



“We Can **HOPE** because God is faithful and will keep the promises He made to us. Our **HOPE** comes from God.” Romans 15:12-13

ST JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH

315 N. Main Street Woodstock, Virginia 22664

DECEMBER 1ST, 2019 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE/MISAS

Monday - Saturday
8:30am

Saturday Vigil
5:00pm

Sunday Morning
8:00am & 10:00am

Misa Dominical en Español
12:00pm

First Friday Holy Hour
With Exposition, Benediction &
Confession 8:00pm

Mass for the Victims of Clerical Sexual Abuse
On the *last* Wednesday of every month 8:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays 6:00pm-7:30pm *just during RE*
Tuesday at 9:00am - Thursday before
the 8:30am Daily Mass

HOLY HOUR FOR REPARATION
3rd Wednesday of every month at 8:00pm

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Mondays after the 8:30am Mass

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday at 6:30pm
Saturday after 8:30am Mass & 3:30pm
Or by Appointment - contact Fr. Dobbins

CHURCH WEBSITE

www.sjbwoodstock.org

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Formed Parish Code: WQRGYI

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Entries are due by 3:30pm on Friday of
the week prior to the publish date.
Send to bulletin@sjbwoodstock.org

Our Lady of The Shenandoah Mission

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Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass for Sunday: Saturday at 5:30pm
Confessions: Sat 4:30pm - 5:00pm or by appt
Sunday Mass: Sunday at 8:30am
Daily Mass: Mon thru Friday at 7:00am
Miracul. Medal Novena: Mon. after the 7am Mass



Blessing of an Advent Wreath

Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: In the short days and long nights of Advent, we realize how we are always needing salvation by our God. Around this wreath, we shall remember God's promise.

Read: Isaiah 9:1-2

Period of silence. All join in prayers of intercession and in the Lord's Prayer: Our Father.

Leader: Let us now pray for God's blessing upon us and upon this wreath. Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation; may he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A **Community Advent Worship Service** will be held each Wednesday during Advent at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 127 E. High St, Woodstock. Lunch is served at 12:00pm (noon) followed by the Community Advent Worship Service at 12:30pm.



THE GIVING TREE

How does it work:

Please help us provide gifts for children and adults of the underprivileged in Shenandoah County.

Step 1: Choose a Gift Tag from the Tree

Step 2: Put your OWN NAME and contact number on the *Bottom Portion*—below the perforation. Put *this* portion in the "Gift Box"

Step 3: Take the *Top Portion* home and help fulfill a person's Christmas Need.

Step 4: Bring Present(s) with Top Portion attached to the Office no later than 4:00pm on Monday, Dec 16th.

If Gift Tag requires multiple packages, please bundle.

For those in Need: Do you or someone you know need gifts for their children? There is a confidential list; please contact the Office.

The last day to **request a gift:** Mon, Dec 9th.

Pick Up Date: Gifts need to be picked up in the Office between 9:00am and 4:00pm on Thurs, December 19th.

From the Parish Office



A big thank you to all the parishioners who participated in this year's Operation: Turkey. We were able to provide turkeys and meals for **58 families**. Thank you to the Knights who provided the turkeys!

Thank you so much for all your donations and efforts in helping those in need. Have a blessed holiday season.

There will be a **Holy Hour of Reparation** on *Dec 20th* at 8:00pm. This will continue every month on the 3rd Wed.

The next **Mass for the Victims of Clerical Sexual Abuse** will be on at *January 29th* 8:00pm at SJB. This will continue every month on the last Wednesday of the month



Christmas

Poinsettias for the Altar



Parishioners can donate money towards the purchase of Flowers (i.e.\$10 per Poinsettia) for the Altar during the Christmas Season. You can do this in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. Please make checks out to SJB and put "Christmas Flower" in the memo line. They can be dropped off in the parish office during normal business hours. Last day to get names in to the parish office is **Tuesday, December 10th, by 4:00pm.**

Tabernacle Candle

December 1st, 2019

In Honor of James Carlson

December 8th, 2019

In Memory of Joseph Gasper

Altar Votive Candles

December 1st, 2019

In Memory of Teresa Pluta

December 8th, 2019

In Memory of Meghan Hughes

When: Friday, Dec 6th Time: 6:30pm



There will be plenty of space in front of the Church, Saint John the Evangelist Hall, and the Outreach

House for families and parishioners to set up blankets and chairs. The Children's Choir, Girls' Choir and Quartet Choir will be singing on the Knights of Columbus Float, with the Trail Life groups marching behind. Please join us afterward in the Hanley Hall for Hot Cocoa and Snacks. We will be showing "The Star". We could use some help; if you can bring snacks or drinks to share please contact Lauren White or Sue Tully.



