

November 13, 2022



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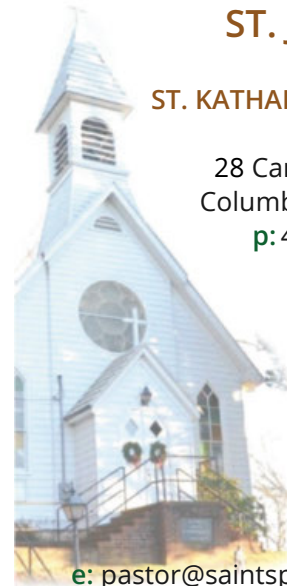
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OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

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



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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:

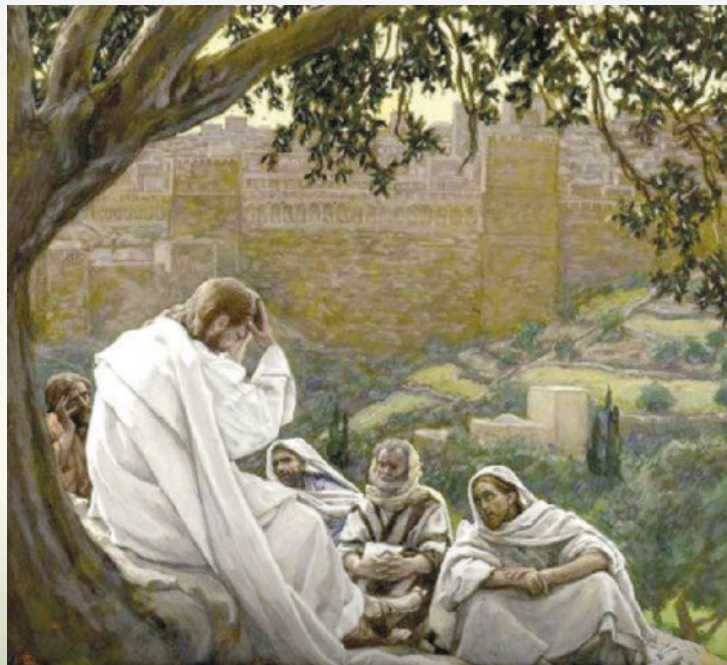
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

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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 November 13, 2022

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Observances for the Week of November 13, 2022

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Discover Catholic Schools
Week; St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Monday:
Tuesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Thursday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Friday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul,
Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Saturday:
Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

NOVEMBER 2022

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor

ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor

SANCTUARY CANDLE

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Salvatore Barcia



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



ENCOUNTER



Parish Eucharistic Revival Mission

The Joy of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

November 17, 18, 19, 2022



Theodore J. Musco, Director of the Office of Family Life from the Archdiocese of New York, will be here with us next week to share his experiential insights as part of the Parish Eucharistic Revival Mission. Ted is a lifelong Catholic involved in all aspects of parish, Catholic school, and (arch) diocesan life and ministry. Called to missionary discipleship, Ted is committed to seeking ways to help others encounter Christ and accompany

them on their journey of faith. Finding joy in new and innovative methods to communicate the Good News of Jesus, Ted finds hope in the joy of the Gospel and the Eucharist.

Our Parish Eucharistic Revival Mission is based on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops document *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, written for the Eucharistic Revival. These three days are meant to be prayerful, reflective, and transformational. We seek to encounter Jesus and hope to be accompanied by him during this Eucharistic Revival.

33RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
November 13, 2022

“I myself shall give you wisdom in speaking.” Are you considering a call to proclaim the gospel as a priest?

Call the Vocations Office to speak with
Father Brian Capuano

at
804-359-5661

Or write

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



7pm Day One: The Eucharist and Transformation in Christ

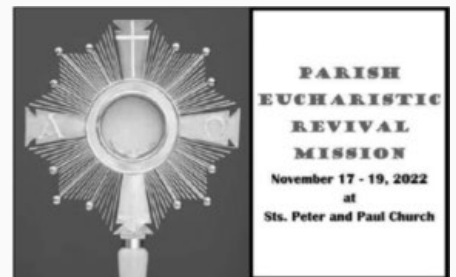
The Real Presence
Transformation
Response

7pm Day Two: The Eucharist and Conversion

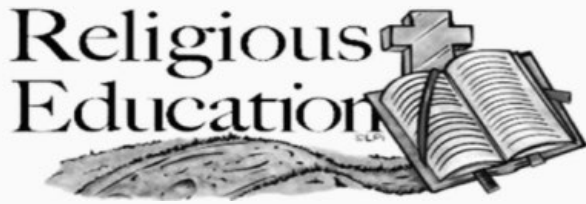
Sacrifice and Meal
Life in Christ
Fulfillment

10am Day Three: The Eucharist as Food for the Journey

Our Daily Bread
Community
Action for Our Journey



PARISH YOUTH



CCD CLASSES

SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM

It's not too late to register!

