

December 25, 2022



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

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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.



**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:**

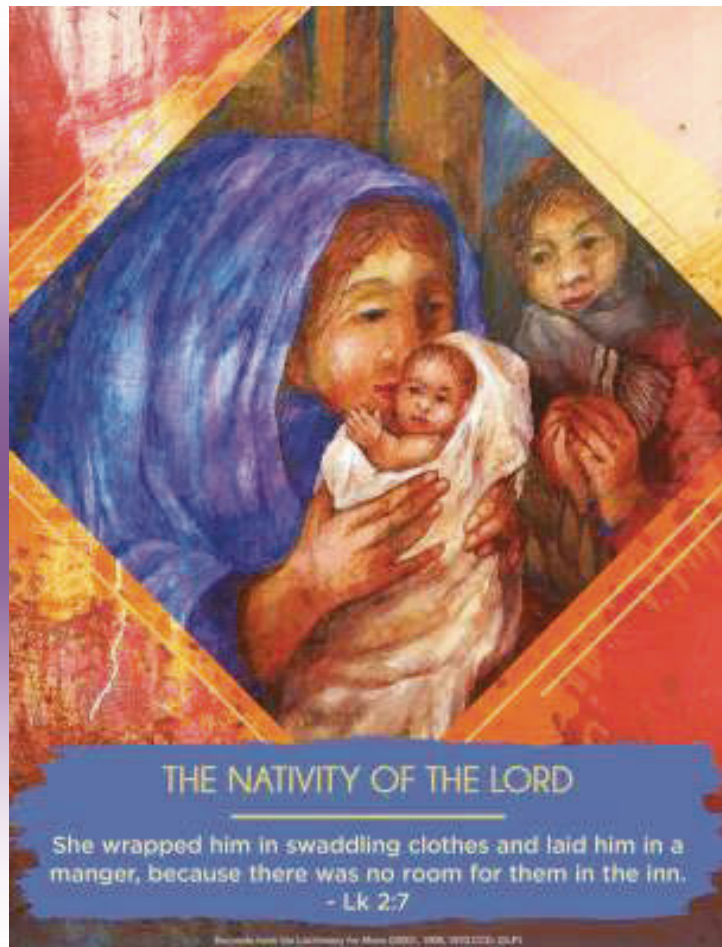
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

**HOMEBOUND:**

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

- Lk 2:7

Picture from the Liturgy for Mass (2002), 2006, 2012 (22) - CLM

**Evangelize**

**Sanctify**

**Serve**

# WELCOME



## ADMINISTRATION

### PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Doug Mullinex | 434.981.6950

### FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR

Steve Momper | 434.977.5453

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Rich Scampoli | 434.326.2151

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### RESPECT LIFE

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Mary Ann Mason | 434.589.6141

### GREETERS

Rose Meyer | 434.589.5018

## EVANGELIZATION & EDUCATION

### CCD/YOUTH GROUP

### RCIA/BIBLE STUDY

Cynthia Aycock | 434.996.6065

## SUPPORTED GROUPS

### CURSILLO

Ellie Henrietta | 434.981.3551

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Doug Mullinex | 434.981.6950

### PASTOR

Rev. David Martin Ssentamu,  
434.589.5200

### DEACON

Rev. Mr. Robert Allen | 434.589.0941

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Karen Davidson | 434.589.5201

### RECEPTIONIST

Marianne Stewart-Carbocci

### CUSTODIAN

Patricia Harrison

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](mailto:karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org)

## Readings for the Week of December 25, 2022

**Sunday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
**Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
**Monday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35  
**Friday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18  
**Next Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

## Observances for the Week of December 25, 2022

**Sunday:** The Nativity of the Lord  
**Monday:** St. Stephen, First Martyr  
**Tuesday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist  
**Wednesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
**Thursday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr  
**Friday:** Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
**Saturday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve  
**Next Sunday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day World Day of Peace

## DECEMBER 2022

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

#### BREAD & WINE

Donor

#### BILL & VERONICA LYTTLE

**MEMORIAL**  
Deceased Members of  
the Lyttle & O'Reilly  
Families



#### ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor

NO FLOWERS IN  
ADVENT

#### MEMORIAL



#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor

**The Bockman Family**

#### MEMORIAL

George Bockman



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



# ENCOUNTER

## NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS

December 25, 2022

“And the Word was made flesh...”

