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OUR MISSION

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church and St. Joseph's/Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel, 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.

September 20, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

Confession Saturday 3pm: SPP Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's (or by appointment)

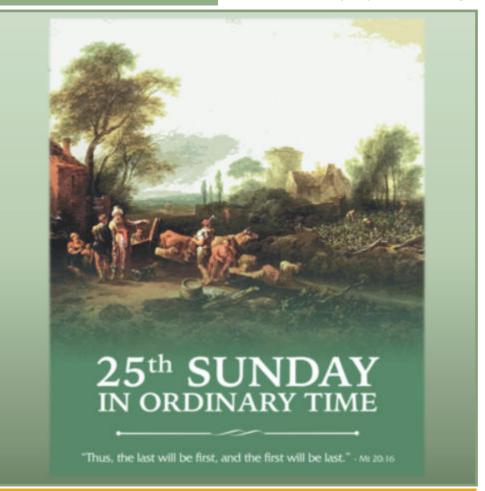
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Whether you are a visitor or new to our parish, interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or an active member of our parish, we are pleased that you have come.

Bulletin & Announcements Deadline Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org

Readings for the Week of September 20, 2020

Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a
Monday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34. 35, 44 [35]/
·	Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/
	Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/
	Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/
	Mt 21:28-32

Observances for the Week of September 20, 2020

Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Thursday:	
Friday:	
Saturday:	Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Next Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 2020

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE Donor George O'Malley

Janice M. O'Malley

Memorial

ALTAR FLOWERS Donor Irene Donoughe

Memorial **Florence Howell**





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SANCTUARY CANDLE

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

STS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC PARISH 2

ENCOUNTER



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 20, 2020

"Seek the Lord while He may be found..." While seeking Him in prayer nd the sacraments, listen to Him. Are you discerning a vocation to serve the Lord as priest, deacon, sister or brother?

Contact:

The Vocations Office

(804)359-5661

Fr. Michael Boehling

Fr. Brian Capuano

vocations@richmonddiocese.org

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

"Catechesis is the process of transmitting the Gospel, as the Christian community has received it, understands it, celebrates it, lives it and communicates it in many ways." Jesus empowered the Church to continue His mission when He said, "Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and on earth; go, therefore and make disciples of all the 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. And know that I am with you always, until the end of time." (Mt. 28:18-20)

This great commission has been handed to women and men, whom God has called, to proclaim the Good News. This ministry of teaching and forming has traditionally been referred to as catechesis.

The name of catechesis was given to the whole of the efforts within the Church to make disciples, to help people to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and to educate and instruct them in this life and thus build up the Body of Christ. (Catechesi Tradendae #1)

The word catechesis comes from the Greek meaning "to echo the teaching" meaning that catechesis, or the teaching of the faith, is an interactive process in which the Word of God re-sounds between and among the proclaimer, the one receiving the message, and the Holy Spirit! Catechesis is a life-long process of initial conversion, formation, education, and on-going conversion. Through word, worship, service and community, it seeks to lead all God's people to an ever deepening relationship with God who reveals himself in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Catechesis takes many forms and includes the initiation of adults, youth and children as well as the intentional and systematic effort to enable all to grow in faith and discipleship. Many people recall the term C.C.D. which stood for the "Confraternity of Christian Doctrine" which served parishes in their efforts to provide religious education to children who attended public schools. Today, we have retrieved the notion of catechesis to capture the broader mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel to adults, youth and children in order to "put people in communion with Jesus Christ" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #426).

Today the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday under the theme of "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



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): Carrie Diaz Dawson <u>crdiaz034@gmail.com</u> 703-297-2206

> 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

Congratulations to Josh and Kimberly Davis on the birth and baptism of their newborn son, Wyatt Jameson. Welcome Baby Wyatt! "Every good and perfect gift is from above..." James 1:17 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.

Our goal is to participate in scouting at all levels-local, regional, and national.

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

Confirmation Sept. 26th, 11am at Sts. Peter & Paul

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Religious Education - Although we prefer traditional classroom instruction we will use an online program for virtual instruction due to Covid. We found an excellent program from My Catholic Faith Delivered. You can see a short video overview of it at <u>https://youtu.be/</u> <u>AMOR-JIJYB4</u> The program will start in early October.

Registration begins next week. The cost is \$45 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child.

Registration forms are available at the office. Please bring a copy of the child(ren) baptismal certificate with you.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) this program provides instruction to nonbaptized and non-Catholics who are interested in becoming full members of the Catholic Church. If you, a spouse or a friend is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith please contact the office at 434-589-5201 and someone will get in touch with you.



