

April 3, 2022



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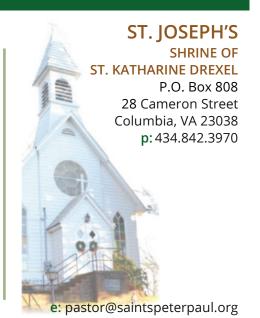
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OUR VISION

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.



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

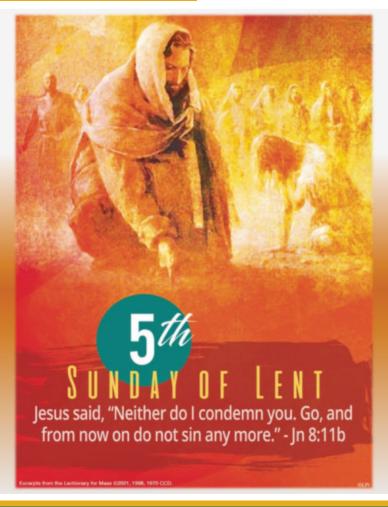
Vigil 7pm: SPP Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's Noon: SPP

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

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Serve



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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 April 3, 2022

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Sunday:

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a,

3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42 Wednesday:

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42 Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56 Saturday:

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/

Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Observances for the week of April 3, 2022

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Monday:

St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest Tuesday:

Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday:

Memorial

Next Sunday: Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

APRIL 2022

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

SANCTUARY CANDLE BREAD & WINE ALTAR FLOWERS

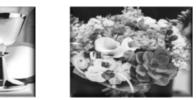
Donor No Flowers During

Lent



Donor

Memorial





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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT APRIL 3, 2022

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Are you called to bring the joy of Christ to His people?

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

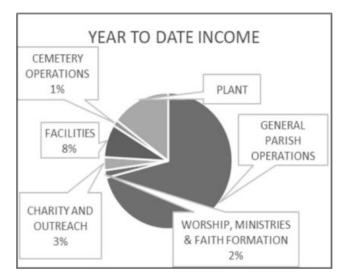
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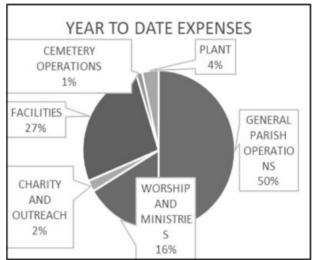
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ENCOUNTER

FINANCIAL COUNCIL QUARTERLY REPORT



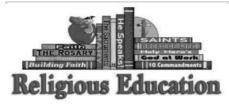


The state of our parish through three quarters of the 2022 fiscal year is good. Donations and income were down slightly; however, savings in parish operations and faith formation and evangelization offset the shortfall in income. Year-to-date envelope donations were slightly less than budgeted (-\$13,000). Income from ministries and charity were slightly more than budgeted (+\$5,400). Debt reduction contributions were exactly on budget.

Year-to-date expenses were slightly less than budgeted. This is due mainly to savings in parish operations and faith formation and evangelization (-\$22,000). This savings more than offset over-budget ministry spending (+\$5,000) and facilities spending (+\$8,000). The budget for ministries and facilities was set in the middle of the pandemic and did not anticipate spending at a normal level. Budgets are being prepared for fiscal year ending 2023 now. Each ministry was asked to estimate their spending for the coming year to more accurately budget for spending.

Stephen Momper, Finance Committee Chair

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 <u>need</u> of teachers and substitutes to help in classrooms.

Youth Group

We need of volunteers to help make Youth Group successful.

Would you 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

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Ouestion:

What is the Incarnation?

Answer: The Incarnation means that the Son of God became man.

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If it is "daily bread," why do you take it once a year? Take daily what is to profit you daily. Live in such a way that you deserve to receive it daily. He who does not deserve to receive it daily, does not deserve to receive it once a year."