Sunday, Dec 8th at 6:30pm in St John the Evangelist Hall for

An Evening of Carols

A selection of Christmas Carols will be performed by a small number of St John Bosco's various adult & youth choirs.

The event will have a 20 minute intermission with light hors d'oeuvres.

Seating is limited- Please contact the Parish Office to obtain a *Seat Voucher*.

Father's Corner

I walked into the Lowe's on the second day of October to purchase plastic bolts to repair a wiggling toilet seat in the St. Francis Room bathroom and, to my surprise, saw a huge display of Christmas items for sale. No warning. No preparation. Just BOOM! CHRISTMAS SALE!

For the world, the Christmas Season is a shallow affair, completely missing the truth of the Eternal Word of the Father taking on our human nature "in all things but sin."

What we know as Catholics, is that before we celebrate Christmas, we enter into a season of preparation. We prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Savior during Advent.

Fr. Bernard Strasser wrote about this time preparation in his book, *The Dew of Tabor*. He wrote,

"Advent is not a romantic religious interlude, or merely a time of pleasant dreaming or soul-stirring melodies, nor yet an atmosphere of an emotional spiritual spree,

made respectable by coloring it liturgically violet. Advent, to have meaning and reality, must be an interior orientation of the soul, a serious desire for the Redeemer and the fulness of His grace; it must be a fertile seeking after the Sovereign King Who shall come to convert and renew, to redeem and enrapture, to unite most intimately to Himself individual souls and all mankind...An honest living of Advent demands uncompromising effort at becoming Christ-like... The true spirit of Advent is not a matter of hopeful inactivity, not a mere expectation of a future event, however sublime. Rather, it is essentially a renewed and courageous beginning with the task of our own conversion and sanctity and the betterment of the world about us, by means of prayer and sacrifice, by means of word and deed."

United with you in prayer during the holy season of Advent,

Fr. Michael Dobbins

Rincón del Padre

Entré en Lowe's el segundo día de octubre para comprar pernos de plástico para reparar un asiento de inodoro que se meneaba en el baño de la habitación de San Francisco y, para mi sorpresa, vi una gran exhibición de artículos de Navidad a la venta. Sin advertencia. Sin preparación Solo BOOM! VENTA DE NAVIDAD! Para el mundo, la temporada navideña es un asunto superficial, que se pierde por completo la verdad de la Palabra eterna del Padre que asume nuestra naturaleza humana "en todas las cosas menos en el pecado".

Lo que sabemos como católicos, es que antes de celebrar la Navidad, entramos en una temporada de preparación. Nos preparamos para la celebración del nacimiento de nuestro Salvador durante el Adviento.

El P. Bernard Strasser escribió sobre esta preparación del tiempo en su libro, *El rocío de Tabor*. Él escribió:

"El Adviento no es un interludio religioso romántico,

o simplemente un momento de sueños agradables o melodías conmovedoras, ni tampoco una atmósfera de jerga espiritual emocional, hecha respetable al colorearla litúrgicamente violeta.

Adviento, para tener significado y realidad, debe ser una orientación interior del alma, un deseo serio por el Redentor y la plenitud de su gracia; debe ser una búsqueda fértil del Rey Soberano que vendrá para convertirse y renovarse, para redimir y cautivar, para unir íntimamente a sí mismo las almas individuales y toda la humanidad ... Una vida honesta de Adviento exige un esfuerzo inflexible para convertirse en Cristo ... El verdadero espíritu de Adviento no es una cuestión de inactividad esperanzadora, no una mera expectativa de un evento futuro, por sublime que sea. Más bien, es esencialmente un comienzo renovado y valiente con la tarea de nuestra propia conversión y santidad y el mejoramiento del mundo que nos rodea, mediante la oración y el sacrificio, mediante la palabra y los hechos".

Unidos con ustedes en oración durante la temporada santa de Adviento,

El P. Michael Dobbins

Advent Confession Schedule

All confessions will continue until the line ends
Monday - Thursday after the 8:30am Daily Mass
Tuesday 6:30pm-7:30pm
Wednesday 6:30pm-8:00pm
Friday 6:30pm-7:30pm
Saturday after 8:30am Daily Mass and 3:30pm

LAS POSADAS

Monday, December 16th to
Tuesday, December 24th
at 6:00pm in Hanley Hall

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, December 12th is not a Holy Day of Obligation

Las Mañanitas at 5:00am in Sanctuary
Followed by Refreshments in Hanley Hall

Daily Holy Mass at 8:30am in English
Procession begins at 5:45pm from
Hanley Hall.

