

January 22, 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:

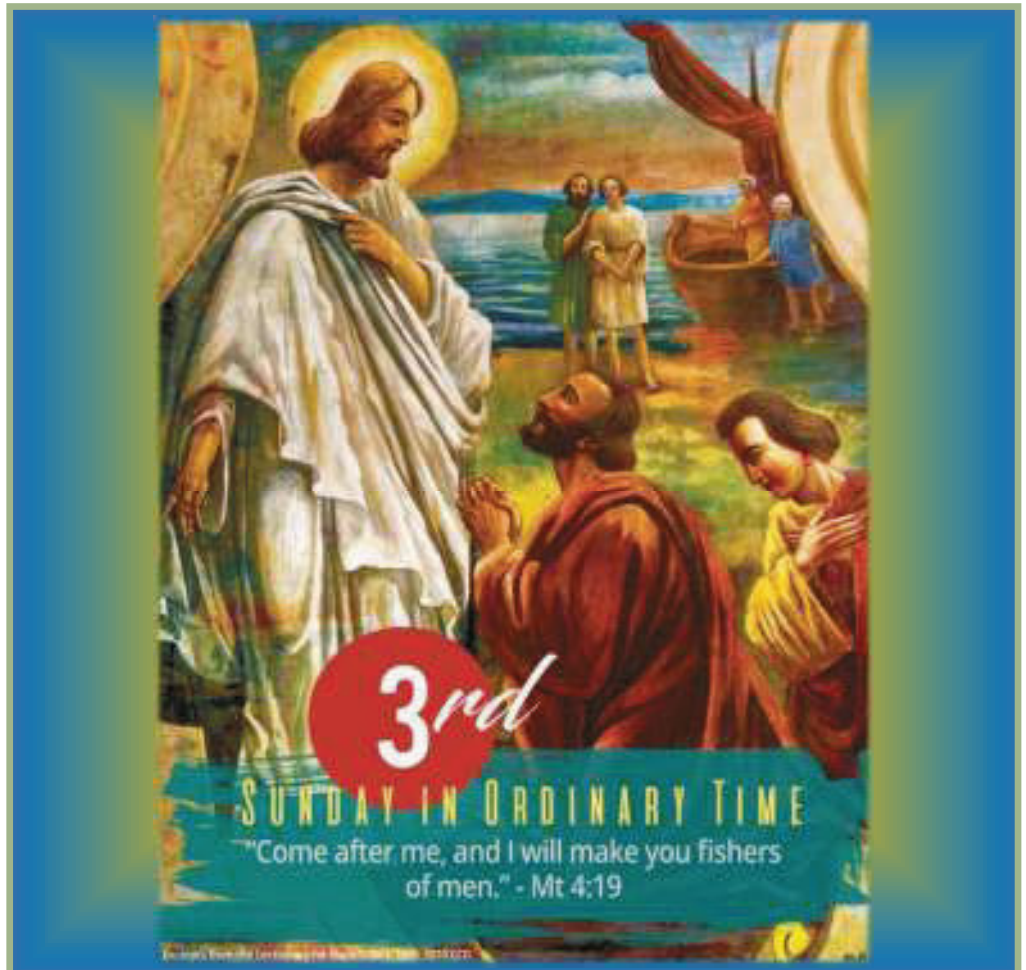
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

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Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



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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 22, 2023

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
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/
Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Observances for the Week of January 22, 2023

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Thursday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Friday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Catholic Schools Week

JANUARY 2023

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



THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023

“Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom 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



ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION



When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, “Don’t lie when you pray.” He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It’s stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, “He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali...” This isn’t just the Lord’s relocation up north. It’s his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He relocates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we’re no longer lying when we pray.

— Father John Muir

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PARISH YOUTH



CCD CLASSES SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM

In the Parish Hall

Please contact Doug Mullinex with questions
434-981-6950

Thanks to all who ventured to St. Joseph for the Spaghetti Dinner last Saturday evening. \$950 was raised to help offset some of the cost for the World Youth Day pilgrimage. The dinner and the fellowship was amazing! Thanks to all the awesome volunteers who we just cannot do without!

SHARE THE GOSPEL

Jesus was the light in the darkness that was mentioned in the Scriptures. He told people to repent for the kingdom of heaven is near. Jesus was a good teacher. He explained things so that people understood about God's two greatest commandments. He told stories. Today his word is like a flashlight lighting your path to heaven. If the batteries in our flashlight need recharging, prayer will light up your flashlight again.

PRAYER

Lord, I want to be a flashlight leading others to you.



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 18TH - MARDI GRAS DANCE PARTY & HORS D'OEUVRES (SPP)**
Make it a family night!

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 21 - 29, 2023

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
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		
Wednesday	1/25	9am			
Thursday	1/26	9am			
Thursday	1/26	5pm*	No Mass		
Friday	1/27	9am			
Saturday	1/28	5pm	Tom Miglas	D	Anthony & Pat Amato
Sunday	1/29	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	1/29	11am	Andres G. Watson	D	Royal & Janis Duffy

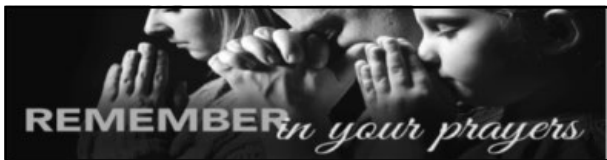
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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 Sipers, 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.