St. Ambrose of Milan

SHARE THE GOSPEL

In Bible days, people who did wrong were stoned to death. Jesus changed that. He said, "If you have never done anything wrong, throw the first stone." Everyone makes mistakes. A rock can hurt people, animals, cars and houses. When you say bad things about someone, you are throwing a rock at them. The rock might come back and hurt you, too. If you cannot say something nice ab out someone, pray for them.

PRAYER

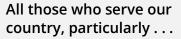
Lord, help me pray for others rather than judge them.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 2-10, 2022

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	4/2	5pm	Bernie Horan	D	Donna Horan
Sunday	4/3	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	4/3	11am	Orlando Gomes	D	Kirk Gomes
Tuesday	4/5	12 Noon			
Wednesday	4/6	9am	Mary LaClaustra	D	Donald & Eileen Tyler
Thursday	4/7	9am			
Thursday	4/7	5pm*			
Friday	4/8	9am			
Saturday	4/9	5pm	Eileen Davis	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	4/10	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	4/10	11am	Walter Hartwell	D	Michael & Nancy King

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS





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, Ginny Rutkowski, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol & Ted Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Bob Toepfert, Chase Turano, Claire van Nierop, Mary Vitales, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters and Ellen Stoppe Wenger.

hospital visits.





Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated wedding anniversaries in March!

Mike & Vicky Stankevicz 32 Years

Don & Alicia Wheeler 39 Years

Tim & Eileen Monahan 54 Years

Sonja & Ed Erickson 56 Years



EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pew Count Sat 95 Sun 180	Mar 26/27
First Offering	\$4,214
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,895
Total	\$6,109
March MTD Debt Re	eduction \$8,561

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

THIS WEEKEND!

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.



The Lenten season fills our parish with hope and promise – opportunities abound to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2022,

Saints Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church is reaching out to our parishioners.

With eGiving, you can help sustain and build ministries this year that reflect the promise of God's love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts will help people 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. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



If you wish to donate to the humanitarian efforts for Uganda, you may contribute to Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the U.S. The purpose of CRS is to alleviate suffering and provide assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, creed or nationality. Donations to specifically help support our brothers and sisters in Ukraine can be generated by visiting support.crs.org.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Make a Way

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust. But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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)



ROOM SCHEDULE

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 434-589-5201.

Confession	Sat 2-Apr	Liturgy of the Hours	9:00a	FB	
Vigil Mass - 5th Sunday of Lent 5:00p Church		2 4	Confession	4:00p	Church
Sun Sun		2-Apr	Vigil Mass - 5th Sunday of Lent	5:00p	Church
Name			Bake Sale After Mass	6pm	С
Sun 3-Apr RCIA			Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
Mass		3-Apr	Mass -5th Sunday of Lent	9:00a	St. Joseph's
Mass - 5th Sunday of Lent	Gum		RCIA	9:30a	Lounge
Mass	Sun		Mass -5th Sunday of Lent	11:00a	Church
Mon 4-Mar Rejoice! Bible Study 1:00p E			Bake Sale After Mass	12:00p	С
Mon 4-Mar Rejoice! Bible Study 1:00p E			Mass	4:00p	FUMA
Mass 12:00p Church		4-Mar	Liturgy of the Hours	9:00a	FB
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Sun 10-Apr RCIA 9:30a Lounge CCD 9:45a Hall/Church		10-Apr	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
CCD 9:45a Hall/Church	Sun		Mass -Palm Sunday	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			RCIA	9:30a	Lounge
Mass - Palm Sunday 11:00a Church/FB			CCD	9:45a	Hall/Church
			Mass - Palm Sunday	11:00a	Church/FB

Save the date:

Sts. Peter & Paul Annual Golf Tournament & Awards Dinner Sunday, September 11, 2022

12pm - Registration/Practice; 1pm SHOTGUN start (18 holes)
Lake Monticello Golf Course

Open to all

Contact Cynthia Aycock to volunteer or for more information 434.996.6065



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

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 emthode @gmail.com.

