

#### June 5, 2022



#### STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

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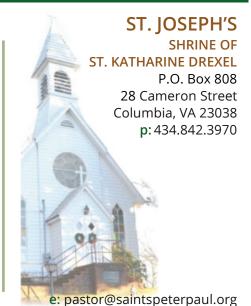
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#### **OUR VISION**

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.



#### **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

#### **C**ONFESSION

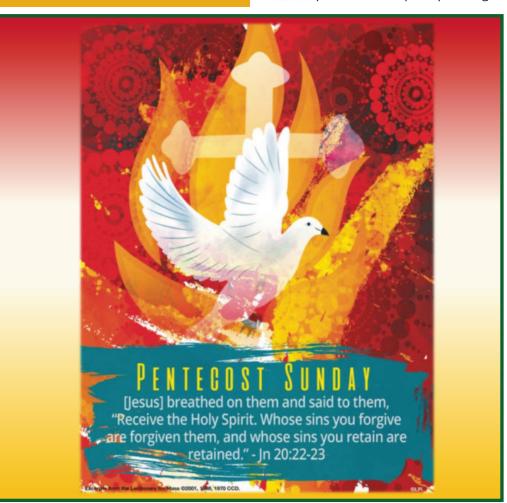
Saturday 4pm: SPP Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's (or by appointment)

#### **HOSPITAL VISITS:**

Call Parish Office or Rectory: 434.589.5200

#### HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office to schedule Communion



# WELCOME



#### **ADMINISTRATION**

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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 June 5, 2022

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/

Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32 Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:33-37 Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

#### Observances for the Week of June 5, 2022

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday; St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; St. Norbert, Bishop

Tuesday: Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

Friday:

Saturday: St. Barnabas, Apostle Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

#### **JUNE 2022**

#### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor Doi

Donor

Donor

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** 

Liz Ciesel

Memorial Memorial

Memorial

Rene & Hank Ciesel







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



PENTECOST SUNDAY June 5, 2022

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." Is your gift of the Holy Spirit the discernment of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life?

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

Or write

vocations@richmonddiocese.org





#### THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST - PART 7 TRANSFORMATION IN CHRIST

Excerpt from the USCCB's document The Mystery of the Eucharist.

"The person who shares worthily in the Eucharist is enabled more and more to live the new law of love given by Christ precisely because Christ communicates himself in the sacrament of the altar. The foundation of our personal and moral transformation is the communion with himself that Christ establishes in Baptism and deepens in the Eucharist. In the celebration of the Mass, we are shown what love truly is, and we receive grace that enables us to imitate the love that Christ shows us.

The personal and moral transformation that is sustained by the Eucharist reaches out to every sphere of human life. The love of Christ can permeate all of our relationships: with our families, our friends, and our neighbors. It can also reshape the life of our society as a whole. Our relationship with Christ is not restricted to the private sphere; it is not for ourselves alone.

It is the role of the laity in particular to transform social relations in accord with the love of Christ, which is carried out concretely in actions that work for the objective common good. Lay people, conscious of their call to holiness by virtue of their baptismal vocation, have to act as leaven in the dough to build up a temporal city in keeping with God's project. Lay people who exercise some form of public authority have a special responsibility to form their consciences in accord with the Church's faith and the moral law, and to serve the human family by upholding human life and dignity.

Pope Francis has warned us that in our "throwaway culture" we need to fight the tendency to view people as "disposable": "Some parts of our human family, it appears, can be readily sacrificed for the sake of others considered worthy of a carefree existence. Ultimately, "persons are no longer seen as a paramount value to be cared for and respected, especially when they are poor and disabled, 'not yet useful' - like the unborn, or 'no longer needed' - like the elderly. (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, no. 18.) As Christians, we bear the responsibility to promote the life and dignity of the human person, and to love and to protect the most vulnerable in our midst: the unborn, migrants and refugees, victims of racial injustice, the sick and the elderly.

The Second Vatican Council stresses the importance of reverence toward the human person. "Everyone must consider his every neighbor without exception as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary to living it with dignity." The Council goes on to say that:

whatever is opposed to life itself...whatever violates the integrity of the human person... whatever insults human dignity... as well as disgraceful working conditions, ...all these things and others of their like are infamies indeed. They poison human society, but they do more harm to those who practice them than those who suffer from the injury. (Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et Spes, no. 27)

God has not only called us out of sinful indifference to do whatever we can to contribute to the coming of the Kingdom; through Christ he has given us the grace we need to do

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# PARISH YOUT!





