

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Stewardship



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Saints Peter and Paul Church



Saints Peter and Paul Parish Center  
Saint Nicholas Learning Center



## Welcome Message from Fr. Gerald Musuubire the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to Sts. Peter and Paul, a vibrant and growing Catholic Church community, which is located route 53, in Palmyra, Fluvanna County.

The Parish was established in 1985. Back in the mid 1980s, when the Lake Monticello community was just beginning, Catholics who moved here went to the Catholic churches in the surrounding areas. Eventually they got to know one another and began considering the possibility of establishing a separate Catholic community in Palmyra.

The first step to achieve this was persuading the pastor of Saint Joseph's Church in Columbia to come to the Lake (with the Bishop's permission) and offer Mass for this new Catholic population. That first Eucharist was celebrated on January 26, 1985 by Father John T. Cummings at the home of Mary Luxhoj. A few months later, arrangements were made with Effort Baptist Church to celebrate Mass there every Saturday at 5:00pm. The founding members then decided to look for a piece of property to purchase on which to build our church. The land was acquired and the first building was built. Members of the parish only numbered about 40 families. Today the parish does not only serve the people from Lake Monticello in Palmyra, but also the communities of: Scottsville, Fork Union, Troy, and Columbia.

Sts. Peter and Paul is a growing parish whose members strive to be faithful to the mission of Christ through its liturgical, educational, and social service ministries. The parish has programs in education and pastoral ministry for children, youth, and adults, as well as a vigorous social ministry outreach program. Hopefully, this small booklet will help introduce you to our services and serve, also, as an invitation for you to offer your services using the gifts that God has blessed you with.

I want you to know that your joining this parish family has already added richness to our faith community that allows us to more fully reflect the Body of Christ in today's society. May we continue to flourish and grow under the loving guidance of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerald Musuubire'. The signature is stylized and written over a horizontal line.

Father Gerald Musuubire

## **A Letter to the new Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church**

We welcome you to Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. We hope you find love, hospitality, and a sense of community here. As you page through this booklet, you will become more familiar with what Sts. Peter and Paul has to offer. In becoming more acquainted with us, our hope is that you will find a ministry in which to share your time and talent with us as we continue to grow and proclaim the Gospel.

This is certainly an exciting time for our Parish and we look forward to the future! Sts. Peter and Paul started out with only 20 families and has grown significantly since 1985. We are in the midst of momentous change and growth. To support this growth, we have built a Parish Center, where our new pre-school – Saint Nicholas Learning Center for 3-5 year old children is housed and are almost finished with our new Cemetery through our Capital Campaign,

### **“Building Our Future, United in Christ.”**

With its beginning, the success of the parish depended on the work and input of Parishioners. Since then, the success of our Parish indeed continues to be fueled by the work and cooperation of everyone.

Sts. Peter and Paul is a remarkable growing parish reflecting the changes and growth in Fluvanna County and the surrounding area. There is great need in this county. Our Parish is in the midst of supporting that need. Sts. Peter and Paul continues to grow with over 490 families. As a community and body of Christ, we would like to rejoice with you in times of joy and be there for you in times of sorrow and need. We would like to be the focal point in your spiritual journey and in worship. We hope you find your church family encouraging, uplifting, spirit filled, and a place to find rest.

Welcome to Sts. Peter and Paul. We are happy that you chose to become a member of this Christian Community. May God continue to bless you.

Your Parish Council

## Parish Mission Statement

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, made up of Fluvanna County and neighboring communities, aware of our rich Roman Catholic tradition and our own particular parish needs, we dedicate ourselves to praising God through liturgy and prayer and in the spirit of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, the great Apostles and missionaries, we commit ourselves through Education and Social Service ministries, to building a Christian Community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ might be exemplified and fulfilled.



Your consistent financial support of our parish is vital to achieving our stewardship mission.

The easiest way to be sure that your gift of treasure reaches us, even when you can't be here, is through enrollment in our electronic offertory program: **Faith Direct**. If you have not yet enrolled in Faith Direct, I encourage you to consider doing so. Once you have enrolled, you can relax knowing that Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church will receive your gifts.

Enrollment forms are available in the church office or you can visit **Faith Directs'** secure web site at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll online. Our parish code is **VA249**. As always, know that your generosity is truly a gift from God.

