00 AM Mass (**Shrine**)

1st Saturday of the Month after 4 PM Mass—or by appointment (**Shrine**)

Thursdays 5:00PM—6:00PM or by appointment (**St. Jude**)

Adoration: First Thursday of the Month 5:00PM-6:00PM (**St. Jude**)

First Friday of the Month after 10:00 AM Mass (**Shrine**)

Sacraments: Contact the Parish office

Councils & Ministries

Pastoral Council Chair: Nita Holt calvinnitaholt@verizon.net

Members: Damian Dwyer Leisa Billups Gordon Tracy (Shrine) Danis Urban (Shrine)

*****Pastoral Council Meetings Held 3rd Thursday of the Month*****

Finance Council Chair: Calvin Holt calvinjholt@msn.com

Members: Jim Sauerbier Mary McDaniel Kathleen Rockwell John Walters (Shrine)

*****Finance Council meetings Held 2nd Thursday of the Month*****

Funeral Ministry: Mary McDaniel

Choir Director: Jesse Tupea *** **Choir Practice held Wednesdays at 6:30 PM** ***

Prisons Ministry: Michael Cuneo **In need of Volunteers Please contact the office if you can help**

Liturgy Committee Chair: Mary Edwards

Faith Formation: Coordinators Vickie Dobbins/ Joe Dobbins

Email: jdobbins13@msn.com

Virtus Coordinator: Joe Dobbins

RCIA & Adult Faith Formation: Mary McDaniel

Counting Team Director: Teresa Preston

Parish Life Committee:

Wanda Beaulieu Tracy Howland Sierra Sunshine Frances Stewart Henry Wagner

Youth Members

Gaiden Orrick

Maintenance Committee:

Emile Vautrinot Mary Edwards Maria Sing Steve Poticyz

Social Media and Important Links:

To Report Abuse Allegations: Report immediately to local law enforcement and the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1(833)454-9064 & The Diocese (804)359-5661

EthicsPoint" Hotline:

For anonymous reporting of misconduct within the Diocese of Richmond. Toll-free # (844)-739-3210 or www.richmonddiocese.org and select "EthicsPoint."

Social Media

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjudefranklin0552/

Flocknote: StJudeCatholicFranklinVA7.flocknote.com



Mass Intentions:

Shrine:

Saturday 12/23 Mass offering is for the repose of the soul of Edward Coleman and the intentions of the Shrine Parishioners.

St. Jude:

Sunday 12/24 Mass offering is for the repose of the soul of Joe Volo and the intentions of the St. Jude Parishioners.

**** Weekday Mass Intentions are available: Contact the office for available dates.**

We Remember in Our Prayers:

Please continue to pray for those at home or at a care facility:

Homebound:

- Elizabeth Williams Anna Etters (Shrine)
- Beth Cheatham Robyn Robertson
- Kathy Moore
- Zachary Tupea Genevive Hughes

In Facility:

Chris Collins

Continued Request For Prayer:

- Kathy Moore Dan Hohman
- Daniel Brand (son of Mary McDaniel)
- Annette Hawkins Barbara Howard

Recent Requests For Prayer:

- Rita Mitchell (repose of the soul)
- Mitch Rabil (repose of the soul)
- Gloria Craven (repose of the soul)
- Doreena Parson (repose of the soul)

NOTE: Please send requests for additions to prayer request to: St_jude1@stjudefranklin.org

In the subject line please add prayer requests or call the office at 757-569-9600. Thank you!

GET WELL CARDS: Let's make sure any members of our church family who is facing a health related issue is remembered. It's a small gesture that makes a BIG impact. For additional info, please contact Frances Stewart at 757-742-6094



Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATION !

Second Sunday each month after Mass

Join the fun as we celebrate our parishioner's special day. Father will give a special blessing after Mass. There will be cake, drinks and other goodies in the Fellowship Hall. If the spirit moves you, please feel free to bring a snack of your choice, or your favorite dish. For more info, please contact Frances Stewart at 757-742-6094 .

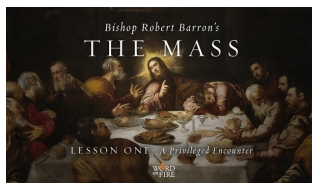


Christmas Mass Schedule

- December 24th Christmas Vigil Mass at St. Jude 7:00 PM*
- December 25th Christmas Mass at the Shrine 8:00 AM*
- December 25th Christmas Mass at St. Jude 10:30 AM*
- January 1st New Years Day Mass at St. Jude at 10:30*

Knights of Columbus will meet on Jan 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Finance Council will meet on Jan 16, 2024 at Noon.



