

August 7, 2022



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OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

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



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SHRINE OF
ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

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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:

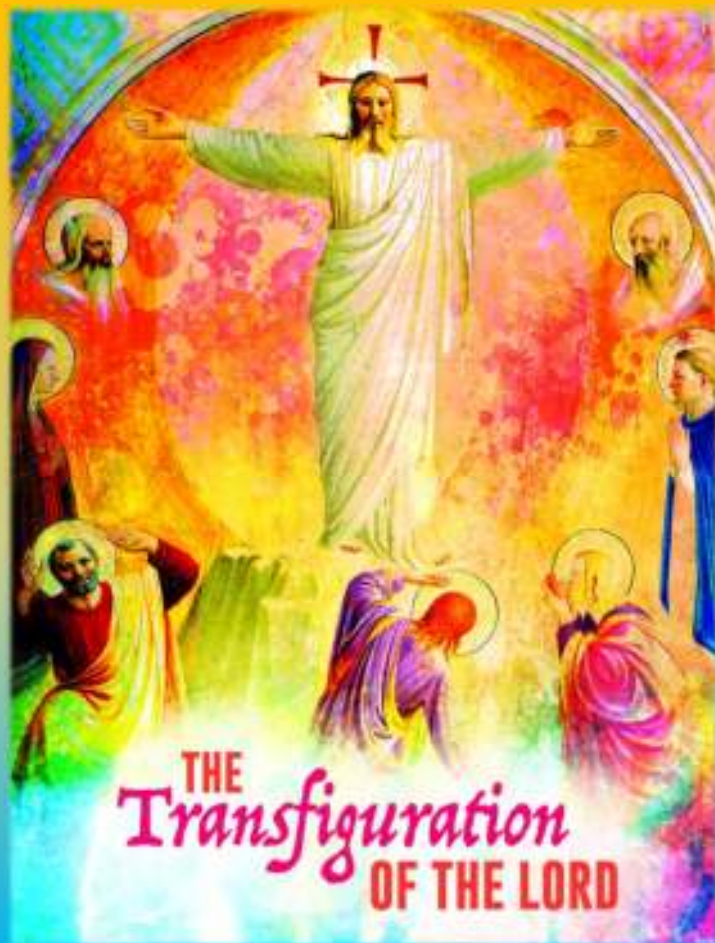
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

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Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



Evangelize

Sanctify

Serve

WELCOME



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Whether you are a visitor or new to our parish, interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or an active member of our parish, we are pleased that you have come.

BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to

karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org

Readings for the Week of August 7, 2022

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
 Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
 Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
 Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1
 Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15
 Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Observances for the Week of August 7, 2022

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
 Monday: St. Dominic, Priest
 Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
 Wednesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
 Thursday: St. Clare, Virgin
 Friday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
 Saturday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
 Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

AUGUST 2022

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor

Memorial



ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor
Carolyn Sizemore

Memorial
Barbara Totaro



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor

Memorial



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



ENCOUNTER



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 7, 2022

“...for he has prepared a city for them.” Are you called to lead the Lord’s people to the eternal city that he has prepared for them as a priest?

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

Or write

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



GOSPEL MEDITATION

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, “Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do.” Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

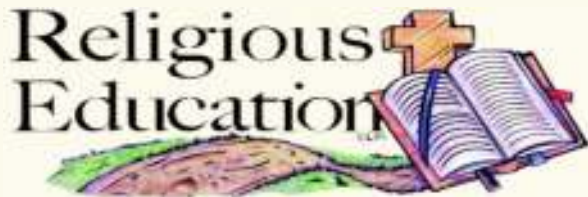
Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another’s efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation?

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PARISH YOUTH



Please Note: CCD REGISTRATION BEGINS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH

We are very grateful to all who responded to our need for Catechists and Classroom Aides for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

Help is still needed for On-Call Substitutes

Please contact Doug Mullinex if you are able to help guide our youth on their faith journey.

His # is: 434-981-6950.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Faith demands that we approach the Eucharist fully aware that we are approaching Christ himself... the Eucharist is a mystery of presence, the perfect fulfillment of Jesus' promise to remain with us until the end of the world.

