



February 14, 2021



STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS

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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

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday 5pm: SPP

Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's

11am: SPP

Weekdays

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

Thursday 5pm: St. Joseph's

Holy Days

Vigil 7pm: SPP

Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's

Noon: SPP

Confession

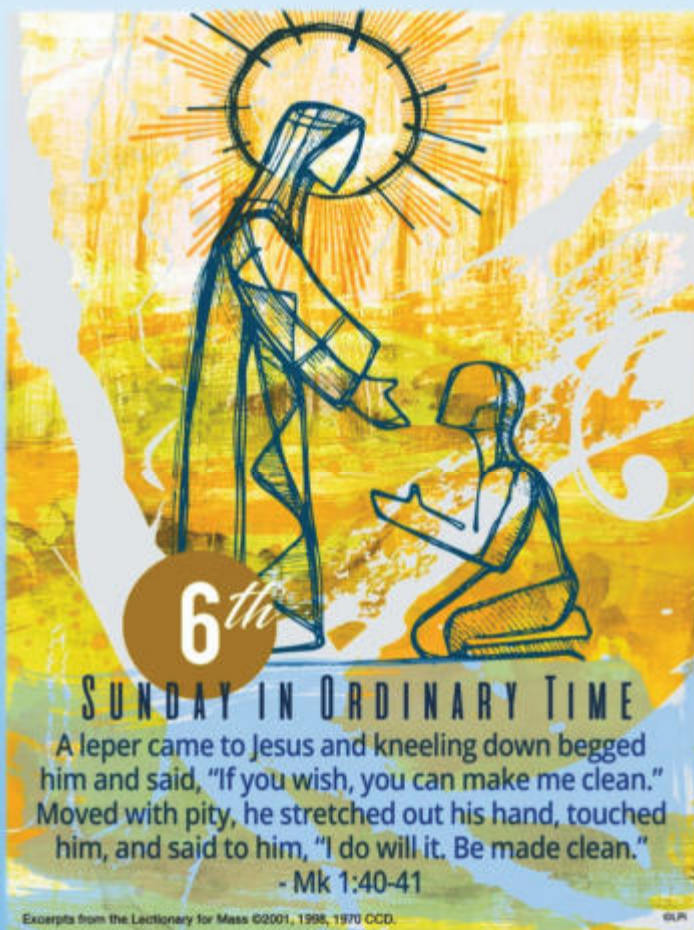
Saturday 4pm: SPP

Thursday 4:45pm: St. Joseph's
(or by appointment)

Hospital Visits: Call Parish
Office

Or Rectory - 434-589-5200

Homebound: Call Parish Office
to schedule Communion



Evangelize

Sanctify

Serve

WELCOME



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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 February 14, 2021

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/
Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10
[11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/
2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/
Mk 1:12-15

Observances for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day;
Valentine's Day
Monday: Presidents' Day
Tuesday:
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

FEBRUARY 2021

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor

Royal & Janis Duffy

Memorial

Joseph F. Duffy, Sr.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor

None During Lent

Memorial

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor

Bill & Veronic Lyttle

Memorial

Surviving children of
Jerry & Doreen Brophy



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



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 14, 2021

“Do everything for the glory of God.” Your vocation is the call to give God glory in your very being. Is He choosing you to be a priest?

Are you considering a vocation as to the priesthood?

Contact:

**Fr. Brian Capuano
(804)359-5661**

Or write:

bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org
The Vocations Office
vocations@richmonddiocese.org

February 14, 2021

My faithful Parishioners:

I love the beginning of a new year. It brings a sense of hope as it is a time for fresh starts and big plans.

Last year, we were all given more time for pause and reflection, and I found myself continuously thinking of our Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Joseph's families. You kept our parishes moving forward and for that, **thank you**.

I know there are many things pressing for your attention. With this letter, I want to focus on the Diocesan Appeal that comes around every year at this time. You may not realize this, but we are so blessed because of the assistance possible because of the Appeal. We received almost \$31,000 this past year that has helped us to provide aid to those in need paying their rent/mortgage and utilities and food, transportation to/from the March for Life in Washington, D.C., and paying down the debt at Sts. Peter and Paul. The Appeal assists in many more areas than what is mentioned in this letter. One thing is for sure, that, with **your** support, so much more is possible.