Bilingual Holy Mass at 6:00pm,
followed by reception in Hanley Hall.



Religious Education

Upcoming Important Dates:
 Monday, Dec 2nd: RE Classes Resume
 Monday, Dec 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
 Sunday, Dec 15th: Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity
 Monday, Dec 16th: NO RE-Las Posadas begins at 6:00pm

PARISH LIFE



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The KofC will host their monthly **Potluck** in Hanley Hall on **Tuesday, December 3rd** starting at 6:30pm, with the regular meeting to follow.



Knights Hands Program (KHP)

The next meeting of the Knights Hands Program, manned by Knights and age-appropriate youths, is **Sat, Dec 7th**, at Hanley Hall. We start the day with hot breakfast at 7:00am; done with scheduled projects by Noon.

Questions? Referrals? Contact: Tim Tully, KHP Coordinator. 540-933-6254; ftvalley77@yahoo.com.



Announcing our next Pancake Breakfast.

The deliciousness begins after the 8:00am & 10:00am Masses **December 8th**.

Prices:

- \$3 Kids (\$4 MMA Students)
- \$6 Adults
- \$25 Maximum for Families



Knights Christmas Caroling The Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Caroling at local care facilities will be on Wednesday,

December 11th at 4:00pm. We will meet at SJB in the parking lot at 3:45pm. All are welcome.

Christmas Food Baskets: Once again, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations of canned goods as well as dry goods for Christmas food baskets. Donations of canned goods and dry goods such as Jell-O, pudding mix, dressing, cereals, soups, mac & cheese, etc. can be dropped off *in boxes* on the back porch of the rectory. Thank you for your generosity! Last day to drop off food is **December 19th**.



SJB's Annual "Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Play"

Rehearsals:

Sunday, December 1st **2:00pm**

Tuesday, December 3rd, 5:00pm

Sunday, December 8th **2:00pm**

Tuesday, December 10th 6:00pm

Saturday, December 14th, 1:00pm (Dress Rehearsal)

Sunday, December 15th at 3:30pm (Costume Check)



Marissa Gil Youth Minister
youthminister@sjbwoodstock.org

No URS (December 1st) There will be no URS meeting due to

Thanksgiving. Enjoy your weekend with family & friends!



Christmas Movie Night (December 8th 5:00-8:00pm) Bring your pillows and blankets for this cozy Christmas

Movie Night with URS! *This will be our last meeting of 2019.* Can't wait to see you there!

Sacred Heart Winter Dance (December 14th 6:30-9:30pm)

Sacred Heart Youth Group has invited us to join them and other Catholic teens in a modest and fun setting; plenty of food will be provided (\$3 entrance fee). All 8th-12th grade students are invited to attend the dance. The dress will be semi-formal (White, Blue, and/or Gold color scheme). They are collecting socks, coats, scarfs, and gloves (all in adult sizes) for our local homeless population. Anything that you are willing to donate would be appreciated.



FAITHFUL RUNNERS (young adults, 18-25) will meet on **Saturday, Dec. 7th** in the St. Francis Room from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Join us for learning, fun, and service activities. All young adults welcome! For more information, call Caroline at 540-335-0053.



Needles & Threads We will meeting in the St. Francis Rm on Dec 3rd from 1:00pm-3:00pm and Dec 10th from 12:00pm-4:00pm for our Quilting Day in Hanley Hall. We will not be meeting on Dec 24th.

Bulletin Deadlines:
Bulletin blurbs for December 15th & 22nd are due **Friday, December 6th**. All entries are subject to editing and approval.

Outreach

HELP WANTED: HOTLINE ANGELS

Sometimes we lose a job, sometimes we have to decide between car repairs and getting to work or paying the electric bill; other times employers cut our hours when we most need to work, our medicine goes from \$50. to \$200 and now we can't afford the oil to heat the house.



Will you be the Voice of the Angel to help give comfort and hope when others are in despair? If so, you may work from home (one week a month) the hours you choose.

If you can navigate a computer, we will train you on the use of our database. If you are reading this, if you are feeling that tug, then you are being called to be a Hotline Angel. Please contact Karen 540-335-4194 for information and to help decide if this ministry is for you.

