#### - September 29, 2019 -

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Weekdays Wednesday/Friday 9am: SPP Thursday 9am: St. Joe's

Weekends
Saturday 5pm: SPP
Sunday 9am: St. Joe's
11am: SPP



#### STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway Palmyra, VA 22963

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:30pm p: 434.589.5201 parish center office

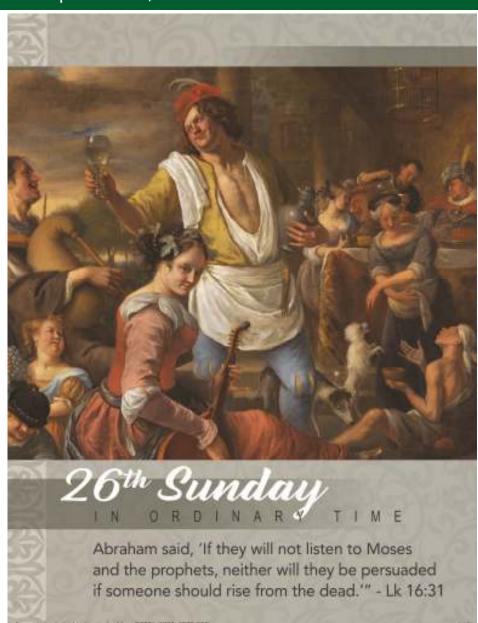
**f**: 434.589.4463 parish center office

e: office @saintspeterpaul.org pastor@saintspeterpaul.org karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org W: saintspeterpaulpalmyra.org

#### RECTORY

15 Dogleg Road Palmyra, VA 22963 p: 434.589.5200





#### **OUR MISSION**

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. 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.

## WELCOMF.



#### **Pastor**

Rev. David Martin Ssentamu, (434) 589-5200

#### **Deacons**

Rev. Mr. Robert Allen, (434) 589-0941 Rev. Mr. Peter Coleman, (540) 250-6716 **Deacon & Business Manager** Rev. Mr. Bob Griffin, (434) 589-5201 **Parish Administrative Assistant** Karen Davidson, (434) 589-5201

#### **Pastoral Council Chair**

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**Finance Council Chair** 

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Sid D'Amico, (434) 996-4325

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**Knights of Columbus** 

Joe Schaefer, (434) 422-6575

**Good Shepherd's** 

Frank Feliciano, (434) 242-0735

**Parish Life** 

Pat Amato, (434) 589-7811

**Legion of Mary** 

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Cursillo

Ellie Henrietta, (434) 981-3448

Cemetery

Joe Schaefer, (434) 422-6575

**Ushers** 

Eddie Griffin, (434) 996-6008

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Cynthia Aycock, (434) 589-3347

**Extraordinary Ministers** 

Veronica Lyttle, (434) 589-4010

Rev. Mr. Peter Coleman, (540) 250-6716 **Respect Life** 

John Condon, (434) 409-1246

**Bible Study** 

June Wimer, (434) 589-2863

Bill Buono, (434) 284-3580

**Banners** 

Thelma Stowell, (434) 589-4382

**Altar Server** 

Jim Rekrut, (434) 390-7427

**Prison Ministry** 

Will Kulick, (540) 308-5152

Mary Ann Mason, (434) 589-6141

Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office

or **Rectory** 

Homebound: Call Parish Office to

schedule Communion

#### **Bulletin & Announcement Deadline**

Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org

Whether you are a visitor or new to our parish, interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or an active member of our parish, we are pleased that you have come.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50 Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56 Tuesday:

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 18:1-5, 10 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church Tuesday:

Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Thursday:

Friday: St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

#### **SEPTEMBER**

#### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

#### **BREAD & WINE**

Donor

lack and Kathleen Best

Memorial Deceased members of

the Landy, Best, & O'Brien Families

**ALTAR FLOWERS** 

Donor

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Memorial

Leo Thomas



#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

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Memorial

Deceased members of the Landy, Best, & O'Brien Families





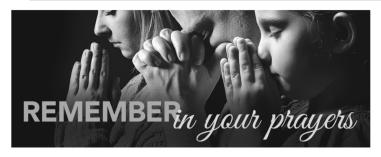


Or have a Mass said for a loved one. Contact the office for availability.