St. Pope John Paul II

SHARE THE GOSPEL

Talk to God in prayer every day. Tell Him when you are afraid. Tell Him when you are happy. Tell Him that you love Him. Obey His commandments. Be a light to others. Show them by your shining example how to be a Christian. Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Give clothes to the needy. Forgive others and yourself. When Jesus, the Son of Man comes to get you, you will be ready.

PRAYER

Lord, help me be a shining example to others



Our Diocesan World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage, offers an exciting experience for Catholic youths 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.

Spots are still available:

* **Youth** > Age 16 by July 24, 2023

Or

* **Young Adult** > Ages 18 - 35

For more info, contact: Linda Mangiaracina at:

lmangiaracina@k12albemarle.org

Our next fundraiser will be a Quilt and Baskets Raffle starting August 13th. Please have your baskets in place starting Saturday, Aug. 13. The baskets will be rotated between St. Joe's and Sts. Peter/Paul every 2 weeks. When your basket is ready, please take a photo of it and send it to Linda at the above email.

Next WYD meeting is August 29th at 6:30 to discuss Spaghetti Dinner.



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: AUGUST 6 - 14, 2022

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	8/6	5pm	Dominic and Mary	D	Timothy & Eileen Monahan
Sunday	8/7	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	8/7	11am	Carmel Tighe	D	Catherine Amante
Wednesday	8/10	9am	Jean Pilk	D	Ed & Sonia Erickson
Thursday	8/11	9am	Bob Burger	D	The McCormack family
Thursday	8/11	5pm*			
Friday	8/12	9am	Fr. David Ssentamu	I	Michael & Nancy King
Saturday	8/13	5pm	John Zack	D	Walter & Dorothy Taylor
Sunday	8/14	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	8/14	11am	Ramon Arroyo, Jr.	D	Terri Arroyo

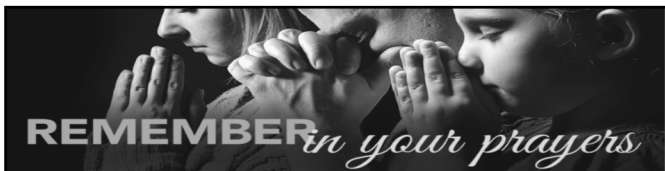
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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.



REMEMBER in your prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Melissa Bowling, Sharon Cassidy, The Compton family, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Emily Desgrosiellier, Bill Ellis, Ann Gasparro, Patricia Golgosky, Patrick Granville, Bob Griffin, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Tom Harrison, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie & Joe Lodato, Patti Markle, Art Menard, Rose Meyer, John Misorek, Irene Nadig, Rosario Nixon, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol & Ted Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, and Mike Waters.

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



July Wedding Anniversaries

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

Peter and Jennifer Gross 17 Years

Joe and Annette Silver 43 Years

Jim and Maggie Cullinan 59 Years



Let us take the time to kneel before Jesus present in the Eucharist, in order to make reparation by our faith and love for the acts of carelessness and neglect, and even the insults which our Savior must endure in many parts of the world.

St. Pope John Paul II

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 137 Sun. - 144	July 30/31
First Offering	\$ 2,625
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,509
Total	\$ 4,134
July MTD Debt Reduction	\$6,200


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 NEXT MONTHLY BAKE SALE IS THIS WEEKEND. BAKED GOODS ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE MASS.



Thank you for being a part of our Sts. Peter & Paul Church family. I appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure.

This summer, I pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy and peace of being with family and friends. Please consider that Sts. Peter and Paul continues to be open for Mass, numerous activities and the Sacraments, and that your generosity through Faith Direct can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries during these summer months.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

¡OPORTUNIDAD DE TRABAJO!

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Palmyra, VA is seeking applicants for the position of:


Coordinator of Religious Education & Youth Ministry

A Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies or related field, Pathways Certification and ongoing formation preferred. The successful applicant must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. This position is responsible for overseeing the faith formation programs for elementary grade levels through adult, sacramental preparation, RCIA and youth ministry. This is a 35 hour per week position with regular weekend events and occasional evening meetings, including work every Sunday morning. Please submit a completed Diocese of Richmond employment application with a cover letter and resume to: pastor@saintspeterpaul.org.

