

January 15, 2023



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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



Evangelize

Sanctify

Serve

WELCOME



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

BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to

karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org

Readings for the Week of January 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 NS 10c/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Observances for the Week of January 15, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday: St. Anthony, Abbot
Wednesday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Thursday:
Friday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Saturday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 2023

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

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



**SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

January 15, 2023

“To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people.” Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life?

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

Or write

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



ENCOUNTER

LIFE

As we begin a new calendar year, we as a parish are embarking on a new spiritual year. Our theme for this year is **“We Are the Eucharistic Church Serving the Family of Christ”**. Each month there will be a sub-theme and the sub-theme for January is **“LIFE”**. With this thought in mind and as the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Pope Francis officiated at the Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica, reflecting on the journey of the Magi and how it should relate to our personal **“LIFE”**. He focused on three ways in which we can encounter the Lord in our daily lives: restless questioning, the risk of the journey, and the wonder of worship.

The first place we should seek the Lord, said the Pope, is in **“restless questioning”**, which helps us put aside our apathy and confront life’s important questions. A probing mind, he added, challenges us to yearn for the infinite and set out on a **“quest for the transcendent that inspires the progress of civilizations”**. In his words **“The exciting adventure of the Wise Men from the East teaches us that faith is not born of our own merits, thoughts and theories.”** The journey of faith can only begin when, by God’s grace, we grow restless of our daily routine and begin to seriously examine our relationships with others, as well as our dreams and fears.

Instead, the Pope suggested that we do not turn our attention to creature comforts like the promises of pleasure, non-stop news coverage, and even the **“idolatry of fitness”**. **“Often we try to soothe our hearts with amenities. If the Magi had done that, they would never have encountered the Lord. God, however, is always there within our restless questioning.”**

The second place we can encounter the Lord is in **“the risk of journeying”**, since every pilgrimage entails real risks that must be overcome in order to arrive at our destination. **“Questioning, including spiritual questioning, can lead to frustration and desolation, unless we embark upon a journey, unless we turn ourselves, in the depths of our being, to the face of God and the beauty of His word.”** Our faith, said Pope Francis, is a **“continuous journey in constant dialogue with the Lord”**, as we bring every aspect of our lives to Him in prayer. Personal devotion and even consistent Mass attendance are not enough to allow our faith to grow. **“We need to bring it outside and to live it in a constant journey towards God and towards our brothers and sisters.”**

The third and final stage on our journey of faith, continued the Pope, winds up in the **“wonder of worship.”** **“Our restlessness, our questioning, our spiritual journeys and the practice of our faith must all converge in worship of the Lord.”** Adoration, added Pope Francis off-the-cuff, has fallen by the wayside in our modern world, and each of us needs to recover the wonder of adoring God.

“Everything starts and ends there,” he concluded, **“because the purpose of everything is not to achieve a personal goal or to receive glory for ourselves, but to encounter God.”** As we continue our journey of faith, not only during January, but for the rest of the year and our life time, we should continually reflect on the Pope’s thoughts and live our lives accordingly.

Submitted by Deacon Bob Allen

PARISH YOUTH



CCD CLASSES SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM

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

St. Joe's was excited to host the WYD fundraiser on Saturday, January 14th with a spaghetti dinner and pie contest. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the evening. Winners will be announced shortly.



SHARE THE GOSPEL

Imagine how excited John the Baptist must have felt after he baptized Jesus. He knew without a doubt that Jesus was God's Son. The very next day John told the crowds that Jesus would take away the sins of the world. God's people had eaten a Passover lamb every year to remember how God saved them from death in Egypt. Jesus was the Lamb of God. He frees you from your old sins and offers you new life with God.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to take away my sins.



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:

- ◆ **FEBRUARY 11TH - VALENTINES DANCE & HORS D'OEUVRES (SPP)**

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: JANUARY 14 - 22, 2023

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	1/14	5pm	Timothy & Mildred Monahan	D	Timothy & Eileen Monahan
Sunday	1/15	9am	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	1/15	11am	Thomas Miglas	D	Royal & Jan Duffy
Wednesday	1/18	9am			
Thursday	1/19	9am			
Friday	1/20	9:30am			
Saturday	1/21	5pm	Tom Miglas	D	Betty Arleth
Sunday	1/22	9am*	John Honeywell	D	John & Christine Stewart
Sunday	1/22	11am	Misa Pro Populo		

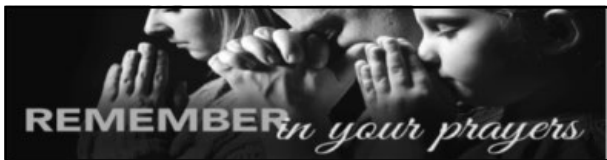
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Art Menard, Brigid Markle, Rose Meese, Joan Merk, 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 wedding anniversary in January and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on either February 4th or 5th, please contact the office by Wednesday, January 25th.

