



STS. PETER AND PAUL

CATHOLIC PARISH

January 5, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

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

Weekdays

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

Holy Days

Vigil 7pm: SPP
Holy Day 9am: St. Joe's
Noon: SPP

Confession

Saturday 4:00 pm SPP
Sunday 8:30 am St. Joe's
(or by appointment)



STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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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.

WELCOME



Administration

Pastoral Council Chair

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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

Pastor

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Marianne Stewart-Carbocci

Custodian

Patricia Harrison

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 JANUARY 5, 2020

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2020

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Tuesday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	
Friday:	

JANUARY HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

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



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for them, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem," the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answer say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be "overjoyed" at seeing the Light of the World.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS * Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

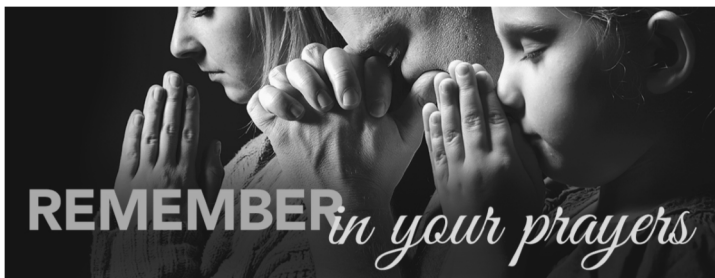
Saturday	1/4	5pm	Michael Hocevar	D	Bob and Muriel Toepfert
Sunday	1/5	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	1/5	11am	Janet Lechner	D	Joan Hansen
Wednesday	1/8	9am	Communion Services		
Thursday	1/9	9am*			
Friday	1/10	9am			
Saturday	1/11	5pm	Michael Hocevar	D	Michael and Nancy King
Sunday	1/12	9am*	Madelyn Barber	D	Lillian Shaw
Sunday	1/12	11am	Sister Anne Schwarzenboeck	D	Joan Merk

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, Raymond Markle and Adam Warren.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Cheryl Baressi, Michael Barrett, Debra Borowicz, Nancy Caleca, Luke Compton, Dorothy Condon, Jane Crivaro, Ruth Dalsky, Ann Duncan, Bernadette Feliciano, Efrain Feliciano, Faith Feliciano-Zehe, Leoncio Feliciano, Mario Feliciano, Bill Flanigan, Patricia Gaskill-Feliciano, Phyllis Guthrie, Jack Hartwell, Phil Harvey, Mary Hayes, Susan Jervis, Jimmy, Janet Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Mernee Kinter, Jenny Leigh, William Markle, Michael, Irene Nadig, Denise Pillar, Kevin Raab, Mary Rose, Lisa Sanes-Amaro, Kathy Saurman, Bob and Mary Sedlak, Sommer, Carmel Tighe, Eleanor Tomasino and Barbara Totaro

Please call the office at 434.589.5201 for homebound or hospital visits.



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated wedding anniversaries in December:

Floyd and Theresa Fulford - 62 Years

Charlie and Elizabeth Maurer - 60 Years

Jim and Bernadette Casey - 53 Years

Eric and Lisa Salopek - 27 Years

Rick and Michele McCormack - 26 Years

James and Elizabeth Kosierowski - 20 Years

ENCOUNTER



THE EPIPHANY January 5, 2020

"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?

The Vocations Office
(804)359-5661

Fr. Michael Boehling

Fr. Brian Capuano

vocations@richmonddiocese.org

The Debt Reduction collection will occur on the first full weekend of each month. Our monthly goal is \$5,000.

**Our next
DEBT REDUCTION
Collection is
this weekend.**

***Thank you for your
continued support .***

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

The word Epiphany means *appearance* or *manifestation* or showing forth. In the Western Church the feast commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. In the Eastern Church, this feast primarily commemorates the baptism of Christ. The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed him to the Magi. Later, God the Father revealed Jesus' identity as His beloved Son at his baptism in the River Jordan. In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

Today's first reading, from Isaiah, mentions non-Jews bringing gifts in homage to the God of Israel. The passage also celebrates the divine light emanating from Jerusalem. It foresees all the nations acknowledging and enjoying that light of the God of Israel and walking by it. Today's Psalm (72), expresses the hope that all the kings of the earth might pay homage to and serve the God of Israel and His Messiah. In the second reading, St. Paul affirms that Jesus extended membership in his Church, making it available to all peoples. Thus, the Jews and the Gentiles have become "*coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.*" Today's gospel teaches us how Christ enriched those who brought him their hearts. Since the Magi came with joy in their hearts to visit the Christ child, God allowed them to see wondrous things. At the same time, today's gospel hints at different reactions to the news of Jesus' birth, foreshadowing his passion and death, as well as the risen Jesus' mandate to make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:19).