# Meet Our Leaders

**Pastor:** Father Gerald Musuubire

**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Robert Allen

**Office Manager:** Pamela Dempsey

**Finance Council Chair:** Carol Fernandes

**Pastoral Council Chair:** Frank Feliciano

## Schedules

<b>Weekend:</b>	1st Saturday	9:00AM
	Saturday Vigil	5:00PM
	Sunday	11:00AM
<b>Holy Day:</b>	Vigil	7:00PM
	Feast Day	12 NOON
<b>Weekday:</b>	Wed & Fri	9:00AM
<b>Latin Mass:</b>		
	<i>Our Lady of Peace Appomattox</i>	
	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	3:00PM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**First Friday** after 9<sup>AM</sup> Mass or by appointment

**Saturday** 4:00<sup>PM</sup>

**Adoration:** Monday-Friday 6<sup>AM</sup> to 12<sup>MIDNIGHT</sup>

**Rosary:** After 9:00<sup>AM</sup> Weekday Masses

### Saint Nicholas Learning Center:

7:15 am – 6:30 pm

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# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

There are two Bible study groups that meet at Sts Peter and Paul Church:

"Saved by the Book" meets Monday evenings at 7pm

"Rejoice" meets Thursday afternoon at 1pm

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### SAINT NICHOLAS LEARNING CENTER

In the Catholic Tradition, the staff and faculty of the Saint Nicholas Learning Center, ages 2 ½ – 5 ½, Pre-K and Kindergarten, work together with home and church to provide a safe, caring environment that is aesthetically pleasing offering emergent, fluid, open-ended, project-based learning experiences designed to help our children achieve their individual potential. We endeavor to model Catholic values to others and to develop the concept of learning as a life-long goal.

### CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Charlottesville Catholic School is a nationally recognized educational community offering pre-kindergarten through middle school curriculum, operating under the Diocese of Richmond, and serving parishes in Central Virginia.

Our fundamental task is educating the whole person, integrating Christian values with learning in daily life. Recognizing the uniqueness and individuality of children, we guide them to discover and develop their God-given gifts.

We believe that excellence in education, along with nurturing the Christian way of life, fosters character and leadership development and inspires good citizenship.

It is primarily through the generosity of our donors to the Charlottesville Catholic School Catholic Education Fund that we are able to offer tuition assistance to families with demonstrated need to keep Catholic education accessible to families in our community.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The mission of Saints Peter and Paul Religious Education program is to provide an atmosphere that supports the families of our parish as they develop a relationship with God and the Church Community. Through our actions, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we answer God's call to:

***“Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel...” (Mark 16:15)***

This program strives to support our Pastor in assisting parents as their children's primary teachers of the Catholic faith. Our goal is to help form Disciples of Christ who know and love God. The life of a Christian is a continual process and the Religious Education Program offers a helping hand as our children embark on the journey to learn their faith.

It is our goal to carry out the following:

- To demonstrate a clear commitment to the practice of family faith formation;
- To provide families with the necessary tools to guide their children in their faith formation;
- To provide an environment for all ages to continue to grow in their relationship with God;
- To encourage children and their families to reach out to others in response to Christ's call.

The Religious Education Program serves the needs of the parish and there are various ways you can help:

- ***Catechist:*** Aid in the Catholic Formation of the children by sharing your faith as a teacher in the classroom. Presently, there are two sessions of religious education classes at Saints Peter and Paul – children in kindergarten through fifth grade meet on Sunday morning from 9:30-10:45. Children in sixth through eleventh grades meet on Tuesday evening from 7:00 – 8:15.
- ***Assistant Catechist:*** Help the regular catechist throughout the year in the classroom.
- ***Substitute Catechist:*** Serve as a catechist when the regular catechist is unable to attend class.
- ***Special Events:*** Coordinate one of the special events such as the Living Rosary, Christmas Pageant, 1st Communion and Confirmation celebrations, Advent and Lent activities, and Vacation Bible School.

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA is the program for adults to learn more about the Catholic faith, with the ultimate goal of receiving the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist (and Reconciliation). RCIA is committed to Christ's command: "Go, make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you."

There are three main types of participants (called Catechumens or Candidates) in the RCIA program:

- Those who are unbaptized, or who know very little about Christianity
- Those who were formed in other Christian denominations, but who are interested in joining the Catholic Church
- Adult Catholics who never completed their Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and/or Confirmation).

With the support and prayers of godparents, sponsors, and the entire parish community, the RCIA welcomes and forms adults in the way of Jesus as it is lived on the Catholic faith and tradition. The program offers a series of initiation stages and rites that take place in the parish liturgical celebrations for learning, praying, personal change, spiritual growth and after the reception of the initiation sacraments offers a share in Christ's mission to transform the world into a kingdom of truth, grace, holiness, love, justice and peace.

The RCIA team is always looking for new members who can help us as Godparents or Sponsors or as Catechists.

- Godparents or Sponsors are practicing Catholics who are paired with Catechumens or Candidates to walk with them on their journey into the Church. They attend classes with their Catechumen/Candidate to provide a personal link to the Church, to help them as needed, and to eventually help assess their readiness to receive the Sacraments. The only requirement to be a Godparent/Sponsor is to be an actively practicing Catholic, and have basic knowledge of Church teaching and a readiness to share that practice and knowledge with another in the Love of Christ.
- Catechists are those team members who share in the responsibility of leading classes each week, and they are sometimes called upon to be Godparents/Sponsors as well. The requirements to be a Catechist are the same as for Godparents/Sponsors but with maybe a more in depth knowledge of Church teaching and the ability to explain those teachings.

