

February 13, 2022



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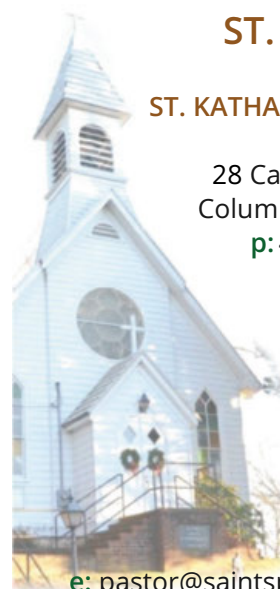
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OUR VISION

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.



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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:

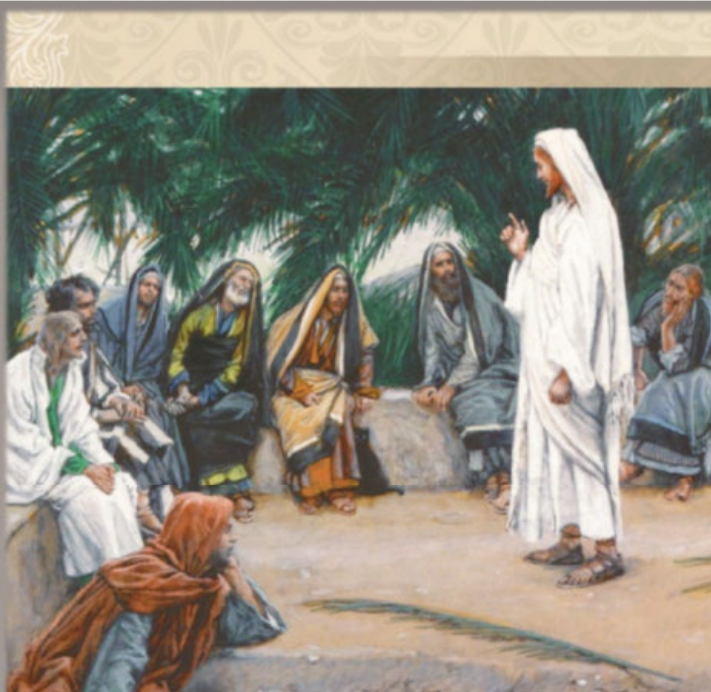
Call Parish Office

Or Rectory: 434.589.5200

Homebound: Call Parish

Office to schedule

Communion



6th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1996, 1970 CCD.

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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 13, 2022

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
Monday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 2022

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor
Elaine Hutton

Memorial
Bill Hutton



ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor
Elaine Hutton

Memorial
Bill Hutton



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor
Elaine Hutton

Memorial
Bill Hutton



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



ENCOUNTER

THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST – PART 2 THE GIFT

At the Mass of the Lord’s Supper celebrated on Holy Thursday, the priest prays these words:

“For he is the true and eternal Priest, who instituted the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice and was the first to offer himself as the saving Victim, commanding us to make this offering as his memorial.”

As we eat his flesh that was sacrificed for us, we are made strong, and, as we drink his Blood that was poured out for us, we are washed clean. “

The words of the liturgy on the night the Church commemorates the institution of the Eucharist speak to us of the Mass as the re-presentation of Christ’s unique sacrifice on the Cross, the reception of Christ truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and the marvelous effects of communion in those who receive this gift. (*The Roman Missal*)

The mission of the Lord’s entire life on earth was to glorify the Father by bringing us salvation. In the Nicene Creed recited at Mass, we profess “For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” The salvation offered in the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ is nothing less than sharing in the very life of God, in the communion of love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

There is no greater gift that God could possibly give us. In Christ, we are sharers in the divine nature (2 Pt 1:4). The Church Fathers referred to this participation in the divine life as “divinization.” The eternal Son of God made this possible by becoming man and uniting humanity to his divine Person. St. Augustine explained, “the maker of man was made man, so that man might be a receiver of God.” (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si’*) In fact, Pope Francis reminds us that “in the bread of the Eucharist, ‘creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself.’” *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1849-1850)

To begin to comprehend the tremendous gift offered by Christ through his Incarnation, Death, and Resurrection, that gift which is made present to us in the Eucharist, we must first realize how truly profound is our alienation from the Source of all life as a result of sin. Sin is an offense against God, a failure to love God and our neighbor which wounds our nature and injures human solidarity. (St. Basil, *Regulae Fusius Tractatae*, Question 2, *Patrologia Graeca* 31:910)

In Christ, however, what was lost by sin has been restored and renewed even more wondrously by grace. (*Roman Missal*, Collect for the Nativity of the Lord, Mass during the Day)

“Lord of the Eucharist, pray for us.”

