

May 8, 2022



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

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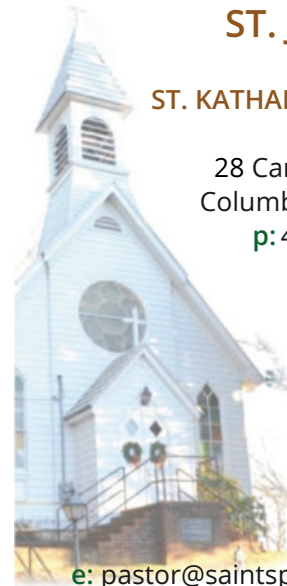
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**OUR VISION**

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.



**ST. JOSEPH'S**

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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

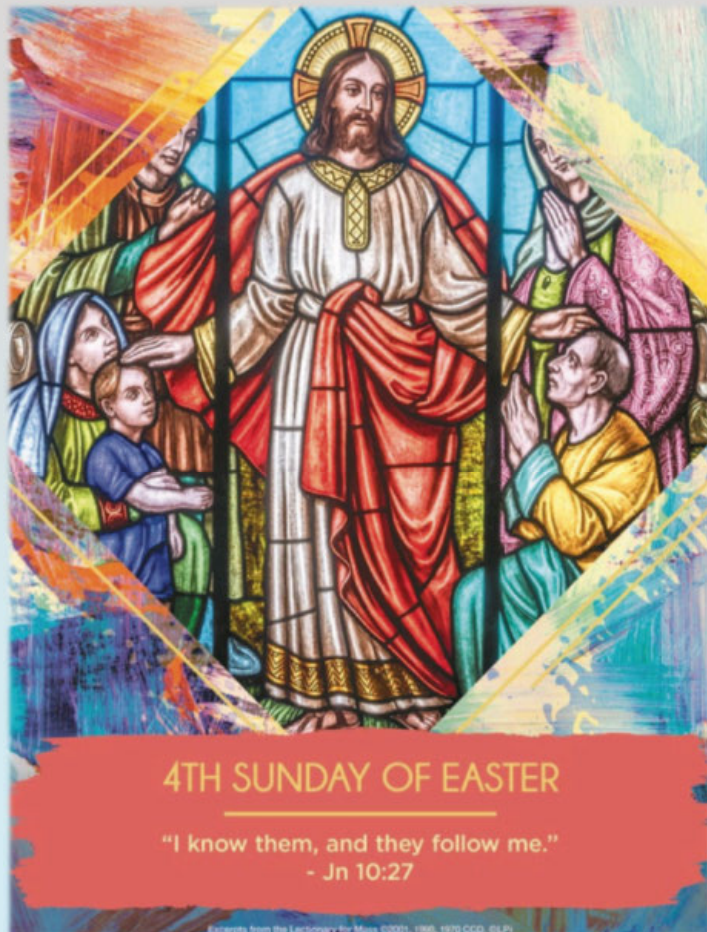
Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's  
(or by appointment)

**HOSPITAL VISITS:**

Call Parish Office  
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

**HOMEBOUND:**

Call Parish Office  
to schedule Communion



**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"I know them, and they follow me."  
- Jn 10:27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1986, 1970 CCC, ILPI)

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

## Readings for the Week of May 08, 2022

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/  
Jn 10:27-30  
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17  
Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/  
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

## Observances for the Week of May 08, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for  
Vocations; Mother's Day  
Monday:  
Tuesday: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest  
Wednesday:  
Thursday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr  
Friday: Our Lady of Fatima  
Saturday: St. Matthias, Apostle  
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore

## MAY 2022

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

#### BREAD & WINE

Donor  
Diana Mariutto

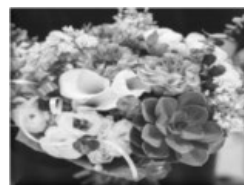
Memorial  
Fred Mariutto



#### ALTAR FLOWERS

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#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

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



## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2022

**"Sing joyfully to the LORD...; serve the LORD with gladness." Are you discerning a vocation as a priest?**

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

**Or write**

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



# ENCOUNTER

## 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION/MAY CROWNING

Over the past weekend and this weekend St. Joseph's and SS. Peter and Paul parishes celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion (May 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, respectively) and they will also celebrate Blessed Mother, Mary, with a May Crowning (SS. Peter & Paul May 1<sup>st</sup> and St. Joseph May 8<sup>th</sup>).

