

December 26, 2021



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

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**OUR VISION**

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

**OUR MISSION**

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

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:

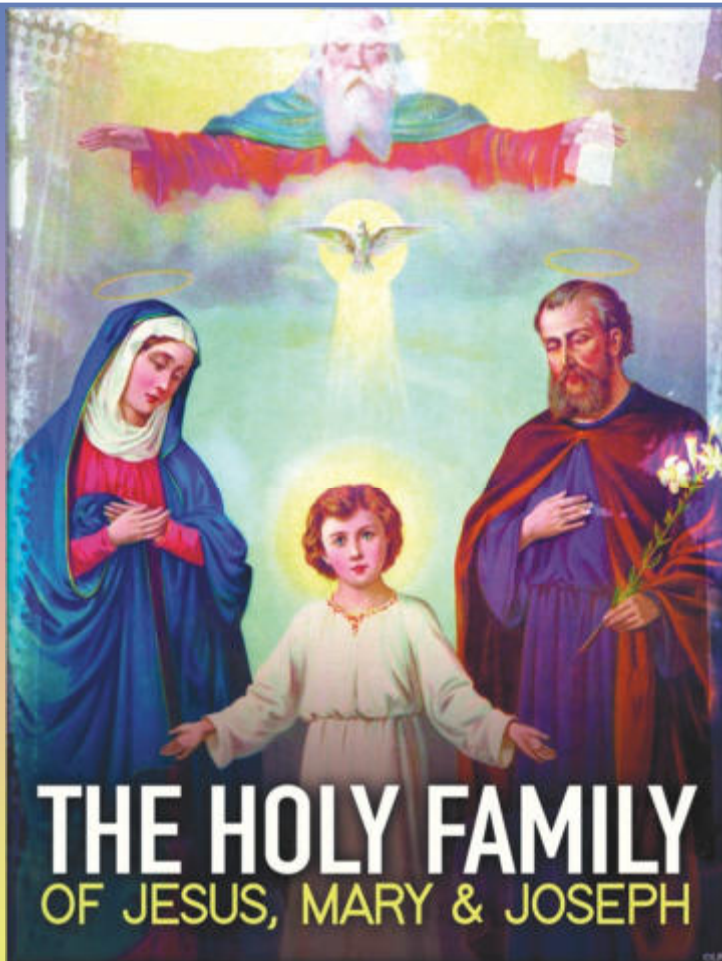
Call Parish Office

Or Rectory: 434.589.5200

Homebound: Call Parish

Office to schedule

Communion



**Evangelize**



**Sanctify**



**Serve**

# WELCOME



## ADMINISTRATION

### Pastoral Council Chair

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### Bible Study

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### Deacon

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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](mailto:karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org)

## Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## Observances for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family  
Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist  
Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr  
Thursday:  
Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve  
Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace  
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

## DECEMBER 2021

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

#### BREAD & WINE

Donor  
Diana Mariutto

Memorial  
Fred Mariutto



#### ALTAR FLOWERS

None during Advent



#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor  
Dianna Mariutto

Memorial  
Fred Mariutto



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



**FEAST OF THE HOLY  
FAMILY  
December 26, 2021**

**Are you called to serve the  
family of the Lord and  
share the Father's love as  
a priest?**

**Call  
Father Brian Capuano  
at  
804-359-5661**

**Or write**

[vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)



# ENCOUNTER

## **FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION**

You've probably heard these words already: "Synod on Synodality". If you have not yet heard about them, here they are now. Pope Francis has called the universal church into a moment of prayer, listening and walking together as a Church, starting October 2021 to 2023 with the World Synod of Bishops in the Vatican. Pope Francis envisions a Synodal Church through Communion, Participation and Mission.

In the October 18, 2021 edition of the Catholic Virginian, Bishop Knestout introduced the Synod to the people of the Diocese. He explains: "'Synod' is a Greek word that literally means 'on the same path', so the Holy Father has asked the whole Church to 'journey together' on the same path in communion with one another. In communion, we join with one another to listen to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and prayerfully discern God's will for us. Our mission, as a faith community, is to act upon what we've heard.

Every Diocese has been asked to participate in this unique process with a particular focus at the local level, specifically parishes and local communities. Within the Diocese of Richmond, Bishop Knestout is asking parishes to begin a consultative process with their advisory bodies (ex. Parish Councils and Finance Councils) and the diverse people of the parish communities. In a particular way these moments of dialogue should not just be with the same people whose voices are always heard, but rather an opportunity to provide newcomers and the marginalized a chance to be heard.