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. - 108 Sun. - 201	Jan 14 - 15
First Offering	\$ 4,495
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,530
Total	\$ 6,025
January MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 3,189
Quarterly Cash Reserve Collection	\$ 1,062

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

The Art of Retreat

Social media has made it far too easy for me to share my opinion. These virtual spaces tend to strip our words of all empathy. Someone will post something that I think is nonsense, and I just have to tell them why — and quickly! Hurry! Before they delete it! Nine times out of ten, when the dust is settled, I find that I've said too much and listened too little.

As I've gotten older, the motto I try (not always successfully) to live by is this: You do not have to be on the attack all of the time, even if it's for what you think is the truth.

I can't help but notice that the first thing Jesus does when he hears of the arrest of John the Baptist is to retreat. He doesn't punch a hole in a wall or take to the streets in protest. He withdraws. And what does he do after withdrawing? A lot of praying, I would imagine. A lot of thinking, a lot of reflecting. A lot of listening to the voice of his Father.

Sometimes we mistake stillness with vulnerability. But Christ shows us that to withdraw, to contemplate, can actually be a tremendous show of strength. Even the fiercest dogs wait for the command of their master before they act.

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence. — 1 Corinthians 1:17

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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	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
Mon	23-Jan	Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	E
Wed	25-Jan	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Troop 138/1138	7:00p	F
		Worship Committee	7:00p	123
Thurs	26-Jan	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	27-Jan	Mass	9:30a	Church
		Adoration	10:00a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	28-Jan	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	29-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)

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Here's how: <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.



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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.

We will meet in the Commons each day at 1:00pm.

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 Catholic Diocese of Richmond Pastoral Center is seeking a Full Time Finance Project Manager and Auditor. For full Ad and how to apply, visit: <https://bit.ly/3GQsokh> Please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist/Recruiter with questions at jobs@richmonddiocese.org.

Spotlight on Ministry

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



THE KNIGHTS' KORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 30 - Monthly Officer's Meeting

Feb 1 - State March for Life, Richmond

Feb 6 - Monthly Business Meeting





Get ready! The next
Women's weekend is
May 18-23, 2023
in Massanetta Springs.



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 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

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Call 434-422-8888

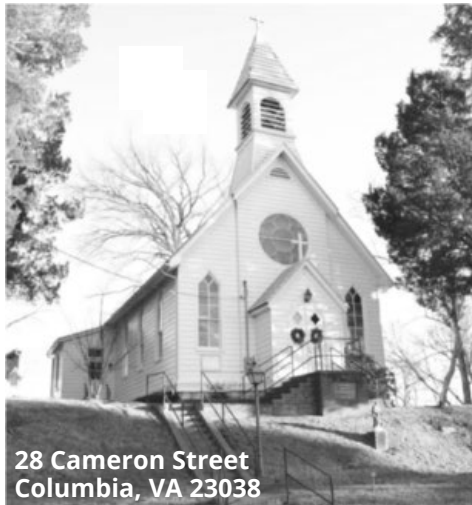
Email: allblessingsflow@yahoo.com

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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LADIES AUXILIARY

INTROSPECTIVE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a future reversal of fortune for the people living in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali. When have you received an unexpected blessing or gift in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul urged the believers in the city of Corinth to be of one heart and one mind as a community of faith, united in Jesus. How do you resolve division or conflict in your home or workplace?

Gospel:

In the Gospel reading we hear about the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in Capernaum which included teaching, healing, and calling the first four disciples. How do you think people initially reacted to Jesus?

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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.

Congratulations to our Pie Contest Winners!!

ADULTS

- 1st Henry Land
- 2nd Kathleen Mahoney
- 3rd Melissa Kenney

KIDS

- 1st Brett Hicks
- 2nd Rose Kulick
- 3rd James Kenney





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/>



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Chastisement vs. Punishment

Question:

What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?

Answer:

The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition. First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people's actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, "chastisement appears to be ... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss" (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that "has the primary aim of redressing the disorder" and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn't necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace — or for something less — depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God's Spirit within them.

OFFERTORY

January 15th \$ 451

Thank you for your generosity!

\$950 raised at the Spaghetti Dinner

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



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



- ◆ In 1970, the Catholic Church started allowing Catholics to attend Mass on Saturday night to fulfill their weekly Sunday obligation.
- ◆ Brazil, the largest country in South America, boasts the highest Catholic population with 151,244,000 Catholics. Portuguese is the main language in Brazil.
- ◆ Mexico is the country with the second highest Catholic population with 89,664,000. There are 67,820,833 Catholics in the U.S.

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

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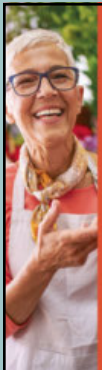
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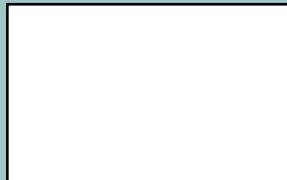
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