

December 11, 2016

	December 3-4	Month-to-Date	Monthly Need
Regular Collection	\$1164	\$1164	\$5976.10
Other Collections	\$1130	\$1130	
Debt Reduction	\$195	\$195	\$732.50
Attendance - 11:30	67 (Sun. only)		
Attendance - 1:30	32 (Sun. only)		
TOTAL		\$2489	\$6708.60

Remember our sick, shut-ins and those in harm's way who need our prayers:

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|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Gene Armstrong | Joe Ellis | Ann Laird | David Robinson |
| David & James Boehm | Felcia Fitchko | Conner Long | John Short |
| Sister Susan Bruce | Amy Fry | Ralph Lynch | David Summervell |
| Marie-Claire Bullins | Dawn Fryda | Lynn May | Christine Thompson |
| Sarah Clay | Liz Galliot | Socorro McAllister | Anita Tudino |
| Marsha Collins | Bertha Gladney | Rosie McCarty | Mia Ulkin |
| Tom Costello | Debbie Goodman | Sue Morrell | Trudy Vernon |
| Joe DeBord | Sue Grissom | Barbara Morris | Geoffrey Werth |
| Amanda DeLaRosa | David L. Hall | Joey Murphy | Jason Whiter |
| Mary Dickerson | Perry Hall | Bill O'Shea | Gordon Widener |
| Skyler Dietrich | Kenneth Igl | Joe Plummer Sr. | US Military Personnel |
| Joe Dubey | Tom John | Terrie Plummer | |
| Victor Dubey | Julie Jones | Mary Ann Rachuba | |

Update / New Registration - tear and place in offertory basket:

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Roman Catholic Church

124 Park Blvd, Marion VA 24354



"I am the way and the truth, and the life..."
John 14:6

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Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Staff / Ministries:

- Reverend Francis Xavier Musolooza, Pastor..... 276-783-7282
 Reverend Mr. Juan Ibarra, Deacon/Hispanic Ministry..... 276-698-4331
 Bill O'Shea, Office Manager..... 276-783-7282
 Vicki Ceballos, Sacristan, Ministry for the Sick..... 276-783-8982
 Randy Watts, Adult Faith Formation..... 276-686-6418 or 408-840-1434
 Tom Voglewede, Children and Youth Faith Formation..... 276-783-6640
 Mary Dore/Denise Mance, Social Ministry..... 276-783-5927 (Mary)

Mass Times:

- 1st Saturday: 5:30 pm
 Sundays: 11:30 am, 1:30pm (Spanish)
 Daily: Tuesdays & Fridays 12:00 pm

Baptism: Celebrated at liturgy. Pre-baptismal instruction with parents is required.

Marriage: Six months advance notice and pre-marriage instruction required by Diocese.

Reconciliation:

- 1st Saturdays before Mass and by appointment at St. John the Evangelist
 Thursdays 5-6pm at Christ the King, Abingdon
 Saturdays 3:30-4:30 at St. Anne's, Bristol

Ministry To The Sick: Please contact Vicky Ceballos if someone you know is sick or homebound: 276-783-8982.

St. John Website:

- www.stjohns-marion-va.org
 Nationwide Mass Schedules: 410-676-6000
 or www.masstimes.org

Anointing of the Sick:

Please contact Father Francis:
 (cell) 276-494-3257

Our Mission: We the family of St. John the Evangelist of Marion, Virginia celebrate the Lord and one another through worship and faith development. Empowered by Christ's love and hope, we share our gifts and talents with others and thereby make visible the kingdom of God

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Mass Assignments

Assignments - Today

Lectors: Dolores Boehm
Tom Voglewede
Eucharistic Minister: Carol Fitchko
Usher: Roger Fitchko
Counters: Mike Robinson
Dolores Boehm

Assignments - Sunday, December 18

Lectors: Hugh Murphy
Michelle DeBord
Eucharistic Minister: Dolores Boehm
Usher: Bruno Antonucci
Counter: Mike Robinson
Tom Voglewede

Mass Intentions

Please submit Mass requests to
Father Francis

Please pray for our Parish Youth
who are preparing for their Confirmation



† **Fatima Family Rosary Crusade Prayer Group:**
meets every Thursday at 1:30pm at the parish
house. Please come and increase our faith with
your presence.

Bulletin and Parish Calendar: If you would like to
post parish events in the weekly bulletin or monthly
parish calendar, please email Dina Forsythe at
forsythefamily1967@gmail.com. Deadline for
bulletin submissions is Wednesday, 8pm.

Food for the Needy: Our
Parish Social Outreach
Committee is always in
need of your donations of
non-perishable foods.
Please place them in the
basket at the gathering
space. You may also place a
check (with "Social
Outreach" in the memo
section) in the offertory
basket, or cash in the Poor
Box located in the gathering
space.



December is the Month of the Immaculate Conception

This month we celebrate that Mary: "in the first instance
of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace
granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the
Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from
all stain of original sin." - *Ineffabilis Deus*

The Holy Father's Intentions for the month of December:

Universal: End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and
truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

Upcoming Parish Life Events:

- Sunday, December 11: Christmas dinner and youth play following bilingual Mass at 11:30. The parish will supply the meat and drinks.
- Monday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe - Mañanitas, 5 am at St. John's, Mass, 10 am at Christ the King.
- Friday, December 16: Las Posadas begins, 7pm.
- Sunday, December 18: Christmas decorating of church, 3pm. All are welcome.
- Saturday, January 14: Breakfast at McDonald's 8:30 am.
- Sunday, January 15: Eat out at Pizza Perfect after 11:30 Mass.
- Sunday, January 22: Reception for Felicia Fitchko (94) after 11:30 Mass.



And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us... - John 1:14

Belief in the true Incarnation of the Son of God is the distinctive sign of Christian faith: "By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God." Such is the joyous conviction of the Church from her beginning whenever she sings "the mystery of our religion": "He was manifested in the flesh."

The unique and altogether singular event of the Incarnation of the Son of God does not mean that Jesus Christ is part God and part man, nor does it imply that he is the result of a confused mixture of the divine and the human. He became truly man while remaining truly God. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. During the first centuries, the Church had to defend and clarify this truth of faith against the heresies that falsified it.

The Church thus confesses that Jesus is inseparably true God and true man. He is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother.

- CCC 463,464,469



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