

St. Joseph's Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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OFFICE HOURS

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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

March 6, 2022

OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

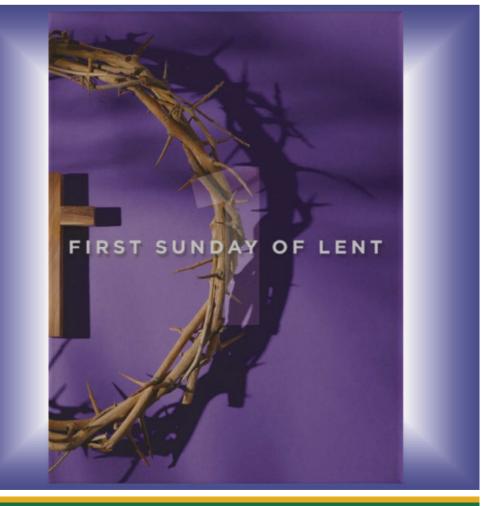
In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.

ST. JOSEPH'S

SHRINE OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL P.O. Box 808 28 Cameron Street Columbia, VA 23038 p: 434.842.3970

Serve





Evangelize

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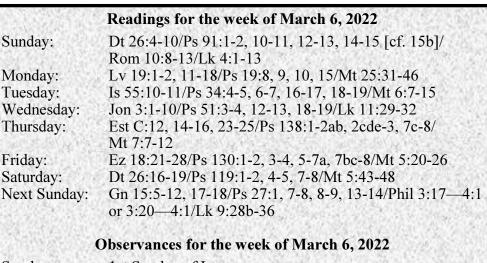
ADMINISTRATION Pastoral Council Chair Doug Mullinex, 434.981.6950 Finance Council Chair Steve Momper, 434.977.5453 **Buildings and Grounds** Rich Scampoli, 434.326.2151 Cemetery Mandy Tolano, 540.595.7173 Parish Life Pat Amato, 434.589.7811 Justice & Peace Mitzi Crane, 434.589.2552 Respect Life David Cauffield, 814.525.0594 Prison Ministry Will Kulick, 540.308.5152 Good Shepherds Frank Feliciano, 434.242.0735 LITURGY & WORSHIP Director of Music Sid D'Amico, 434.996.4325 Ushers Frank Pilk, 571.239.3373 lectors Cynthia Aycock, 434.996.6065 **Extraordinary Ministers** Veronica Lyttle, 434.589.4010 Altar Servers Deacon Bob, 434.589.0941 Sacristy Mary Ann Mason, 434.589.6141 Greeters Rose Mever, 434,589,5018 **EVANGELIZATION & EDUCATION** CCD/Youth Group John Verga, 434.315.4496 RCIA Cynthia Aycock, 434.996.6065 **Bible Study** June Wimer. 434.589.2863 SUPPORTED GROUPS Cursillo Ellie Henrietta, 434.981.3448 **Knights of Columbus**

Pastor Rev. David Martin Ssentamu, 434.589.5200 Deacon Rev. Mr. Robert Allen, 434,589,0941 Administrative Assistant Karen Davidson, 434.589.5201 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



Sunday: Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday: Next Sunday:

1st Sunday of Lent Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs St. John of God, Religious St. Frances of Rome, Religious

2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

MARCH 2022

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE Donor Royal & Janis Duffy

Memorial

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ALTAR FLOWERS

No Flowers During

SANCTUARY CANDLE Donor

Lent

Memorial







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

Scott Harrison, 434.964.6853



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT March 6, 2022

"The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God." Are you considering a call from the Holy Spirit to become a priest in front of the altar of our LORD?

Call the Vocations Office to speak with Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661

Or write vocations@richmonddiocese.org





ENCOUNTER

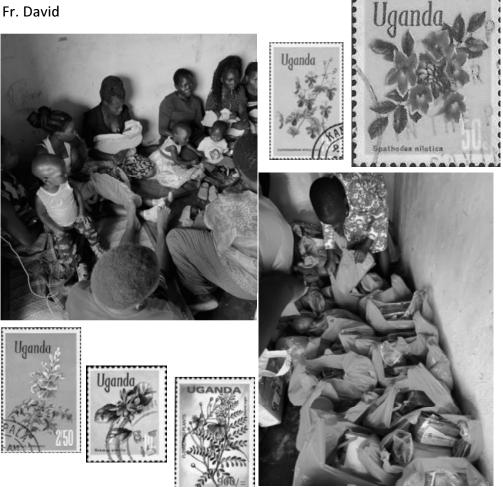
EVELYN'S DOLLAR REACHES ITS BENEFICIARIES

You probably remember late last year that I encountered one of our kids who gave me a dollar bill and asked me to do with it what I see fit. Yes, that dollar later became Evelyn's dollar for the girl-child. Before the year ended, that dollar had grown to \$ 697.25.

