

December 13, 2020



STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway
Palmyra, VA 22963

OFFICE HOURS

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karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org

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VISION STATEMENT

To expand and strengthen the Christian Community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is demonstrated and fulfilled.

MISSION STATEMENT

In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.



ST. JOSEPH'S

SHRINE OF

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

P.O. Box 808

28 Cameron Street

Columbia, VA 23038

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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

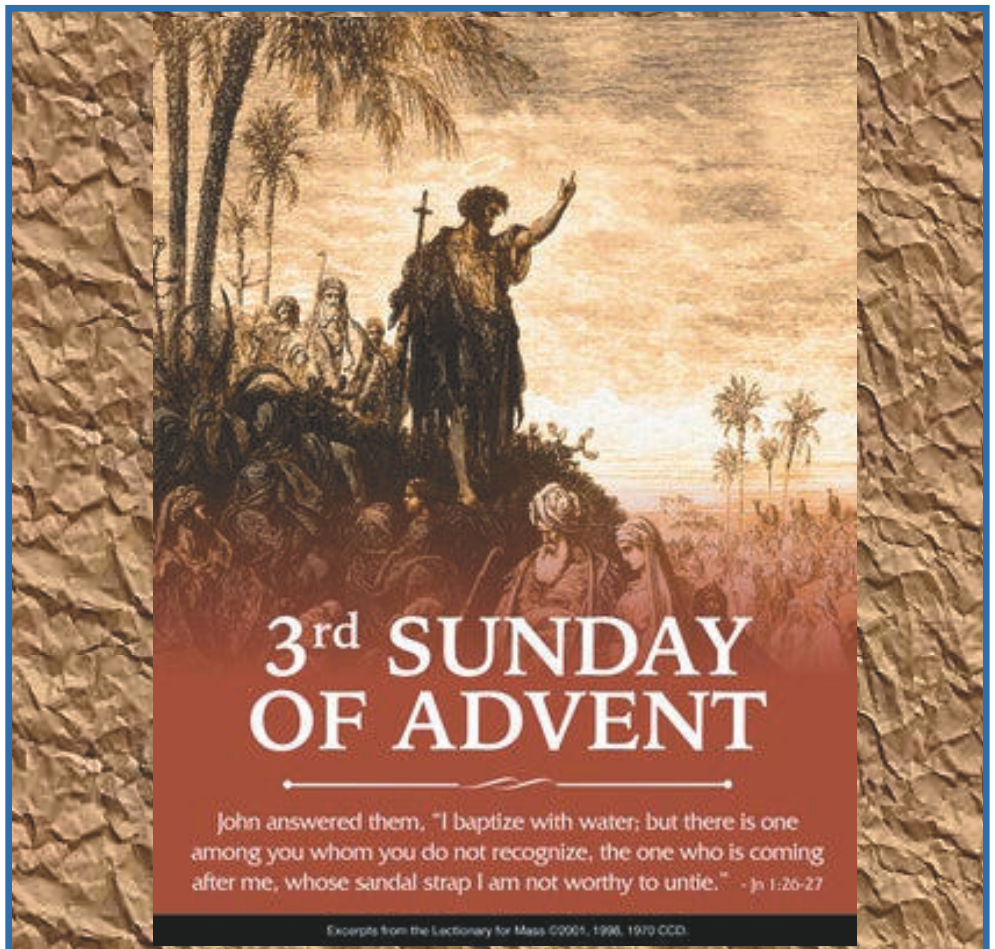
Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's

Noon: SPP

Confession

Saturday 4pm: SPP

Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's
(or by appointment)



Evangelize

Sanctify

Serve

WELCOME



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Cursillo

Ellie Henrietta, 434.981.3448

Knight's of Columbus

Scott Harrison, 434.964.6853

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or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to
schedule Communion

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Receptionist

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.

Bulletin & Announcements Deadline

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

Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/
Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/
Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
[Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/
Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Observances for the week of December 13, 2020

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 2020

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

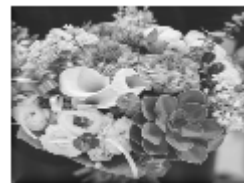
Donor
Bill & Veronica Lyttle

Memorial
Deceased Members of
the Lyttle & O'Reilly
Families



ALTAR FLOWERS

No Flowers in Advent



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor
Robert & Angela Maher

Memorial
Sara Alletto



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

ENCOUNTER



3RDSUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2020

Who is God calling you to be?
The Lord has a plan for every person's life! Over time, through prayer and reflection, the Lord begins to reveal this plan quietly in the depths of your heart.