Incarnation is hiring a full-time Facilities Manager. The ideal candidate will be bilingual with some handyman skills, experience with service contracts, and basic computer skills. Salary is dependent on experience in the range of \$46,000 to \$52,000 per year plus benefits. If interested, please send a resume to office@incarnationparish.org or call the office for more information 434-973-4381.

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Incarnation está contratando a un Gerente del Edificio de tiempo completo. El candidato ideal será bilingüe con algunas habilidades manuales, experiencia con contratos de servicios y conocimientos básicos de informática. El salario depende de la experiencia en el rango de \$46,000 a \$52,000 por año y con beneficios. Si está interesado, envíe un currículum a office@incarnationparish.org o llame a la oficina para obtener más información al 434-973-4381.



- ⇒ The Holy Eucharist was instituted by Jesus Christ.
- ⇒ The word "Eucharistic" means Thanksgiving.
- ⇒ The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, or Pasch." 137 (Catechism of the Catholic Church.)

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	6-Aug	Baptism	10:00a	Church
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	C
Sun	7-Aug	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	12:00p	C
Wed	10-Aug	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Troop 138	7:00p	F
Thurs	11-Aug	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Crafters	9:30a	M
		Mass	5:00p	Church
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	12-Aug	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	13-Aug	Sick & Homebound Ministry Mass	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Mass	5:00p	Church
		CCD Registration	6:00p	C
Sun	14-Aug	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		CCD Registration	12:00p	C

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: 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>





Are you looking for a deeper dive into your Spiritual journey as a Catholic Woman or Man? Consider attending a Cursillo to **REFRESH YOUR SOUL!** This is the perfect time to elevate your prayer life and strengthen your friendship with Christ!

The next Women’s Cursillo Weekend is **Thursday evening, October 20th at 7:00pm through 5:00pm on Sunday, October 23rd, taking place at Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA.**

The next Men’s Cursillo Weekend is **Thursday evening, October 27th at 7:00pm through Sunday, October 30 at 5:00pm also at Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA.**

A Cursillo is a three-day course in Spirituality and teaches an awareness of Christ in every moment of your life. An emphasis is on our Catholic sacraments and the richness they bring to our faith. Pope Francis made a Cursillo and recognizes how “Cursillos help people encounter Jesus, helping them understand that living in the Grace of God is beautiful.”

Come walk this journey alongside other Catholic women and man and be filled with the **JOY** Christ offers each one of us. Applications and more about Cursillo are available at www.valleycursillo.com. All applications must have a sponsor. If you need a sponsor contact:

Ellie Whinnery at 434-981-3551

The application deadline is October 7th.



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.

*The third edition of “Reflection on the Eucharist”
is now available.*

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!



PARISH NURSE NEWS

Hepatitis is a group of infectious diseases, (to include Hep. A, B, C, D and E), that comprise the leading cause of cirrhosis and liver cancer. Over a million deaths occur each year, and 3 million new cases. Most people are unaware of their hepatitis infection until serious harm is caused by it. People over the ages of 18 should ask their health care provider if they have been screened for Hepatitis at least once, and if not, inquire about a screening blood test.



Got Salt? Buildings & Grounds is asking for salt donations to thwart weeds. Donations can be left in the Church vestibule or at the office. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

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

Dinner is Included for Golfers,

\$5 for each Dinner Guest

Forms are available in the Commons.

Have you signed up yet?

**Contact Cynthia Aycock
to volunteer or for more**

information at 434.996.6065



MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!!

MARRIED COUPLES. Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience!

Our next experience is:

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

Only 11 spots available so sign up early!

To register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search on Virginia.

For questions, feel free to contact

Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or
mstang1987@aol.com



**Get Ready for.....GAME
DAY!**

**Sts. Peter and Paul
Parish Center**

Sunday, October 2, 2022

12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Refreshments, Door Prizes, & Raffles

Tickets sold in advance ONLY
\$15 Each

For tickets/reservations:
Call: Diana, 434.589.5136

Tickets on sale now through
September 25, 2022

For general info:
Call: Eileen, 434.962.4656



THE RIGHT TIME TO FOSTER IS RIGHT NOW!