# INTENTIONS

#### MASS INTENTIONS \* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	9/28	5pm	Stanley Strong	D	Nancy and Michael King
Sunday	9/29	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	9/29	11am	Michael Hocevar	D	Betty & Charlie Maurer
Wednesday	10/2	9am	William Donoughe	D	Irene Donoughe
Thursday	10/3	9am *			
Friday	10/4	9am	Ed Smith	D	Demetrio & Cecelia Futie
Saturday	10/5	5pm	John Ramirez	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	10/6	9am*	Cornelia Vandenberg	D	Lillian Shaw
Sunday	10/6	11am	Mike Hocevar	D	Anne Ayuso



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Cheryl Baressi, Michael Barrett, Debra Borowicz, Luke Compton, Dorothy Condon, Jane Crivaro, Ruth Dalsky, Ann Duncan, Annette Feliciano, Bernadette Feliciano, Efrain Feliciano, Faith Feliciano-Zehe, Leoncio Feliciano, Mario Feliciano, Bill Flanigan, Patricia Gaskill-Feliciano, Jack Hartwell, Mary Hayes, Jimmy, Carolyn Kerrigan, William Markle, Irene Nadig, Frank Persico, Denise Pillar, Kevin Raab, Lisa Sanes-Amaro, Kathy Saurman, Bob and Mary Sedlak, and Eleanor Tomasino



#### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country, particularly . . .

Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, Gerard Holodak, James Fulford, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, Rhett Hartwell, William Furst, William Carter Hoppe, Matt Hendl, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Christopher McCarthy, Amanda Illig, Katie Marron, Luke Marron, Russ Marron, Zach Marron, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Scott Harrison Jr., Alex Ostrowski, Andrew Thompson, Matthew Reinitz, Michael Bohtelo, and Raymond Markle

Pray God keeps them in His care.



#### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

If you are celebrating your Marriage Anniversary in **September** and would like to be a part of the Marriage Blessing Mass on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, please contact the office before Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

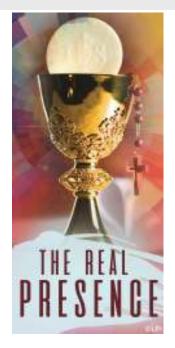
## ENCOUNTER



# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 29, 2019

"But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness." Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest?

The Vocations Office (804)359-5661
Fr. Michael Boehling
Fr. Brian Capuano
vocations@richmonddiocese.org



## **Christ is Counting on You!**

Last Sunday, September the 22nd, Sts. Peter and Paul was honored to host the Valley Cursillo Movement. It was an exciting honor to be with all these wonderful and faithful members, interacting with them, and sharing a meal with them. Even as I had to cut short my interaction with them due to another engagement earlier planned, it was a short moment for me, but with quite a lot to take home.

Besides the very delicious meal shared with love and with a smile on their faces, I was reminded that Christ is Counting on Me. This should be a constant reminder as we go about our daily business; as we parent, in the market place, in our politics, on the streets, as we engage in acts of charity, and in many of our encounters with men and women out there. Christ is always counting on you personally.

One thing that I noticed right away at the meeting is the Rooster. I did not ask much about it, but in relation to Christ counting on me, it reminded me of Peter's denial of Jesus. We recall Jesus telling Peter that before the cock crows, he will have denied him three times. This time, positively though, the rooster/cock should remind us how Jesus counts on us in the world where it is more likely to deny him. Let us always remember that he is counting on us; he is counting on you!

I congratulate the hosts of the event, and I thank you heartily for allowing Christ to count on you. Please keep going, and continue inviting many other men and women to share their unique gifts as each encounters Christ in a more personal and unique way! Thanks for representing Sts. Peter and Paul Parish so well!

May God bless you on the Journey home! Sincerely,

Fr. David

#### **FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry is in need of donations of **canned meats** and **vegetables** and **cereal**. Please leave your donations in the baskets under the table in the entryway. Thank you for helping.

# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

# SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SCHEDULES SATURDAY 5:00PM

#### SUNDAY 11:00AM

USHERS	LECTOR	EM	USHERS	LECTOR	EM
09.28			09.29		
Amato,Anthony Cullinan,James Maurer,Charles	Amato,Patricia Wimer,June	Deacon Peter Hutton,Elaine Campagna,Dianna	Best,Chris Schjoth,Madison Salopek,Eric	Best,Carrie Palmer,Greg	Deacon Peter Hansen,Joan Lyttle,Veronica
10.05			10.06		
Maurer,Charles McNair,Robert Pilk,Frank	King,Michael King,Nancy	Deacon Bob Raab,Margaret Rausa,Mary	Schjoth,Madison Bittner,John Johnson,Gary	Landow,Theresa Aycock,Cynthia	Deacon Bob Forster,Janet Palmer,Gregory
10.12			10.13		
Amato,Anthony McIlnay,Larry Menard,Art	Amato,Pat Barcia,MaryAnn	Deacon Bob Cecil,Nancy Campagna,Dianna	Best,Chris Lodato,Joseph Salopek,Eric	Best,Caroline Tavormina,Joanne	Deacon Peter Hansen,Joan Lyttle,Veronica