Are you being called to serve?

Contact:

The Vocations Office

(804)359-5661

Fr. Michael Boehling

Fr. Brian Capuano

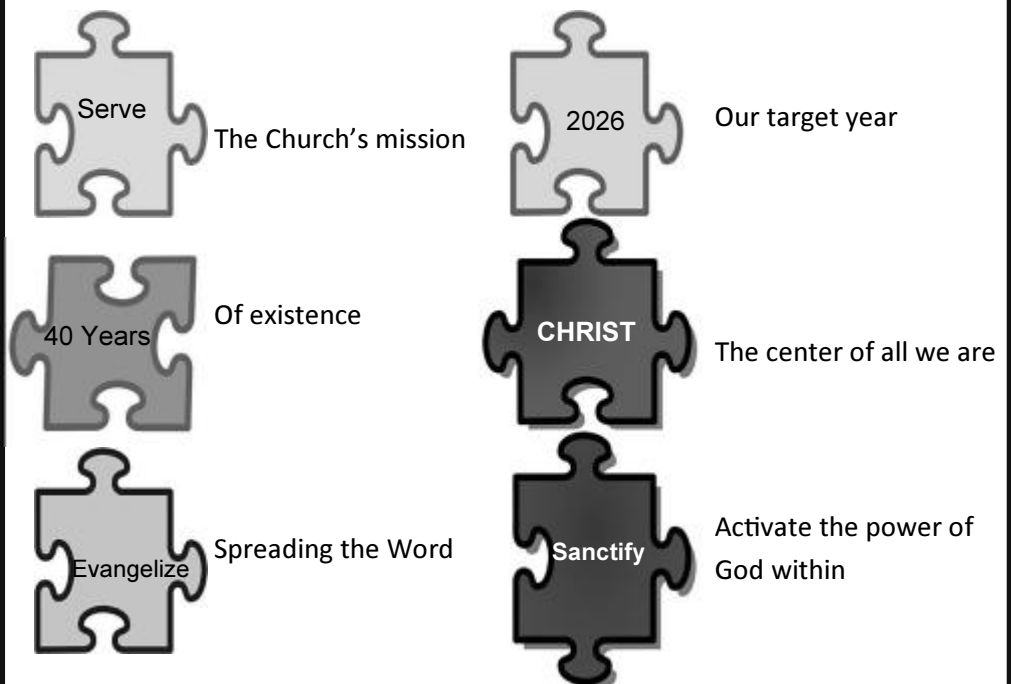
vocations@richmonddiocese.org

Sts. Peter and Paul Logo Contest

Excitement is mounting as I contemplate the fact that Sts. Peter and Paul Church will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in just a few short years - 2026! By that time it is my goal to celebrate how far we've come and have continued to grow in the Spirit of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The basis of our focus is three pronged, Evangelize, Sanctify and Serve, through our teachings of the Gospel, sacraments and disciplines of self control. And, building upon this momentous occasion, your Parish leadership is sculpting a plan and goals for our future, but we want very much for all of our parishioners to join in and become an integral part of this process.

To lift off, we are promoting a *Logo Contest* in which everyone - youngsters and oldsters alike - are invited to participate by designing a logo for our 40-year anniversary using the key words within the chosen puzzle pieces below.



If you're up to the challenge, hone those creative juices and email your entry to: office@saintspeterpaul.org by **January 15, 2021**.

Thank you all for inspiring us to be the best we can be!

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
crdiaz034@gmail.com
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

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

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:

<https://youtu.be/AM0R-JIYB4>

The cost is \$45 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child.

Registration forms are available at the office or on our website. Please provide a copy of the child(ren)'s baptismal certificate.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) -

This program provides instruction to non-baptized 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.

CHRISTMAS TREES!