# EVANGELIZATION OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT

## SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 138: chartered by the Knights of Columbus #11475, has approximately 50 boys in the group ranging from first to fifth graders. Pack meetings are held once a month and den meetings are held twice a month at Saints Peter and Paul Church. Our pack is active all year round and invites new boys to visit and consider joining anytime during the year. The boys participate in a variety of activities both in their own age-specific dens and as a whole pack.

Purpose of Boy Scout Troop 138: The Boy Scouts of America is the largest youth organization devoted to helping develop the character, morals, and values of young boys and young men. Scouting was founded on three main pillars: Duty to God, Duty to the Community, and duty to Self-Development. These values can be found in the Boy Scout Oath. It is through the support and guidance of the parents that these young men can be successful in the scouting program. Troop 138 is chartered by Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

## LITTLE FLOWERS GIRL'S CLUB

Little Flowers Girls' Club is a Catholic club for girls ages 5 and up that teaches virtues through scripture, saints' biographies and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Badges for the virtues are earned by studying the saint associated with the virtue, memorizing relevant scripture verses and studying the Catechism. The Club strives to bring the Catholic faith alive and inspire the girls to become authentic Catholic women.

## YOUTH GROUP "SWAG"

Saints Peter and Paul Youth Group, SWAG (Spiritually Worshipping Our Awesome God) has organized many fundraising and exciting activities over the past year. They have car washes, work JPJ events, participate in the Christmas choir, are very active in parish liturgies, host the New Year's Eve celebration, make delicious super bowl stew, host Shrove Tuesday Pancake Suppers, help with Capital Campaign fundraising, take trips to Busch Gardens for Catholic Youth Day and to see Christian Rock Bands perform, and organize the Church Pie Contest! Youth group meets every other Friday night to play games, watch movies, play pool, have bon fires, beach parties, eat food, and share our faith together. All the youth of middle school and high school are invited to join us!

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The mission of the Young Adult Ministry is to bring together young adults who are single, married, and with or without children, in a social and faith-filled setting, and to serve as resources to each other in friendship and in the service of Christ. Events such as games nights and picnics have brought parishioners together to begin building a common goal within their faith lives.

## **FELLOWSHIP**

### THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family/fraternal service organization. There are currently more than 1.6 million members in more than 12,000 councils throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan. The Knights have nearly 46 billion dollars of insurance in force on its members. Annually, members report more than 60 million hours of service to the church, the community and charities throughout the world.

Father Michael J. McGivney, a 29-year old assistant pastor at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, CT, formed the Knights of Columbus in 1882. The founding principles of the Knights of Columbus are charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. These remain the foundation on which the organization continues to grow. Support for the clergy and the Catholic Church is a hallmark of Knights of Columbus activities at all levels of the organization.

Our Council at Saints Peter and Paul is named after the parish. We meet once a month and begin each meeting by reciting the rosary. The activities of Saints Peter and Paul Council center on service and charity to the community and parish. We have adopted two miles of Route 53 between Cunningham and Turkeysag Road, which we clean of debris four times a year. We also maintain a section of Heritage Trail in Fluvanna County. We provide both money and volunteer support to the Charlottesville Pregnancy Center and also support the battered spouse shelter in Charlottesville during the year. We sponsor one of the Fluvanna Cub Scout Packs and have other youth activities such as an annual Basketball Free-Throw Contest open to all youth in the area. Our members volunteer to support the church yard sale, the craft show and other money-raising projects. We are on call whenever our parish church needs a specific improvement, maintenance or beautification project. In addition to these, we have our own fund-raising activities and socials throughout the year.

Requirements are minimal. You must be a practicing Catholic man at least 18 years old, in good standing with the church, willing to donate some time to the betterment of the parish community. For those interested, the Knights of Columbus life insurance is rated the best in the world, but the insurance is completely optional, and no purchase is required to join the Knights of Columbus.

### PARISH LIFE

Promoting the spirit of community and strengthening relationships in a hospitable atmosphere. We do this through thank-you luncheons, funeral receptions, our yearly picnic, and more. We look forward to welcoming new volunteers to help make our activities possible. Event cannot happen without our volunteers!

Our ministry provides most of the family oriented functions that are planned at the parish, including:

- Bereavement luncheons for the families of our deceased parishioners
- Lent Soup and Sandwich on Fridays during Lent
- The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul Dinner
- Sunday Fellowship Snacks after Mass
- Annual Picnic and Pie Baking Contest
- Special Occasions: 1st Communion Brunch, Confirmation Dinner, Birthdays
- Food during annual events like: the Yard Sale, Craft Fair, Parish Mission, Ecumenical Service, etc.

If you enjoy giving comfort through planning, cooking, setting up and cleaning up, come join us. You will be among many hard-working men and women who give unselfishly of themselves.

### SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Sunday Fellowship Committee facilitates the After Mass Snacks and bake sales. The members purchase, prepare, and serve beverages and baked goods for fellowship after Sunday Mass.

# FINANCE

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Parish Finance Councils are a valuable resource of financial and fiscal advice to our pastor. It is through the talents of these members of our parish laity that the funds and financial resources of our parish are safeguarded and utilized in the best interests of the parish mission statement.