You have likely received a letter and brochure from Bishop Knestout regarding the 2021 Appeal. I invite you to please take a moment to reflect on all the ministries the Appeal supports and prayerfully consider how you are able to help. This year, we encourage you to do so at <https://richmondatholicfoundation.org/appeal> and you can set up a monthly gift, pledge or one-time donation.

I truly believe that we have the opportunity for a fresh start this year and the opportunity to support what we feel is most important. I know you feel our parishes and our diocese is important – thank you for reflecting that in your level of giving.

If you have any questions at all about the Appeal, or how to adjust your online giving, please reach out to Karen Davidson at 434.589.5201 or office@saintspeterpaul.org.

You and your family are in my prayers, and I hope that I am in yours.

Gratefully in Christ,

Father David
Pastor



PARISH YOUTH

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/AMOR-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.

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



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

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Everybody has a place at the table, and nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, or marginalized. It is not part of God's vision.

Jesus came to heal, make things whole, set things right, and restore relationships. No one is to feel unwelcome or alienated from the community. Whether we like it or not, this message is at the core of the Gospel. It makes a lot of sense when you think about it. Perhaps this is why people kept coming from everywhere to listen to Jesus speak and to be in his presence. He made perfect sense.

Most of us have no issue buying into this vision. We run into trouble, however, when we fall into the trap of privilege and power. We diverge from God's vision when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement have no place in the kingdom of God, and even the most needy and hurting among us are worthy of the compassion Jesus desires to offer. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But one thing is for certain, no one can be singled out, excluded or mistreated. Everyone matters.

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INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 13-21, 2021

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

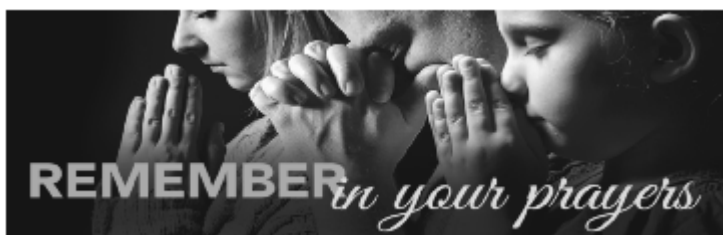
Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	2/13	5pm	Diana Mongiello	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	2/14	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	2/14	11am	Joan Bedlivy	D	Bob & Angela Maher
Ash Wednesday	2/17	9am*			
Ash Wednesday	2/17	12p	James Cecil	D	Nancy Cecil
Ash Wednesday	2/17	7pm	George Burnett	D	Florann Burnett
Thursday	2/18	9am			
Thursday	2/18	5pm*			
Friday	2/19	9am	Robert Amante	D	Catherine Amante
Saturday	2/20	5pm	William Hoppe	D	Parishioners of SPP
Sunday	2/21	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	2/21	11am	Bill Markle	D	Bob & Angela Maher

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, 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

Tony Alexander, Michael Amato, Michael Barrett, Melissa Bowling, Jean Bookman, Debra Borowicz, Bob Burger, Dorothy Condon, Luke Compton, Natasha Compton, Jim Cullinan, Jean Dowlski, Ann Duncan, Bruce Duncan, Ellen Dunn, 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, Jackie Kraemer, Jessica Lam, Jenny Leigh, Judith Kuhlow Lena, The Lyttle Family, Patti Markle, Michael, Tlrene Nadig, Betty and Bob Nieves, Deb O'Niel, Denise Pillar, Roger Paul, Kim Polesney, Kevin Raab, Mary Rose, Cindy Rudine, Lisa Sanes-Amaro, Kathy Sarman, Carol Scampoli, Carol Ann Schreier, Sean, Carmel Tighe, Barbara Totaro, Chase Turano, Claire van Nierop, Charles White, Diane Wolfe, Maggie Yando and Benjamin Yep.

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



If you are celebrating your
Marriage Anniversary
in **February**
and would like to be a part of the
Marriage Blessing Mass on
Saturday, March 6th,
please contact the office before
Friday, February 26th.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:00PM

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Date	Lector	EM	Date	Lector	EM
13-Feb			14-Feb		
	Pat Amato	Deacon Bill Westerman		Diana George	Deacon Bill Westerman
17-Feb	Ash Wednesday - Noon			Ash Wednesday - 7:00 pm	
	Mary Ann Barcia	Deacon Peter		Joanne Miglas	Deacon Bob
20-Feb			21-Feb		
	Doug Mullinex	Deacon Peter		Steve Momper	Deacon Peter
27-Feb			28-Feb		
	Mary Ann Barcia	Deacon Bob		Janet Forster	Deacon Bob

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pew Count Sat. - 32 Sun. - 86	Feb 6 - 7, 2021
First Offering	\$ 4,020
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,518
Total	\$5,538
February MTD Debt Reduction \$ 2,066	

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

Our DEBT REDUCTION Collection:

MARCH 6TH & 7TH

God bless you for your continued support .