SJB MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF

December 2nd-8th, 2019

Monday	8:30am	+ Darlene Fenton
Tuesday	8:30am	+ Manfred Götz
Wednesday	8:30am	+ Brendan Lauderdale
Thursday	8:30am	+ Marie Moan
Friday	8:30am	Living & deceased Chronowski Children and grandchildren
Viernes	8:00pm	+ Felicitas Garcia Morales y + Elvira Bibian
Saturday	8:30am	Jillian Van Daele
Saturday	5:00pm	+ Mark Labadie
Sunday	8:00am	+ Christine Forgione
Sunday	10:00am	+ Issac Mensah
El Domingo	12:00pm	Our Parish Family

**LITURGY SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER 7TH & 8TH
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

	5:00pm	8:00am	10:00am	Noon
Lector	G. Stetter	G. Parente	D. Walsh	D. Rosales J. Becerra
Servers	B. Stetter M. Stetter J. Ostrand	M. White L. Tully J. Haydu	Jo. Carlson Jac. Carlson T. Cosby	M. Becerra D. García Del Junco
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1st

KofC Coffee Ministry	9:00am-10:00am
Sunday Scripture Class	9:00am-10:00am
Spanish Baptism Class	2:00pm-3:00pm
Nativity Play Rehearsal	2:00pm-4:00pm
Nueva Esperanza	6:00pm-8:00pm

Monday, December 2nd

Miraculous Medal Novena	9:00am-9:30am
WWP: Opening Your Heart	9:15am-11:15am
Children's Choir Rehearsal	4:00pm-5:55pm
RE Atrium Class	5:00pm-5:55pm
Religious Education Classes	6:00pm-7:30pm

Tuesday, December 3rd

Needles and Threads	1:00pm-3:00pm
Nativity Play Rehearsal	5:00pm-6:00pm
KofC Parish Potluck/Regular Meeting	6:30pm-9:00pm

Wednesday, December 4th

Legion of Mary	9:00am-10:45am
Walking With Purpose Meeting	9:15am-11:15am
Senior Games	1:00pm-4:00pm
Junior Legion of Mary	4:00pm-5:30pm
Little Flowers	6:00pm-7:00pm
Trailmen	5:30pm-9:00pm
Praise & Worship	7:00pm-8:00pm
Girls' Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm-8:00pm
Quartet Choir Rehearsal	8:00pm-9:00pm

Thursday, December 5th

Christmas Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm-7:00pm
WWP: Opening Your Heart	6:15pm-8:15pm
RCIA Class	7:00pm-8:30pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm-9:00pm

Friday, December 6th

Outreach Store Open	9:00am-2:00pm
Divine Mercy Prayer Group	9:30am-11:00am
Light Up Woodstock/"Star" Movie	6:30pm

Saturday, December 7th

KofC Knights' Hands/Men's Breakfast	7:00am-12noon
Outreach Store Open	9:00am-2:00pm
Faithful Runners Meeting	6:00pm-8:00pm

For a full calendar please see the Parish website
sjbwoodstock.org

MONTHLY CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES:

December

- 30-01** KofC Keep Christ in Christmas Card on Sale
- 01** Nativity Play Rehearsal
- 01** NO Upper Room Squad
- 03** Needles and Threads
- 03** Nativity Play Rehearsal
- 03** KofC Potluck/Regular Meeting
- 05** KofC 3rd Degree Ceremony in Warrenton
- 06** Light Up Woodstock Christmas Parade
- 07** KofC Knights' Hands/Men's Breakfast
- 07** Faithful Runners Meeting
- 07-08** KofC Keep Christ in Christmas Card on Sale
- 08** KofC Pancake Breakfast
- 08** Nativity Play Rehearsal
- 08** An Evening of Carols: Special Christmas Concert
- 09** Patricians Monthly Meeting
- 10** Last day to submit names for Poinsettia Flowers
- 10** Nativity Play Rehearsal
- 11** Needles and Threads

Prayer Requests for/Oremos Por

William Lupinacci	Mackenzie Criswell
Dan Bonner	Erin Treser
Elizabeth Esquivel	Donna Gerlovich
William B. Thomas, Jr.	Sandy Murphy
Michelle Forgash	Jim Braunschworth

Military & Their Families Prayer Request

Lt. Troy Bowen Capt. Stephen Dillon
Please keep all our military home & abroad in your prayers.

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