SCOUT TROOP 1138, Chartered by Sts. Peter & Paul, is Selling

Fresh Cut Christmas Trees at:

	Troop 1138
Where:	Zion Crossroads: Corner of Rt. 250 and Rt. 15
Weekdays:	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Weekends:	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Now through:	Tuesday, December 15th



INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 12 - 20, 2020

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	12/12	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	12/13	9am *	Colleen Coleman	I	Peter & Billie Coleman
Sunday	12/13	11am	Joseph Francis Duffy, Sr.	D	JoAnn Tavormina
Wednesday	12/16	9am	George Rindos	D	Anne Marie Rindos
Thursday	12/17	9am *	Colleen Erlich	I	Peter & Billie Coleman
Friday	12/18	9am	Irene Jaworowski	D	Helga Fallis
Saturday	12/19	5pm	Giovanni and Anna Capuano	D	Jerry and Linda Zink
Sunday	12/20	9am *	Deacon Al Miller	D	Deacon Bob Allen
Sunday	12/20	5pm	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, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Christopher McCarthy, Amanda Illig, Katie Marron, Luke Marron, Russ Marron,



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Michael Barrett, Jean Bookman, Debra Borowicz, Bob Burger, Dorothy Condon, Luke Compton, Natasha Compton, Jim Cullinan, Ann Duncan, Bruce Duncan, Ellen Dunn, 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, Thelma Mueller, Irene Nadig, Betty and Bob Nieves, Deb O'Niel, Denise Pillar, Kim Polesney, Kevin Raab, Mary Rose, Cindy Rudine, Lisa Sanes-Amaro, Kathy Sarman, Carol Scampoli, Carol Ann Schreier, Sean, Bob Sedlak, 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.

December Anniversary Celebrations



If you are celebrating your
Marriage Anniversary
 in December and would like to be a part of
 the Marriage Blessing Mass on Saturday,
January 2nd,
 Please contact the office before Monday,
December 21st.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:00PM

SUNDAY 11:00AM

12/12			12/13		
	Mary Ann Barcia	Deacon Peter		Stephen Momper	Deacon Peter
12/19			12/20		
	Doug Mullinex	Deacon Bob		Greg Palmer	Deacon Bob
12/24	Christmas Eve 4:00 PM		12/24	Christmas Eve 9:00 PM	Christmas Eve 9:00 PM
	Pat Amato	Deacon Bob		Doug Mullinex	Deacon Bob
12/25	Christmas Day 7:00 AM		12/25	Christmas Day 11:00 AM	
	Stephen Momper	Deacon Bob		John Condon	Deacon Peter
12/26			12/27		
	June Wimer	Deacon Peter		Diana George	Deacon Peter

OFFERTORY COLLECTION*

Pew Count Sat. - Sun. -	Dec. 5 - 6, 2020
First Offering	\$
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,858
Total	\$
* Unavailable due to early publication	

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection:

JANUARY 2ND & 3RD

God bless you for your continued support .



USHERS NEEDED

Sts. P&P is seeking volunteer members to serve the parish as Ushers during Mass. Duties may include operating audio/visual equipment, lighting, offertory collection and ushering parishioners to seats and to receive the Eucharist. If interested, please contact: Ed Griffin: warden11475@gmail.com or call 434-996-6008.

A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rejoice! Bible Study

Each Monday

FROM 1PM-2PM

**St. Francis' Room in
the Parish Center**

Topic of Discussion:

The Gospel of John

**FACE COVERINGS
REQUIRED**

**For more information
or to register, please
call**

June Wimer,

(434) 589-2863

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	12/12	Morning Prayer	9:00a	Facebook
		KOVAR 2020 Meeting	9:00 - 12:00p	Virtual
		Rosary Assembly	9:00a	OLOG
		Confession	4:00p	R
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	12/13	Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		RCIA	6:30p	Zoom.us
Mon	12/14	Morning Prayer	9:00a	Facebook
Tues	12/15	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
		Al-Anon Meeting - On-line	7:30p	Zoom.us
Wed	12/16	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Den 1	6:30	115
		Den 6	6:30p	117
		Den 7	6:30p	120
		Troop 1138	7:00p	Virtual
		Troop 138	7:00p	F
Thurs	12/17	Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	5:00p	118/120
Fri	12/18	Mass	9:00a	Church
Sat	12/19	Morning Prayer	9:00a	Facebook
		Confession	4:00p	R
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	12/20	Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		RCIA	6:30p	Zoom.us

Room Ledger:

F - St. Francis (Parish Center)

R - St. Raphael (Church)

E - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)

C - Commons (Church)

OLOG - Our Lady of Guadalupe

M - St. Michael (Church)



Sundays
via ZOOM Meetings
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



SAVED BY THE BOOK

BIBLE STUDY

On Hiatus Until 1/4/21

Mondays, 7pm, Room E

SUBJECT:

GALATIANS

Prayerfully consider joining us.