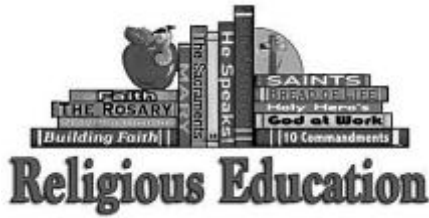
I have asked Melissa Kenney and John Murphy to help me at St. Joseph Church to plan any meetings and dialogues for the purposes of Synod on Synodality, and they have both generously accepted to help me lead this process.

At Sts. Peter and Paul, I have requested Frank Pilk and Carol Powers to lead in this very important exercise and process. And they have also accepted this burden of leading our parishioners.

In the next few weeks, these lead persons will give us word about this process. I request that when you're called upon, please come forward to attend these important meetings. Let us not leave anyone behind, for we are journeying together on the same important path leading to Our Father in heaven.



# PARISH YOUTH



## Youth Group

***We are in need of volunteers  
to help make Youth Group  
successful. Please  
prayerfully consider giving  
your time and talent to help  
the kids grow in their faith.***

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**Students in  
Grades 5 through 12  
meet on the  
3rd Friday of the month.**



### Join Scouting!

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 11 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:

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys):

**Chuck Palmer**

[charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com](mailto:charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com)

(571)212-4445

For the safety of our children, if you are not attending Mass, you may pick up your child in the Commons in the front of the church before Mass.

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**NO CCD on 12/26**

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***We are in need of  
teachers and  
substitutes to help in  
classrooms.***

**CONTACT: [john.verga@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:john.verga@saintspeterpaul.org)**

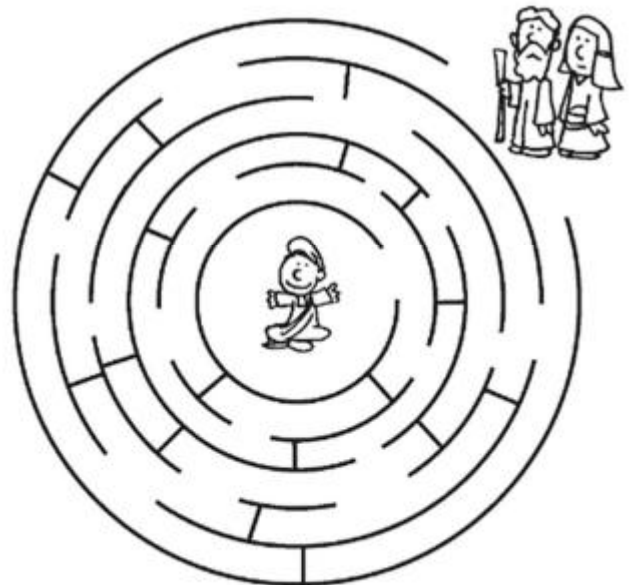
### SHARING THE GOSPEL

When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem as a 12-year-old young man, he felt completely at home in the Temple. He enjoyed talking to the teachers about his Father in heaven. His questions and his answers showed how much he loved God.

### PRAYER

***Dear God,  
Help me to feel at home in my church like  
Jesus did.***

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus.



# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 2, 2022

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Saturday - Christmas	12/25	9am *	Allen & Richards Families	D	Dcn. Bob & Susan
Saturday - Christmas	12/25	11am	Misa Pro Populo		
Saturday - Vigil	12/25	5pm	No Mass		
Sunday	12/26	9am *	Ruby and Mac McCown	D	Glenn Showalter
Sunday	12/26	11am	Sweetie Condon	D	John Condon
Wednesday	12/29	9am	Jeanie Bouchard	D	Don & Mary Layton
Thursday	12/30	9am	Bill Hutton	D	Elaine Hutton
Thursday	12/30	5pm*			
Friday	12/31	9am	Rosemary Granville	D	Barbara Haas
Saturday - Mary, MOG	1/1	9am*			
Saturday - Mary, MOG	1/1	11am			
Saturday	1/1	5pm	Jeff Henrietta	D	Blue Ridge Cursillo
Sunday	1/2	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	1/2	11am	Clementine Sommerouer - 1st Birthday	I	The Witkowski Family

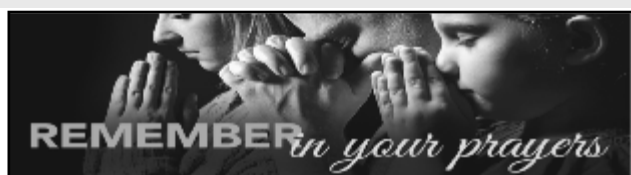
### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country, particularly . . .



Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, Katie Marron, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Luke Marron, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Russ Marron, Christopher McCarthy, Amanda Illig, Zach Marron, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Alex Ostrowski, Adam Warren, and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Melissa Bowling, the Compton family, Jean Dalsky, Emily Desgrosiellier, Bill Ellis, Ann Gasparro, Patricia Golgosky, Patrick Granville, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Tom Harrison, Jack Hartwell, Margaret & Edwin Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Judi Kuhlow, Jackie Kraemer, Marcia Lagomarsino, Bill Lyttle, Patti Markle, Tom Miglas, John Misorek, Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Jeanine Polansky, Peggy Powell, Donald Raab, Joel Rivera, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol & Ted Starowicz, Bob Toepfert, Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters and Ellen Stoppe Wenger.

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



*December*



### *Wedding Anniversaries*

*If you are celebrating your Marriage Anniversary in December and would like to be part of the Marriage Blessing at Masses on January 1st & 2nd please contact the office by Monday, December 20th.*

**You can join our Legacy Society by remembering Sts. Peter and Paul in your estate plans. Call the office for more information.**

## JOIN THE CHURCH CHOIR

Contact Sid D'Amico - Music Director - 434.996.4325



# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pew Count Sat. - 81   Sun. - 194	12/11 - 12/12
First Offering	\$ 9,059
First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>	\$ 2,022
Total	<b>\$ 11,081</b>
December MTD Debt Reduction \$ 5,436	
Totals are delayed due to early publication schedule.	

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

**Our Next DEBT REDUCTION Collection**

**is JANUARY 1 & 2.**

***God bless you for your  
continued support.***



Throughout the Christmas season, people in need right here in our community turn to Sts. Peter and Paul for help. We must be there for them and share Christ's love. To do that, we need your help.

Your generous online donations are needed now to help sustain Christmas ministries that reflect the promise of God's love. COVID-19 and news of its variants continue to cause upheaval and uncertainty, giving ministries added importance. Your kindness will help families all around us.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/VA249](https://faith.direct/VA249). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless you.



- ⇒ **The Bake Sale returns next weekend?**
- ⇒ **January 1st is World Day of Peace?**
- ⇒ **The Parish Office is closed this week in observance of Christmas?**

## ST. STEPHEN | FEAST DAY DECEMBER 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

ROOM SCHEDULE	Sat	25-Dec	Office Closed through January 2nd	Christmas Mass		9:00a	St. Joseph's	
				Christmas Mass		11:00a	Church	
				No Vigil Mass				
	Sun	26-Dec		Confession		8:30a	St. Joseph's	
				Mass - Holy Family		9:00a	St. Joseph's	
				Mass - Holy Family		11:00a	Church/FB	
	Mon	27-Dec						
	Tues	28-Dec						
	Wed	29-Dec		Mass		9:00a	Church	
	Thurs	30-Dec		Mass		9:00a	Church	
	Fri	31-Dec		Mass		9:00a	Church	
				Adoration		9:30a	Church	
				Benediction		3:00p	Church	
				No Vigil Mary, MOG				
				Mass - Mary, MOG		9:00a	St. Joseph's	
	Sat	1-Jan		Mass - Mary, MOG		11:00a	Church	
				Confession		4:00p	Church	
				Vigil Mass - Epiphany		5:00p	Church	
				Bake Sale		6:00p	C	
				Sun	2-Jan	Confession		8:30a
	Mass - Epiphany					9:00a	St. Joseph's	
	RCIA					9:30a	Lounge	
	CCD					9:45a	Hall/Church	
	Mass - Epiphany					11:00a	Church/FB	
	Bake Sale					12:00p	C	
Room Ledger:				F - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)		R - St. Raphael (Church)		
				E - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)		M - St. Michael (Church)		
				FB - Facebook		C - Commons (Church)		

Rejoice!