Begin the new year with eGiving to help sustain and build ministries throughout 2021 that reflect the promise of God's love. 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. **God bless.**

Annual Diocesan Appeal

The Annual Diocesan Appeal brings a new sense of hope for people in our diocese. As this year's Appeal begins, everyone is encouraged to support not only our parish offertory, which directly supports our parish, but also to prayerfully consider giving to the Appeal.

As we prepare to celebrate "Presidents' Day" holiday, it is important to remember the deep faith of our founding fathers. On October 3, 1789, George Washington gave a Presidential Proclamation to acknowledge God and offer "thanksgiving" to him. The proclamation stated, in part, "...it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor" — and "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God..." And, we are all familiar with the greatness of Abraham Lincoln, whose purpose was to free the slaves and heal a nation. In his second inaugural address on March 4, 1865, he stated, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan..."

These are examples of their faith in and reverence for God. This week, as we celebrate them and celebrate LOVE through St. Valentine's Day, let's remember the work of charity, kindness and love that is accomplished through the Annual Diocesan Appeal, as well.

That through the love and charity of the ministries supported by the Annual Diocesan Appeal, God may be glorified.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rejoice! Bible Study

MONDAYS, 1PM-2PM

**St. Elizabeth's 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 at
(434) 589-2863**

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	13-Feb	Confession	4:00p	R
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Funeral Planning	6:00p	Church
Sun	14-Feb	Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church & Facebook
		Funeral Planning	12:00p	Church & Facebook
		RCIA	6:30p	Zoom.us
Monday	15-Feb	President's Day - OFFICE CLOSED		
		Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
		Saved by the Book	7:00p	E
Tues	16-Feb	Al-Anon Meeting - On-line	7:30p	Zoom.us
Wed	17-Feb	Ash Wednesday		
		Mass - Ashes	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass - Ashes	12:00p	Church
		Mass - Ashes	7:00p	Church
Thurs	18-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Confession	4:45p	St. Joseph's
		Mass	5:00p	St. Joseph's
Fri	19-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30 - 3:00p	Church
		Stations of the Cross	12:00p	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
		Fish Fry Drive Thru	5:00-7:00p	E
Sat	20-Feb	Confession	4:00p	R
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	21-Feb	Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church & Facebook
		RCIA	6:30p	Zoom.us
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)		R - St. Raphael (Church)
		E - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)		G - St. Gabriel (Church)
		C - Commons (Church)		M - St. Michael (Church)



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



SAVED BY THE BOOK

BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, 7pm, Room E

SUBJECT: GALATIANS

ONLINE SELF-STUDY ALSO
AVAILABLE ON ASCENSION PRESS

Prayerfully consider joining us.

All are welcome.

Contact: Celeste Shapiola

(434-981-1405)

cshapiola@yahoo.com

LENTEN TALKS & REFLECTIONS

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00PM

LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK

BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 24TH

(10 - 15 MINUTES)

2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, AND 3/31

"FALL & REDEMPTION"

Send questions to pastor@saintspeterpaul.org



USHERS: URGENTLY 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 as well as ushering parishioners to seats and to receive the Eucharist.

If willing, please contact: Ed Griffin at warden11475@gmail.com or call 434-996-6008 or contact the office.



"Rend your hearts, not your garments. Return to the LORD your God" (Joel 2:13).

How many times have you let Lent become about you?

It's about what **you** are giving up ... What **you** are doing for the Lord ... but the truth is, more than anything else, **God wants our hearts.**

www.ascensionpress.com/the-ascension-lenten-companion-year-b

The purpose of a Lenten penance is to open our hearts to a deeper relationship with God. But how often does your Lenten penance fall short of that? This Lent, we invite you to go deeper.