Thank you for your participation in this fun,



Commit to strengthening our marriage this lent.
Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on

May 6-8 in Hickory, NC June 24-26 in Bluffton, SC

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

https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/

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



Liturgy of the Hours 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



April 8 5:00 - 7:00 pm



\$13 per person

LENTEN LUNCHES AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS 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

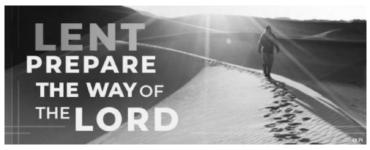
12:40 PM - ADORATION

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.





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.

757.813.1992 caheffley@aol.com

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.



Spring Clean-Up of Cemetery

The landscaping crew will soon be mowing the

cemetery grounds. Excessive flowers on an around graves will interfere with the mowing and weeding; and, we cannot guarantee that the mowers will not mow down any flowers or plants in their way.

Families who have loved ones buried at our cemetery to please keep artificial and/or live flowers and plants and other decorations such as flags, statues, etc. to a minimum and should be placed as close to the monument as possible. With Spring around the corner, it's time to replace old and faded flowers with new flowers, real or artificial. Keep in mind that we do not allow glass flower containers or votive candles in glass containers or festive balloons.

Your help and assistance in keeping our cemetery looking nice, clean and reverent for all who visit our beloved deceased is appreciated. Should you have suggestions or issues regarding our cemetery, please contact Mandy Tolano at 540-595-7173 or email at mtolano@richmonddiocese.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Jesus Christ is the symbolic interpretation of the partridge in the carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas."
 The partridge will pretend to be injured in order to draw predators to itself and away from its young. The pear tree is the Cross itself.
- There are three theological virtues: faith hope & charity. Theological virtues are those virtues infused by God and related to salvation, where God is the goal. Faith is defined as the virtue of believing the things revealed by God to be true, under His guidance and inspiration. Hope is also a divinely infused virtue by which, which confidence, we expect the divine assistance, eternal happiness and the means to attain it. Charity refers to the loving relationship with God and our fellow human beings.

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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Roundtable Chairman

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INTROSPECTIVE

Mercy makes us attentive to the voice of truth. We do not know what ever happened to the woman caught in adultery, after her encounter with Jesus. It is hoped that she found what she needed to feel true sorrow. What we do know is that through his gentle and wise persuasiveness, Jesus puts the Pharisees in their place and opens the door to grace for this child of God.

Being exploited and used to test and discredit Jesus, she who is publicly known to be a sinner is now the victim. Jesus never tolerates people being used and immediately rushes to her defense. As the author of mercy, Jesus became her advocate and opened the door for her to God's love. Jesus also stands between us and the harsh, judgmental, and often hurtful stance of our world. He invites us to grace, to leave the sin that binds us, and for which we are often criticized, and pursue a life of virtue and freedom.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Active during Israel's captivity in Babylon around 550BC, the prophet Isaiah reminds the Israelites of God's saving acts in their history and offers hope for a new future beyond exile. How does your faith in the Lord offer you hope in times of distress?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks to the Philippians of his firm belief that what matters most in his life is his intimate connection to Christ Jesus. How do you think anyone develops this depth of passion for Jesus?

Gospel:

The scribes and the Pharisees tested Jesus' fidelity to the Mosaic Law by using a woman caught in the act of adultery. In reply, Jesus exposed the hypocrisy of the religious leaders and showed mercy on the sinful woman. When has someone shown you mercy over judgment?

> Congratulations to couples who celebrated wedding anniversaries in the month of March.

March Wedding Anniversaries



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 * Iordan 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/



WHY DO WE DO THAT? -CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Tithing vs. Stewardship

Ouestion:

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Answer:

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. All we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to Melchizedek, the priest. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life.

Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both stewardship and tithing help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.

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