

May 16, 2021



STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

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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.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday 5pm: SPP

Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's

11am: SPP

Weekdays

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

Thursdays 5pm: St. Joseph's

Holy Days

Vigil 7pm: SPP

Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's

Noon: SPP

Confession

Saturday 4pm: SPP

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

Hospital Visits:

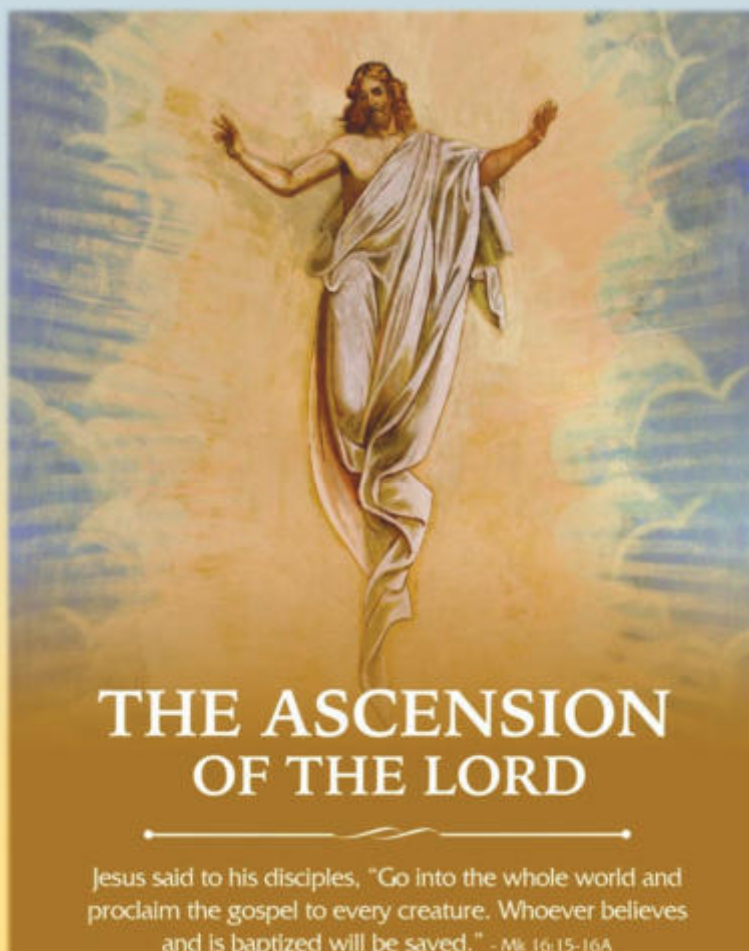
Call Parish Office

Or Rectory: 434.589.5200

Homebound: Call Parish

Office to schedule

Communion



**THE ASCENSION
OF THE LORD**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Go into the whole world and
proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes
and is baptized will be saved." - Mk 16:15-16A

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 May 16, 2021

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104: 1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Extended
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Observances for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday: Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
Monday:
Tuesday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Friday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

MAY 2021

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor
Diana Mariutto

Memorial
Fred Mariutto



ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor
Diana Mariutto

Memorial
Fred Mariutto



SANCTUARY CANDLE

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

SPECIAL NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT - MAY 13 - 22, 2021

We are all invited to participate in an ecumenical Novena to the Holy Spirit, from May 13-22, commemorating the 120th anniversary of the Pentecostal movement! The movement began in 1897 when Pope Leo XIII decreed that this novena would occur annually prior to Pentecost Sunday. Catholic bishops and Pentecostal leaders will lead us in prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our world to change hearts and overcome what divides us. The concluding event will be the Pentecostal Vigil celebrated by Pope Francis at 9 p.m. Rome time (3 p.m. EDT). More information, including resources and instructions on how to participate in the international prayer service, can be found at www.Pentecost.cmax.tv.

Pray to the Holy Spirit In preparation for the Feast of Pentecost. Through prayer we till the soil of our hearts so that the spiritual planting of spring might result in the fruit of holiness and new evangelization efforts.



Come, Holy Spirit,

and guide us throughout the Diocese of Richmond
as we embark on our third century in Your service.

We humbly ask You to strengthen our trust in You
and our eagerness to share the Gospel message with others.