We invite you to "rend your hearts, not your garments," and to pursue a deeper relationship with God with *The Ascension Lenten Companion: Year B, A Personal Encounter with the Power of the Gospel*.

www.ascensionpress.com/the-ascension-lenten-companion-year-b

This brand new daily prayer resource comes from Fr. Mark Toups, an experienced spiritual director and author of other liturgical favorites like the *Rejoice! Advent Meditations* journals. Together, you'll explore the heart of the Christian mystery: Christ's redemption of the world through his death on the Cross.

Each day, you'll get a word to meditate on, a short reflection from Father Toups, and a reading from Scripture to pray with, and be given space to journal.

Each Thursday, you'll look ahead to the coming Sunday's Gospel reading. Each Monday through Wednesday, you'll continue to unpack that reading.

Over the course of Lent, our hope is for a transformation of your relationships: a more vibrant relationship with God, a more generous self-gift with others, and a more open receptivity to God's will in your life.



Lent is coming - it's only a few days away.

Chair-side, Ambo

Website Announcement

The office of Cemeteries and Funeral Services (OCFS) will be here Valentine's Day weekend, February 13-14 to inform and discuss the spiritual and practical reasons for Catholic funeral planning & the Order of Christian Funeral Rites, practices and traditions.

There will be a short presentation along with a question and answer session after Saturday's Vigil Mass and Sunday morning 11:00am Mass. We will livestream the presentation after the 11:00am Mass so you can participate at home.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to better understand Christian funeral rites and the benefits to pre-planning your funeral arrangements.

GENERATE DONATIONS ALL YEAR 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 Church.**

Here's how:

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



COMING SOON



FISH FRY-DAYS are back!

Fridays, February 19th - March 26th

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

5:00p - 7:30p



MENU

Baked or fried fish

French fries or

Hush puppies

Cole slaw

\$10

TAKE OUT ONLY! (*No exceptions*)

Let us serve you in your car at your leisure.

Come and pick up a meal that you were used to and help us help others.

For more information contact Joe Schaefer at 434.422.6575.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 11475

Your stuff misses YOU too.



We have a growing collection of lost items that would like to return home. If you have lost something in the last year and have given up all hope, please stop by the office and check out our box of goodies that have been left behind. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

All unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill at the beginning



All Blessings Flow is available to you to get any "caregiver" equipment that you may need, their warehouse is full, and everything is still free. However, there are some things in high demand which they would welcome any donations of: tub benches, shower chairs, bed assist rails, and bed tables.

To donate: drive to the shop during business hours: Mondays and Thursdays 10-2pm. They've changed over to curbside assistance, so once you get there, honk and someone will be right out to assist you. The address and phone number are:

2335 Seminole Lane
Charlottesville, VA 22901
434-422-8888

If you have any of these items to donate, but getting it to Charlottesville seems impossible, just let them know.

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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Ladies Auxiliary

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Prayer to St. Joseph



Oh, Saint Joseph, foster-father of Jesus, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for us daily to the same Jesus, the Son of God, that we, being defended by the power of His grace and striving faithfully in life, may be crowned by Him at the hour of death.

Amen.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question:

In today's digital world, do we really need to be face-to-face with a priest to confess our sins? Would Facetime or Zoom ever be allowed?

Answer:

The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) is a question that has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of "social distanced" confession, with the sacrament being celebrated outdoors.

In reflecting on this question, however, there are some points to keep in mind. First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church's ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we respect the nature of the sacraments themselves. Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us that, "Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet" (The Church and the Internet, no. 9).

Although our encounters with others on the internet and via social media can be considered "real" in one sense, in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church's tradition and the meaning of the sacraments.

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St. Katharine Drexel

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jay Bergman * Maria Correa *
 Nona Dooley* 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:

<http://www.saintjosephcolumbia.org/>

Offertory Collection

February 7th*

Not available at time of 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

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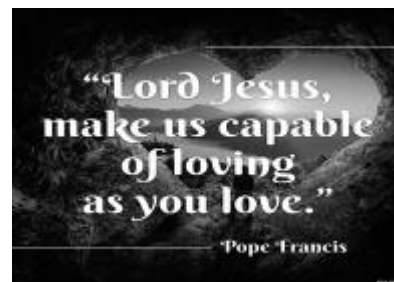
A man came up to Jesus with sores all over his body. He wore a hood over his head and a robe with long sleeves to hide his sores. He said, "If you want to, you can heal me." Jesus touched him and said, "Do not tell anyone about your healing." The man was too excited to keep a secret. He told everyone he met.

PRAYER

Lord, please heal me when I am sick.

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

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.



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