Let us make sure that we join the Magi. a) By worshipping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration. Let us offer him our very selves, promising God that we will use His blessings by doing good for our fellow men. b) By choosing a better path for our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their home, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud and impure thoughts, evil habits and addictions, selfish behavior and by actively doing acts of charity. c) By becoming the Star, leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Him. We can help to remove the darkness of evil around us by being like burning candles, radiating Jesus' love in selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care.

Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany. First, let us offer him our gifts of friendship with God and our friendship with others. Next let us offer to Jesus the gift of reconciliation with God and others by working to repair damaged relationships with God and in and outside our families.

Father Almighty, give us the strength to walk by your light and in your shining radiance.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY SCHEDULES

SATURDAY 5:00PM

SUNDAY 11:00AM

USHERS	LECTOR	EM	USHERS	LECTOR	EM
1/4/20 Amato, Anthony Ferris, Ed McNair, Robert	Amato, Pat King, Michael	Deacon Peter King, Nancy Raab, Margaret	1/5/20 Cauffield, David	Aycock, Cynthia Mullinex, Doug	Deacon Peter Campagna, Dianna Feliciano, Frank
1/11/20 Maurer, Charles Menard, Art Pilk, Frank	Barcia, Mary Ann Durant, Andre	Deacon Bob Campagna, Dianna Hutton, Eileen	1/12/20 Bittner, John Warren, Rich Vialpando, Rudy	Tavormina, Joann Barcia, Mary Ann	Deacon Bob
1/18/20 Cauffield, David Seroskie, Ed Lodato, Joseph	Miglas, Joanne King, Nancy	Deacon Peter Gallaudet, Sandra Mason, Mary Ann	1/19/20 Best, Chris Johnson, Gary Feliciano, Frank	Best, Carrie Palmer, Greg	Deacon Peter Lyttle, Veronica Nicholson, Ann
1/25/20 Amato, Anthony Cullinan, James Maurer, Charles	Amato, Patricia Wimer, June	Deacon Peter Cecil, Nancy Lyttle, Veronica	1/26/20 Bittner, John Schjoth, Madison Salopek, Eric	Landow, Kathy Condon, John	Deacon Peter Forster, Janet Hansen, Joan

OFFERTORY COLLECTION*

Pew Count Sat.- 150 Sun.- 212	Dec 21/22
First Offering	\$ 3,990
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,518
Total	\$ 5,508
<i>Due to the early publication schedule, collection data is a week behind.</i>	



Giving made simple. Have you signed up yet?
www.Faithdirect.net Church code: VA249

GOOD NEWS TO REPORT!

Thanks to your generosity, and with the help of the Diocese's matching bonus of \$25,000, we were able to pay off our smaller loan before the new year. We were expected to satisfy the smaller note by April 1st, and we met that goal three months early!

The \$40,000 payoff check was processed. As we continue our Debt Reduction Program, proceeds from that collection will now be applied to the larger debt.

Thank you once again for your help in accomplishing this goal.

Marlene Weaver

GENERATE DONATIONS WHILE SHOPPING THROUGH AMAZON



Whenever you shop deals at Smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate a portion of its proceeds to Sts. Peter and Paul.

Here's how:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1570812>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

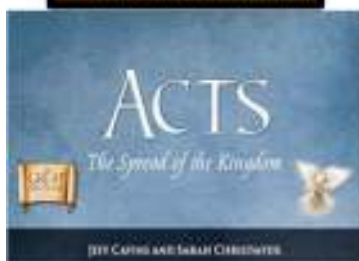
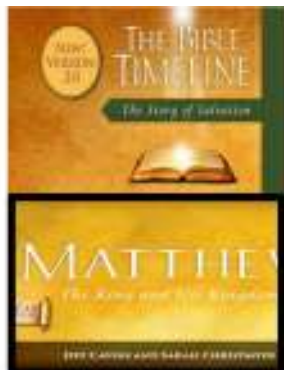
SAVED BY THE BOOK BIBLE STUDY

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

We are now studying
"ACTS OF THE APOSTLES"

Prayerfully consider joining us.
All are welcome.