A child's "First Communion" is a rite of passage, an acknowledgement that he or she has reached the age of reason and is now liable for many of the penalties involved in sin; it is, in other words, a marker that the child is growing up. It may be given to a group of children who've been properly prepared together. In addition, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is received first before Communion. In April 2012 Pope Benedict XVI told First Communicants in Rome that they would mark "the moment when you too understand the importance of a personal encounter with Jesus." Christ promised the Church his continued presence in "the Word and the Eucharist," the Pope said.

Pope Benedict explained that these "very realistic signs" helped the disciples "open up to the gift of faith" – which in turn helped them "understand the things written on Christ "in the law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." The Pope reserved his final words for the children in St Peter's Square, before leading the recitation of the midday Marian Prayer.

"Mary, the Mother of God help us to listen attentively to the Word of the Lord and participate worthily in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, to become witnesses of the new humanity," he declared. These words help us today to connect First Holy Communion with the May crowning we celebrate these weekends.

The Catholic Church has, as a part of its tradition, the special devotion to the Blessed Mother of Jesus. Mary is recognized as "one of us," a human person, and a model of faith and discipleship for all Christians to imitate. When Jesus, from the cross, entrusted the Apostle, St. John, with the care of His mother, Catholics believe that Mary became our mother as well. Catholics do not worship Mary or consider her to be a goddess. Catholics recognize that mothers can have great influence over their children, and as such, we pray to Mary to intercede with her Son on our behalf. During the month of May it is a tradition in the church to honor Mary, our mother, in a special way, by placing crowns of spring blossoms on the head of a statue that depicts her image. This is a beautiful ceremony wherein the participants give thanks to Mary for bringing Jesus into the world, and pray for her guidance along the path that will lead to her Son.

Our children who received the Body and Blood of Christ will be the ones crowning the Blessed Mother. This will remind them that while they received Jesus and can continue to receive Him, the Blessed Mother is always at their side and is interceding for them.

*"Holy Jesus and Blessed Mother Mary, continue to watch over those who receive their First Holy Communion and let them love you both more dearly."*

# PARISH YOUTH



## Religious Education



**Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants!**

**Lily Aiello  
Ionica Barcelona  
Megan Christ  
Giuseppe Cracchiolo  
Mattia Cracchiolo  
Luca Cracchiolo  
Arianna Scotto DiVetta  
Kade Forst  
Judith Green  
Liliana Mendoza  
Liam Myer  
Ella Rothwell  
Raylan Trapp**

## Youth Group

*Volunteers help make our Youth Group  
successful by sharing their time and talents to  
help our kids grow in their faith.*

*Please prayerfully considering how you can  
help!*

### CONTACT:

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

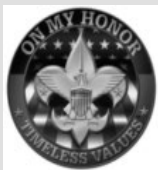


Join our Diocesan World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage, where you will experience excitement for the Catholic faith everywhere you turn - in the healing waters at Lourdes, on the fields of Fatima where the sun danced, and at the multi-lingual prayer sessions led by Pope Francis.

A meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, May 9th at 6:30pm to learn more about World Youth Day and to talk about fund-raising ideas. This event is for young adults aged 16-35 years before August 2023 and their chaperones. All are welcomed.