Congratulations to Ben & Anne Stoppe upon celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 2nd.



Do you have old sneakers 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 Sat. - 103 Sun. - 181	Jan 7 - 8
First Offering	\$ 4,129
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,718
Total	\$ 5,847
January MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 1,973
January Bake Sale \$361. Many Thanks!	

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is FEBRUARY 4TH & 5TH.

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

THE NEXT BAKE SALE IS FEBRUARY 4TH & 5TH. BAKED GOODS ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE MASS.



The new year is filled with hope and promise as we seek to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2023, Saints Peter & Paul is reaching out to our parishioners.

Begin the new year with eGiving to help sustain and build ministries throughout 2023 that reflect the steadfast promise of God's love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts will help people all around us.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

- Visit faith.direct/VA249
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Showing Up

I broke my foot once, when my second child was only 12 weeks old, and I was about to move houses. For six weeks I was confined to a chair, a shrieking newborn in my arms, a toddler running circles around me, and my right foot rendered useless by a plaster cast. I couldn't do anything without assistance. I couldn't eat or get a drink or change my clothes or feed my children.

My family was in dire straits. A lot of people offered help, but there was a core group of friends and family members who really saved us. These are the people who turned up in my driveway with empty vans and cooked meals. These are the people who blocked off their Saturdays to haul furniture, mow our lawn, and run after unruly kids. These are the people who said: "Here I am. Give me a job."

If you've ever really, really needed another person's help, you know that "showing up" means more than saying: "Let me know what you need." It means saying: "I'm already here. Tell me what to do." So often, I pay lip service to the idea of submission. "What do you want, God?" I ask, and I secretly hope that what He wants isn't one of those things that I'm not willing to give. What if I really strove to "show up" for God? What if I was ready to give what He asks of me, whatever it is?

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. — Psalm 40

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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	14-Jan	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Spaghetti Dinner & Pie Contest	6:30p	SJ
Sun	15-Jan	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/Adult Formation	9:30a	Hall/Church
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	16-Jan	Office Closed in Observance of MLK, Jr. Day		
		Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	E
Wed	18-Jan	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Troop 138/1138	7:00p	F
Thurs	19-Jan	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	20-Jan	Mass	9:30a	Church
		Adoration	10:00a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	21-Jan	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	22-Jan	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](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1570812)



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study meets each Monday from 1:00pm to
2:00pm

Please join us in Room E in the Parish Hall.



**I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven
and remain upon him. Allow the Holy Spirit to
deepen your communication, rekindle your romance
and renew your sacrament by attending a**

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on

Jan 27-29, 2023 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC

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Early sign up is recommended.

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<https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at
applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org

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, contact Eileen or Tim Monahan at emttouch@gmail.com.

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



SIGN UP TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

*in the Adoration Chapel
M - Th, 6am - 8pm*



The Adoration Chapel Schedule is posted in the vestibule on the wall for all to see. You can choose your own slot.

Contact: Denise Minor dminor92@gmail.com



PARISH NURSE NEWS

Please mark your calendar for **February 8-10**, to take advantage of a series of health-related programs and guest speakers at our church. With the focus this year being "The Eucharistic Church Serving the Family of Christ," the month of February is devoted to exploring issues related to Health and Sickness.

On Saturday, February 11th, Father David will celebrate a special Mass offering the anointing of the sick starting at 10am. Opportunities to have your blood pressure taken by a health professional will be available. Watch for further details coming soon.

For more information, email Catherine Heffley, Parish Nurse, at caheffley@aol.com.

THE KNIGHTS' KORNER



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 15 - March for Religious Freedom , Fredericksburg

Jan 21 - National March for Life, Washington DC

Jan 30 - Monthly Officer's Meeting

Feb 1 - State March for Life, Richmond

Feb 6 - Monthly Business Meeting



Spotlight on Ministry

Learn about our various ministries and what they have to offer: a great way to share your time and talent!