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



ROOM SCHEDULE

1/5	RCIA	9:30 - 10:30a	Lounge
	CCD	9:45 - 1:45a	Hall
	Mass	11:00 - 12:00p	Church
	Bake Sale after Mass	12:00 - 12:30p	C
1/6	Body Awareness and Relaxation	11:00 - 12:00p	C
	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00 - 2:00p	122
	Knights of Columbus Meeting	6:00 - 7:00p	C
	Den 10	6:30 - 7:30p	115
	Den 8	6:30 - 7:30p	120
	Saved by the Book	7:00 - 8:30p	122
1/7	Body Awareness and Relaxation	11:00 - 12:00p	C
	Girl Scouts	6:30 - 7:30p	E
	Troop Committee	6:30 - 7:30p	122
	Parish Council	7:00 - 9:00p	123
	Al-Anon Meeting	7:30 - 8:30p	M
1/8	Mass	9:00 - 10:00a	118
	Bridge	9:00 - 2:00p	118
	Dens Lions	6:30 - 7:30p	115
	Troop 1138	7:00 - 8:30p	E
1/9	Cursillo	6:45 - 7:45p	122
	Cub Scout Committee	7:00 - 8:30p	F
	Pack 138 Committee	7:00 - 8:00p	E
1/10	Community Garden	8:30 - 12:00p	123
	Mass	9:00 - 9:30a	Church
	Adoration	9:30 - 3:00p	Church
	Bridge	10:00 - 2:30p	F
	Al-Anon Meeting	10:00 - 11:00a	R
	Benediction	3:00 - 3:30p	Church
1/11	Vigil Mass	5:00 - 6:00p	Church
1/12	RCIA	9:30 - 10:30a	Lounge
	CCD	9:45 - 10:45p	Hall
	Mass	11:00 - 12:00p	Church



The Bake Sale is **ON!**

BRING HOME BAKED GOODS

AND

HELP OUT JUSTICE & PEACE!

Our bake sale generates funds for our Justice & Peace Program which benefits people in the community who are struggling. We are very grateful for any baked goods you can provide. Drop off goodies before Mass on Saturday and/or Sunday. Be sure to buy some too. We thank you for your support.



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



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Changing lives, one meal at a time.

Meals on Wheels (MOW) is a non-profit organization that operates in virtually every community in America to address senior hunger and isolation. In anticipation of inclement weather hitting, Fluvanna Meals on Wheels is asking our community to fill and donate Emergency Food Bags. These "E-Bags" contain 5 full meals which are used in the event that MOW is unable to deliver lunchtime meals.

Please share this information with friends or other community organizations who may be interested in sponsoring Emergency Food Bags. Once you've decided how many bags you would like to fill and donate, please contact Meals on Wheels at 434-589-1685 for them to provide you with bags and additional information.

Please choose 5 items per bag from each food group (protein, fruit, vegetable). Non-perishable, single-serving sizes with easy open containers and LOW SODIUM and LOW SUGAR, entirely prepared food is required with expiration dates any time after July 2020. Please do not donate candy or cookies.

Proteins - peanut butter, chunk light tuna in water, canned soups

Fruits - Fruit in fruit juice (mixed, mandarin oranges, pears, peaches, etc. cans or fruit cups

Vegetables - Canned green beans, peas, carrots, corn

Crackers such as Saltine, Ritz or Graham, and granola bars, cereal bars are also welcomed.

***Thank you in advance for your generosity
and support.***

Email: fluvannamealsonwheels@embrqmail.com



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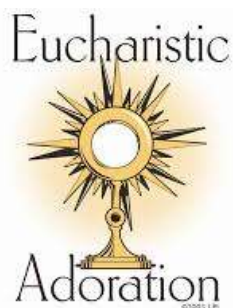
“Shine like stars in the world, as you hold fast to the word of life” (Phil. 2:15–16)

During the bicentennial year, Bishop Knestout is encouraging the faithful to revisit and renew their commitment to evangelization particularly through the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and See the World Ablaze (2014.) With the bicentennial focus on the themes of communion and mission, evangelization teams are encouraged to renew their work within their local communities.