If you think you may be called to share the good news of our Father’s love as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother,

Call the Vocations Office to speak with Father Brian Capuano at

804-359-5661

Or write

[vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)

*Please Note:*

A parishioner has family members in need of housing as their current living situation will end in January. If you or someone you know can accommodate a family of 3 in a rental or basement flat, please contact the office.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

### Jesus Feeds Us in the Eucharist to Serve

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year 2023!

We have focused our attention on the Eucharist during the year 2022. It has been quite a blessing for our parishioners to learn and to educate themselves on what we hold dear and believe; the Source and the Summit of Christian life – the Eucharist. A lot has been done as the Spirit of God has enabled us, and we are grateful to God. We now know who we are. We are aware that we are the Eucharistic Church because our life as a Church springs from the Eucharist.

Having now experienced and known who we are, we have come to realize that this life received from the Eucharist has to be shared through service to our brothers and sisters.

I therefore invite you dear friends and people of God that we use the year 2023 to situate ourselves towards service of the family of Christ that we are to encounter. Our theme therefore for the year 2023 is: **We are the Eucharistic Church serving the family of Christ.** This theme underscores our identity, yet at the same time calls us all to action of service. Jesus having fed us in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, he invites to serve. Those fed at the Last Supper when Jesus first instituted the Eucharist are immediately called on by their Teacher and Master to serve: “You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘master’, and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, am the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet” (Jn.13: 13-14). Eucharistic people or Church must find themselves on the road to service.

I therefore invite you as your Pastor to a special year 2023 having been reawakened to who we are, and therefore onto the road to serve the family of Christ. We shall pay attention to special aspects of Christ’s family for each month in the year 2023, and we shall do our best guided by his Spirit to attend to each of those aspects. A number of activities to animate us will be communicated soon.

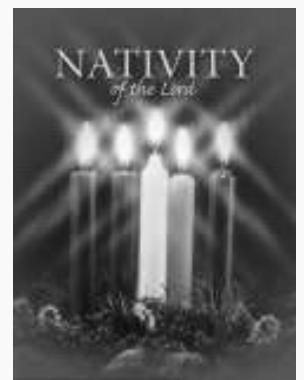
As we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord this year, we are reminded that the one born to us; the Emmanuel, he is the same one who gives us his Most Precious Body and Blood in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and he is the same Master and Teacher who sends us out to wash each other’s feet as we serve their needs. God is incarnate to serve us. God has become man to do the service of all services, namely: saving us from sin!

May he enlighten us to understand him better and may he help us in our resolve to serve each other while we continue on this journey leading us to God the Father!

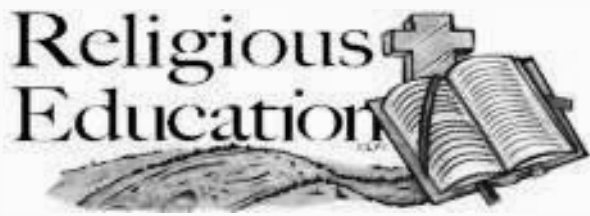
Merry Christmas to you all!

Your brother,

Fr. David  
Pastor



# PARISH YOUTH



## CCD CLASSES

**SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM**

**It's not too late to register!**

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



St. Joe's is excited to host the next WYD fundraiser on Saturday, January 14th with a spaghetti dinner and pie contest. Donations go directly to the World Youth Day Pilgrimage in July 2023.

See Page 11 for more info.

## SHARE THE GOSPEL

Imagine how the Christmas story may have happened today: Joseph drove Mary in their jeep through sleet and snow to the city of his birth to be counted. No motels had rooms. A homeless shelter attendant said, "We have no beds, but you can sleep in the broom closet." Jesus was born the next day in a sleeping bag in a closet with three mice, a couple of cats and a dog. God and his angels were happy.

### PRAYER

*Lord, thank you for my bed. Give others a place to sleep.*



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:

- ◆ **JANUARY 14TH - SPAGHETTI DINNER & PIE CONTEST (SJ)**  
**6:30 PM**
- ◆ **FEBRUARY 11TH - VALENTINES DANCE & HORS D'OEUVRES (SPP)**

For more info, contact: Linda Mangiaracina at:  
[lmangiaracina@k12albemarle.org](mailto: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](mailto:charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com) 571.212.4445

# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 24, 2022 - JANUARY 1, 2023