I travelled to Uganda with this money, and I shared it with twenty girls who are now mothers themselves, or are expectant mothers. I went to meet these girls with two of my nieces, and they helped me to distribute the few food items that I had bought using Evelyn's dollar. These kids and their parents were so grateful for this gesture that helped them to enjoy the festive season of Christmas and the new year. Thanks to all those who responded to the call, and helped to bring a smile to these youthful mothers and their parents.

In the next few weeks I will be relating my conversation with Fr. Deo, the Pastor of Kanyanya parish and his experience and worries about the many young mothers, who have come about because of Covid-19. Please see some of the pictures below and pg. 10.

Fr. David



PARISH YOUTH outh Group **Religious Education**

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.



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St. Alphonsus Ligu

Our last game night was a lot of fun. Stay tuned and plan to join us for more upcoming events.

We need 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

"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I'm sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."

"When Mass is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels, who adore the Divine Victim immolated on the altar.

St. Therese of Lisieux

St. Angela of Foligno

SHARE THE GOSPEL

One night your parents tell you to go to bed. You do not want to go to bed, so you cry and stomp. You shout, "I won't go to bed." Then you feel badly because you pitched a fit. This is a good time to pray. Ask God to help you. He will give you the power to say, "Mom and Dad, I am sorry. I will jump in bed right now."

PRAYER

God, help me to say "Yes" to my parents.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: MARCH 5-13, 2022

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By	
Saturday	3/5	5pm	Rosemary Granville D		Michael & Nancy King	
Sunday	3/6	9am*	Misa Pro Populo			
Sunday	3/6	11am	John Ringlehan D		Marisa Vacca	
Tuesday	3/8	12pm	Patsy Anderson	D	Janet Galbo	
Wednesday	3/9	9am	Hans Bernback, MD	D	John F. Celin, MD	
Thursday	3/10	9am				
Thursday	3/10	5pm*				
Friday	3/11	9am				
Saturday	3/12	5pm	Jeff Henrietta	D	Dolores Shields	
Sunday	3/13	9am*	Misa Pro Populo			
Sunday	3/13	11am	Kitty D'Souza	D	Kirk & Katie Gomes	

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.



Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated their wedding anniversary in February:

David & Debra Biermann	6 Years		
Joe & Melissa Schwarzenboeck	7 Years		
Richie & Carol Scampoli	56 Years		
Bill & Connie Porter	58 Years		



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, Chase Turano, 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.

NEW MINISTRY FORMING

A new "Health Ministry" is forming at SPP. If you have had training in any medical field, and would like to be part of this volunteer ministry, please contact Catherine Heffley, RN, Faith Community Nurse.



EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pew Count Sat 78 Sun 165	Feb 26/27	
First Offering	\$3,069	
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$1,911	
Total	\$4,980	
February MTD Debt Re	duction \$ 6,053	

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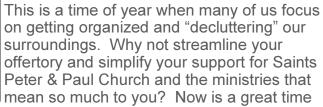
The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

THIS WEEKEND - MARCH 5TH & 6TH

Thank you and God bless you for your

continued support.



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.

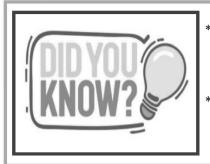
The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Director for the Office of Christian Formation.

The **Director, Office of Christian Formation**, supports the Bishop's primary responsibility for the total catechetical mission of the diocese. The ideal candidate will have a forward-thinking vision that has deep roots in the tradition of the faith and will be able to guide both the Diocesan office and parishes in the goal of forming Spirit-filled disciples, ready to engage in the evangelical mission of the Catholic Church. This is accomplished through the formation of leaders in the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Institute (LEMI) and in the formation and training of Catechetical Leaders. The Director also provides oversight for RCIA and Instruction for Sacraments and works closely with pastors and the Christian Formation Commission.