Resources have been and will periodically be made available through this website to assist individuals, along with parish and school communities, to spiritually prepare for the bicentennial commemoration.

The Diocese of Richmond’s beautiful commemorative book is now available and highlights our two-hundred-year history with text, pictures, and profiles of our nearly 150 parishes. To order this special-edition book, contact your parish office. To learn more about planned 2020-2021 bicentennial events, visit:

www.2020.richmonddiocese.org



Adoration Schedule

Monday - Thursday: 6:00 am - 8:00 pm
In Chapel

Friday: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Followed by Benediction in Church

There are several openings for those wishing to spend just one hour alone in Adoration. Please check the schedule in the Church hallway for times that may be suitable for you. Adoration offers each of us quality, dedicated, uninterrupted time with our precious Lord.



FOSTER CARE

THE RIGHT TIME IS RIGHT NOW.

HopeTree Family Services' Treatment Foster Care program provides the training and support that enables adults to be the foster parent kids throughout Virginia need right now. HopeTree's Foster Care program helps meet the needs of children and youth who require individualized care and attention in a stable, Christian family setting. Our goal is to create a foster home environment which enhances the emotional, educational, physical, social, and spiritual development of *every* child.

Do you have room in your heart, space in your home, and a desire to make a difference in the life of a teen? HopeTree is in search of people like you to become a foster parent for a teen in your community. Foster care is temporary care for a young person during a time that he or she cannot live with his or her birth family. HopeTree foster parents are provided with the training, support, and resources they need in order to care for the children placed in their home. If you want to learn more about this opportunity, please come to one of HopeTree's **Information Sessions**:

January 6, 2020, 6:30pm-7:30pm
HopeTree Family Services Foster Care Office,
11745 Chester Road,
Chester, VA 23831

January 7, 2020, 6:30pm-7:30pm
Baptist General Association of Virginia,
2828 Emerywood Pkwy,
Richmond, VA 23294

January 8, 2020, 12pm-1pm
Baptist General Association of Virginia,
2828 Emerywood Pkwy,
Richmond, VA 23294

Call (804) 201-9006 or email ShannonU@HopeTreeFS.org for more information.



MARCH FOR LIFE 2020
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH
WASHINGTON, D.C.

JOIN US AT THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRO-LIFE EVENT

Mass, Rosary, or Communion Service will be at 7:00 am with a light breakfast to follow. Please bring snacks and water for the day. Dress warmly.

Our bus is scheduled for pick up at 8:00 am at
Sts. Peter & Paul Church and will return there at 8:00 pm.

Let's get on board and fill our Bus for Life!!

\$10 per person, no charge for students.

A Sign-up sheet will be available in the Commons.

To sign up or receive more information,
call **John Condon at 434-409-1246** or **David Cauffield at 814-525-0594**.



Pro-life partners organize 2nd annual VA March for Life

Second Annual Virginia March for Life - February 13, 2020

The Family Foundation, the Virginia Catholic Conference, & the Virginia Society for Human Life,
Partnering to Speak Out Against Extreme Abortion Legislation, Policy

The Virginia March for Life will start with a rally at 11:45 am ET, followed by a march at 12:45 pm ET. More details, including a list of speakers, will be announced soon. MFL will do their best to keep this list updated with additional state and local events. Email info@marchforlife.org to have an event added.

PARISH YOUTH



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 Troop 138 (boys):

Chuck Palmer

charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com

(571)212-4445

Scouts BSA Troop 1138 (girls):

Gator Shifflett

gator1983@live.com

(434) 531-7311



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).

SHARING THE GOSPEL

It may be hard to find the star in the east, but God will always show you how to find him. Bow before the altar of God and give the baby Jesus three presents of your own. For gold, share your goodness with others. For frankincense, send your prayers up to God for yourself, your family, and your friends. For myrrh, follow God's words like a sweet perfume.