Enkindle in us a keen desire to grow

in our relationship with You

and to encounter You in Your sacraments.

Through the intercessions of

Mary, Star of the New Evangelization,

and St. Vincent de Paul,

may we experience a new Pentecost and

a profound renewal of faith in our diocese, our parishes,

our families and our hearts.

Amen.



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 16, 2021

“And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them.” If you are discerning a vocation to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus as a priest,

Call Father Brian Capuano
at

804-359-5661

Or write

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



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

JOB OPENING

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Palmyra, VA is seeking applicants for the position of **Coordinator of Religious Education and Youth Ministry**. Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies or related field, Pathways Certification and ongoing formation preferred. The successful applicant must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. This position is responsible for overseeing the faith formation programs for pre-school through adult, sacramental preparation, RCIA and youth ministry. This is an 18 hour per week, part-time position with regular weekend events and occasional evening meetings, including work every Sunday morning. Please submit a completed Diocese of Richmond employment application with a cover letter to: pastor@wsaintspeterpaul.org

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance.

As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us.

The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.

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INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 15 - MAY 23, 2021

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

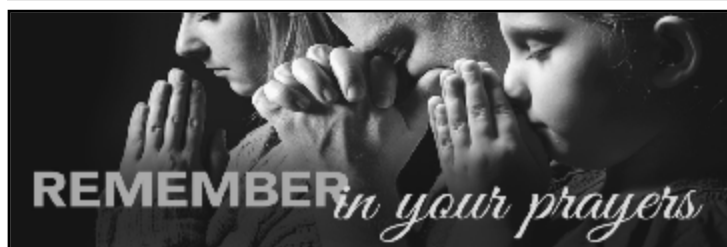
| Day | Date | Mass | For | Status | Requested By |
|-----------|------|------|--------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Saturday | 5/15 | 5pm | Robert Stanton | D | Betty & Joe Arleth |
| Sunday | 5/16 | 9am* | Marge & Lou Fusaro | D | Rose Meyer |
| Sunday | 5/16 | 11am | Misa Pro Populo | | |
| Wednesday | 5/19 | 9am | Cathy Amante | D | Catherine Amante |
| Thursday | 5/20 | 9am | Joanne Harris | D | Your Friends of the Legion of Mary |
| Thursday | 5/20 | 5pm* | | | |
| Friday | 5/21 | 9am | Robert Amante | D | Catherine Amante |
| Saturday | 5/22 | 5pm | Fred Mariutto | D | Knights of Columbus |
| Sunday | 5/23 | 9am* | Misa Pro Populo | | |
| Sunday | 5/23 | 11am | Doreen Brophy | D | Michael & Nancy King |

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vic Altieri, Michael Amato, the Compton family, Ann Gasparro, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Luke Abraham Heymann, Leeann Kleffman, Judi Kuhlow, Jackie Kraemer, Travis Moran, Jeanne Pilk, and Claire van Nierop

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



May Wedding Anniversaries

*If you are celebrating your
Marriage Anniversary in*

May

and would like to be part of the

Marriage Blessing Mass on

Saturday, June 5th

and

Sunday, June 6th,

Please notify the office by

Thursday, May 27th.

****PARISH COUNCIL****

Have you ever wondered how you can make a difference in Sts. Peter and Paul Parish? Are you interested in having a say in how our parish works towards Evangelizing, Sanctifying, and Serving? If so, please consider becoming a member of the Parish Council. More information to come.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

MAY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:00PM

SUNDAY 11:00AM

| Date | Lector | EM | Date | Lector | EM |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 15-May | | | 16-May | | |
| | June Wimer | Deacon Peter | | Diana George | Deacon Peter |
| 22-May | | | 23-May | | |
| | Joanne Miglas | Deacon Bob | | Cynthia Aycock | Deacon Bob |
| | | | | Doug Mullinex | |
| 29-May | | | 30-May | | |
| | Mary Ann Barcia | Deacon Peter | | Janet Forster | Deacon Peter |

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

| Pew Count | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sat. - 76 Sun. - 139 | May 8 - 9 |
| First Offering | \$ 3,209 |
| First Offering: Faith Direct | \$ 2,150 |
| Total | \$ 5,359 |
| MTD Debt Reduction \$5,296 | |

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

Our Next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is JUNE 5-6

God bless you for your continued support .



Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support Sts. Peter and Paul Church and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone, or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249 or call toll-free **866.507.8757**. Thank you for your continued support. **God bless.**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rejoice! Bible Study

MONDAYS, 1PM-2PM

*St. Elizabeth's Room
in the Parish Center*

*Topic of Discussion:
The Book of Genesis*

**FACE COVERINGS
REQUIRED**

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

**June Wimer at
(434) 589-2863**

ROOM SCHEDULE

| | | | | |
|-------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Sat | 15-May | Confession | 4:00p | R |
| | | Vigil Mass | 5:00p | Church |
| Sun | 16-May | Confession | 8:30am | St. Joseph's |
| | | Mass | 9:00a | St. Joseph's |
| | | Mass | 11:00a | Church |
| | | RCIA | 6:30p | ZOOM |
| Mon | 17-May | Rejoice! Bible Study | 1:00p | E |
| | | Saved by the Book | 7:00p | E |
| Tues | 18-May | Al-Anon Meeting - On-line | 7:30p | Zoom.us |
| Wed | 19-May | Mass | 9:00a | Church |
| | | Troop 1138 | 7:00p | Virtual |
| Thurs | 20-May | Mass | 9:00a | Church |
| | | Mass | 5:00p | St. Joseph's |
| | | Cursillo | 5:00p | Virtual |
| Fri | 21-May | Mass | 9:00a | Church |
| | | Adoration | 9:30a | Church |
| | | Benediction | 3:00p | Church |
| Sat | 22-May | Confession | 4:00p | R |
| | | Vigil Mass | 5:00p | Church |
| Sun | 23-May | Confession | 8:30am | St. Joseph's |
| | | Mass | 9:00a | St. Joseph's |
| | | Mass-Adult Confirmation-Incense | 11:00a | Church |
| | | RCIA | 6:30p | ZOOM |

F - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)

R - St. Raphael (Church)

Room Ledger:

E - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)

M - St. Michael (Church)

C - Commons (Church)

FB - Facebook



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



SAVED BY THE BOOK BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, 7pm, Room E

**SUBJECT: HEBREWS
(MARCH 15 - MAY 17)**

ONLINE SELF-STUDY ALSO
AVAILABLE ON ASCENSION PRESS

Prayerfully consider joining us.

All are welcome.

Contact: Celeste Shapiola

(434-981-1405)

cshapiola@yahoo.com

New Catholic Virtual Academy - Saint Vincent de Paul Virtual Academy (SVVA) is opening this fall for students in grades 8-12 throughout the Diocese of Richmond. It will be administered by the faculty and staff at Peninsula Catholic High School who have experience delivering their curriculum virtually since 2016. Applications are being accepted for high school students seeking a dynamic virtual learning experience built on Catholic values.

Contact Alyson LeMaster, Director of Enrollment, at 757-596-7247 ext. 106 to register or visit our website to learn more about SVVA.

ADOPT A PLOT

Do you like working in the garden? We are looking for volunteers to ADOPT A PLOT on the church grounds to pull weeds, spread mulch and, at the same time, help Building & Grounds beautify our church property. Maintenance would be needed at least once a month around curbs and trees. This could be a great community service project for families. Please contact Scott or Pat Harrison at 434.964.6916 for details.

Thank you very much for your consideration!

MAY IS FOSTER CARE MONTH. MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There are children and teens right here in our community who need temporary care from safe and loving families. HopeTree Family Services is looking for people to consider long-term or short-term foster care for young people in our community. HopeTree provides the training and support you need to be the parents that they need. To hear more about this opportunity, please attend one of our **Online Information Sessions**:

May 20th, 12:00pm-1:00pm

May 27th, 6:30pm-7:30pm

June 10th, 6:30pm-7:30pm

June 17th, 12:00pm-1:00pm

June 24th, 6:30pm-7:30pm

For more information or to RSVP contact Abigail Lee at AbigailS@HopeTreeFS.org or visit our website www.HopeTreeFosterCare.org.