A child's "First Communion" is a rite of passage, an acknowledgement that he or she has reached the age of reason and is now liable for many of the penalties involved in sin; it is, in other words, a marker that the child is growing up. The children learn, that "the Eucharistic Celebration is much more than a simple banquet: it is exactly the memorial of Jesus' Paschal Sacrifice, the mystery at the center of salvation. The Eucharist is the summit of God's saving action: the Lord Jesus, by becoming bread broken for us, pours upon us all of His mercy and His love, so as to

renew our hearts, our lives, and our way of relating with Him and with the brethren."

Additionally, the 1st communicants become aware that the Eucharist is a very great gift and that going to Mass, not just to pray, but to receive Communion, reminds them that the bread that is the Body of Jesus Christ who saves us, forgives us, unites us to the Father. Let us ask Him then, that this Sacrament continue to keep His presence alive in these young children, and to shape our community in charity and communion, according to the Father's heart. This is done throughout life, but is begun on the day of our First Communion.

Congratulations to Our First Communicants!

Ashlyn Blackburn	Alexa Mondragon	Liam Tighe
Vera Green	Anthony Mondragon	BrandenTorres
Margo Gross	Danny Morales	Litzy Torres
Charles McClanahan	Leyna Spencer	Itza Viveros
Diego Mendoza		

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER 19 - SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	9/19	5pm	Fr. F. Rotunno	D	Janet Galbo
Sunday	9/20	9am *	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	9/20	11am	Al Schwarzenboeck	D	Maureen Schwarzenboeck
Wednesday	9/23	9am	Bill Markle	D	Don & Eileen Tyler
Thursday	9/24	9am*	Mary Harrell	D	Jack & Kathleen Best
Friday	9/25	9am	Gerry Galbo	D	Janet Galbo
Saturday	9/26	5pm	Robert (Bob) Stanton	D	Anthony & Pat Amato
Sunday	9/27	9am*	Mary Beckman	D	Carol Hannum
Sunday	9/27	11am	Misa Pro Populo		

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, Matt Hendl, William Carter Hoppe, 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, Taylor Graese and Adam Warren.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Michael Barrett, Jean Bookman, Debra Borowicz, Mike Brown, Bob Burger, Dorothy Condon, Luke Compton, Natasha Compton, Jim Cullinan, Ann Duncan, William Ellis, Efrain Feliciano, Bernadette Feliciano, Frank Feliciano, Faith Feliciano-Zehe, Leoncio Feliciano, Mario Feliciano, Bill Flanigan, Patricia Gaskill-Feliciano, Phyllis Guthrie, Joanne Harris, Jack Hartwell, Mary Hayes, Bill Hickey, Susan Jervis, Janet Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Jenny Leigh, Judith Kuhlow Lena, The Lyttle Family, Patti Markle, Michael, Irene Nadig, Betty and Bob Nieves, Deb O'Niel, Denise Pillar, Kevin Raab, Mary Rose, Cindy Rudine, Lisa Sanes-Amaro, Kathy Sarman, Carol Ann Schreier, Bob Sedlak, Mary Sedlak, Sommer, Carmel Tighe, Barbara Totaro, Chase Turano, Claire van Nierop, Diane Wolfe, Maggie Yando and Benjamin Yep.

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

September Hnniversary Celebrations



If you are celebrating your Marriage Anniversary in September and would like to be a part of the Marriage Blessing Mass on Saturday,

October 3rd.

Please contact the office before Monday, September 28th.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES SATURDAY 5:00PM

SUNDAY 11:00AM

USHERS	LECTOR	EM	USHERS	LECTOR	EM
9/19			9/20		
	Pat Amato Mary Ann Barcia	Deacon Peter		Janet Forster Greg Palmer	
9/26			9/27		
	Joanne Miglas June Wimer	Deacon Bob		Stephen Momper Diana George	Deacon Bob

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pew Count Sat 75 Sun 60	Sep 12 - 13, 2020			
First Offering	\$6,132			
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,069			
Total	\$ 8,201			
September MTD Debt Reduction \$ 3,884				

The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection: October 3rd & 4th

God bless you for your continued support .



We prayerfully invite you to use eGiving to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today using your computer, smartphone, or tablet by visiting faith.direct/VA249 or by calling toll-free 866.507.8757. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this appeal and for your continued support of our parish family.

The church is seeking additional people to help live stream Masses and other possible events. Please contact the office (434.589.5201) if you are able to contribute your time and talent for this very important task. Thank you for your consideration.



Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of your presence. In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet. We ask this in Your Name.



Special dispensation is offered during this time. Please understand and remember that if you wish to attend Mass in person, you <u>MUST</u> wear a face covering which covers your mouth <u>and</u> nose.