**Bible Study**

**Letter to the Hebrews**

Mondays @ 1pm

in St. Elizabeth

Contact: June Wimer  
(434-589-2863)



This program provides instruction to unbaptized 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, direct your inquiries to the office at 434-589-5201.





**SIGN UP  
TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH  
JESUS  
in the Adoration Chapel  
M - Th, 6am - 8pm**

Contact June:  
Phone: 434-589-2863  
Email: wimer2001@yahoo.com

**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>

**FIRST EVER MEMORY ALBUM  
OF STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH**

Many exciting things are happening as we prepare for our 40th Anniversary, and there is so much history to honor!

In continued preparation for our 2026 Celebration, we invite you to share your special thoughts and memories about Sts. Peter & Paul Church. What is your first recollection? When did you arrive? Who was our Pastor at that time? What significant experiences here hold a special place in your heart?

Our goal is to create an archive of your presence in our parish family for today and for future generations. If you have something to share with us, please contact Eileen or Tim Monahan at [emttouch@gmail.com](mailto:emttouch@gmail.com).

Thank you for your participation in this fun, memorable journey!



**WEEKLY GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP**

**Wednesdays from 7:00pm - 9:00pm,  
Parish Hall - Room 122 Library**

**\*\*Our next 13-week session starts  
on Wednesday, January 12, 2022\*\***

Grief Share is a Bible-based ministry for those who have lost a loved one. This 13-week program offers video presentations, workbook exercises and group discussions guided by lay ministers. There is a \$20 fee for workbooks.

Please contact Cynthia Aycock at 434.996.6065 or [Cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com](mailto:Cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com).



**P**lanning 2022 Golf Tournament and Awards  
**Dinner:** For the past 16 years, Maggie and I have organized the annual ***Saints Peter & Paul Golf Tournament and Awards Dinner.*** We

believe it is now time for a change of hands, and perhaps, new ideas for this annual fund raising event. It is vital this source of additional financial revenue be continued to both benefit our church, and also a chance to enjoy a day of fun with family and friends. If anyone is interested in assuming this responsibility, please contact us at 434.589.4551 and we will explain the planning procedure, provide all instructions, checklists, be available for any assistance, etc. Please consider volunteering to assume

this role, as planning and scheduling need to begin soon.

Jim Cullinan, Golf Chairperson



**December 26, 2021**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

**F**amilies can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of

wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

Ask Mary to intercede for your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are:

**January 28 - 30, 2022 in**

**North Myrtle Beach, SC**

**February 7 - 28, 2022 in**

**Chantilly, VA**

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

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

# ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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### Altar Servers

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Melissa Kenny, 434.589.3416

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### CCD

Celeste Shapiola, 434.981.1405

### Prison Ministry

Will Kulick, 540.308.5152

### Knights of Columbus

### Roundtable Chairman

Denny Barberio, 434.981.0678

### Ladies Auxiliary

Danielle Murphy, 703.969.2123

## COMING BACK TO CHURCH

### QUESTION:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

### ANSWER:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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



*December*

*Wedding Anniversaries*

*If you are celebrating your Marriage Anniversary in  
December  
and would like to be part of the  
Marriage Blessing at Mass on  
Sunday, January 2nd  
please contact the office by  
**Monday, December 20th.***



St. Katharine Drexel

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Bradford Barrows \* Maria Correa \*  
 Nona Dooley \* Alice Galvez-Sobral \*  
 Mauricio Granados \* India Martin \*  
 Bill Miller \* Pat Morse \* Angelica Motta \*  
 Odila Motta \* Oscar Motta \*  
 Thelma Motta \* 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/>



## CCD

CCD classes meet each Sunday after Mass. Registration forms are available in the Parish Hall. For more info, please contact Celeste Shapiola.

**No Class 12/26**

[cshapiola@yahoo.com](mailto:cshapiola@yahoo.com)  
 or call 434-981-1405

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 12th \$ 1,474  
 Georgia Wells \$ 25  
**Many thanks to All for your support!**

## \*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*

Beginning Dec. 30th, there are  
**NO Masses on Thursdays**  
 at St. Joseph while Father David  
 is away in January.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

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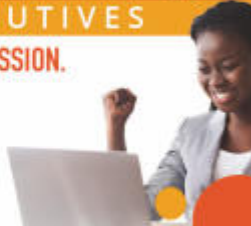



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