Our Pastor is the chief steward of the parish. The members of the Parish Finance Council bring to the Pastor a professional expertise genuinely needed in today's modern parish environment. We must take every precaution to see that the contributed parish funds are protected and used as our donors intend. The Parish Finance Council has the responsibility to make certain that sound financial policies and practices are in place in each parish.

## MONEY COUNTERS

A small group of parishioners who meet after the 5:00 PM Saturday Mass or the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass to count the collections. Normally, three counters can perform the required function within 25-30 minutes. Counters are scheduled once or twice a month. With a few more volunteers, it could be reduced to once a month. The only requirement is strict confidentiality.

# FUND RAISING

## FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The fund raising committee is a loosely-knit group headed by two co-chairs. We have several activities that we are involved in: The largest is the Yard Sale, held on the first weekend in May every year. It is a week-long activity and requires about 100 workers to run smoothly. We start the Sunday before the sale to set up the commons and the classrooms and we work all week receiving, sorting, testing, cleaning and categorizing items that have come in. The sale is the following Friday and Saturday. We have raised large amounts of money for the church.

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**The Yard Sale and Golf Outing:** are the second week in May. Items are collected throughout the year and fill the tents to full capacity! Volunteers are needed assist that Friday and Saturday. Your time is appreciated if you are available to help with setup or cleanup.

**The Arts and Craft Fair and Bake Sale:** is the second Saturday in November. The crafters meet each Thursday in the Commons from 9:30am to 2:30pm April thru November. We are a group of fun ladies who are talented and not so talented. Those who are talented do the difficult things and the rest of us do the easy things that anyone could do. We are a small group and can always use more help. The Holiday Bazaar is always on the second Saturday in November. We sell our items and also have about 20 vendors who join us. This has been a very successful event for the church.

During the year, we hold other fund raising events, such as **"A Night at the Opera"** in January, **"Golf Outing"** in May, **"Sts Peter and Paul Fest Day Celebration"** the last weekend of June, **"Annual Family Picnic"** in September, **"Pie Baking Contest"** in October, **"Game Day"** in October, and **"Pot Luck Suppers"** throughout the year to enjoy an evening of fun together.

We do not have regularly scheduled meetings; however, we have two meetings before the Yard Sale and the Arts and Craft Fair. A notice for each meeting and other events will be in the parish bulletin and a sign will be placed in the Commons for that evening or to donate some-thing.

In order to ensure successful events, we need plenty of volunteers. We hope you are willing to join us and have fun while volunteering. It is a wonderful way to meet and make lots of new friends.

# JUSTICE AND PEACE

## ADVOCACY AND LEGISLATION

This ministry is an arm of the Diocesan website "The Virginia Catholic Conference" (VCC). This is a free website that keeps its members informed of various legislations on the state and Federal levels that concern Pro-Life and many other family issues. The Virginia Catholic Conference works in conjunction with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

At the conclusion of the state legislative session, the VCC summarizes the voting throughout the year by our representatives and the final vote on bills. The goal is to keep people aware of what is happening throughout the state and national levels. The VCC also keeps members apprised of any Death Penalty issues, especially any upcoming executions in our state or any state. Electronic mailings go out across the state to encourage our citizens to protest this terrible way of dealing with crime.

## BOB DUFFY FOOD PANTRY

Nonperishable food is collected at our church and delivered weekly to the FCSS food pantry at Carysbrook to be dispensed to the needy by MAACA. Frozen food can be taken directly to the food pantry, but call first.

## FLUVANNA CHRISTIAN SERVICE SOCIETY (FCSS)

We work actively with FCSS to support their food pantry, needy seniors in the county, and "Happy Face", a county Christmas program for needy children and their families. We also support FCSS in getting new, helpful, and needed programs started. We encourage our parishioners to attend the FCSS Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

## FLUVANNA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We support this organization by helping qualified families build homes through their labors and volunteers, prayer and financial assistance. A collection is taken four times a year at Mass.



### HEART TO HEART WITH HAITI

The Haiti Committee's goal has always been to support new facilities: a school, church, medical facility, etc. that are required as needed for a parish in Haiti, Fond-Pierre. This has been in conjunction with other U.S. parishes, with the caveat that much of the work be accomplished by the Haitian parishioners. Any money collected throughout the year will be used to provide support for the Pond-Pierre Parish. For example, within the last year money was sent for a new electric generator when an old one failed.

The Haiti Committee is an informal group of four members. We have dedicated ourselves to having a monthly bake sale the first weekend of each month, which averages \$450 to 500 per month. We are most fortunate that many parishioners support the monthly bake sale by purchasing and baking.

### LEST WE FORGET

We work to support our service personnel assigned to serve in the Middle East by collecting useful items and sending out monthly care packages.

