

St. Joseph's 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

HOMEBOUND: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

### Evangelize

#### November 20, 2022

#### **OUR VISION**

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

#### **OUR MISSION**

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

#### ST. JOSEPH'S

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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 20, 2022

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43 Sunday: Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Lk 21:20-28 Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33 Friday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36 Saturday: Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/ Mt 24:37-44 **Observances for the Week of November 20, 2022** Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Wednesday:	St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot;
	Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Andrew Düng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs;
•	Thanksgiving Day
Friday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday:	
Next Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent

#### NOVEMBER 2022

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

**BREAD & WINE** Donor

ALTAR FLOWERS Donor

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**ROYAL & JANIS DUFFEY** 

**MEMORIAL** 







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Donor

Marisa Vacca

Salvatore Barcia

MEMORIAL

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



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 20, 2022

"Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom." Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

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

Or write vocations@richmonddiocese.org





# ENCOUNTER

Dear Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Joseph,

On November 24= 2019, which was a Solemn Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe before Bishop Barry Knestout, I led you in the profession of the faith. I still recall how significant that day was, especially as I witnessed the Bishop trusting me to lead you as your Pastor.

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King once again this year, I would like to recall with you that day, to recommit myself to serving you as your Pastor, and I humbly ask you to pray for me that I may remain faithful in professing, living and sharing the faith with you.; and, that I may always be a loving father, a gentle shepherd, and a wise teacher, so as to lead you to Christ.

May God so bless me as I serve him among you!

Sincerely, Fr. David

Fr. David Pastor

Here below is the Oath of Fidelity that I swore to God before you and the Bishop:

With firm faith I also believe everything contained in God's Word, written or handed down in tradition and proposed by the Church, whether in solemn judgment or in ordinary and universal magisterium, as divinely revealed and calling for faith.

I also firmly accept and hold each and everything that is proposed by the Church definitively regarding teaching on faith and morals.

Moreover, I adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman Pontiff or the College of Bishops enunciate when they exercise the authentic magisterium even if they proclaim those teachings in an act that is not definitive.

# PARISH YOUTH



### CCD CLASSES <u>SUNDAYs AT 9:30AM</u> 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 EVENT:

DECEMBER 2ND - PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
5:30 - 9PM

(kids 3+ are invited to come enjoy movies, snacks, and crafting while parents have a night out)

For more info, contact: Linda Mangiaracina at: <u>Imangiaracina@k12albemarle.org</u>



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 19-27, 2022

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

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
Wednesday	11/23	9am	Dave Moulton	D	Judy Snyder
Wednesday- Thanksgiving vigil	11/23	5pm*			
Wednesday- Thanksgiving vigil	11/23	7pm	Kevin Sommerauer	I	Grazyna & Slawek Witkowski
Saturday	11/26	5pm	Barbara Khorigan	D	Bob & Muriel Toepfert
Sunday-1st Sunday of Advent	11/27	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday-1st Sunday of Advent	11/27	11am	Stephanie V. Connolly	D	Stephanie A. Connolly

#### **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 Meese, 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.





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 Wednesday

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Catholic Health Initiotises 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   Sun	Nov. 12/13*		
First Offering*	\$		
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,534		
Total*	\$		
MTD Debt Reduction* \$			

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.

\*Unavailable due to early publication deadline.

#### 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.

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

#### Is Christ King in Our Hearts?

When you think of a king, who is the first person to pops into your head? It may depend on how much history you know, or which historical period intrigues you the most. As Americans, the first person we might think of is King George III, whose reign has become synonymous in our national lore with the concept of tyranny.

We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society. Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand — we can handle those, because we know we are a president's boss. No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate. We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement. But with kings it is profoundly different. Traditionally, the king derives his power from God. His rule bridges humanity with the divine.

We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard him as a president. The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles. Subjects do not demand anything of a king. They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept. Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech? Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word as the means of our reconciliation with Him?

The "good thief" treated Christ as a king. His counterpart treated him as a president. And it's worth remembering that Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

How I loved the feasts!.... I especially loved the processions in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. What a joy it was for me to throw flowers beneath the feet of God!... I was never so happy as when I saw my roses touch the sacred Monstrance..."

St. Therese

## UPCOMING EVENTS

	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		
			Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's		
	Sun	20-Nov	Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's		
			CCD/Adult Formation	9:30a	Hall/Church		
			Mass	11:00a	Church		
		21-Nov	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E		
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			Office is Closed				
D	Tues	22-Nov	Choir Rehearsal	5:30p	Church		
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00			Thanksgiving Mass	7:00p	Church		
8	Thurs	24-Nov	THANKSGIVING DAY - OFFICE IS CLOSED				
	Fri	25-Nov	THANKSGIVNG HOLIDAY - OFFICE IS CLOSED				
		26-Nov	Confessions	4:00p	Church		
	Sat		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church		
			Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's		
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	Sun	27-Nov					
	Sun	27-Nov	Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's		
	Sun		Mass CCD/Adult Formation	9:00a 9:30a 11:00a	St. Joseph's Hall/Church		
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#### 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 occurs each Monday at 1:00pm.

Please join us in Room E in the Parish Hall.

#### Year of the Eucharist

As our parishes end our Year of the Eucharist, we want to thank all those

who played a part in this spiritual and uplifting year:

- the team that set up and maintained the Eucharistic exhibition room,
- the children and their wonderful and beautiful depictions of the Eucharist,
- those who planned and executed all the events,
- those who participated in them,
- all those who prayed for its success, and
- our speaker, who brought us an informative reflection on the Eucharist.

The hope is that all acquired a better appreciation of the Real Presence of Jesus in our parishes.

Many thanks again to All!



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: <u>https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/</u> or contact us at <u>applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org</u> or call 757-690-1369.



#### 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 <u>emttouch@gmail.com</u>.

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, <u>caheffley@aol.com</u>.



#### 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 24<sup>TH</sup> 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.





In an effort to raise funds for the clinic in Uganda, massage sessions will be available on the following Tuesdays: November 15 & 29 December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 January 3 Services include:

- Massages @ \$60/hour
- Happy Feet Treatments @ \$30 (30-minute foot soak & massage)

Call Carmen at 434-414-4282 to schedule. The holiday season is here. Let's take care of ourselves & others too!



### ADOPT AN ANGEL

#### **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.)

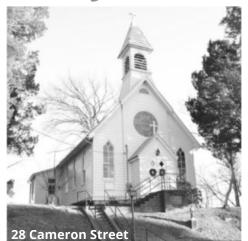
Checks should be made payable to:

#### "Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda."

Thank you very much for your consideration & support!

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

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



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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#### **INTROSPECTIVE**

#### November 20, 2022 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.

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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/





#### **OFFERTORY\***

11/6 \$110 (Spanish Mass) 11/13\* \*Unavailable due to early publication.

### Thank you for your generosity & support!

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: <u>kenneymg@gmail.com</u>

#### SHARE THE GOSPEL

When someone hurts you, you might get very angry. You may want to say or do mean things to get even. Before you do anything, pray first. Ask God to help you say and do the right things. When Jesus hung on the cross, he said, Father, forgive them." When you love Go and forgive yourself and others, God will say, "I promise that when you die, you will be with me in paradise."

#### PRAYER

Lord, I want to be with you in paradise.





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



- The first Thanksgiving was in 1621 over a three-day harvest festival. It included 50 Pilgrims, and 90 Wampanoag Indians. Historians believe only five women were present. Turkey wasn't on the menu. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel and fish were likely served along with pumpkins and cranberries.
- The number of calories eaten on Thanksgiving is about 4,500.