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 13, 2022

“Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD...” Are you considering a vocation to the priesthood?

Call the Vocations Office to speak with

Father Brian Capuano

at

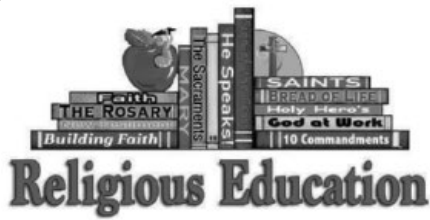
804-359-5661

Or write

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



PARISH YOUTH



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.

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

Youth Group

SAVE THE DATE: The next Youth Group event is

GAME NIGHT on Feb. 18th at 6:30p

What games will we play? Uno, Boggle, Pictionary, Trivia, Video??

Let us know what other games interest you.

What to bring? Snacks! (Water will be provided.)

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.

CONTACT: john.verga@saintspeterpaul.org



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.

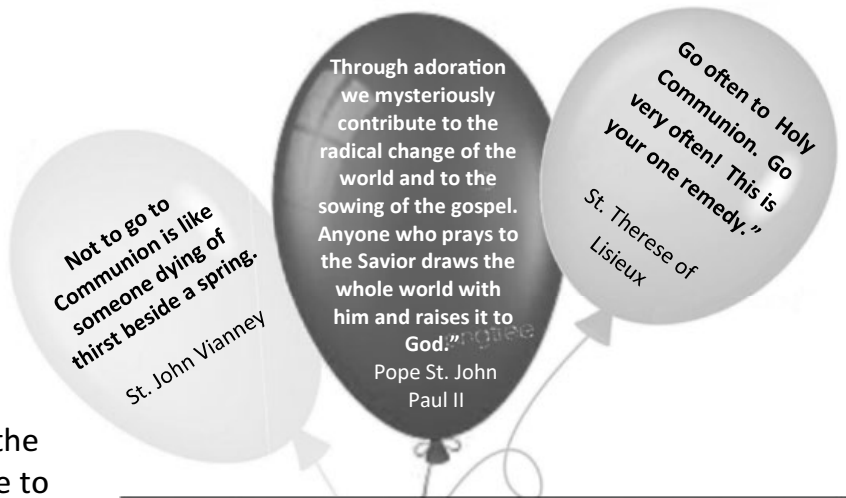
For more information contact:

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys):

Chuck Palmer

charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com

(571)212-4445



SHARE THE GOSPEL

Luke says that God will take care of your needs. If you are hated and others make fun of you for His sake, He may bless you with friends. If you need a bed to sleep on, He may provide it. If you need food to eat, He may send you food. If you are hurt, He may send a doctor to care for you. If you need money, He may help you earn it.

PRAYER

Lord, show me ways to share with a smile.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 12-20, 2022

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	2/12	5pm	Barbara Totaro	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	2/13	9am*			
Sunday	2/13	11am	Misa Pro Populo		
Wednesday	2/16	9am	George Burnett	D	Florann Burnett
Thursday	2/17	9am	Mary Vitales	I	Celia Vitales
Thursday	2/17	5pm*			
Friday	2/18	9am	Mary Jo Myers	D	Bob & Cathy Heffley
Saturday	2/19	5pm	Dominick Capuano	D	Mitchell & Nicki Zink
Sunday	2/20	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	2/20	11am	Joe Schaefer	D	Royal & Janis Duffy

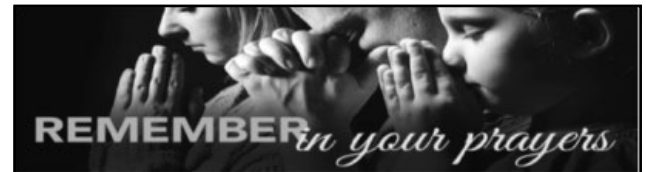
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Doug Caron, Sharon Cassidy, the Compton family, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Emily Desgrosiellier, Bill Ellis, Ann Gasparro, Patricia Golgosky, Patrick Granville, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Tom Harrison, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson,, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Judi Kuhlow, Jackie Kraemer, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie & Joe Lodato, Bill Lyttle, Patti Markle, Tom Miglas, John Misorek, Irene Nadig, Rosario Nixon, Rose Patterson, Jeanine Polansky, Donald Raab, Joel Rivera, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol & Ted Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Emiko Yamada Stoppe, Anna Sturhann, Bob Toepfert, Claire van Nierop, Mary Vitales, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters and Ellen Stoppe Wenger.