### PARISH WELLNESS MINISTRY

The aim of our ministry is for wellness in body, mind, and spirit. We do this through education by teaching about disease management and prevention. We offer resource services that are available through the community and provide other individual services. Our non-medical members offer one-on-one support to persons with health concerns by providing companionship through visits and friendly phone calls, by doing small errands, by cooking and delivering meals, and by transporting for doctor visits or medical care. This care-giving ministry consists of volunteers and nurses from our church, under a parish nurse, working together as a team to support our community and their health concerns—it is ecumenical in scope! Other churches in the county are now sharing the load and supplying volunteers.

### RESPECT LIFE CRAFTERS

The ladies in this ministry crochet, knit and sew to make gifts for needy babies, mothers-to-be, the needy, and the elderly. They gladly accept donations of material and yarn.

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The main emphasis of this ministry is the Anti-Abortion effort. This is done in concert with the goals of supplying various resources to help the young women adjust to their new found situations. Suddenly finding one's self out on the street, no job, and nowhere to turn are some of the main reasons these frightened young women seek an abortion. The parish of Saints Peter and Paul work in unison with the Pro-Life efforts of the Knights of Columbus in combating this terrible crime of abortion. There are two main fundraisers during the year: The Pregnancy Centers Dinners in October; The Walk For Life in early Spring. The dinners are hosted to invite people from all over Charlottesville area to make pledges throughout the year to assist in the many expenses associated with the Pregnancy Center in assisting these young women.

One of the main efforts to bring awareness to this terrible cancer eating away at our country is the annual **March for Life** held in Washington, DC on or near the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, **January 22**.

There is also another major effort that happens twice a year - the **40 days for Life**. Here people are invited to prayerfully protest in front of Planned Parenthood on Hydraulic Road, once in the fall, then again in the spring. There protests run for 40 days from 6am to 9pm where people walk in front of this building carrying signs and peacefully pray and meditate.

There is a special "**Rose Mass**" the first weekend in **October**. A woman, along with the Knights of Columbus escort, is selected from our parish to carry up a rose, being a symbol of Life, and present this flower to our pastor, who in turn displays it at the shrine of Our Blessed Lady.

## PRISON MINISTRY

Saints Peter and Paul's Prison Ministry ministers to the women incarcerated at the **Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women**, which is a Commonwealth of Virginia facility. At this time, there are approximately 1200 women residents. Once a month Fr Gerald offers Mass there; and, on the other **Mondays**, with the exception of holidays, a team of two volunteers bring the Gospel teachings and, more importantly, the Eucharist, to the women who have signed up to attend the Communion Service. We minister to all, not just Catholic residents. We listen to the women; we share our faith through discussion and informational materials and sometimes pray the rosary.

Over the years we have had women go through the preparation process to study the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Several have celebrated these sacraments, thanks' to our holy priests.

Once a year, we hold a "**Christmas in July**" program. Along with area churches and the Knights of Columbus, we ask parishioners to help support the residents by donating state-approved hygiene items, cards, and stamps that will be distributed in December. There are other ways to support these women thru the Chaplain's office and this information can be supplied to you.

The only qualifications to joining this ministry are:

- the ability to see God in all those we encounter
- a willingness to follow the rules of the facility
- an awareness of our own gifts and limitations

# PASTORAL CARE

## LEGION OF MARY

All are welcome to "come and see". The Legion of Mary is a worldwide apostolate of men and women, ages 18 and up (10 to 18 for youth groups) who offer their gifts and talents to their parish priests to aid them in performing spiritual works in the parish and community-at-large.

Meetings are held once a week on **Thursdays** from 10:15am to 12Noon in the St. Michael's room at Sts. Peter & Paul Church except for the last Thursday of each month when we attend Mass at 9AM at St. Joseph's, Shrine of St. Katherine Drexel in Columbia and then proceed with our meeting in the Hall at St. Joseph's.

## MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Ministry of Praise is a spiritual ministry where members offer all prayers, joys, and sufferings to God for the salvation of souls.

You are asked to pray for the world, especially members of our parish. A **calendar** is printed **monthly** with petitions from the parishioners. Each day we will have a special intention to be prayed for. You do not have to say any special prayers; we do have a specially published prayer book called "**Prayer Book for the Ministry of Praise**".

This is a spiritual ministry, there are no meetings or dues. The parish is privileged to have your prayers. More things are accomplished by prayer than this world would dream of.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council members are the leadership of the parish who have the responsibility to learn about the parish community, to discern its faith-life, and to help all to respond to needs as they identify those who are materially and spiritually impoverished, those who are oppressed and neglected. A parish needs a unified, yet diverse, effort to proclaim God's reign. It strives for a spirituality and community life that manifests Christ to others.

The Pastoral Council continuously develops and articulates a deep understanding of the identity and purpose of the parish. The council strives to ensure that the parish is carrying out its stated mission and the pastoral needs of ALL parishioners are met. These needs include the formation of community, the proclamation of the Gospel message, the celebration of the sacraments, and service to other parishioners and to the global community. The role of the council, together with the pastor, is to vision, plan, and develop policy for the parish through collaboration, empowerment, solidarity, conflict management, development, and relationships.