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

| Day                      | Date  | Mass | For                  | Status | Requested By          |
|--------------------------|-------|------|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Saturday - Christmas Eve | 12/24 | 5pm  | Marge Fusaro         | D      | Michael & Nancy King  |
| Saturday - Christmas Eve | 12/24 | 8pm  | Thomas Miglas        | D      | Diana Mariutto        |
| Sunday - Christmas Day   | 12/25 | 7am  | Finn Family          | I      | Don & Eileen Tyler    |
| Sunday - Christmas Day   | 12/25 | 9am* | Misa Pro Populo      |        |                       |
| Sunday - Christmas Day   | 12/25 | 11am | Gary Lobman          | D      | Craig & Lisa Jamison  |
| Wednesday                | 12/28 | 9am  | Sweetie Condon       | D      | John Condon           |
| Thursday                 | 12/29 | 9am  | John Misorek         | D      | Donald & Eileen Tyler |
| Thursday                 | 12/29 | 5pm* |                      |        |                       |
| Friday                   | 12/30 | 9am  |                      |        |                       |
| Saturday                 | 12/31 | 5pm  | Anne Branigan        | D      | Michael & Nancy King  |
| Sunday                   | 1/1   | 9am* | Misa Pro Populo      |        |                       |
| Sunday                   | 1/1   | 11am | Karen Czarnecki Post | D      | Ernest Czarnecki      |

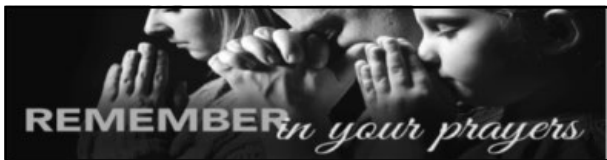
### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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.



### December Wedding Anniversaries



If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in December and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on either January 7th or 8th, please contact the office by Wednesday, December 28th.



Catholic Health Initiative for Uganda

Do you have old sneakers that you no longer wear?  
Catholic Health Initiative 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*   | Dec. 10/11*    |
|--|----------------|
| Sat. - 90   Sun. - 205                                     |                |
| First Offering   | \$4,352        |
| First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>                        | \$ 1,718       |
| Total  | \$6,070        |
| <b>December MTD Debt Reduction</b>                         | <b>\$4,533</b> |
| <i>*Current Info unavailable due to early publication.</i> |                |


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

**Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is**

**JANUARY 7TH & 8TH**

*Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.*

**THE NEXT BAKE SALE IS JANUARY 7TH & 8TH. BAKED GOODS ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE MASS.**



Hope. Love. Joy. Peace.

These are the gifts of the Advent season. The gifts you help share here in our community, throughout the year, with your thoughtful stewardship. Advent is a meaningful time to reflect on your generosity. One special way to give is eGiving. It can simplify your stewardship and provide steady, consistent support to the parish - so we can be ready with programs, services, and ministries for church families and those in our community. Your recurring gifts will sustain our parish, even if you need to miss a Sunday service. It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Visit [faith.direct/VA249](http://faith.direct/VA249)
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

**BUY A CHRISTMAS OR OTHER OCCASION GIFT AND HELP SOMEONE WITH A TEMPORARY FINANCIAL NEED**

You may want to consider 2023 membership in the *Sts. Peter and Paul, Knights of Columbus "100 Club"* for yourself or others. We have **limited** available numbers for 2023 membership. You **DO NOT** have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus to join the **"K of C100 Club"**.

Annual membership includes a chance to win a weekly \$25 cash prize, and additional Annual Grand Prize Drawing prizes totaling \$1400.

**MEMBERSHIP rules:** numbers limited to #'s 01-100

- Annual membership fee per number: \$52.00/yr. (January 1 - December 31)
- Weekly winner receives: \$25.(see drawing method below)

Annual Grand Prize Drawing (in November): \$400; \$200; \$100 (3); \$50 (8); \$25 (4).

***All remaining "100 Club" membership profit is used to assist those in temporary financial need.***

**WEEKLY WINNER (\$25)** is based on the **LAST 2 NUMBERS of the WEDNESDAY evening Virginia VA Pick 3 Lottery.** Example:  
 If the VA Pick 3 Wed. evening winning number is 685: the "100 Club" winner is #85.  
**A \$25 check will be mailed to the weekly winner.**

**ANNUAL GRAND PRIZE DRAWING:** Winning numbers drawn in November.  
 Thank you for considering a 2023 membership in the Knights of Columbus "100 Club," which benefits both our "100 Club" members, and more importantly, those needing temporary financial assistance.