"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned." Do you believe in the graces of God that will enrich your marriage? Participate in the upcoming

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on

Jul 16 - 18, 2021 in Beaufort, SC and

Aug 27 - 29, 2021 in Hickory, NC

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

Save the date:

SAINTS PETER & PAUL Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER*

Date: Sunday, AUGUST 29, 2021

GOLF:

Time: 12 pm Registration & Practice
1 pm SHOTGUN (18 holes)

Place: LAKE MONTICELLO GOLF COURSE

***DINNER:** Depending upon any COVID-19 directives in effect on 8/29/21 following golf at Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Francis Hall

Dinner guests (non playing golfers) invited for an additional fee.

Further details to follow in the upcoming months. For questions and information: contact Jim Cullinan 434.589.4551 or 434.996.9592



- ♦ Open to All - golfers, family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.
- ♦ Plan now for a day of fun!
- ♦ Tee-hole signs are available for both personal and business information.
- ♦ All profits benefit Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

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>



Changing lives, one meal at a time.

Fluvanna Meals on Wheels (MOW) wonders if you know someone that needs meals. Here is a way to see if they qualify for Meals on Wheels:

- ♦ Are they home bound w/ limited means of transportation?
- ♦ Are they in need of a balanced meal at lunchtime?
- ♦ Are they physically, mentally, or medically challenged to prepare meals?
- ♦ Do they live in Fluvanna County?
- ♦ Would they be receptive to receive meals?

Meal costs are determined individually based upon monthly income and expenses using a sliding scale to adjust the cost as needed. Please contact MOW at 434-589-1685 with anyone that you feel needs assistance or would like additional information.

Fluvanna Meals on Wheels is here to help its neighbors one meal at a time.

**WORLD
COMMUNICATIONS
DAY**

May 16th, 2021



World Communications Day

Every year on the Sunday before Pentecost the Church celebrates the achievements of the communications media and focuses of how it can best use them to promote gospel values. World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, motions pictures, radio, television and the internet) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message.

The celebration came in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, which realized it must engage fully with the modern world. This realization is expressed in the opening statement of the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et spes* on “The Church in the Modern World”, which says: “The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anguishes of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anguishes of the followers of Christ as well.” In setting it up on Sunday 7th May 1967, less than two years after the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI, knowing that the Church is truly and intimately linked with mankind and its history, wanted to draw attention to the communications media and the enormous power they have for cultural transformation. He and his successors have consistently recognized the positive opportunities the communications media afford for enriching human lives with the values of truth, beauty and goodness, but also the possibly negative effects of spreading less noble values and pressurizing minds and consciences with a multiplicity of contradictory appeals. Therefore, Communications Sunday is celebrated every year.

Pope John Paul II (1990) in his encyclical *Redemptoris missio* 37 said: “The world of communications is the first Areopagus of the modern age, unifying humanity and turning it into what is known as a ‘global village’. The communications media have acquired such importance as to be for many the chief means of information and education, of guidance and inspiration for many people in their personal, family and social behavior. In particular, the younger generation is growing up in a world conditioned by the mass media.”

Increasingly aware of the world as a global village and the power of the media as a free market place for philosophies and values, the Church has sought to be in there with its message and to use the media to proclaim the values it sees are beneficial for human development and for the eternal welfare of people. Pope Benedict XVI’s Message for World Communications Day this year focuses on children and the media. He urges parents to form their children to be discerning in their use of the media. And those working in the media he urges always to promote human dignity. He asks them to refrain from producing materials that lower moral standards, such as those which promote violence or the trivialization of sexuality.

A Prayer for Communications Sunday



O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.

Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity. Grant discernment to all who rely on their labors, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace.

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are.

We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

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If you have pictures or ministry information to add to

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SHARING THE GOSPEL

Every day when you are in school, your teachers help you learn. You get better at following directions. You get better at listening. You get better at remembering what you learned. Over the school year, your teacher gets you ready for the next grade. In today's Gospel, Jesus prayed for his friends. Jesus spent the last three years teaching his friends how to follow God and how to love others. His time to teach was almost over. Jesus prayed that his friends would stay close to God. Jesus asked God to protect them as they shared his teachings with the whole world.

PRAYER

God, help me to learn all that I can from Jesus and my teachers.



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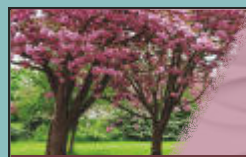
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