Qualifications: M.A. degree in religious education, theology, or related field. At least five years full time experience in parish religious education with Diocesan experience desired. Other qualifications include knowledge of all universal, national, and diocesan catechetical documents; Liturgical & Sacramental Rites, working knowledge of canon law; knowledge of contemporary adult learning theory and research in religious education; good interpersonal skills to form, direct, and facilitate a team; understanding of leadership development and training; public speaking and communication skills; workshop planning and implementation skills; and organization and time management skills. An active, practicing Catholic in good standing with an excellent understanding of Catholic Church teaching and Church structure is required.

This position is a full-time position with some evening and weekend work. Travel and overnight travel are required.

Interested candidates should please send a cover letter, resume, and completed <u>Diocesan Application</u> to Kelly Shumate, HR Coordinator, at <u>jobs@richmonddiocese.org</u>



- "When we work hard, we must eat well? What a joy, that you can receive Holy Communion often! It's our life and support in this life -- Receive Communion often, and Jesus will change you into himself." Saint Peter Julian Eymard
- "If Christ did not want to dismiss the Jews without food in the desert for fear they would collapse on the way, it was to teach us that it is dangerous to try to get to heaven with out the Bread of Heaven." St. Jerome

UPCOMING EVENTS

				Liturgy of the Hours	9:00a	FB
Poloical				Confession	4:00p	Church
Rejoice!		Sat	5-Mar	Vigil Mass - First Sunday of Lent	5:00p	Church
Bible Study				Bake Sale after Mass	6:00p	C
				Spaghetti Dinner Night	6:30p	SJ
Catholic Letters		Sun Mon	6-Mar 7-Mar	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
of James, Peter,				Mass - First Sunday of Lent	9:00a	St. Joseph's
CONTRACTOR AND A STREET				RCIA	9:00a 9:30a	-
John & Jude				CCD	9:30a 9:45a	Lounge
Manalaus						Hall/Church
Mondays				Mass - First Sunday of Lent	11:00a	Church/FB
1:00 pm				Bake Sale after Mass	12:00p	C
				Liturgy of the Hours	9:00a	FB
in St. Elizabeth				Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
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(434-589-2863)		Wed	9-Mar	Mass	9:00a	Church
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	ROOM SCHEDUL	Thurs	10-Mar	Mass	9:00a	Church
				Mass	5:00p	St. Joseph's
				Cursillo	6:00p	123
		Fri	11-Mar	Mass	9:00a	Church
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS				Adoration	9:30a	Church
RCIA provides				Stations of the Cross	12:00p	Church
instruction to	8	FII		Lenten Lunch	12:40p	С
unbaptized and				Benediction	3:00p	Church
non-Catholics who				Fish Fry Drive Thru	5:00p	SPP Park Lot
are interested in becoming full		Sat	12-Mar	4th Degree K of C Meeting	8:00a	E/F
members of the				Liturgy of the Hours	9:00a	FB
Catholic Church.				EMHC meeting	11:00a	123
				Confession	4:00p	Church
If you, a spouse or				Vigil Mass-Second Sunday of Lent	5:00p	Church
a friend is interested in		Series F	orward	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
learning more about the Catholic		Shring		Mass - Second Sunday of Lent	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Sun	13-Mar	-	9:30a	Lounge
faith, direct your				CCD	9:45a	Hall/Church
inquiries to the				Mass - Second Sunday of Lent	11:00a	Church/FB
office at		Room Ledger: F - S E - S		F - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)		hael (Church)
434-589-5201.				E - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)	M - St. Micl	hael (Church)
				FB - Facebook	C - Commo	ns (Church)

HELP WANTED

We are in need of a new crew to plan, organize, and carry out the annual **Golf Tournament** and Awards Dinner. This is a major fund-raising event which has generated loads of fun and supplemental income for our Church. Please consider volunteering to assume this role, as planning and scheduling need to begin soon.