## WELCOME COMMITTEE

The Newcomer Ministry welcomes those who have been guided by God's grace to become registered members of Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Our primary purpose is to make our recently registered parishioners feel an immediate connection with our parish community so they will fully participate in church activities and all sacramental offerings. Our ultimate goal is to create an experience that is both spiritual and familial, leading them to further serve God and others.

Serving God by Serving Others – is the reason we do what we do. We believe that fellowship with and service to one another are essential to becoming actively involved in the parish community. Although our ministry's primary purpose is to welcome New Members to Sts. Peter and Paul Church, we believe it is much more important to welcome them into our parish family.

The Newcomer' Ministry's main purpose is to facilitate the absorption of new parishioners into a meaningful sharing of their gifts from God with His Church.

New members are called after their names have been received from the office. They are welcomed to Saints Peter and Paul. They are also asked if they would like to receive a Newcomers packet. The Newcomers packet contains a Stewardship Guide, including a listing of ministry coordinators and phone numbers. The Guide is updated as changes occur.

New parishioners are encouraged to introduce themselves to our Greeters after Mass in the Commons. The Greeters provide them with a Newcomers packet. Newcomers may use the form provided in the Stewardship Guide to register for ministries of interest to them.

# PROPERTY

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

The mission of this committee is to assist the Parish in the management of the physical properties of the church. These include the worship space, parish hall, education facility, grounds, and the church-owned cemetery. This committee is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of Parish facilities. These tasks include building repairs and maintenance, landscaping, lawn care, snow removal, and other duties when they arise. The duties are performed through a combination of volunteer labor and contracted services. Members of the committee serve as leaders for recruitment and organization of volunteers. The committee serves as an advisory body to the Parish Council to identify facility issues and opportunities. Our parish is in the process of constructing a Parish Hall and cemetery. This committee oversees the progress of this project and provides updates to the Pastor throughout the project.

## CHURCH CLEANERS

Presently, we have several groups of people who faithfully clean our beautiful church. There are four in each group so that each group only cleans the church every seventh week for about one hour on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. We also have a list of substitutes so that if someone is unavailable, there is always a replacement. The work is easy – we clean and dust the pews and around the window sills and statues and the altar area, and then we Swiffer the floors (aren't Swiffer's great!), and then vacuum the carpets. We also dust and vacuum the sacristy. Our only cleaning is done within the confines of the church and, no, we don't do windows.

If we get more people interested, then we could make up another group and that would mean each group would clean every eighth week.

We welcome any men who would like to help us. Several men do come with their wives to help. It is so rewarding because we all see the results. Yes, we truly are Volunteer Church Cleaners.

## FACILITIES CARETAKER

The Knights of Columbus maintain our building. This group of men ensure the building is maintained and cleaned each Monday. This includes painting, repairing damage to walls, cleaning carpets, monitoring the HVAC system, and ensuring any repairs are completed.

We welcome any men who would like to help us! It is so rewarding because we all see the results.

# WORSHIP

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

***“Oh Divine Jesus, lonely tonight in so many tabernacles, without visitor or worshipper”.***

Is Jesus important enough to you to set aside one special hour each week to be with Him? Imagine the Pope wanting you to set aside one specific hour each week to be with him! Overjoyed, you would feel like the most important person in the world. You would let nothing interfere with your meeting with someone so important. Should you treat our Blessed Lord with any less dignity?

Because people can't see Jesus, they take His love and presence in the Blessed Sacrament for granted. People are hesitant in making a commitment for a specific hour because they let everything else come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Your faith will make this commitment easy!

***“Faith is confident assurance concerning what we hope for, and conviction about things we do not see.”***

Your willingness to choose an assigned hour is a precious expression of your faith that Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is welcomed, loved, and adored by you.

## ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers are so named because they render their service at the altar. They do not serve the altar, but rather the action that is performed there, the Holy Mass. It is by serving the Mass (striving to make it as beautiful and prayerful as possible) that the altar server gives glory to God and helps the assembly to understand the true meaning of the Mass. This is what makes serving the Mass worth doing and worth doing well.

Serving is a ministry performed in the public eye. People are watching, not to look for mistakes but hoping they will be edified by the good conduct and grace of those who serve the Mass. Altar serving is not complicated or difficult, but it does require faith and thoughtfulness. It is something that can always be improved upon.

## EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

What better way to draw closer to our Lord than to feed His people, not only with His Precious Body and Blood, but by showing through example your faith, love and hope in God and in His only Son, Jesus. It is a blessing, filled with grace, a gift from the Holy Spirit and a privilege to serve God in this way.

After training and written instructions, you will be called upon to serve about twice a month. There will be a class which you must attend, about three or four hours long, sometime in the future, in order for you to be commissioned as an Extra-ordinary Minister of Communion.

The duties include necessary preparations for Communion before Mass, assisting the Priest in the distribution of Holy Communion and the washing of the Consecration and Communion vessels after Mass. This is a joy-filled ministry!