PRAYER

Lord, I offer you my words, my actions, and my thoughts.

2020 HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Holy days of obligation are days set aside by the Church when the faithful attend Mass. In addition to Sundays, the days observed as holy days of obligation in the United States are:

- January 1st - Mary, Mother of God
- Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension of our Lord
- November 1st - All Saints
- December 8th - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 25th - Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Scouts BSA- Girl Troop 1138 - Scouts BSA is the traditional Scouting experience for youth in the fifth grade through high school. Troop 1138 is a very active girl troop with trained, dedicated leaders and parent support. A variety of trips are planned and designed by the youth leadership to include camping, zip lining, biking, and hiking. Service, community engagement and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. Those who have earned the Eagle Scout rank count it among their most treasured achievements.

There are more than 135 merit badges, and any Scout may earn any of these at any time. There are more than 150 awards you can earn as a member of Scouts BSA. Whether it's a rank advancement, merit badge or one of the many other individual awards, there's plenty for you to set your sights on. Our goal is to participate in scouting at all levels-local, regional, and national. We are also involved in numerous community service projects/events.

Please contact us if you would like more information, or would like to join this fantastic program!

Contact for Scouts BSA Girl Troop 1138:

Natalie Godfrey nmgodfrey@gmail.com 434-270-1996.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Penances and Prayers

*God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight
under the rafters of a barn:
Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay,
And Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed stable.**

When I was younger, I wrote music to and recorded Thomas Merton's poem, "Epiphany Carol." If you've never read it, search it out on the internet. Merton's words are profound and paint a picture of the awesomeness of Jesus, the newborn King of Kings, lying in a simple straw bed. The shepherds and Wise Men are drawn to pay homage to the One who has been born above all others and brings with him hope for a broken world.

As Merton correctly points out, the gifts we are called to bring to this baby and lay at his feet are our prayers and penances, next to those gifts of worldly wealth. What is it that you have to bring to the stable on this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord? Unless those prayers and penances lead to a new way of living, our gifts will be void of meaning. What we lay before him speaks to the change in us that he has given to us by his birth. Our daily stewardship is resembled in those gifts. If we are to truly echo the kingdom of God in our lives and actions, what we ultimately offer to him is no less than our entire selves. This baby will give his entire self for us, and his work must continue through our hands and feet.

*While we unnumbered children of the wicked centuries
Come after with our penances and prayers,
And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay
Beside the wise men's golden jars.**

*Excerpts from "Epiphany Carol" by Thomas Merton

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



The story of the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King, is a great one, isn't it? They had a great big star in the sky to lead the way. I am no Boy Scout, so I am not sure how well I would do following a star like that. But the important point here is that God led them to the manger. The manger was a place that unless God specifically showed you this was where the Christ Child was born you wouldn't have believed it. You would have passed on by.

In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn't so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner and to what end is not always clear.

This is where prayer can make a huge difference. If we seek to cultivate a prayer life where we are mindful of the presence of God throughout our day, then the call is easier to discern. We can help the process by intentionally offering to God in the morning the entirety of the day to come: all our actions, all our time, and all our decisions. In the evening, we can examine the past hours of the day and reflect on when we responded well to Christ's call and when we fell short. Then we resolve to begin again tomorrow, inviting Christ to be with us every step of the way. God may not offer a star in the sky to lead us, but if we invite us on our journey each day, the path will be much clearer.

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DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Congratulations to the following couples who
celebrated wedding anniversaries in
December:

Fred and Betsy Gunnels - 50 Years

Jarl and Carol Hannum - 54 Years



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 Mauricio Granados * Bob Merhoff *
 Bill & Jell Miller * Angelica Motta *
 Odila Motta* Oscar 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.



Weekly Offertory*

12/22/19 - \$899.00
 * Due to the early publication schedule, current figures are unavailable.

CCD NEWS . . .

All classes are from
 10:30 - 1130am

Jan 5 - Class

Jan 12 - Class & Mass with Children

Jan 19 - Class

Jan 26 - Class

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

Upcoming:
 Feb. 6th, 2019



THE KNIGHTS OF
 COLUMBUS
 ROUND TABLE
 and
 LADIES AUXILIARY
 MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
 6:00 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 Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