#### Discipleship Week - August 3-6, 2022

Discipleship Week is a chance for rising 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade teens from across the diocese who desire to know Jesus better and to live and serve as He did. A high school retreat for those looking for more: more faith in their own lives, more community with Catholic peers and more action to spread the Good News. This week will include growth in personal discipleship through prayer, mentoring and practice training on how to be a Catholic leader who leads from their love of Christ, and being a youth leader at EPIC where these skills are put into practice.

#### **EPIC 2022**

EPIC is a one-day diocesan event for rising 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth. This event is intended to be a highly energetic day that is focused on two things:

- (1) Building community and friendships with other middle school youth, and
- (2) Encouraging zeal for our Catholic faith.

Throughout the day, youth will experience everything from inflatables to a service project, relay races to Mass. They will also interact with high school teens who attended Discipleship Week in the days prior to EPIC. At the end of the day, middle school youth will walk away feeling excited about their community and their faith.

Please join us. It is going to be EPIC!

EPIC is August 6, 2022.

Contact John Verga for more information.

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#### Save the Date:

**GAME NIGHT** St. Joseph's Parish Hall June 17, 2022, 6:30 - 9:00pm Meet at SPP at 6 to carpool.

#### CONTACT: 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.

Several fundraising activities are coming soon:

◆ Car wash, babysitting, spaghetti dinner, yard sale table, and a basket auction Look for details to come. . .

For more info, contact: Linda Mangiaracina at:

Imangiaracina@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 571.212.4445

# INTENTIONS

#### MASS INTENTIONS: JUNE 4 - JUNE 12, 2022

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	6/4	5pm	Robert Roche	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	6/5	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	6/5	11am	Jim Rausa	D	Mary Rausa
Wednesday	6/8	9am			
Thursday	6/9	9am			
Thursday	6/9	5pm*			
Friday	6/10	9am			
Saturday	6/11	5pm	Jeff Henrietta	D	Sid & Connie D'Amico
Sunday	6/12	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	6/12	11am	Fabian 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, 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, Art Menard,
Rose Meyer, John Misorek, Irene Nadig, Rosario Nixon,
Rose Patterson, Adam & Sharon Perry, Daryl Perry,
Jeanine Polansky, Donald Raab, Joel Rivera,
Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol & Ted Starowicz,
Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Bob Toepfert,
Chase Turano, Claire van Nierop, Mary Vitales,
Walter Welham, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters and
Ellen Stoppe Wenger.

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



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

Terry & Darlene La Rosa -29 Years

John & Maureen Coleman -48 Year

Don & Eileen Tyler - 58 Year

Bob & Muriel Toepfert - 61 Years

Don & Margaret Raab - 65 Years



# DAY STEWARDS

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pew Count* Sat   Sun	May 28-29*			
First Offering	\$			
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,721			
Total	\$			
May MTD Debt Reduction \$				

<sup>\*</sup> Info not available due to early publication

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.

#### **BAKE SALE this weekend!**



Spring is in full bloom – God's glory is all around us! If you want to FAITH DIRECT help Saints Peter & Paul Church flourish, now is the perfect time to make the switch to eGiving. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a

one-time gift; you'll be growing our ministries that share the Good News of God's love.

Your recurring gifts will sustain and strengthen our parish. You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Do You Speak Stewardship?

If you are married, I'm guessing that you know the best way to break bad news to your spouse, whether you realize it or not. Maybe it's simply that you know not to talk about the budget after your wife's football team has lost. Maybe your husband will take the news that your sister is coming to stay a little easier if you tell him over his favorite dinner. We do the same thing with our children, our friends, our coworkers -- we have all learned the language of the people we love.

The truth is the same in every language, but it's important for us to convey that truth graciously. That's what Pentecost teaches us. The gift of being able to speak in tongues afforded the Apostles a practical skill to spread the Gospel message, but it also served as a powerful symbol of the importance of effective communication. Evangelization can only happen when you're speaking in words a person is able, ready, and willing to hear.

Let's ask ourselves: what is the language we need to speak to share the truth with the person who is standing in front of us? Is it the language of quality time? The language of concern? The language of laughter and friendship? The language of authenticity, of plain talk and frankness?

The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the ability to speak in tongues, and it seems miraculous when we read about it in the Gospels — but only consider that we all have this same ability, in a certain way. The Holy Spirit can and will show us how to speak the truth, if we only ask.

 Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS **©LPi** 



**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	4-Jun	Mass & Usher Training	10:00a	Church	
		Confession	4:00p	Church	
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church	
		Bake Sale after Mass	6:00p	Commons	
		The Remnant Generation	6:30p	F	
Sun	5-Jun	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's	
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
		Mass (Incense)	11:00a	Church	
		Bake Sale after Mass	12:00p	Commons	
		The Remnant Generation	12:30p	Commons	
		Spanish Mass	2:00p	St. Joseph's	
		Mass	4:00p	FUMA	
Mon	6-Jun	K of C Meeting	6:00p	E/F	
Tues	7-Jun	Troop Committee	6:30p	122	
Wed	8-Jun	Mass	9:00a	Church	
		Troop 138	7:00p	F	
		Parish Council	7:00p	123	
Thurs	9-Jun	Mass	9:00a	Church	
		Mass	5:00p	St. Joseph's	
		Cursillo	6:00p	123	
	10-Jun	Yard Sale	8:00a	E/F	
Tom:		Mass	9:00a	Church	
Fri		Adoration	9:30a	Church	
		Benediction	3:00p	Church	
Sat	11-Jun	Yard Sale	8:00a	E/F	
		Confession	4:00p	Church	
		Vigil Mass - Food for the	5:00p	Church	
		Poor	3.00p	Church	
Sun	12-Jun	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's	
		Mass - Food for the Poor	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
		Mass - Food for the Poor	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)		

FUMA-Fork Union Military Academy



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

Contact: Denise Minor dminor92@gmail.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







#### 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.

We are collecting plastic and paper bags. If you can help, please contact Cynthia Aycock cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com or 434-996-6065.

# 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 <a href="mailto:emtouch@gmail.com">emtouch@gmail.com</a>.

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





### Year of the Eucharist Sts. Peter and Paul Church

The Year of the Eucharist coincides with the beginning of the three-year Eucharistic Revival project proposed by the United States
Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Eucharist, with its many facets, will be the focus of our attention with special emphasis on believing, celebrating, adoring and living the Eucharistic mystery.

Please join us in sharing the new

#### "Exploring the Eucharist Exhibit"

in the Invitation Room (formerly St. Raphael room).

Here we hope you find inspiration to move us all closer to the Eucharist in our daily lives.



#### FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

Come join fellow parishioners in a procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi after the 11 am Mass on

Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The procession will be around Sts. P&P's parking lot. There will be music, a period of adoration at the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, prayer and benediction back in the Church. Make this a joyful experience for all to see your belief in the "Real Presence."

#### 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 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 757.813.1992 or caheffley@aol.com.

# SAVE THE DATE



#### MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a

Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Our next

experience is: Sept. 23-25, 2022 at Crowne Plaza, Reston, VA

Early sign up is recommended.

For more information visit our website at:

https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/

#### Sunday, September 11, 2022

Sts. Peter & Paul Annual Golf Tournament & Awards Dinner

\$75

12pm - Registration/Practice;

1pm SHOTGUN start (18 holes)

Where: Lake Monticello Gelf Course

Awards Dinner following at St. Francis Hall

Open to All - Golfers & Non-Golfers alike

Forms are available in the Commons.

Contact Cynthia Aycock to volunteer or for more information at 434.996.6065



THE PLANT SALE THAT WAS HELD OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKENDS GENERATED \$637 FOR BUILDINGS & GROUNDS.

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED

AND PURCHASED ITEMS AND A *HUGE* 

THANK YOU AND KUDOS TO

PAT HARRISON FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN!



#### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Are you interested in making a difference in your parish?

Are you interested in helping our Parish progress and live out its motto to Evangelize, Sanctify and Serve?

We are looking for a few good people to serve on Parish Council. If you are interested, please contact Doug Mullinex or another member of Parish Council: Frank Pilk, Cynthia Aycock, Janet Forster or Joe Amato.

Elections will be held in June. Please consider helping with this important ministry. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

# Sunday, June 26, 2022

#### **Parish Picnic**

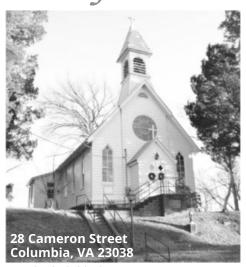
Immediately following Mass behind the Parish Hall



Bring a lawn chair and we'll have food, games, and great fellowship. If you'd like to help out, please contact Doug Mullinex at 434.981.6950.



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



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Denny Barberio | 434.981.0678

**LADIES AUXILIARY** 

#### INTROSPECTIVE

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

#### **Pentecost Sunday**

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

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#### SHARE THE GOSPEL

The disciples must have missed spending time with Jesus after he went back to heaven. But they knew that the Holy Spirit would always be with them, helping them remember what Jesu taught them. The disciples kept learning about God and kept growing closer to Him. The Holy Spirit will help you remember Jesus, too.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear God, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit.



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/



# INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT



Mass in Spanish will be offered today, June 5, at 2:00 pm.

All are welcome!

¡Todos son bienvenidas!

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION\*

May 29<sup>sth</sup>

\*Info is unavailable due to early Publication.

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

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May Wedding Anniversaries

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