## LECTOR MINISTRY

The Lector Ministry is open to adults in the parish who feel called to promote “the warm and living love of Scripture” necessary for truly effective liturgy. It is there that God speaks to his people, Christ proclaims the Word, and the Minister of the Word is the fragile instrument by which this is done. Serving the Lord and his Church through the proclamation of Scripture is a privilege with spiritual rewards.

Depending on the number of lectors, one could expect to serve once or twice a month according to the two-month schedule. Assignments are flexible. Interested persons are encouraged to ask questions or to initiate the screening and training process by contacting the lector coordinator.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

This ministry provides music, instrumental and choral, for the Saturday and Sunday Masses, plus Holy Days of obligation and special liturgies. To belong to this ministry, you can play a musical instrument, such as the piano, organ, guitar, flute, etc. and/or sing in the choir. We also have instituted a Youth Band, consisting of various musical instruments. They play during special Holy Days to enhance the liturgy. Singing and playing instruments during the liturgy is very rewarding and satisfying. This is a great way to enhance your musical ability and give praise to the Lord at the same time.

We **rehearse every other Tuesday** at 6pm in ordinary time and **EVERY Tuesday** during **Advent** and **Lent** at 6pm in the church. We also now have a Youth Contemporary choir that sings every 4th Sunday and rehearses every 3rd Tuesday at 7PM and Sunday morning of the mass, at 9AM. All youth and adult parishioners are welcome to join this group and sing new contemporary music



## SACRISTAN

Responsible for the upkeep of sacred linens and vestments, candles and vessels including the care of all items used on the altar and in the administration of the sacraments.

All duties attribute to the beautification of the church interior for Advent, Lent, Holy Days and feasts such as Christmas, and Easter

Training is available for individuals willing to give time to the Lord.

## USHERS AND GREETERS

While there are other duties the ushers and greeters tend to, their primary responsibilities include:

- Welcome parishioners as they enter church
- Assist parishioners to seats in the church
- Take up offertory collections
- Assist parishioners in bringing up gifts of bread & wine to the altar
- Guide parishioners to the altar during distribution of the Eucharist
- Hand out parish bulletins at the end of Mass
- Greet New Parishioners after Mass

Normally, three ushers are assigned for each Mass. The only other requirement is that you be present about 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass on the date of your assignment. This allows time to tend to duties and greet parishioners before Mass. We try to maintain a roster large enough so that each volunteer is assigned about once a month. During Advent and Lent, some volunteers will serve twice a month. Of course, we are always looking for more people to join us. Our scheduling is flexible enough to allow you to switch dates with another volunteer if you find yourself unable to attend your scheduled date.

Greeters are also members of the Welcoming Committee. Each new family or member receives a welcoming packet, which includes our Stewardship Guide of ministries. Members are invited to participate in ministries of interest to them. New Member receptions are sponsored by the Welcoming Committee periodically throughout the year to help foster a feeling of belonging in our new members.

Women and men 18 and older are welcome to join these ministries.

# Ministry Lead Directory

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

<b>Christian Formation:</b>	Pamela Dempsey (434)589-5201	<a href="mailto:office@saintspeterpaul.org">office@saintspeterpaul.org</a>
<b>Bible Study Groups:</b>	Will Buono (434) 984-5630	<a href="mailto:wgbuono@embarqmail.com">wgbuono@embarqmail.com</a>
	June Wimer (434) 589-2863	<a href="mailto:wimer2001@yahoo.com">wimer2001@yahoo.com</a>
<b>FUMA Campus Ministry:</b>	Father Gerald Musuubire (434) 589-5201	<a href="mailto:admin@saintspeterpaul.org">admin@saintspeterpaul.org</a>
<b>RCIA:</b>	Peter Coleman (540) 250-6716	<a href="mailto:rcia@saintspeterpaul.org">rcia@saintspeterpaul.org</a>
	Anne Branigan (434) 589-1326	<a href="mailto:chanangony1@gmail.com">chanangony1@gmail.com</a>
<b>Saint Nicholas Learning Center:</b>	Pamela Dempsey (434)589-5201	<a href="mailto:SNLC@saintspeterpaul.org">SNLC@saintspeterpaul.org</a>

## EVANGELIZATION OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT

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<b>Cub Scout Pack 138:</b>	Dave Seal (434) 591-0191	<a href="mailto:pack138committeechair@gmail.com">pack138committeechair@gmail.com</a>

## FELLOWSHIP

<b>Knights of Columbus:</b>	Patrick Dempsey (434) 589-5201	<a href="mailto:dempsej@comcast.net">dempsej@comcast.net</a>
<b>Parish Life:</b>	TBD	
<b>Sunday Fellowship:</b>	Cathi Dougherty (540) 245-0391	<a href="mailto:marydoc15@embarqmail.com">marydoc15@embarqmail.com</a>
<b>Greeters:</b>	TBD	

## FINANCE

<b>Finance Council/Counters:</b>	Carol Fernandes (434) 589-1199	<a href="mailto:fernandesc2007@comcast.net">fernandesc2007@comcast.net</a>
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## FUNDRAISING