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



February Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your marriage anniversary in February and wish to be included in the marriage blessing at Mass, please contact the office by Friday, February 25th.



EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pew Count Sat. - 75 Sun. - 141	Feb 5/6
First Offering	\$ 3,260
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,439
Total	\$ 4,699
February MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 3,171
J & P Bake Sale (Thank you!)	\$ 482

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

MARCH 5TH & 6TH

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.



This is a time of year when many of us focus on getting organized and “decluttering” our surroundings. Why not streamline your offertory and simplify your support for Saints Peter & Paul Church and the ministries that mean so much to you? Now is a great time

to stop using checks and envelopes, by switching to eGiving - you can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts help give our parish a steady, consistent offertory that strengthens the programs, services, and ministries we lead for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249, or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Have you ever done a “trust fall”? It’s a pretty crazy concept. With your eyes closed and arms folded over your chest, you fall straight backwards. Of course, there’s a very important element that hasn’t yet been mentioned: someone is standing behind you, ready to catch you.

The “trust fall” illustrates such an important truth: we are only willing to take a risk, to “fall,” when someone we trust is with us.

In our Gospel, Peter commits to his own “trust fall,” casting in his nets after a whole night of fruitless fishing, all because he trusts the Lord and the Lord instructs him to. As a parish, we’re doing a “trust fall” right now, as we strive to respond to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. It can feel like a big risk to ask to be vulnerable and ask our community members to help meet our diocesan needs, but we do it because we trust—both in the Lord, but also in all the people who make up this parish community—including you.

Maybe contributing to the Annual Diocesan Appeal feels like a risk for you. Which is fine! The key, however, is to never forget that we’re not doing this alone. We’re taking part in the Annual Diocesan Appeal as part of a diocesan community we trust, and with the love and support of a Lord who never leaves us. When we change our perspective from “fear” to “trust,” how does our willingness to give change? Take some time today to ground yourself in trust of the Lord, and see how your heart responds. Jesus asks big things of us—because He knows that He’ll always be there for us. Our diocese needs your help in supporting our Annual Diocesan Appeal. How does your trust in the Lord change your openness to giving?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rejoice!
Bible Study

Catholic Letters of James, Peter, John & Jude

Mondays @ 1:00 pm
 in St. Elizabeth

Contact: June Wimer
 (434-589-2863)



RCIA 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

ROOM SCHEDULE	Sat	12-Feb	Tree clean-up	10:00a	Church Grounds
			Confession	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass - 6th Sunday in OT	5:00p	Church
	Sun	13-Feb	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass - 6th Sunday in OT	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			RCIA	9:30a	Lounge
			CCD	9:45a	Hall/Church
			Mass - 6th Sunday in OT	11:00a	Church/FB
	Mon	14-Feb	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
	Wed	16-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Troop 138	7:00p	F
			Finance Committee	7:00p	123
	Thurs	17-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Mass	5:00p	St. Joseph's
			Cursillo	6:00p	123
	Fri	18-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Adoration	9:30a	Church
			Benediction	3:00p	Church
			Youth Group - Game Night	6:30p	Hall
	Sat	19-Feb	Confession	4:00p	Church
Vigil Mass - 7th Sunday in OT			5:00p	Church	
Sun	20-Feb	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's	
		Mass - 7th Sunday in OT	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
		RCIA	9:30a	Lounge	
		CCD	9:45a	Hall/Church	
		Children's Mass - 7th Sunday in OT	11:00a	Church/FB	
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)		

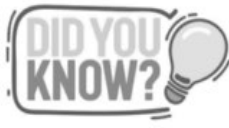


FRY-DAY NIGHT
Lenten
FISH FRY



The Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Lenten Fish Fries beginning on March 4, 2022.

If you'd like to help,
 please contact Doug Mullinex at
 dmullinex@gmail.com or 434-981-6950



The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship? Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration."

Pope St. John Paul II



**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.

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



"They left everything and followed him."
Leave behind the world's plan for your marriage. Sign up today to attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on

March 25 - 27 in Warrenton, VA

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

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

Do you have room in your heart, space in your home, and a desire to make a difference in the life of a young person in your community? HopeTree Family Services is in search of people like you to welcome a young person into your home through foster care. Foster care is a temporary arrangement during a time that a child or teen cannot live with his or her birth family. HopeTree provides foster parents with the training, support, and resources they need in order to care for the young people placed in their homes. If you want to learn more about this opportunity, please RSVP for ONE of HopeTree's **Online Information Sessions:**

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

February 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



Calling all Prayer Warriors . . .

