

September 11, 2022



STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

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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

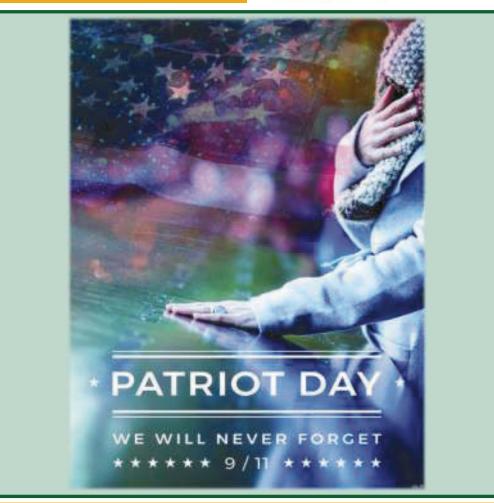
Saturday 4pm: SPP Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's (or by appointment)

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office to schedule Communion



Evangelize

Sanctify

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 September 11, 2022

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/ Sunday:

Lk 15:1-32

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10 Monday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17 Tuesday:

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/

Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or

Lk 2:33-35

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15 Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

Observances for the Week of September 11, 2022

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day; Grandparents'

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The Most Holy Name of Mary Monday:

Tuesday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Wednesday:

Our Lady of Sorrows Thursday:

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Saturday: Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

SEPTEMBER 2022

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor

Karen Davidson and Cathy Konoza

MEMORIAL ludy Kinney,

Beloved mother



ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor

Karen Davidson and

Cathy Konoza

MEMORIAL Herb Kinney,

Beloved father



MEMORIAL

Donor



SANCTUARY CANDLE

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



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 11, 2022

"He was lost and has been found." Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest?

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

Or write

vocations@richmonddiocese.org





ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION

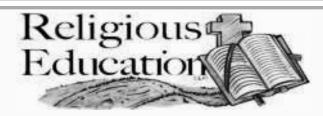
Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of "who is God" and foolishly believe some of God's job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It's a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

"Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaveture)." One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God's power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm's way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God's wide-open arms waiting to receive us. "Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure)."



PARISH YOUTH



CCD CLASSES BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 9:30AM

Register NOW!

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.

Let us deepen through adoration and our personal and communal contemplation, drawing upon aids to prayer inspired by the word of God and the experience of so many mystics, old and new. The Rosary itself, when it is profoundly understood...will prove a particularly fitting introduction to Eucharistic contemplation, a contemplation carried out with Mary as our companion and guide.

St. Pope John Paul II

SHARE THE GOSPEL

When you cannot find your favorite toy, you look for it. You look under your bed, in the toy box and out in your back yard. Your whole family helps you look for it. They are happy when you find it. When you sin, you are lost. God looks for you everywhere. When you tell him you are sorry for your sins, God says, "I forgive you," and He gives you a big hug.

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for forgiving me when I do wrong.



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 is a Baskets Raffle running now through September 18th.

STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES!



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: SEPTEMBER 10 -18, 2022

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By	
Saturday	9/10	5pm	Joe Arleth	D	Diana Mariutto	
Sunday	9/11	9am *	Misa Pro Populo			
Sunday	9/11	11am	Joe Schaefer	D	Doug Mullinex & Linda Mangiaracina	
Wednesday	9/14	9am	Tom Miglas	D	Mary Beth Holland	
Thursday	9/15	9am	Sister Mary Sharon	D	Michael & Nancy King	
Thursday	9/15	5pm*	No Mass			
Friday	9/16	9am	Sal Barcia	D	Mary Ann Barcia	
Saturday	9/17	5pm	Joseph Arleth	D	Joanne Miglas	
Sunday	9/18	9am *	Misa Pro Populo			
Sunday	9/18	11am	William Kraemer	D	Jim & Maggie Cullinan	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .



Pray God keeps them in His care.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Melissa Bowling, Sharon Cassidy, The Compton family, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Emily Desgrosiellier, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Ann Gasparro, Patricia Golgosky, Patrick Granville, Bob Griffin, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, 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, Adam Perry, Donald Raab, Marc Ramirez, 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.

Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11

God of mercy,

In your word of Scripture, you instruct us to "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Give us today the courage to assist those around us who may need our assistance. Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11, United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77 and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as first responders as did the men and women who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One who first responded to our need for a savior, Jesus the Christ.

Amen



If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in September and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on either October 1st or October 2nd, please contact the office by Friday, September 23rd.



EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sept 3/4*	Pew Count* Sat Sun			
\$	First Offering			
\$ 1,690	First Offering: Faith Direct			
\$	Total			
September MTD Debt Reduction \$				

September MTD Debt Reduction

* Info unavailable due to early publication.

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

OCTOBER 1ST & 2ND

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

THE NEXT BAKE SALE IS <u>OCTOBER 1st & 2nd!</u> BAKED GOODS ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE MASS.



Sumer is almost over -- have you made the switch to eGiving? It's a great way to support Sts. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church and grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring

donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts can streamline your stewardship and sustain our parish in the "dog days" of summer and throughout the year. You'll provide 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.

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.

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 Abbate Agency with the Knights of Columbus, is seeking two financial professionals to join our team. If you are interested in a career that builds on your Catholic faith, while providing for your family and the

financial protection of Catholic families, then please visit

www.abbatekofc.com/career-opportunities, send your resume to abbateagencymail15@kofc.org, or call 866-868-1492 and ask for Rosemary.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

AFCE replaces RCIA to offer instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with interest in becoming members of the Catholic faith. If you, a spouse or friend wishes to learn more about Catholicism, you may contact the office at 434-589-5201 for more info.

Classes start Sunday, September 18th.



ROOM SCHEDULE

WYD BASKET AUCTION	Sat	10-Sep	Golf Awards Set-up 12:00p		E/F
			Confessions	4:00p	Church
			Mass	5:00p	Church
	Sun	11-Sep	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	11:00a	Church
S			Golf Awards Dinner	5:30p	E/F
	Mon	12-Sep	K of C Meetng	6:00p	E/F
	Wed	14-Sep	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9:00a	Church
			Troop 138	7:00p	F
	Thurs	15-Sep	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Crafters	9:30a	M
			Cursillo	6:00p	123
	Fri	16-Sep	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Adoration	9:30a	Church
			Benediction	3:00p	Church
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			Mass	5:00p	Church
	Sun	18-Sep	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			CCD/Adult Formation	9:30a	Hall/Church
			Mass	11:00a	Church
			F - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)	R - St. Raphael (Church)	
	Room Le	dger:	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



Bible Study will resume on

Mondays at 1:00pm beginning

September 19th.

Please join us in Room E in the

Parish Hall.

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

St. Angela of Foligno)

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

Longest Married Couple Project

What were you doing 60, 70 or 80 years ago when you were first married? If you know friends or relatives who can give you answers, please nominate them for the 2022 Longest Married Couple Project sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Nominations can be made until 9/15/22. Go to www.org longest married couple link to place your nomination or call 321-544-3440 or email dick.diane.baumbach@wwme.org

THE RIGHT TIME TO FOSTER IS RIGHT NOW!

Is God calling you to help serve children in need of a loving and caring home? Please consider attending one of our virtual Foster Parent Information Sessions to learn more about how your family can become a foster family. No commitment required - we would love to talk with you and answer any questions you may have about fostering. 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, September 15, 2022 - 12:00 pm (Virtual)



Charlottesville Catholic School announces its first community event: The Annual All-Terrain 5K and Kids Fun Run on Saturday, October 1st. Visit their website at cvillecatholic.org for more info and to register.



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 fourth and final 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

Catherine Heffley, R.N. is available to meet with parishioners to discuss a health goal or issue. Please email caheffley@aol.com or call 757.813.1992 and leave a message. She will return your call to set up a time to meet. Feel free to ask for a blood pressure check. If you are homebound, she can bring you the Eucharist.

SAVE THE DATE

BROADWAY SHOW NIGHT

Friday, September 23rd @ 6:30pm



Broadway Show
Night is . . .