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<b>Yard Sale:</b>	Lisa Thackston (434) 906-0027	<a href="mailto:lisawagley67@gmail.com">lisawagley67@gmail.com</a>
<b>Arts and Crafts Fair:</b>	Diana Mariutto (434) 589-5136	<a href="mailto:diana68fred@gmail.com">diana68fred@gmail.com</a>
	Joanne Miglas (434) 591-0807	<a href="mailto:tmiglas@embarqmail.com">tmiglas@embarqmail.com</a>
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## JUSTICE AND PEACE

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#### PROPERTY

**Building Committee:** Dick Van Nierop [vannierop@comcast.net](mailto:vannierop@comcast.net)  
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**Cleaning Angels:** Barbara Totaro  
(434) 589-3089  
**Facilities Caretaker:** Rich Scampoli [scampvar@yahoo.com](mailto:scampvar@yahoo.com)  
(434) 589-5339

#### PASTORAL CARE

**Legion of Mary:** Helga Fallis [helga.marysgarden@yahoo.com](mailto:helga.marysgarden@yahoo.com)  
(434) 589-1668  
**Ministry of Praise:** Pam Dempsey [office@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:office@saintspeterpaul.org)  
(434) 589-5201  
**Parish Council:** Rich Warren [rkwar1@embarqmail.com](mailto:rkwar1@embarqmail.com)  
(434) 589-2145  
**Welcome Committee:** TBD

## WORSHIP

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<b>Altar Server:</b>	Charlie Van Slyke (434) 589-6677	<a href="mailto:gcv11@gmail.com">gcv11@gmail.com</a>
<b>Eucharistic Adoration:</b>	Pamela Dempsey (434) 589-5201	<a href="mailto:office@saintspeterpaul.org">office@saintspeterpaul.org</a>
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Veronica Lyttle (434) 589-4010	<a href="mailto:billveronica@embarqmail.com">billveronica@embarqmail.com</a>
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If you are interested in volunteering for a ministry,  
please complete the form at the end of this guide.

Then return the completed form to the office.

The ministry leader will contact you  
to discuss your interest.

# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in household

\_\_\_\_ ADULTS      \_\_\_\_ CHILDREN

NAMES

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please list any Talent, Hobby, or Skill you would be willing to share with our Parish (i.e. carpentry, painting, electrician, financial, artistic, musical, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Any Ministry you are interested or active in, please place **I** for ***Interested***; **A** for ***Active***:

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

- \_\_\_\_ Religious Education Teacher
- \_\_\_\_ Religious Education Assistant
- \_\_\_\_ Bible Study
- \_\_\_\_ Home School
- \_\_\_\_ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

## FELLOWSHIP

- \_\_\_\_ Knights of Columbus
- \_\_\_\_ Parish Life
- \_\_\_\_ Sunday Fellowship

## FINANCE

- \_\_\_\_ Money Counters

## FUNDRAISING

- \_\_\_\_ Fundraising Committee
- \_\_\_\_ Arts and Crafts Fair
- \_\_\_\_ Holiday Crafters
- \_\_\_\_ Yard Sale

## JUSTICE AND PEACE

- \_\_\_\_ Heart to Heart with Haiti
- \_\_\_\_ Parish Volunteer Drivers
- \_\_\_\_ Respect Life
- \_\_\_\_ Lest We Forget
- \_\_\_\_ Prison Ministry
- \_\_\_\_ Respect Life Crafters

## PASTORAL CARE

- \_\_\_\_ Legion of Mary
- \_\_\_\_ Ministry of Praise
- \_\_\_\_ Welcome Committee

## PROPERTY

- \_\_\_\_ Building Committee
- \_\_\_\_ Church Cleaners
- \_\_\_\_ Facilities Caretakers

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

- \_\_\_\_ Boy Scouts
- \_\_\_\_ Little Flowers
- \_\_\_\_ Cub Scouts
- \_\_\_\_ Youth Group (SWAG)

## WORSHIP

- \_\_\_\_ Adoration
- \_\_\_\_ Lector
- \_\_\_\_ Usher
- \_\_\_\_ Altar Server
- \_\_\_\_ Choir
- \_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister
- \_\_\_\_ Sacristan

# Parish Registration Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Welcome to our Parish Community!

The information you provide on this census form will be used exclusively within the Church. Please print/circle your responses. Thank you!

Are there any special circumstances or information of which the parish should be aware?

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Are you presently registered in this parish? Yes No

If yes, please state the year of original registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you previously registered in another parish in the Diocese of Richmond? Yes No

If yes, please name the parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide directions to your home, include subdivision names, rural routes or street names which may be helpful in locating you.

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do we have permission to publish your name and phone number within the parish? Yes No

## Household Mailing Information

(Please complete as you want mail addressed to your household, including titles.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Person Completing this Form: \_\_\_\_\_

P. O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## For Office Use Only

Tarish No. (envelope) \_\_\_\_\_

Diocesan No. \_\_\_\_\_

Area No. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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