**CONTACT: Jim Cullinan, K of C "100 Club" Manager. 434.589.4551 or, 434.989.4375**

# 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

|                     |               |  |                                |              |
|---------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Sat</b>          | <b>24-Dec</b> | Confessions                            | 4:00p                          | Church       |
|                     |               | Christmas Vigil Mass                   | 5:00p                          | Church       |
|                     |               | Christmas Night Mass                   | 8:00p                          | Church       |
| <b>Sun</b>          | <b>25-Dec</b> | Christmas Mass at Dawn                 | 7:00a                          | Church       |
|                     |               | Confession                             | 8:30a                          | St. Joseph's |
|                     |               | Christmas Day Mass                     | 9:00a                          | St. Joseph's |
|                     |               | Christmas Day Mass                     | 11:00a                         | Church       |
| <b>Mon</b>          | <b>26-Dec</b> | Office is Closed for Christmas Holiday |                                |              |
| <b>Tues</b>         | <b>27-Dec</b> | Office is Closed for Christmas Holiday |                                |              |
| <b>Wed</b>          | <b>28-Dec</b> | Mass                                   | 9:00a                          | Church       |
|                     |               | Troop 138/1138                         | 7:00p                          | F            |
|                     |               | Worship Committee                      | 7:00p                          | 123          |
| <b>Thurs</b>        | <b>29-Dec</b> | Mass                                   | 9:00a                          | Church       |
|                     |               | Cursillo                               | 6:00p                          | 123          |
| <b>Fri</b>          | <b>30-Dec</b> | Mass                                   | 9:00a                          | Church       |
|                     |               | Adoration                              | 9:30a                          | Church       |
|                     |               | Benediction                            | 3:00p                          | Church       |
| <b>Sat</b>          | <b>31-Dec</b> | Confessions                            | 4:00p                          | Church       |
|                     |               | Vigil Mass - Mary, Mother of God       | 5:00p                          | Church       |
| <b>Sun</b>          | <b>1-Jan</b>  | Confession                             | 8:30a                          | St. Joseph's |
|                     |               | Mass - Mary, Mother of God             | 9:00a                          | St. Joseph's |
|                     |               | Mass - Mary, Mother of God             | 11:00a                         | Church       |
| <b>Room Ledger:</b> |               | <b>F</b> - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)    | <b>R</b> - St. Raphael Church) |              |
|                     |               | <b>E</b> - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)  | <b>M</b> - St. Michael Church) |              |
|                     |               | <b>C</b> - 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 will resume on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm.

Please join us in Room E in the Parish Hall.



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](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org)  
or call 757-690-1369.

### **Virginia Department of Veterans' Services**

Need help? Visit the Fluvanna Community Center, 5725 James Madison Highway by appointment only.

Appointments are only available on the first Wednesday of each month from 9am to 11:30am.

Call Pamela Zirkle & Jeannette Flint at 434-529-6431 to schedule your appointment.

**[www.dvs.Virginia.gov](http://www.dvs.Virginia.gov)**



### **PARISH NURSE NEWS**

About 17 billion hours of unpaid care are given by more than 16 million relatives and friends of dementia patients each year in America.

A number of our parishioners care for a family member with Alzheimer's. Are you one of them? It's important that you feel supported and informed.

If you often feel angry, sad, depressed or isolated, please reach out for help. There are at least 3 Caregiver Support Groups in the Charlottesville area. If that's too far to go, you can join a group virtually by Zoom, or even by phone. Upcoming dates are Nov. 24th, 7-8 PM, and Dec. 5, 2-3:30 PM. Register at the number below.

A 24/7 information and help line sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association is: 1-800-272-3900. Need help? Email Catherine Heffley, Parish Nurse, at [caheffley@aol.com](mailto:caheffley@aol.com) for more information.

### **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, contact Eileen or Tim Monahan at [emttouch@gmail.com](mailto:emttouch@gmail.com).

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



Many thanks to All who helped make our annual Lessons & Carols event such a delightful, fun afternoon. Thanks to our decorators, bakers, musicians, choirs, CCD students in the pageant, speakers, event & program planners, Tim Powers our photographer, and Santa!