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pew Count Sat.–152  Sun189	Sept. 21/22
First Offering	\$ 3359
First Offering Faith Direct	\$1590
Total	\$4949
2nd Collection Catholic Virginian	\$423

#### Reminder:

The Debt Reduction collection will occur on the first full weekend of the month. For October it will be on the 5th and 6th. There is an envelope in your package.



# Eucharistic

## COME, LET US ADORE HIM

The Most Holy Blessed Sacrament awaits you in the Adoration Chapel for just one hour a week, Monday through Thursday, 6am - 8pm. See the schedule on the board in the hallway for openings. We are seeking substitutes as well. Call the office to sign up at (434)589-5201 or June Wimer at (434)589-2863.

**Fridays are special!** Come spend time with the Blessed Sacrament in the church anytime between 9:30am and 3:00pm to experience a truly special moment with our Lord. Spend time in quiet meditation and prayer and listen to what He has to tell you, and I guarantee He will listen to you. Benediction starts at 3pm.

## **NEW**

## GriefShare Support Group

Wednesdays, 7pm Rm 122

13 week program

August 21 -November 13, 2019

\$20 materials fee (Open to parishioners)

Contact: Cynthia Aycock, cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com or Mitzi Crane, mitzsea@gmail.com

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **ROOM SCHEDULE**

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

## Rejoice! Bible Study

**MONDAYS** at 1PM

Parish Center, Room 122
Gospel of LUKE
For more information
or to register,
please contact:
June Wimer
(434) 589-2863

# SAVED BY THE BOOK BIBLE STUDY

(Online Self-Study Also Available) Mondays, 7pm, Room 122

We will continue our study of Matthew and finish with the study of Acts.

Prayerfully consider joining us. All are welcome.

Contact:

Bill Buono (434-284-3580) or Celeste Shapiola (434-981-1405)



Sun		CCD	9:45 - 10:45a	Hall
	9/29	RCIA	9:30 - 10:30a	Lounge
	9/29	Mass - <b>26th Sunday in OT</b>	11:00 - 12:00p	Church
		Empowered Players	3:00 - 7:30p	C
		Body Awareness and Relaxation	11:00 - 12:00p	С
		Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00 - 2:00p	122
Mon	9/30	Empowered Players	5:00 - 6:30p	F
		K of C Officers	7:00 - 9:00p	123
		Saved by the Book	7:00 - 8:30p	122
		Body Awareness and Relaxation	11:00 - 12:00p	С
		Girl Scouts	6:30 - 7:30p	E
Tues	10/1	Troop Committee	6:30 - 7:30p	122
		Parish Council	7:00 - 8:00p	123
		Al - Anon	7:30 - 8:30p	R
		Mass	9:00 - 9:30a	Church
		Bridge	9:00 - 2:00p	118
		Den 1 Tigers	6:30 - 7:30p	115
Wed	10/2	Den 6	6:30 - 7:30p	117
		Den 7	6:30 - 7:30p	120
		GriefShare Support Group	7:00 - 9:00p	122
		Troop 1138	7:00 - 8:30p	E
Thurs 1	10/3	Crafters	9:30 - 2:30p	M
Illuis	10/3	Cursillo	6:45 - 7:45p	122
	10/4	Mass	9:00 - 9:30a	Church
Fri		Adoration	9:30 - 3:00p	Church
FII		Al-Anon	10:00 - 11:00a	R
		Benediction	3:00 - 3:30p	Church
		Bake Sale Weekend		
	10/5	First Saturday Mass w/ Anointing	9:00 - 9:30a	Church
		EM Workshop	9:30 - 12:00p	C/R
Sat		NAACP Banquet  Plessing of the Animals	10:00 - 12:00a	E/F
Sat		Blessing of the Animals	1:00p	Circle
		Vigil Mass - <b>27th Sunday in OT</b> - <b>Respect Life Sunday</b>	5:00 - 6:00p	Church
	10/6	CCD	9:45 - 10:45a	Hall
Sun		RCIA	9:30 - 10:30a	Lounge
		Mass - <b>27th Sunday in OT</b> - <b>Respect Life Sunday</b>	11:00 - 12:00p	Church
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#### Lake Monticello Volunteer Rescue Squad

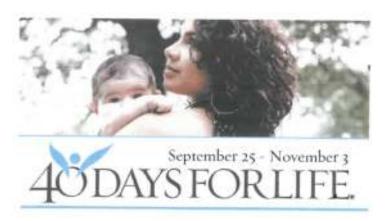
is in need of new volunteers to serve as drivers and EMTs, particularly those who can assist with day shifts. All training is provided.