This is not optional as it is mandated by the Diocese as well as the Commonwealth of Virginia; so, if you find it difficult wearing a face covering for the duration of the Mass, then we ask that you join us via the live stream on our Facebook page.

While we wish to welcome all parishioners and a return to normalcy, we must follow these directives at this time for our own well being and the well being of those around us. Your patience and compliance is greatly appreciated.

Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

				Morning Prayer	9:00a	Facebook	
Rejoice!		Sat	9/19	Confession	3:00 - 4:00p	R	
-				Mass	5:00p	Church	
Bible Study		Sun	9/20	Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
Each Monday		Sun		Mass	11:00a	Church	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			9/21	Morning Prayer	9:00a	Facebook	
FROM 1PM-2PM		Mon		Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	E	
				Saved by the Book	7:00p	E	
St. Francis' Room in		Tues	9/22	Al-Anon Mtg - On-line		Zoom.us	
the Parish Center				Mass	9:00a	Church	
Topic of Discussion:		Wed	9/23	Troop 1138	7:00p	E	
St. Paul's Letter to the	王			Troop 138	7:00p	F	
Ephesians	SC	Thurs	9/24	Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
-	\geq		-	Women's Cursillo	5:00 - 7:00p	118-120	
FACE COVERINGS	ō	Fri	9/25	Mass w/ Bishop Knestout	12:00 p	Church	
REQUIRED	ROOM SCHEDULE			Al-Anon Meeting - On Line	0.00	Zoom.us	
For more information	Ω <u>κ</u>	S-4	0/06	Morning Prayer Confession	9:00a	Facebook	
or to register, please		Sat	9/26	Vigil Mass	3:00 - 4:00p 5:00p	R Church	
call				Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
June Wimer,		Sun	9/27	Mass	9.00a 11:00a	Church	
(434) 589-2863				F - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)	R-St. Raphael		
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		Room Ledger		E - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)	C-Commons	Church	
					M - St. Michae	el (Church)	
SAVED BY THE BOOK BIBLE STUDY Resuming on 9/21/20 (Online Self-Study Also Available on Ascension Press) Mondays, 7pm, Room E SUBJECT: "JESUS - THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE" Prayerfully consider joining us. All are welcome. Contact: Celeste Shapiola (434-981-1405)	Sts. Peter and Paul Knights of Columbus Council is standing vigil on Tuesdays, starting September 29th, from 9a - 11a. We will meet in front of Jefferson Pharmacy and depart by 8:15a to carpool to this event on Hydraulic Road. There is ample parking at the Baptist Church across from Planned Parenthood if you wish to have your own transportation. If you are planning on carpooling, please notify John Condon at 434.409.1246. St. Peter and Paul Knights of Columbus Council is standing vigil on Tuesdays, starting September 29th, from 9a - 11a. September 23 - November 1 JODAYSFORLIFE . HELP SAVE LIVES IN Central VA You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! Vigil location: In front of Planned Parenthood, 2964 Hydraulic Road, Charlottesville Vigil hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily Local contact: cville40days@gmail.com				TFE. cal VA s worldwide igils and 000,000+		
(Pray, pray, pray!			40daysforlife.co	40daysforlife.com/charlottesville		

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

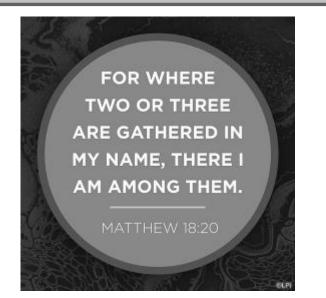
Think for a moment about the most special person in your life. Why do you love them?

Many people will answer that question noting character traits they admire about the person, pointing to an indescribable compatibility that exists and describing a deep sense of connection and intimacy or even a sense of rightness about the relationship.

In relationships that are authentic and true, rarely are the personal benefits gained from the relationship noted as motivating factors for its pursuit. If we truly love someone we do so simply because it is right and good to do so and not for some other self-serving reason.

Why do you love God? The sense of happiness and the gift of mercy that come from that relationship are God's to give, regardless of when in life we come to Him. God's ways are different than ours.

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Flu Prevention During COVID-19

Why are we even more concerned about preventing flu during COVID? The flu is a serious and contagious disease that affects millions of people each year. It's spread

from person to person through coughing, sneezing, or droplets of saliva. In this upcoming flu season, it is likely that flu viruses will spread along with the coronavirus. The flu vaccine will not prevent COVID-19, but it will help prevent flu illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths. It will also help conserve scarce medical resources for the care of people with COVID-19.