Join us as we walk through the Mass with Bishop Barron in a new 6 week program beginning December 2 at 10:00 AM. Come and see that there is more to the Mass than you ever realized!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

The next meetings are: Jan 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 10:00 AM.



Religious Education:

All Classes are 9 :00AM-10:15 AM

Dec 24 & 31 Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

NO CLASSES

Contact Vicki or Joe Dobbins at jdobbins13@msn.com or (757) 334-8663 with any questions.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Please call Mary McDaniel for more information. 757-818-5922



Offertory

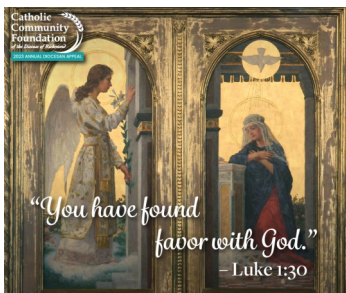
St. Jude	Actual	Wk. Budget	Diff.	MTD	Mo. Budget	Diff.
12/17/2023	\$1,732	\$2,900	<\$1,167.90>	\$10,726	\$12,567	<1,841>
Shrine	Actual	Wk. Budget	Diff.	MTD	Mo. Budget	Diff.
12/16/2023	\$235	\$462	<\$227>	\$1,290	\$2,000	<\$710>
St. Jude R&M	Actual	MTD	Budget	Diff.		
12/17/2023	\$26	\$501	\$1,667	<\$1,165>		

Repair & Maintenance—Haiti Mission—Parish Social Ministry

Envelopes are in the commons. Feel free to take some home to use.
Please be sure to include your name when donating.

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.” Mark 12:41-44
Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

The office will be closed December 25th, 26th and 27th and January 1, 2024.



The dialogue of the Annunciation crackles with questions and shocking answers. “You will conceive in your womb and bear a son.” (Luke 1:31) “How can this be?” (Luke 1:34) “The Holy Spirit will come upon you.” (Luke 1:35) “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.” (Luke 1:38) The Annunciation was a kind of verbal dance. It began with Gabriel’s lead. It ended with the Son of Man dwelling in Mary. Renaissance paintings of the Annunciation sometimes show Mary in what’s called *acontrapposto*: an asymmetrical stance of in which the line of the arms and shoulders balances, the line of the hips and legs. Mary’s *contrapposto* posture conveys a sense of movement, reaction, and surprise... and peace!. As we near the end of Advent, there is still time to support our Annual Diocesan Appeal. By giving, you can make more room for Christ to enter your life and allow the Holy Spirit to converse with you. Have you heard His voice lately? His voice communicates calm and balance while also asking for a response. We may find ourselves both surprised and strangely at peace when He speaks. Don’t be afraid to ask and listen, as Mary did. Please respond generously. As the angel, Gabriel, told Mary, “Do not be afraid... for you have found favor with God.” You have found His favor, too. He is coming!



“Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God.” Consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in consecrated life. “The Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit, for He will save His people.” Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Social Ministry



Thank you for your generous contributions in the past. Several families have been helped over the past 8 months. But, there is still a high need for Social Ministry funds to help the poor in our community.

The Parish Social Ministry envelopes are available in the Commons. Please be generous in your contributions to help those in need.



Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Richmond

December 8, 2023

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Pastors, Administrators, and Parish Business Managers,

As the war in Israel continues, there is a heavy toll on innocent people in the region. Mounting violence and threats are intensifying each day. Our hearts and minds are attuned to children and families victimized by terrorism in the Middle East.

Our Diocese has a long history of generosity in times such as these.

I have recently been in contact with the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Pontifical Mission. CNEWA is on the ground in the key regions of Jerusalem, Gaza, Beirut, and Amman. Their goal is to support high-priority, immediate emergency needs as well as long-term emergency needs. To this end, they have launched a Holy Land Emergency Appeal aimed at helping those most in need.

By way of this letter, I am asking all parishes to consider conducting a special collection to be taken up for the benefit of CNEWA's Appeal on the weekend of December 31st. Please know that CNEWA will be able to report back on the use of all funds received and donors will know where their generosity is going. In addition, it is important to note that the Holy Land Emergency Appeal will receive 100% of the funds collected.

If your parish receives any contributions through this collection, please send them to the Diocesan Office of Finance with a memo stating that it is for the CNEWA Holy Land Emergency Appeal.

Thank you for your consideration. As we continue to pray for an end to this conflict, let us be intentional and dedicated in our prayers; working for peace in our own lives; in our communities; and throughout the world.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us and all in the Holy Land.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond



As a community, we strive to support survivors of child sexual abuse on their journey toward healing and wholeness.

For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join virtually, January 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome.

These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share, support, and heal.

These meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month.

If you would like more information, or the virtual meeting link, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (877) 887-9603 or email dana@atreeplanted.org.