- ⇒ A date night
- ⇒ Fun family time
- ⇒ Fellowship with parishioners
- ⇒ Time to kick back, relax and enjoy a classic show!



Whatever the case, take the night OFF! Come to St. Francis in the Parish Hall for what is sure to be an evening enjoyed by all. Admission is free. Refreshments available at intermission.

Most importantly, let us know you're coming.

A sign-up sheet is available in the Commons.



Crafters Call to Action!

Thursdays in St. Michael's Rm to work on the 2022 Craft Fair

9:30 until 2:30pm

Bring your lunch and any ideas you may have.

New crafters are always welcome!







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:

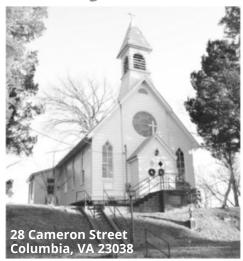
Call: Eileen, 434.962.4656

Quilt Raffle this weekend! 3/\$5



- ⇒ The Good Shepherd's Ministry had their first meeting since COVID, on August 22, 2022. We currently have 4 drivers available to help transport parishioners to doctor appointments.
- ⇒ Our Good Shepherd Ministry's drivers are volunteers who do this out of the goodness of their hearts. They are not compensated by the Church.
- ⇒ More drivers are still needed. If you are able to volunteer, please reach out to Frank Feliciano by phone, 434.242.0735, or by email to: frankfeliciano@comcast.com.
- ⇒ Mass Intentions are not only for the deceased; they can be offered to honor any living person as well. Special birthdays, anniversaries and other important dates are popular events to honor those we cherish.

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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Denny Barberio | 434.981.0678

LADIES AUXILIARY

INTROSPECTIVE

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Rise, and Go to Your Father

"If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you're sure not picking anything up."

I first read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron's "8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter," (that's Rule No. 5, by the way).

There's a certain respect that is shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door, ring the bell and wait to be greeted. Being willing to go through the niceties for the sake of appearances is a small act of deference on the part of the person doing the picking-up, even if it's not for a date. Without it, the whole scenario becomes entitled.

I want you to think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it peace? Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship?

The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. I haven't been given half of that, he thinks, and I've worked so hard.

But for all his faithfulness, one has to wonder — did this son ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn?

God wants us to come before Him. He wants us to ask. He wants us to be like Moses — sure enough of our Father's indulgence to boldly ask for it. Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



September Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in September

and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on October 2nd,

> please contact the office by Friday, September 23rd.





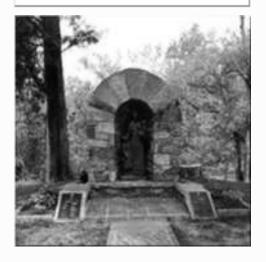
St. Katharine Drexel

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

It is easy to worship things other than God. Our perception of reality gets distorted as well as our understanding of truth. Ideologies and theories that find a popular reception are extolled when they are simply lies.

Human beings easily get lost. God came to us in the person of Jesus Christ to rescue us from our sins and keep us where we need to be. But we have to realize that we are living in darkness before we can ask for light. We have to recognize that we are lost so that we can desire to be found. And, we have to know that we have sinned so that we can repent.

God always patiently waits. God is delighted when one of His children chooses life over death and runs toward His unconditional Mercy. Let's not be so stubborn and stiff-necked that we fail to recognize that we may have wandered into the wrong pasture.

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"O Lord, we cannot go to the pool of Siloe to which you sent the blind man. But we have the chalice of Your Precious Blood, filled with life and light. The purer we are, the more we receive."

St. Ephraem

OFFERTORY COLLECTION*

September 4th \$

Thank you for your support!

* Info unavailable due to early publication

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Joseph's website, please email
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BASKET RAFFLE FOR WYD

Our World Youth Day participants are raffling off multiple gourmet baskets before their Spaghetti dinner fund raiser in September.

Raffle tickets are 3 for \$5 or 8 for \$10 and will be sold each weekend after Mass through Sept. 18th. You can

view the baskets in the parish hall.

The drawing will be on Sept. 24th.

Please see Marie Kenney to buy your tickets and help support our youth!





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