How can you prevent the flu?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to reduce your risk for respiratory illness and to protect other at risk people. Getting the flu shot is safe and effective and one of the best ways you can

prevent getting and spreading the flu. It takes up to 2 weeks after getting a flu shot for your body to build up full protection against the flu, so it is still possible to get the flu during that time. Any side effects from the vaccine (mild soreness, headache, low grade fever, etc.) are short term and are not the flu.

Who needs the flu shot?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone 6 months and older get the vaccine, especially

- · Essential workers
- · Pregnant women and children
- · People ages 65 and older
- · People with chronic health problems like asthma, diabetes, heart disease, lunch disease, etc.
- · People who live with or care for those at high risk

Where can I get the flu shot? Your local health department offers the flu vaccine for all ages, along with most primary care providers and pharmacies. Find your local TJHD health department at www TJHD org.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/flu





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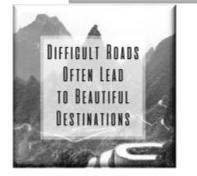


SHARING THE GOSPEL

Your Father says, "Will you work eight hours in my garden for one hundred dollars?" You answer, "Yes." You work hard for seven hours. Then your Father says to two other people, "Will you work one hour in my garden for one hundred dollars?" You shout in anger, "Father, you are not fair." He says, "You agreed to work eight hours for one hundred dollars. That is fair."

PRAYER

When I am first or when I am last, thanks for giving me what I need, Father.





Fluvanna Christian Service Society (FCSS) and MACAA jointly manage and support the Fluvanna Food Bank. They have excellent procedures in place to keep everyone safe.

If you feel safe going out, they are currently in need of the following items:

Tuna Syrup Ramen Easy mac Granola bars Juice pouches Coffee Fruit cups Snack pack cookies Sugar

Or any individually wrapped snack items for the kids!

When dropping off food/snacks you don't have to exit your vehicle. Tell the staff that you are dropping off items and have them in the trunk (preferred) or back seat and they will unload for you.

Thanks for thinking of others during this time.Pastor WarrenFCSS DirectorMACAA 434.842.2521

FLUVANNA MEALS ON WHEELS (FMW) in PARTNERSHIP with DOGWOOD RESTAURANT

Fluvanna Meals on Wheels is open and committed to continuing to deliver hot meals daily with additional safety measures implemented to protect both its clients and volunteers. The owners of Dogwood Restaurant are helping to keep FMW open and delivering hot meals to resident clients. They prepare FMW meals Monday through Friday.

You can help FMW by supporting the Dogwood! Please consider ordering a meal for pick up to help keep their doors open. Call 434-589-1155. Thank you for supporting our community!

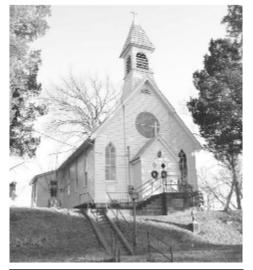
Free virtual seminar on retirement

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 7pm

Register at: <u>https://abbatekofc.com/hegna</u>



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Knights of Columbus Roundtable Chairman Denny Barbario, (434) 981-0678 It is with great sadness that we announce the recent passing of two of our parishioners,

Mr. Fred DeMaio and Mr. Lou Fusaro

Please remember to keep Toni and Marge and their loved ones in your prayers.

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good and Evil

Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all -powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealously, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

September Anniversary Celebrations

If you are celebrating your Marriage Anniversary in September and would like to be a part of the Marriage Blessing Mass on Sunday, **October 4th**, Please contact the office before Monday, September 28th.

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St. Katharine Drexel

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jay Bergman * John Bono * Maria Correa * Alice Galvez-Sobral * Mauricio Granados * India Martin * Bob Merhoff * Bill Miller * Suzanne Moore* Angelica Motta * Odila Motta * Oscar Motta * Thelma Motta * Maria Neumann * Denise Pillar, Bill Servais * Jordan Watkins * Diane Wolfe *

If you or anyone you know is homebound or needs to be added to our parish sick list, please fill out the short form on our parish's "Pray for Our Sick" page. If you'd like to join our parish email list to keep up with our parish and the needs of our parishioners, please sign up on our parish website:

http://www.saintjosephcolumbia.org/



REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading

While still in captivity in Babylon, Isaiah urged the Israelites to seek the Lord, for the Lord is near even in exile. When have you felt the Lord's presence in dark periods of your life?

Second Reading

In his letter to the Philippians written from prison and toward the end of his life, Paul reflects on his spiritual dilemma between life and death. How do you work through spiritual dilemmas

Gospel Reading

Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard of the Lord offers us important insights into the Kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity. To whom do you think this parable is unsettling?



1st Communion - Oct. 3rd at 11am at St. Joseph's



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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 Eastern Shore to the Cumberland Gap. 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 fearlessly proclaim the word. 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





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