

Holy Infant Catholic Church

Nov 30 & Dec 1



MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday—10:00 am

1st Thursday of every month—Holy Hour & Eucharistic Adoration follow Mass

Hospitality: 1st Sunday of Every Month following Mass

Most Holy Days: 10:00 am

Saturday: November 30th—Lector: B. Akers

4:15pm - 4:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00pm— 1st Sunday of Advent

Rosary Guild Bake & Craft Sale before & after Mass in the Foyer

Sunday : December 1st—Lector: K. Coleman

11:00am - 1st Sunday of Advent

Rosary Guild Bake & Craft Sale before & after Mass in the Foyer

Readings: 1st Jer 33: 14-16 — 2nd 1 Thes 3: 12 & 4:2

Gospel Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36

Events and Announcements 2024

ANGEL TREE/EAUS HOLIDAY CHEER PROGRAM-

Holy Infant's Angel Tree is set up on the vestibule. Angles indicate the Family Number and Child's Name and the child's Wish List is on the back of the Angel. Please sign the gift registry if you take an angel so we have a reference. As many of you have participated in this program before, you know that EAUS prefers gifts to be in gift bags. It is important that each bag has the child's name and family number on it. Every bag/pkg must have a tag identifying the family and child that it goes to. If you have more than one bag, please make up a duplicate tag with the identifying information, and firmly attach the tags to the bags so they do not get lost. Gifts are due back **NO LATER than Tuesday, December 17**, but we encourage you to bring them back early. Please contact Lillian Muia, 540-746-0914, if you have any questions, or need assistance. Thank you for your generosity.

Nov 30th & Dec 1st The Rosary Guild of our Parish will be having Rosaries, Arts/Crafts & Bake Sale this weekend before and after Mass in the vestibule of the church. If you have any items to donate or baked goods you may bring them before Mass. Thank you, Rosary Guild

Dec 1st Hospitality Sunday after 11:00 am Mass.

Dec 3rd Knights of Columbus—Annual Coats for Kids Drive from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Holy Family Center located across from the church @ 2 E Wolfe Street Harrisonburg VA 22812

Dec 7th 5:00 PM Special Mass Intention for +Patrick McLaughlin by H. McLaughlin

Dec 7th & 8th—"**HAITI MINISTRY**: After Mass on Dec. 7-8. the Haiti Ministry of Blessed Sacrament will be selling Haiti "Gift" Cards. Your purchase of a \$10 card will assist in providing hot lunches for the many students who attend school at St. Isidore parish. Each card is itself a gift to be given by you to that special person or to be used as the perfect stocking stuffer for any age. Every year, parishioners tell us that these cards are the best gifts that they have been given or received. Please stop by our table on the 7th & 8th. A portion of the proceeds will go to Holy Infant Haiti Ministries."

Dec 8th 11:00AM Special Mass Intention for Helen McLaughlin by the McLaughlin Family

Dec 8th Special Collection for The Retired Religious Fund. Many of you have already contributed a total of \$255 to this collection, Thank you for your commitment.

Dec 9th 10:00AM Mass of the Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation Collection

Dec 14th 5:00 PM Special Mass intention for Mary Johnson by K & H McLaughlin

Dec 15th Please join Kyle & Melissa Coleman in the Church Hall after Mass for an update on the progress of Chesterton Academy

Dec 21st 5:00 PM Special Mass Intention for +Lisa McLaughlin by K. McLaughlin

Dec 22nd After Mass Pot Luck and Reflection: All are welcome to our Advent and Christmas Reflection: Prepare the Way of the Lord! We will learn some new ways to reflect upon the season and find practical ways to bring Christ into our homes. Please bring your favorite traditional Christmas dish (from any country!) to share. Sign-ups for food start next week. There will also be a cookie exchange for those who wish to participate. Please bring your families, your appetite, and your love for the Infant Jesus!

WEEKLY THOUGHTS FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1st 2024.

Dear friends, welcome to the celebration of the first Sunday of Advent that opens to us the beginning of the liturgical year cycle C. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord.

The Advent Wreath with the four candles and banners are visible signs to remind us of the Season of patient waiting for the coming of the Messiah. It calls upon us to prayer and meditation and reflection. Let us make use of the available resources to reap heavily from this season.

The Readings of this Sunday focus on the Second coming of Jesus in his glory. His first coming among us was the Incarnation- took our flesh and human nature and lived among us. At Christmas we celebrate his first coming. The key message of Advent time is to be watchful as we wait for his second coming.

In the Gospel Reading Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36 Jesus while at the Temple area, speaks to his disciples and listeners on the destruction of the Temple. The Temple was a majestic building and emulated by the Jews. So, people got interested and wanted to know more about when and the signs that will precede the destruction. Jesus had mentioned of the persecutions and tribulations of his disciples. The first Christians endured a lot of suffering and death and did not despair.

Let us equally through prayer endure and find strength and hope in Jesus our Savior from the slavery of sin. It is so good and nice to take effort to decorate and light our home. Let us take the same effort to light our hearts as we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Shepherd of the Hills: Tuesday, December 10th 2024 from 3.00 pm- 5.00 pm

Holy Infant: Friday, December 20th 2024 from 3.00 pm- 4.00 pm.

Continued from Events & Announcements 2024:

Dec 24th Tuesday Christmas eve Mass @ 5:00 pm

Dec 25th Wednesday, 10:30 am Carols, Mass @11:00 am—Special Collection “Catholic Relief Services”

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Weekly Contributions Nov 22 to Nov 29

<u>Targeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 2,388.10	\$ 1,484.12	\$ -903.98
\$52,538.20	\$ 45,482.36	\$ -7,055.84
Parish Improvements \$50		
Justice & Peace \$20	Poor Box \$0	
Votive \$5	Post Cards \$0	
Rosary Guild \$535	Haiti \$0	
Kitchen \$700	Flowers \$50	
<u>Special Collections: Catholic Charities \$50</u>		

Father Michael’s interview with D. Hunter Reardon regarding the benefits of the Annual Appeal as it was published in November 25, issue of *The Catholic Virginian*:

On a phone call with Father Michael Mugomba, pastor of both Holy Infant & Shepherd of the Hills, the sound of repairs to the kitchen being conducted was audible in the background.

“The restoration of the kitchen is something that was long overdue,” said Father Mugomba. “There was mice damage on the floor that needed to be fixed. The project is going to cost over \$30,000. What we have just received from the Annual Appeal will help us greatly to meet the cost.”

At Shepherd of the Hills, the Annual Appeal helped meet the cost of the Kneelers.

“Some parishioners were demanding them, and I also felt the need—kneelers are part of most Catholic Churches,” said Father Mugomba. “There are times when people want to kneel... We had those who were so pious they were kneeling on the bare ground.”

“As I explained to some members of the parish, when we donate to the diocesan appeal, we gain back,” Father Mugomba added. “We are donors and we are beneficiaries.”

Excerpt from: Reardon, D. (2024, Nov 25). Annual Appeal an investment in the Church’s future. *The Catholic Virginian* (pp 6) Donors and beneficiaries.