All are welcome.

Contact: Celeste Shapiola (434-981-1405)



RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

On sale until 12/13 to raise money to help the poor.

Help "***Keep Christ in Christmas***" by sending religious cards -
an evangelization message from your heart.

Checks should be made payable to:

The Knights of Columbus

For more information, contact

Scott Harrison: (434) 964-6853; spharrison14@gmail.com



It is with a heavy heart that the Respect Life Council has decided to cancel any travel plans this year for the Washington D.C. March for Life. Too many variables and uncertainties with our country's current situations make planning our trip almost impossible.

It is our intention to plan a local event on or about the same day (29 January.) We will have more on this to follow. We ask that you pray for our country, pray for the voiceless and pray for all life from conception to natural death.

David Cauffield



“I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord.’” Whose voice are you listening to, the world or God. Invite God into your marriage by going on a

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on
Jan 15 - 17, 2021 in VIRTUAL WEEKEND, NC and
Jan 29-31, 2021 in North Myrtle Beach, SC.

Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at:

<https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>

VIRTUAL SEMINAR OFFERING

Jim Thunder, a former parishioner and past Grand Knight of St John the Beloved, in McLean, Virginia recently relocated to Charlottesville and plans to lead a seminar for Grades 6-8 and another for Grades 9-12, virtually. There is no fee for his time or for materials. The frequency, days and times will be discussed by interested participants. In 2018-2020, he led seminars at St. John’s on Augustine, Aquinas, Hopkins, Newman, Aristotle, John Paul II, and more. This new series of seminars on Great Speeches will include St. Paul, Shakespeare, Lincoln, Patrick Henry, Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Bishop Sheen, St. Teresa of Kolkata, Pope St. John Paul II, Ronald Reagan, Churchill, and more. Mr. Thunder double-majored in government and theology at Notre Dame, obtained his master’s from UVa with the thesis *Aquinas on Marriage* and his law degree from Georgetown. For more information, and to indicate interest, please contact him at thundergroup@alumni.nd.edu.



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.

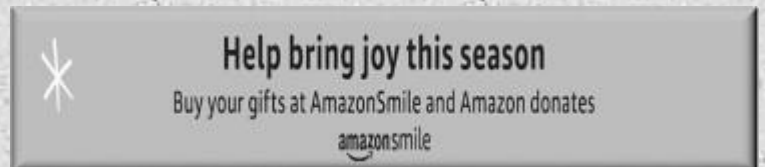
MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS HOLIDAY

Shop for gifts at

smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1570812

to generate donations for

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.





Deacon Bob and his wife, Susan, resume Morning Prayer at 9 am Saturdays and Mondays throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please join them on Facebook!

Doctor on *Wheels* Fund Drive

During this Holiday Season the Knights of Columbus are collecting donations to put our St. Francis Health Center doctors on wheels.

Boda-bodas are small economical motorbikes used throughout Uganda for transportation. Easy on fuel, equipped to ride off road, and they are inexpensive to maintain.

Currently the Health Center lacks transportation of any kind. A boda-boda would mean staff could reach inaccessible patients needing medical attention and pick up needed supplies.

Our goal is to collect \$1500. If you are able to donate please stop by the Keep Christ In Christmas card table after church, or you can write a check to: K of C 11475 and mail to: Joe Schaefer, 16 Powhatan Rd, Palmyra VA 22963.



Free Tuition and Fees for Spring Semester 2021

Re-Employing Virginians

FREE TUITION AND FEES

Have you been laid off or had your working hours reduced due to COVID-19? Do you want to start a new career in a high-demand field? If so, you may qualify for FREE tuition for the spring semester! If you are unemployed or underemployed due to COVID-19, and you enroll in a select, high-demand program, the cost of your tuition and fees will be fully covered. This is a one-time opportunity for the spring 2021 semester only.