HopeTree Family Services provides the training and support that enables you to be the foster parent kids throughout Virginia need right now.

HopeTree's Foster Care program helps to meet the needs of children and youth who require individualized care and attention in a stable, Christian family setting. Their goal is to create a foster home environment which enhances the educational, social, emotional, physical and spiritual development of every child.

The schedule for virtual info sessions is below. If none of these dates and times work for you, you may schedule an individual info session by contacting De'jene' Young-el at dejene.youngel@hopetreefs.org.

Virtual Info Sessions

Thursday, January 19, 2023 - 12:00pm

Thursday, January 26, 2023 - 6:30pm

Thursday, February 9, 2023 - 12:00pm

Thursday, February 16, 2023 - 12:00pm

Thursday, February 23, 2023 - 6:30pm

Should you have any questions or need other info, please contact:

De'jene' Young-el
 Foster Parent Recruiter
 HopeTree Family Services
 1030 Old Bon Air Road
 North Chesterfield, VA 23235
 804.201.9006 or 804.389.6048
 Email: Dejene.Youngel@hopetreefs.org

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-handle 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

Please visit: www.allblessingsflow.org or
 Call 434-422-8888

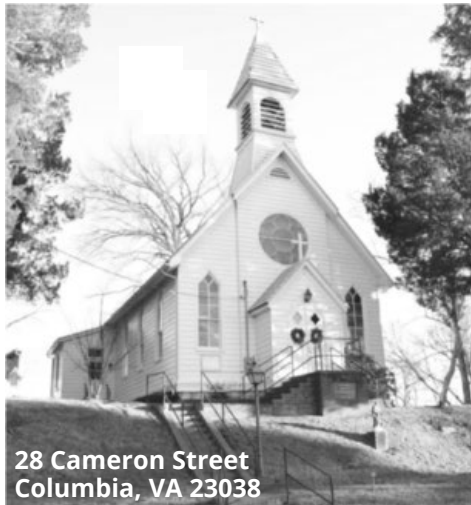
Email: allblessingsflow@yahoo.com

Virginia Department of Veterans' Services

Are you a U.S. Veteran in need of help? Visit the Fluvanna Community Center, 5725 James Madison Hwy 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

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Will Kulick | 540.308.5152

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ROUNDTABLE CHAIRMAN

Denny Barberio | 434.981.0678

LADIES AUXILIARY

INTROSPECTIVE

GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 15, 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, “The Lamb of God!” Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, “Behold the lamb of God.” His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God’s lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, “This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God’s people may be free from sin and united to God.”

It’s crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadness, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That’s why he is the Lamb of God.

— Father John Muir



January Anniversary Celebrations



If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in January and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on February 5th, please contact the office by Wednesday, January 25th.



St. Katharine Drexel

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

MaryEllen Agolia * Bradford Barrows *

Maria Correa * Nona Dooley *

Alice Galvez-Sobral * Mauricio Granados

Andy Mallory * 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/>



Celebrating St. Joseph's Eucharistic Presence



On Christmas Day, Fr. David announced that St. Joseph's will celebrate 140 years of its Eucharistic presence on "Free Hill." In recognition and honor of this momentous occasion, a series of events and activities will be launched beginning March 3rd, 2023, the Feast Day of St. Katharine Drexel, and concluding on March 19th, 2024, The Feast Day of St. Joseph. How appropriate is this!

Although several parishioners will be coming together as an historic team, all parishioners are invited to share their memories, thoughts and ideas about our beautiful church, shrine and parish community. Should you have something you wish to share, please reach out to any one of the below individuals:

Deacon Bob Allen

Breslin Gillis

Robert Gillis

Barbara Jackson

Melissa Kenney

Julie Kulick

Will Kulick

Jennifer Lyons

Marianne Stewart-Carbocci

Learning more about the Wakeham Family, tracing the footsteps of St. Katharine Drexel and acknowledging what's transpired here since 1884 is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to learn and more deeply appreciate this legacy that is now ours to nurture, share and protect.

OFFERTORY

January 1st \$1,047

January 8th \$1,342

Thank you for your generosity!

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

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.

Parishioners are encouraged to spend time in the Adoration Chapel at Sts. P&P. The Chapel is always accessible. Please email Denise Minor, with interest at dminor92@gmail.com or 434.981.5510.



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