Email our Foster Parent Recruiter, Déjené Young-el, to learn more and to RSVP for one of our upcoming, no-obligation Info Sessions below!

Email: Dejene.Youngel@hopetreefs.org

FOSTER PARENT INFO SESSIONS

Thursday, August 11, 2022 - 6:30 pm (Virtual)

Thursday, August 18, 2022 - 12:00 pm (Virtual)

Thursday, August 25, 2022 - 6:30 pm (In person)

Thursday, September 6, 2022 - 6:30 pm (Virtual)

Thursday, September 15, 2022 - 12:00 pm (Virtual)



FOSTER CARE

COME JOIN OUR



Bible Study will resume on

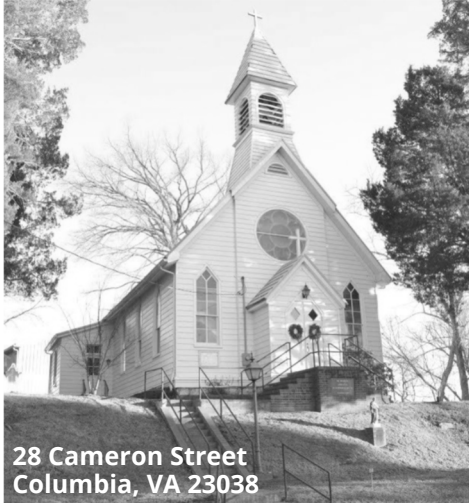
Mondays at 1:00pm

beginning

September 19th.

Please join us in Room E in
the Parish Hall.

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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Denny Barberio | 434.981.0678

LADIES AUXILIARY

INTROSPECTIVE

Everyday Stewardship - Caught in the Rising Action

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I'm not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I'm talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go "Hmmm."

I'm willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



CCD Registration Begins

Today!

There will be a CCD Teacher's Meeting on

Sunday, August 28th after Mass.

Anyone interested in helping with CCD is asked to attend.

Please see Celeste Shapiola for forms and with questions.

cshapiola@yahoo.com or call 434-981-1405



St. Katharine Drexel

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

MaryEllen Agolia * Bradford Barrows *

Maria Correa * Nona Dooley *

Alice Galvez-Sobral * Jane Garland *

Mauricio Granados * Andy Mallory *

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/>



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The fruits of our labors are not always seen in our lifetimes. Faith is not conditional on seeing results. Faith is a radical trust in what is unseen. It requires vigilance and self-investment. It requires our attention even when our efforts don't bear fruit or are unappreciated or unrecognized.

A person who is open to accepting God's presence, however it comes, and is willing to share the love received with others is a true inspiration. Good works will flow from this vigilant depth of faith. It will be directed where it is most needed and detached from the need for recognition or gratitude.

Faith exercised in secret is the most profound expression of faith and a testament of true love for our Creator. No one needs to know the humility, generosity, and goodness of our hearts, only God. Standing erect and watchful, we are prepared to receive the gift of Divine Love and freely share it with others, without recognition or self-benefit.

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Many thanks to Carroll Morse for submitting a grant application to the Diocese. Due to Carroll's efforts, the Home Mission Grant Review Committee awarded St. Joseph's \$8,000 to be used for interior painting and flooring replacement. We expect work to begin shortly.

THANK YOU, CARROLL!

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July 31st \$

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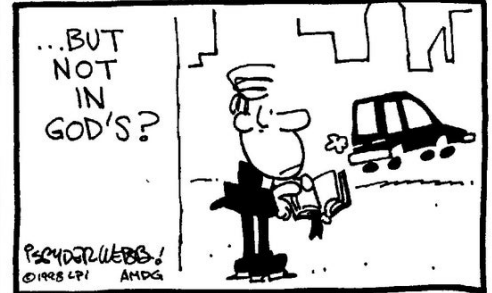


Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to **James and Anita Grooms** on their 20th wedding anniversary!



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Many thanks to all who donated to the Prison Ministry's "Christmas in July!" Donations may still be accepted. Please contact Will Kulick at will@brgtshirts.com if you still have select items to donate.