We hope this got you in the spirit of the season.  
*Merry Christmas!*



### **THE KNIGHTS' KORNER**



***The Knights wish to thank everyone who contributed to their annual toy drive to help Santa during this busy season. If you are interested in becoming a Knight, please contact George Kuhlowsky, 434.414.2657 or David Cauffield, 814.525.0594.***

***Many thanks for your support!***





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) non-profit entity. All donations are tax deductible.*

## ALL BLESSINGS FLOW



### Used Medical Equipment Mission

All Blessing Flow is a local faith-based nonprofit group that collects, refurbishes and redistributes used medical equipment and supplies to those who are uninsured, under insured or simply cannot afford these items on their own. All items are given at no charge, but monetary donations to help with operating expenses are gratefully accepted. **Donations can be taken to ABF’s warehouse located in the Riverside Center at 2335 Seminole Lane directly behind UVA Primary Care. Call first for operating hours and to see if a needed item is in stock.**

#### Accepted donations include:

- ◆ Shower chairs, tub benches, tub & toilet safety rails
- ◆ Walkers , rollators, knee scooters
- ◆ Wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, scooters
- ◆ Bedside commodes, raised toilet seats, grab bars
- ◆ Canes and crutches
- ◆ Reacher, sock aids, long-handles sponges & shoehorns
- ◆ Unopened adult brief and bed pads
- ◆ Nutritional drinks
- ◆ Portable oxygen machines and BP machines
- ◆ Bed rails, air mattresses and patient/hover lifts
- ◆ Electric hospital beds, bed tables, recliner lift chairs

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### Being the Sign

I think the real challenge of evangelization in the modern age is the reality that pretty much everyone has already heard of Jesus Christ — or, at least, they think they have. To our 21st-century eyes, the angel who shared news of the birth of Jesus with the shepherds had an easy job. All he had to do was announce it.

Our baptism compels us to do the same — to announce the coming of Christ over and over again, always and everywhere. But our audience is not a group of illiterate shepherds in ancient Judea. Our audience is a world that has heard so much about Jesus they often claim weariness of his name. So how do we do it? If we walk into a crowd of strangers and tell them we want to talk about Jesus, their reaction will probably be either “I already know about Jesus, thanks,” or “I’ve heard of him, and based on the behavior of those who claim to follow him, I’m really not interested in hearing more.”

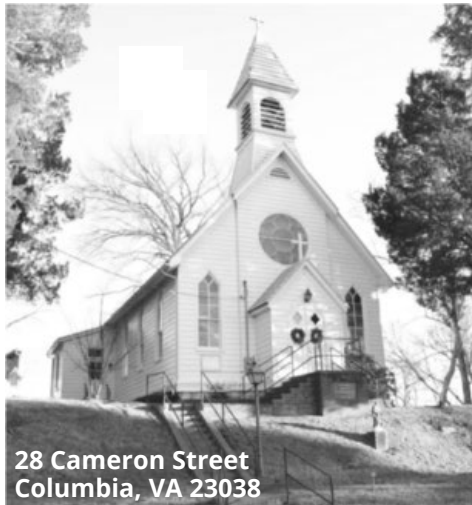
Because in the end, our very lives are how we “announce his salvation” in the present day. We announce it in our actions to strangers. We announce it in our treatment of people who have wronged us. We announce it in our interactions with those who disagree with us.

How long had the coming of the Messiah been foretold to the Israelites? So long that, no doubt, many of them despaired of his coming altogether. So, God had to give them a sign: “You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

Now we are the sign. The world has heard of Christ by now. But have they all seen him? It’s our job to show them.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS©LPi

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## INTROSPECTIVE

### The Nativity of the Lord

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas!

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## December Anniversary Celebrations



If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in December and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on January 8th, please contact the office by Wednesday, December 28th.



St. Katharine Drexel

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# Merry Christmas

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**JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

### SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

The WYD kids are hosting a spaghetti dinner at 6:30pm. Make a donation for dinner and enjoy great food & fellowship. All proceeds go directly to our youth for their pilgrimage in July 2023.

### PIE CONTEST

The beloved pie contest is back! There will be two categories:

Youth - Under 16

Adult - 16 and over

Bake your favorite pie and enter it for a chance to win \$25 and bragging rights. All pies received for the contest will become dessert for the spaghetti dinner, and the two winning pies will be auctioned off.

See Melissa Kenney for more info and sign up form. All are welcomed.



◆ The 2018 computer-animated film, "The Grinch" is the highest-grossing Christmas film of all time grossing \$512,858,819 worldwide.

- ◆ Tom Hanks played six different roles in "The Polar Express."
- ◆ "Xmas" isn't a recent term. It dates back to the mid 1500s and gets its roots from the Greek letter X -- which is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ.
- ◆ The majority of Americans buy artificial Christmas trees.
- ◆ Tinsel used to be made of real silver. Because the metal tarnishes so easily, it was eventually replaced with a combination of tin and lead.
- ◆ The day of Jesus' birth is actually not mentioned in the Bible, according to The Washington Post. It was initially believed to have taken place in January 6, but for reasons unknown, the celebration was moved to December 25 in the mid 4th century.

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