ELIGIBILITY

Those eligible for this opportunity must be:

- a Virginia citizen
- unemployed due to COVID-19 and received unemployment benefits on or after August 1, 2020, or
- out of a job because a business closed or staff was reduced due to COVID-19 and are now working in a part-time job with an hourly wage below \$15

PROGRAMS

If you are eligible and register for courses in the following high-demand programs, you will receive FREE tuition and fees for the spring semester:

- Health Care (Nurse Aide, EKG Technician, Pharmacy Technician, EMT, Coding, Medical Administrative Support Assistant)
- Advanced Manufacturing/Industrial Electronics
- Information Systems Technology (Programming, Cloud Computing, Cybersecurity, CompTIA)
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education
- Solar Technician
- HVAC Technician
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Small Engine Repair
- Welding

NEXT STEPS

PVCC advisors are ready to help you get started and enroll in courses that will give you the skills and education you need to succeed in a career in a high-demand field.

To take advantage of this opportunity:

1. Contact the PVCC Admissions and Advising Center at www.pvcc.edu/REV-advising
2. Meet with an advisor to register for spring classes by December 14, 2020

To learn more visit www.pvcc.edu/free21.

WARNING: Beware of the Fake Fund Drive!

Redmont Virginia Community College is a great opportunity with many exciting educational and employment opportunities, programs, services, and activities. PVCC cannot discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, sex, marital status, or genetic information, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, age, or disability. We are committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for all students. We are committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for all students. We are committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for all students.

www.pvcc.edu/REV-advising

Redmont Virginia Community College | 501 College Drive | Charlottesville, VA 22902 | 434.977.3900 | www.pvcc.edu

ANGEL GIVING TREE

Gifts are due back this weekend.

Please return wrapped gifts with tags attached to the tree.



Thank you so much for bringing joy to someone else's Christmas.

God bless.

Charlottesville Catholic School is seeking a part-time Aftercare Assistant. This person should have experience working with children ages 4-13 and be available from 3:30pm - 5:30pm Monday through Friday. CPR certified and teaching experience is recommended but not required. If interested, please contact Vada Fallica (v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org).

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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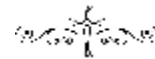
Danielle Murphy, (703) 969-2123

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth.

Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.

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December Anniversary Celebrations



If you are celebrating your

Marriage Anniversary

in December and would like to be a part of
the Marriage Blessing Mass on Saturday,

January 2nd,

Please contact the office before Monday,

December 21st.



St. Katharine Drexel

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 arrange an available date.

If you have pictures or ministry information to be added to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at: kenneymg@gmail.com

Offertory Collections*

*Unavailable due to early publication



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Do you want to pass the faith on to the next generation? Do you want to share how God works in your life? Do you want others to know how much God loves them?

Then prayerfully consider becoming a CCD volunteer. No teaching experience is needed. There are openings in pre-K and middle school, as well as opportunities in all classrooms. You are welcome to visit a class to get an idea of what goes on.

Any questions or to sign up, contact Celeste at cshapiola@yahoo.com or 434-981-1405

SHARING THE GOSPEL

People noticed John the Baptist. He loved God, and he used words honestly. He really wanted to help people change and grow closer to God. He stood out as someone really different and special. People came from all around to hear him and learn about him. When people asked him questions, he pointed to Jesus.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to be different because I love you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

- Jay Bergman * John Bono *
- Maria Correa * Alice Galvez-Sobral *
- Mauricio Granados * India Martin *
- 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:

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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 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 reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.



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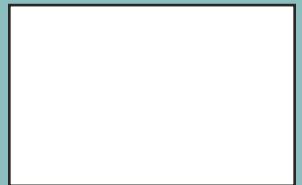
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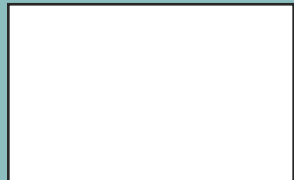
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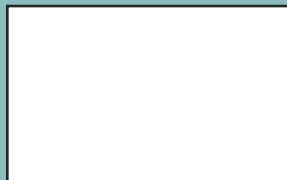
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