For more detailed information call: 434.589.4551 Jim Cullinan, Golf Chairperson



SIGN UP TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH IFSUS 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/



Liturgy of the Hours Returns Now thru April 16th

Join us on Saturday and Monday mornings at 9:00 am for

Liturgy of the Hours on FACEBOOK

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church



March 11, 18, 25 April 1, 8

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

\$13 per person

LENTEN LUNCHES AND STATIONS OF THE **CROSS RETURN FOR LENT**

ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT: THROUGH APRIL 8TH 9:00AM - MASS

9:40 AM - ADORATION

12:00 PM - STATIONS

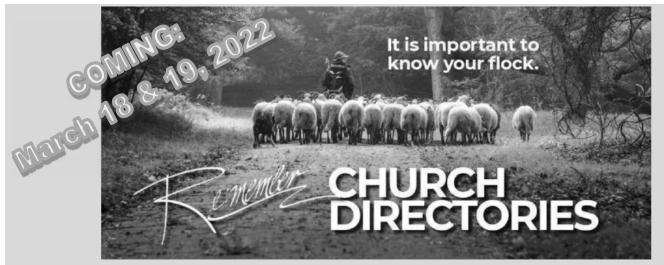
12:40 PM- LENTEN LUNCH

12:40 PM - ADORATION

3:00 PM - BENEDICTION

PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING SOUP OR SANDWICHES TO SHARE. THE SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE KITCHEN DOOR IN THE COMMONS.





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!

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Рното DATES: March 18 & 19, 2022

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."

BUILDING and GROUNDS

Are you tired of the growing stacks of used planters and pots at your house? The B & G team wants them. We are gearing up for our next plant sale in May and could make good use of them. If you have excess clippings or are thinning your perennials, we'd like those too.

Contact Scott or Pat Harrison at 434.964.6853.



Photography by: Re:member Church Directories

The Open Door/SDI

Promoting understanding and spiritual growth

New Class Forming!

Spiritual Direction Institute Charlottesville-Valley Class

Join Us for an Inquiry Session on

Saturday, March 26, 2:00p.m.

Church of the Incarnation in Charlottesville, VA *Overview:*

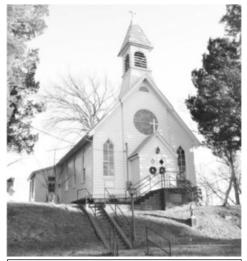
A total of 16 monthly Saturday meetings & 4 weekend retreats. (No classes during July or August.)

- Meetings include group discussion, lectures, connecting with a spiritual partner, prayer and student practicums to provide experience in giving & receiving spiritual direction.
- Completion of your Spiritual Autobiography
- Reading 22 books, including 6 by Fr. Chet, and the writing of brief reflections on 20 of those books.
- A book list with recommendations, as well as an extensive lending library are provided.
- \$25 non-refundable registration fee is required.

For further information, including how to apply, contact one of the Charlottesville-Valley leaders:

Al Mirmelstein - <u>alvinmirmelstein@gmail.com</u> (434) 996-8291 Bev Mirmelstein - <u>bevmirm@gmail.com</u> (434) 996-9178 Tom Hook - <u>tomhook580@gmail.com</u> (540) 246-6075

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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Refreshment Committee Pat Morse, 434.589.4106

Ushers Marvin Jackson Carroll Morse, 434.589.4106

Lectors Jo Hardy, 434.989.2609

Extraordinary Ministers Danielle Murphy, 703.969.2123

Altar Servers Michael Cary, 434.842.3095 Melissa Kenney, 434.589.3416

FORMATION & EDUCATION

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DAVID





Thank you for helping grow Evelyn's dollar to more than \$690. Twenty girls and their families had a brighter Christmas season and new year because of your compassion and generosity.

Look for more in the coming weeks as one pastor relays his experience and worries about these and many other young mothers. God bless you.





We need a few volunteers to help provide light refreshments & clean up after Mass on Sundays. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to select one specific Sunday during the month.

Thank you very much for your consideration and support.



February Wedding Inniversaries

Congratulations to Edwin & Reneelynn Collazo on 23 years of marriage!

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St. Katharine Drexel

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Bradford Barrows * Maria Correa * Nona Dooley * Alice Galvez-Sobral * Mauricio Granados * India Martin * 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/





OFFERTORY COLLECTION

February 20th \$431 February 27th \$415 Justice & Peace \$37 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: <u>kenneymg@gmail.com</u>



CCD

CCD classes meet each Sunday <u>after</u> Mass. Registration forms are

available in the Parish Hall. For more info, please contact Celeste Shapiola.

<u>cshapiola@yahoo.com</u>

or call 434-981-1405

Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day.

Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or "giving something up" for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, "and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10).

What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits?

If you're struggling with ideas for how to "fill your basket," it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues that call you.

What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ during your day? I promise. if you listen, you'll hear it more than once.

What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?

What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?

What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away?

What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