Contact **Jamie Beadle** at 434.962.8615

to learn more.



## **Upcoming Respect Life Events:**



#### HELP SAVE LIVES in Central VA

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community autreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 24 coordinated campaigns:

- 16,004 babies saved from abortion
- 190 abortion workers converted
- 500 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in

- Vigil location: In front of Planned Parenthood, 2964 Hydraulic boad, Charlottesville
- Vigil hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily
- Local contact: cv0le40days@gmail.com
- . Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

### 40daysforlife.com/charlottesville

Beginning October 1st, K of C Council 11475 will vigil from 9 - 12p every Tuesday, carpooling from Jefferson Pharmacy, departing at 8:30am. Ample parking is available at the Baptist church across the street.

- Respect Life Sunday October 5 & 6, 2019
  - -Rose presentation at Mass at SPP and SJ
- Pregnancy Center Banquet Oct. 25 & 26
  - -a major fundraiser for the Pregnancy Center at Double Tree by Hilton of Charlottesville 990 Hilton Heights Rd. Charlottesville, VA 22901
  - -Bob Maher (589.1170) will host a table Friday night
  - -John Condon (409.1246) will host a table Saturday Night.

See John Condon or Bob Maher for more info.



## FLUVANNA TRIAD SENIOR DAY

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 10:00AM - 2PM

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

Free Admission, Hearing Tests, Flu Shots Guest Speaker, Raffles, Free Lunch Free Water, ... and more





Sts. Peter & Paul BUILDING GROUNDS

Committee



**Wants You!** 

The Building and Grounds Committee of Sts. Peter & Paul takes care of many of the needs of the church through the coordinated efforts of our dedicated volunteers. Can you be one of those people? Please tell us what skills you possess. We'd love to talk to you to find out more.

Plumbing	Carpentry
Painting	Electrical
Landscaping	
Other	
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(Place in offertory basket or turn in to the office, M - F)



Crafters Call to Action!

Thursdays in St. Michael's room to work on the 2019 Craft Fair, 9:30am until 2:30pm.

Bring your lunch and any ideas you may have.

New Crafters are always welcome.

#### **CURSILLO**



Men's Cursillo Weekend
Thursday, October 17 through
Sunday, October 20, 2019
Camp Overlook in
Keezletown, VA
Application deadline is October 3, 2019.

A Cursillo is a 3-day course in Spirituality and teaches an awareness of Christ in every moment of your life. An emphasis is on our Catholic sacraments and the richness they bring to our faith. Come walk this journey alongside other Catholic men and be filled with the JOY Christ offers each one of us. Applications and more info about Cursillo are available at the entrance area, from Ellie and Jeff Henrietta at 434.981.3448 or <a href="https://www.valleycursillo.com">www.valleycursillo.com</a>.

The next **Women's Cursillo Weekend is April 30 - May 3, 2020**, at Camp Overlook.



#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## Annual Rosary Rally

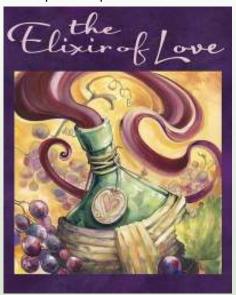
America needs
Fatima!
Saturday, October 12
12pm - 2pm
At the edge of our parking lot.
Bring a chair and water.
Info - Carol Scampoli
434.589.5339

#### \*Coming Next Month\*

Opera Night-Friday, October 11 at 6:30p St. Francis Hall Feature Presentation:

#### L'Elisir D'Amore

Starring Luciano Pavarotti
An opera comedy composed by Gaetano Donizetti,
a Metropolitan Opera House Production



Hosted by the Music and Hospitality ministries. Benefits various ministries at Sts. Peter & Paul. Please <u>sign-up</u> at the display in the Commons.