Please contact Doug Mullinex
with questions.
434-981-6950



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **DECEMBER 5TH - PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**
 - **5:30 - 9PM**
(kids 3+ are invited to come enjoy movies, snacks, and crafting while parents have a night out)
- **January 14th - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser & Pie Contest at St. Joseph's**

For more info, contact: Linda Mangiaracina at:
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 571.212.4445

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 12-20, 2022

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	11/12	5pm	Joe Schaefer	D	Anthony & Pat Amato
Sunday	11/13	9am *	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	11/13	11am	Irene Ringlehan	D	Royal & Janis Duffy
Wednesday	11/16	9am	Sister Mary Sharon	D	Michael & Nancy King
Thursday	11/17	9am	Sal Barcia	D	Mary Ann Barcia
Thursday	11/17	5pm*	Stanislawa Sowinska	I	Grazyna & Slawek Witkowski
Friday	11/18	9am	Carmel Tighe	D	Michael & Nancy King
Saturday	11/19	5pm	Joe Schaefer	D	Diana Mariutto
Sunday	11/20	9am *	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	11/20	11am	Tom Miglas	D	Bob & Muriel Toepfert

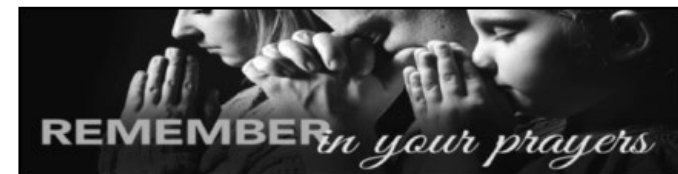
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, 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, Regina Humanitzki Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie & Joe Lodato, Patti Markle, Art Menard, Brigid Markle, Rose Meyer, Irene Nadig, Rosario Nixon, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Marc Ramirez, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Barbara Sipress, 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.



*November
Wedding Anniversaries*



If you are celebrating your marriage anniversary in November and wish to be part of the Marriage Blessing at Mass on Saturday, December 3rd or Sunday, December 4th, please contact the office by Thursday, November 18th.



Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda

Do you have old sneakers that you no longer wear? Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda can use them! A box is in the Commons where you can drop them off. *Just sneakers, please!*

Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda is a 501(c) (3) non-profit entity. All donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for your support!




EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 122 Sun. - 159	Nov. 5/6
First Offering	\$5,828
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,534
Total	\$7,362
MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 2,370
November Bake Sale \$496 Many Thanks!	

The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.
Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is DECEMBER 3RD & 4TH.
Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

THE NEXT BAKE SALE IS DECEMBER 3RD & 4TH. BAKED GOODS ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE MASS.



Summer is 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 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.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus assures us that the world, as we know it, will one day come to an end. When will this be? In one sense, having an answer to that question really does not matter. Faith is faith and either we have it or we do not. Secure in that faith, we know that when one thing ends, another begins. In the meantime, we are asked to persevere and remain strong through all of life's inevitable challenges and obstacles. What we see and experience as we journey to the day when all is one in Christ, may cause our faith to be shaken and tested. Trust and endurance are what are needed as world events unfold. Even though life can be uncertain and terrifying at times, faithful people will be protected. It does not matter what day or hour the end will come. We must remain ready and vigilant anyway.

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Are you looking to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day? Do you want to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married?

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. You can sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jan 27-29, 2023 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Feb 3-5, 2023 in Warrenton, VA. Early sign up is recommended.

For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or call 757-690-1369.

SAVE THE DATE FOR . . .

**Meeting of the Health and Good Shepherd Ministries
 Tuesday, Nov. 15th**

Do you have a desire to help others? Consider being a part of the Good Shepherd /Health Ministry. We meet this Tuesday, Nov. 15th, at 7 PM, at the home of Catherine Heffley, Parish Nurse. Please email her at caheffley@aol.com for further details, or text: 757-813-1992. Our goal is to walk with others who are having a difficult time, or are in some need. A medical background is desirable for this ministry, but not necessary. Please come and find out more. No obligation will be incurred.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

AFCE replaces RCIA to offer instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with interest in being 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.

Group meets every Sunday at 9:30am in St. Elizabeth in the Parish Hall.



ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	12-Nov	Craft Fair	8:00a	Parish Hall
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	13-Nov	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/Adult Formation	9:30a	Hall/Church
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	14-Nov	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
Wed	16-Nov	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Troop 138/1138	7:00p	F
		Finance Committee	7:00p	123
		Worship Committee	7:00p	122
Thurs	17-Nov	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Mass	5:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
		Eucharistic Congress	7:00p	Church
Fri	18-Nov	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Eucharistic Congress	7:00p	Church
Sat	19-Nov	Morning Prayer	8:00a	Church
		Benediction and Mass	9:00a	Church
		Eucharistic Congress	10:30a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	20-Nov	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/Adult Formation	9:30a	Hall/Church
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)	R - St. Raphael Church)	
		E - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)	M - St. Michael Church)	
		C - Commons (Church)		

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

Bible Study occurs each Monday at 1:00pm.

Please join us in Room E in the Parish Hall.



Year of the Eucharist

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

To end our Year of the Eucharist there will be four days (Nov 17 through Nov 20) focused on the Eucharist.

Our Guest Speaker is Ted Musco, Director, Office of Family Life, Archdiocese of New York, All are invited.

Schedule:

Nov 17 - 1st Talk at 7:00 PM

Nov 18 - 2nd Talk at 7:00 PM

- 8:00 PM-All night Adoration

Nov 19 - 8:00 AM Morning Prayer

- 9:00 AM Benediction

Liturgy of the Hours/Mass

- 10:15 AM-Refreshments

- 10:30 AM-3rd Talk

- 5:00 PM-Vigil Mass-Christ the King

Nov 20 - 11:00 AM-Mass-Christ the King

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, and memorable journey!

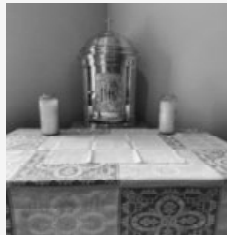


PARISH NURSE NEWS

Health Literacy is success in obtaining, understanding and taking prudent action on health or medication-related information. It's not uncommon for people to be confused about information and directions that are given to them by health care professionals. Even with a medical background, it can be daunting to understand and remember info obtained at an appointment or ER visit. It's a good idea for someone with you to listen in and ask questions that you might not think of.

Asking questions, repeating directions, taking notes and asking for clarification are all part of "Health Literacy." If there's a decision to be made, my tip is to ask the doctor: "What would YOU do in my situation?"

Need help? Feel free to email me at, caheffley@aol.com.



COMING Nov. 18-19 as part of the conclusion to the Year of the Eucharist 12 hours of Adoration! 8PM to 8AM

Contact: Denise Minor, dminor92@gmail.com

O Holy Trinity, One and Indivisible God, may You be blessed for this great gift and testament of mercy. Amen. (Saint Faustina)



THE KNIGHTS' KORNER

The Knights are conducting their annual toy drive and collecting toys that Santa will deliver to selected children in the area when he and his elf visit their families around Christmas time. If you'd like to donate toys, Santa is asking for unisex toys with tags or in the original packaging. Toys are needed for children aged infant to 12 years. Please leave unwrapped toys beneath the Knights' table in the rear of the Commons.

Please contact George Kuhlow, 434.414.2657 or David Cauffield, 814.525.0594.

Many thanks for your support!





**THANKSGIVING DINNER
NOVEMBER 24TH
3PM IN THE PARISH HALL**

All fellow parishioners, who would otherwise be alone, are invited to join us for dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

Turkey, gravy, stuffing & cranberry sauce will be provided. All we ask is for you to bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

Sign-up sheets are in the Commons so we can know how many are coming and what else will be served.

Please come join us. We look forward to seeing you.

Blessing to All!

Pat & Anthony Amato

Donations for the purchase of turkeys are gratefully accepted.

DISC GOLF

FREE to play

When: Sunday, November 20 @ 2:30pm

Where: Pleasant Grove Park (not the Dog Park)

- ⇒ Enter Pleasant Grove and take the first RIGHT
- ⇒ Go around the soccer fields and pass the playground
- ⇒ Take a left after the playground. This is below the baseball field and where you park your car to play Disc Golf.
- ⇒ Bring water, shoes you can hike in, bug spray & an attitude to just have fun! Note: You can come to try Disc Golf, to learn about it, or just hike with a group through the woods around the course. Discs are provided.



COMING
SOON!

Angel Tree



The special time of year is upon us again to think about how we can live our faith by helping others in need.

The Angel Tree is located in the entrance to the church.

Please consider “adopting” a beneficiary and make that person’s Christmas a little more joyful. Thank you for your consideration.

God bless.



Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda

About one year ago a little girl, Evelyn from St. Joseph’s Parish, gave Father David one dollar and told him he could spend it on anything he wanted. Father thought about this on his way to Sts. Peter & Paul that day, and he decided to call this generous gift **“Evelyn’s Dollar for the Girl Child.”**

Father David is starting this initiative to raise funds and also to gather items for newborn babies and new mothers in Uganda.

In conjunction with this year’s Angel Tree, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation to this cause which will be used to help impoverished new mothers receive education, mentorship and baby supplies. This endeavor is a gift of love to mothers who have little or nothing, and it is a beautiful and effective way to share the Gospel and support families. (For questions or other info, contact Claire Kraemer.)

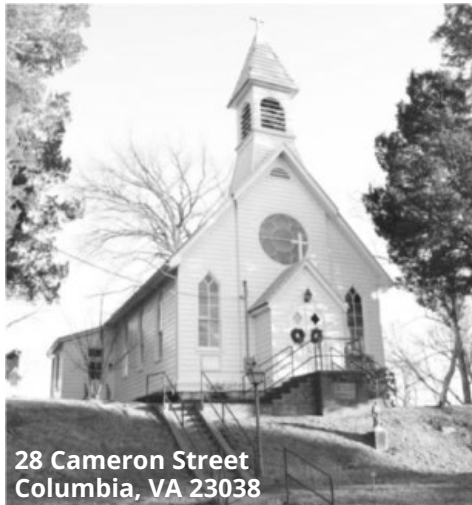
Checks should be made payable to:

“Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda.”

Thank you very much for your consideration & support!

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ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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LADIES AUXILIARY

INTROSPECTIVE

Eyes On Your Own Paper

“Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place.” Looking at these words, I have to wonder. Am I reading the Bible or today’s newspaper headline?

It’s never easier to despair than when you glance up and take a good look at what’s going on in the world: disasters, natural and contrived, resentments, wars, rivalries and divisions. It is almost too much sometimes, isn’t it? The twenty-four-hour news cycle doesn’t help. Add social media and it’s enough to push anyone into a nervous breakdown.

When you find yourself in this place of despair, remember Paul’s admonishment in his letter to the Thessalonians. Work quietly and eat your own food.

It’s not so different from the old “keep-your-eyes-on-your-own-paper” rule of the classroom. Poking our noses into other people’s business, we may think we are getting a shortcut to the right answer, but we’re really just getting distracted. When we become too preoccupied with events that we cannot control — whether they are happening in our neighborhood or half-a-world away — we are tempted to leave off the very specific work God has given us in our own lives. We are easily lured into anger, bitterness, and anxiety.

What is the work that God has called you to? Is it your career? Your family? Your community? What is your food — what nourishes you, sustains you, connects you to something real, powerful, and life-giving? This is what you should be concerned with. This is where your thoughts and your efforts should be.

Work quietly and eat your own food.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

November Anniversary Celebrations



If you are celebrating your

Marriage Anniversary in November

and would like to be a part of the Marriage Blessing Mass on

Sunday, December 4th,

Please contact the office by Thursday,

November 18th.



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/>



WORLD KINDNESS DAY
NOVEMBER 13



Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments after Mass. The commitment is one Sunday a month. Bring some food and help with cleanup.

Please prayerfully consider helping with this important ministry so we may continue to offer fellowship with one another after Mass.

Please see Christine Stewart for more info.

Thank you for your consideration.

OFFERTORY*

*November 6th - Unavailable at time of publication.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

If you would like to honor a loved one by having a Mass said for them, contact the office at Sts. Peter and Paul at 434.589.5201 to arrange an available date.

If you have pictures or ministry information to be added to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at: kenneymg@gmail.com

SHARE THE GOSPEL

When others are mean to you, God tells you what to say and what to do to keep safe. God loves you and never leaves you helpless. God gives you many people to love you and care for you. Someone down the street may not invite you to a party, but God never leaves you out. He invites you to spend time with Him today and to live with Him forever in heaven.

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for my loving family and friends.

"Of the sacrifice which we offer in every place, that is, of the bread and chalice of the Eucharist, Malachias has prophesied."
- St. Justin, 2nd Century Martyr

- Did You Know?**
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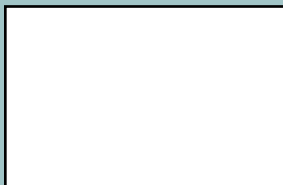



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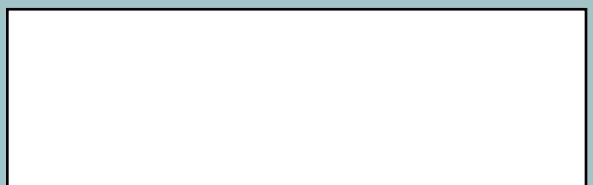


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