Spring 40 Days for Life

Prayer vigils

Every Tuesday

9:00a - 11:00a

In front of Planned Parenthood

Beginning March 8th - April 5th

If you'd like a ride, meet others at Jefferson Pharmacy at 8:30a.

"Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion."

COMING:
March 18 & 19, 2022



A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory is now out-dated and it is time for a new one. Please make an appointment to have your picture taken at one of the sign-up locations at the church on one of the sign-up weekends (starting Feb. 12th, OR YOU CAN SIGN-UP ON OUR CHURCH'S WEBSITE, or you can click on the Facebook link or use the address below. Your participation will help the church and yourself. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. So please, sign-up today!

<https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=3534502&typId=63981&step=2>

PHOTO DATES: March 18 & 19, 2022

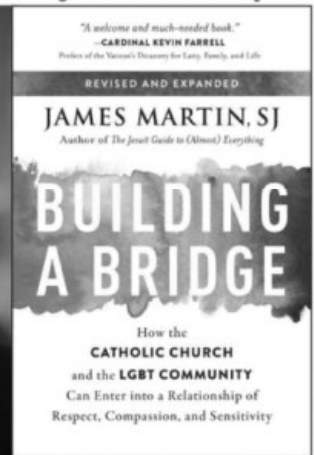
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The Office of Social Ministries and Respect Life is excited to announce that Fr. James Martin, S.J., will hold a virtual presentation for our Diocese on **Wednesday, February 23rd from 8-9pm**. He will share about the importance of building bridges between and reaching out to LGBT Catholics.

Fr. Martin is a Jesuit priest, author, editor at large at *America*, and a Consultor to the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication. Some of his most notable books include *Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Sensitivity and Compassion*; *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life*; and his recent *New York Times* bestseller, *Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone*.

Building Bridges: Reaching Out to LGBT Catholics

FATHER JAMES MARTIN, S.J.
Wednesday, February 23rd | 8-9pm



Registration:

bit.ly/BuildingBridgesRichmond

Office of Social Ministries & Respect Life | Catholic Diocese of Richmond

Prayer Changes Everything. How can we pray for you today?

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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Knights of Columbus

Roundtable Chairman
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Ladies Auxiliary
Danielle Murphy, 703.969.2123

GOSPEL MEDITATION

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can “turn up the heat” in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening “because they do.” They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It’s easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It’s there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God’s existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it’s too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life’s ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life’s heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life’s ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God’s friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus’ message so intriguing! Don’t give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one’s faith. But it’s the only way to deepen it.

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February Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your marriage anniversary in

February

and would like to be included in a

*Marriage Blessing at Mass, please contact the office by **Friday, February 25th.***



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/>



The Knights will be serving a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 5th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall for sit down or take out. The funds raised from donations will be used to support an Eagle Scout project to landscape and beautify St. Katharine Drexel's shrine. The evening will include a children's bake-off contest and an auction of homemade wine at the dinner. Both parish families and guests are welcome. We hope to see you there!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

February 6th \$2,224

Many thanks to All for your support!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For anyone who is available after Sunday Mass, we are in serious need of collection counters. This is a great opportunity for individuals to assist while their child or children are in CCD. Training is available. Please contact Pat Morse after Mass.

Thank you for your consideration!

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

CCD



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

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RECOGNIZING GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Planted Near Water

We all know that there are times when life can feel, as Jeremiah writes, empty and wasted. There are moments when we think we resemble a barren bush, thirsting in the desert sun. That's why it is imperative for us to know the location of our water source. I promise you, it's closer than you think. God never planted a seed in barren ground.

For me, it's the Mass. Going to Mass is where I find total peace and renewal. I don't have any great theological explanation for this — Mass is simply where I can truly rest in God for a time, where nothing and no one in the world can touch me. And wouldn't you know it, it's in the toughest times that I need Mass the most — that my roots stretch harder for that water.

Woe to the rich, says Jesus — woe to the popular, to the content, to the happy. It's not because He hates to see us smile. It's because He knows our humanity. He knows our limitations. He knows that when things are going really well, we often stop looking for God.

What replenishes you as a disciple, as a steward, as a Christian? If it feels far away or hard to reach, why is that? How can you bring it closer?

We are all trees planted near water, to yield our fruit in due season. Let's pray for the strength to know where our water source is, and to seek it both in good times and in bad.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Our next Youth Group event is Friday, February 18 from 6:30 - 9:00p at Sts. Peter & Paul for **GAME NIGHT!**

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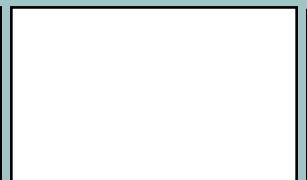


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