# PARISH YOUTH

#### **SCOUTS**



#### Join Scouting!

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 6 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign him or her up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:

Cub Scouts (ages 6-10): David Seal

Pack138committeechair@gmail.com (434)981-7810

Boy Scouts Troop1138 (girls): Gator Shifflett

gator1983@live.com (434)531-7311

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys): Chuck Palmer

<u>charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com</u> (571)212-4445

Lake Monticello Family Dentistry

J.A. Mera, DDS, PC

68 Heritage Dr., Ste 5 Palmyra, VA 22963 (434) 589-5327

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#### CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS ED

Sts. Peter and Paul Religious Ed K - 10th grade Sunday Parish Center 9:45 - 10:45am

\$45 PER Student (additional \$20 per sibling).

#### **RCIA**

Are you considering converting to the Catholic faith or are you just curious? Bring your questions and learn about Catholicism and its practices. Non-Catholics and Catholics are welcome! No obligation sessions are on Sundays in the church lounge at 9:30am. Contact Deacon Peter with any questions at:

peteropeter4223@gmail.com

## CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - OPEN HOUSE

Visit us Thursday, Oct. 3rd anytime between 9am - 2pm.

Join us for 8:15am Mass before your tour.

RSVP to Katrina Kuhn k.kuhn@cvillecatholic.org or 434.964.0400 x307 1205 Pen Park Rd., Charlottesville www.cvillecatholic.org

#### SHARE THE GOSPEL

Today Jesus told a story about a selfish rich man who ignored God and refused to share with other people. All his money did him no good when he died. He didn't go to heaven. He had his whole life to learn about God, and he could have helped many people with his money. Instead, he forgot about God. He wasted his riches and bought a lot of nice things for himself. Learn from the rich man. Live for God, not for money.

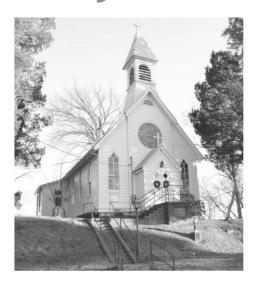
#### **Prayer**

Dear God, help me to share the things you have given me. I love you more than money.



Learn to swim with experienced Coaches who love to teach.

# ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of Katharine Drexel



28 Cameron Street Washington & Cameron Street

P.O. Box 808 Columbia, VA 23038 p: 434.842.3970

e: pastor@saintspeterpaul.org w:saintjosephcolumbia.org

If you have pictures or ministry information to be added to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at <a href="mailto:kenneymg@gmail.com">kenneymg@gmail.com</a>.

#### \*\*MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE\*\*

On Oct. 6th **only** Our Mass will be at **8am** instead of 9am.

Weekly	
September 15	\$699





#### Octoberfest

October 26, 2019, 6pm \$10 for adults and \$5 for children

Come spend an enjoyable evening with friends and family at St. Joe's annual Octoberfest! In addition to the festival, you can participate in the annual Octoberfest pie baking contest. Please contact Pat Morse for contest entry forms and guidelines.



#### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

If you are celebrating your

Marriage Anniversary
in September and would like to be a part of the

Marriage Blessing Mass on

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>,

please contact the office before

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.



St. Katharine Drexel

# PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Adrain Cary \* Alice Galvez-Sobral \*
Rodolfo Galvez-Sobral \*
Mauricio Granados \* Bob Merhoff \*
Bill & Jell Miller \* Angelica Motta \*
Thelma Motta \* Bill Servais \*
Jordan Watkins \* Diane Wolfe

If you would like to honor a loved one by having a Mass said for them, contact the office at Sts. Peter and Paul at 434.589.5201 to check on available dates.

is on the
FIRST THURSDAY
of each month
from 4pm - 6pm.

#### CCD NEWS...

All classes are from

10:30 - 1130am

September Calendar:

Sept. 29 - Class

#### **October Calendar:**

Oct. 6 - Family class - Pray the Rosary in the church to celebrate the Feast of the Rosary

**Oct. 13** - Class

Oct. 20 - Class

Oct. 27 - Class



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROUND TABLE and LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3rd 6:PM POTLUCK DINNER

We would like to have you join us for the potluck dinner organized by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Just remember that an RSVP is being requested in order to prepare enough food for all attending the potluck.

# The Bicentennial Prayer for the Diocese of Richmond



Father of lights, The radiance of your Son has guided the advance of the Gospel across the Diocese of Richmond for two centuries, strengthening our Church from the waters of the Eastern Shore to the mountains of the Blue Ridge. Grant that the nearness of your Son may dispel the darkness of our sins, so that as our love increases more and more, we may dare more than ever to proclaim the Word fearlessly. Holding fast to the word of life, may we shine like stars in the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirt, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