For more info, contact: Linda Mangiaracina at:

**[lmangiaracina@k12albemarle.org](mailto:lmangiaracina@k12albemarle.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](mailto:charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com)** 571.212.4445

# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 7 - MAY 15, 2022

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	5/7	5pm	Robert DeMarco	D	Timothy & Eileen Monahan
Sunday	5/8	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/8	11am	Adam Seelye	D	Parishioners of SPP
Wednesday	5/11	9am			
Thursday	5/12	9am	Jean Pilk	D	June Wimer
Thursday	5/12	5pm*			
Friday	5/13	9am	Bernie Horan	D	Donna Horan
Saturday	5/14	5pm	Jean Pilk	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	5/15	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/15	11am	Maria & John LaRocca	D	Steve & Mary Dictenberg

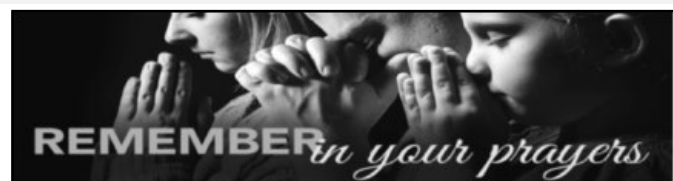
### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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 Kuhlrow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Luke Marron, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Russ Marron, Christopher McCarthy, 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 Kuhlrow, Jackie Kraemer, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie & Joe Lodato, Bill Lyttle, Patti Markle, Tom Miglas, John Misorek, Irene Nadig, Rosario Nixon, Rose Patterson, Adam & Sharon Perry, Daryl Perry, 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.

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



## April Wedding Anniversaries

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

**Doug Mullinex & Linda Mangiaracina - 16 Years**

**Daniel & Diana George - 20 Years**

**Ronald & Maureen Otten - 34 Years**

**Tom & Lois Kelly - 45 Years**

**Jim & Claire Kraemer - 50 Years**

**Anthony & Patricia Amato - 56 Years**

**Bob & Maureen Burger - 61 Years**

**Daniel & Mona Schmitt - 65 Years**

**Bob & Janet Sayre - 66 Years**



# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pew Count Sat. - 88   Sun. - 160	Apr 30 - May 1
First Offering	\$ 2,744
First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>	\$ 1,815
Total	\$ 4,559
<b>April MTD Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 9,450</b>

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.*



Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support Sts. Peter and Paul and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone, or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/VA249](https://faith.direct/VA249). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

## THE REMNANT GENERATION

Annabelle Nakabiri Ssebakiije and her husband Isaac Mukisa Ssebakiije will be here at Sts. Peter and Paul on

**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Annabelle is the founder and executive director of the Remnant Generation in Kampala, Uganda. It is similar to our pregnancy centers in that it provides spiritual, mental and emotional healing and therapy for survivors of sexual abuse and teen moms. In Uganda a young girl that becomes pregnant is often put out of the home. It is Christ-centered and Pro-Life. The princess shelter can hold up to 20 girls and 20 babies at one time. While there, the young girls can learn a trade for when they leave the shelter. COVID hurt them with their fundraising and they will be requesting help while they are here. They will speak Saturday after Mass in St Francis Hall at 6:30pm and Sunday after mass at 12:30 in the gathering space in the church. Please come out and hear the stories and the talk that Annabelle will be giving and learn about life in Uganda. I visited the Remnant Generation with Father Gerald while I was in Uganda in 2019 and can attest that they are legitimate.

Bob Maher

## RELUCTANT SHEEP

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat. Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it's no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can't protect themselves. They're vulnerable and easily misled. We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself. We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: You don't have to do this on your own. Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



# UPCOMING EVENTS




RCIA provides instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholics with interest 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.



## ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	7-May	Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	Commons
 Sun	8-May	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass - <b>May Crowning</b>	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		RCIA	9:30a	Lounge
		CCD	9:45a	Parish Hall/Church
		Mass (Incense) <b>1st Communion</b>	11:00a	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	12:00p	Commons
Wed	11-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Troop 138	7:00p	F
Thurs	12-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Mass	5:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	13-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	14-May	<b>Plant Sale</b>	10:00a	Outside Church
		<b>Bill Servais' Funeral Mass</b>	1:00p	St. Joseph's
		LM Community Foundation	3:30p	E/F
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	15-May	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		RCIA	9:30a	Lounge
		Mass (Incense)	11:00a	Church
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)	



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

Contact the office:  
434.589.5201

## 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>



# Save These DATES

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS PLANT SALE

Sale Date: **Saturday, May 14th**

Hours: **10am to 3pm**

Location: **Plan A:** Outside the side entrance  
to the Church, weather permitting

**Plan B:** St. Elizabeth Room in Parish Hall

*There'll be something for Everyone to enjoy!*

- ♦ Tomatoes
- ♦ Peppers
- ♦ Zucchini
- ♦ Watermelon
- ♦ Gourds
- ♦ Plants, flowers, herbs and more!



## MARRIED COUPLES DATE NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

6:00PM - 7:30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Guest speakers Kate and Bob McAleer will share tools and tips for living the Catholic vocation of marriage.

Whether you've been married for 5 or 50 years, improving communication and growing in faith together is a must if you want to *thrive* and not just survive! Bob and Kate will share insights they've gathered from more than a decade of parish marriage ministry work on creating and maintaining a Christ-centered marriage. Light refreshments will be served.

Question? Contact Kate at 202.779.3979 or e-mail at:

[katemcaleer09@gmail.com](mailto:katemcaleer09@gmail.com)

## Coming Soon . . .

### Opera Night

at Sts. Peter  
and Paul

St. Francis  
Hall

May 20th,  
2022

6:30pm

Feature:

**Puccini's  
Turandot**



Look for the sign-up sheet in the Commons.  
Refreshments served at Intermission.

### \*\*\*USHER Training\*\*\*

Saturday, June 4th at 10:00am

Also included: Mass, updated training, brunch  
Open to current ushers and those  
interested in ushering.



Commit to strengthening our marriage this lent.

Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on

**June 24-26 in Bluffton, SC**

Early sign up is recommended.

For more information visit our website at:

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





**JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> & JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>**

Are you cleaning out your closets, attics, basements and garages? Donated articles can be dropped off at the Parish Hall from June 5th to June 8th.

**No drop offs after June 8th.**

Help is still needed from June 5-11 -- especially if you have a truck to help transport items.

This is one of our major fund raisers and the money made will go to Debt Reduction. If you can help, please contact Cynthia Aycock  
[cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com) or 434-996-6065.

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

**Sts. Peter & Paul Annual Golf Tournament & Awards Dinner**

**\$75**

**12pm - Registration/Practice;**

**1pm SHOTGUN start (18 holes)**

**Where: Lake Monticello Golf Course**

**Awards Dinner following at St. Francis Hall**

**Open to All - Golfers & Non-Golfers alike**

**Contact Cynthia Aycock  
to volunteer or for more  
information at 434.996.6065**

### WHAT IS A PARISH NURSE?

A Parish Nurse is a Registered nurse who has had additional training to serve the parish as a health promoter, educator and counselor. She/he is NOT a health care provider. However, she/he can often link people with helpful resources. If you would like to talk to your Parish Nurse, contact Catherine Heffley at 57.813.1992 or [caheffley@aol.com](mailto:caheffley@aol.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 [emttouch@gmail.com](mailto:emttouch@gmail.com).

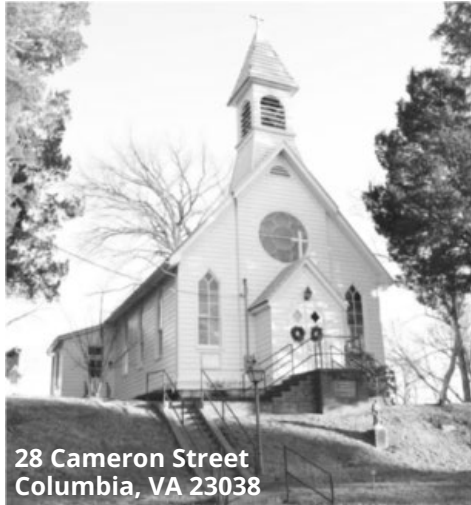
Thank you for your participation in this fun, memorable journey!



### DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ There is no scientific proof that sugar makes you hyper.
- ◆ There are only 18 minutes of action in the average baseball game.
- ◆ Farm fresh salmon consume a different diet than their ocean-dwelling counterparts and are naturally white instead of blush. Unless you only eat wild salmon, then the fish you buy has likely been dyed pink.
- ◆ Canada's lowest recorded temperature was colder than Mars.
- ◆ The incense used in the Catholic Church symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. It is also used to bless and purify.
- ◆ The world day of prayer for vocations is observed on Good Shepard Sunday.
- ◆ A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie!

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



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### ROUNDTABLE CHAIRMAN

Denny Barberio, 434.981.0678

### LADIES AUXILIARY

## INTROSPECTIVE

### Christ is our hope

I was filled with a lot of joy last Sunday as I witnessed the beauty of our little shrine – St. Joseph: Ariel was baptized and two of his siblings: Amanda and Antonio presented to the Lord in a very colorful ceremony. Yet still, it was all joy to witness Gianna and Lily receive their First Communion. For those who know me well, they can testify that kids bring the best out me. Like most of you, this day filled me with joy, but also made me think more about the future of our little and beautiful shrine – St. Joseph.

The city of Columbia may be no more, but yet the presence of St. Joseph church every Sunday and Thursday still gives hope to this historic city: **Indeed Christ is our hope**, and this is what we teach our children as we celebrate sacraments with them. Yes, we teach them, but they challenge us to think about what we teach them.

As we think about the future of our little shrine, we realize that there are several repairs and maintenance works that are long overdue, and we must embark on them as soon as possible. At the beginning of Lent, I asked you to save some change to help us with project of repair and maintenance. At the end of this exercise, we ended up with \$ 362.50, and I thank you very much. I asked, and you responded, and I heartily thank you! We shall build upon this to realize the work planned ahead of us.

Next time I will be laying out the plan that the building and grounds committee has advised me on to bring about the freshness to our facilities.

May God bless you abundantly!

Gratefully,

Fr. David

## SHARE THE GOSPEL

Your daddy knows when you are talking to him. You know when your daddy is talking to you. Your eternal Father wants you to recognize His voice, too. God's voice always says good things to you. His voice warns when you are in danger. He tells you the right thing to do. He tells you how to stay away from bad things. His voice keeps you on the road to heaven. Listen to Him.

## PRAYER

*I want to recognize and hear your voice, O God.*



St. Katharine Drexel

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

MaryEllen Agolia \* Bradford Barrows \*  
 Maria Correa \* Nona Dooley \*  
 Alice Galvez-Sobral \* Jane Garland \*  
 Mauricio Granados \* India Martin \*  
 Pat Morse \* Angelica Motta \* Odila Motta \*  
 Oscar Motta \* Thelma Motta \*  
 Denise Pillar \* 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/>



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start." (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us without power and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.

**Funeral Mass  
 for Bill Servais  
 Saturday, May 14, 2022  
 1:00pm  
 St. Joseph**

All are invited to attend and pray for Bill and his family.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

May 1<sup>st</sup> \$739  
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## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROUNDTABLE & LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>

6:00 PM POTLUCK DINNER

Join us for the potluck dinner organized by the Ladies Auxiliary.  
 RSVP is requested to prepare enough food for all attending the potluck.

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)



## CCD

Classes meet each Sunday after Mass.  
 Registration forms are available in the Parish Hall.

For more info, please contact Celeste Shapiola.

[cshapiola@yahoo.com](mailto:cshapiola@yahoo.com)  
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## May Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to  
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