

May 7, 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:

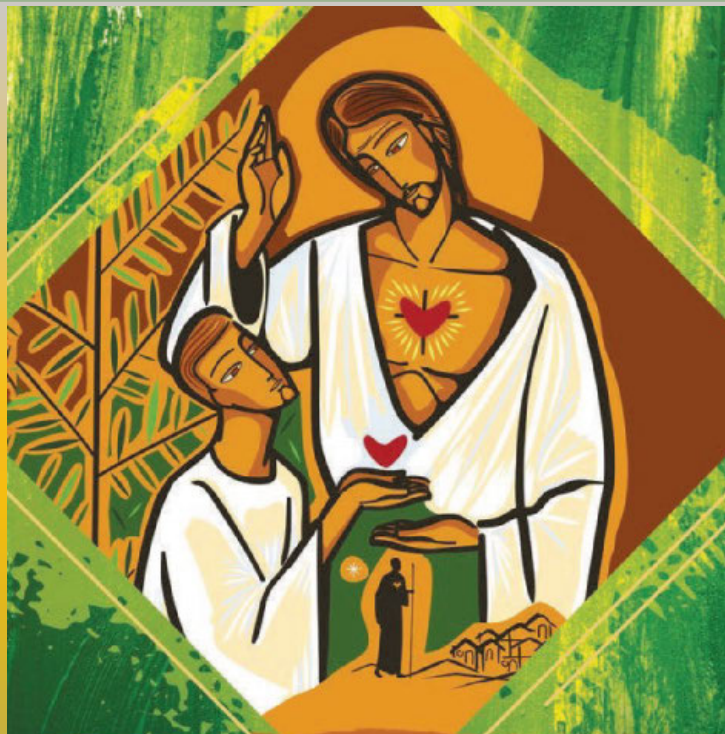
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." - Jn 14:6-7

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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 May 7, 2023

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/
1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Observances for the Week of May 7, 2023

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Thursday:
Friday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

MAY 2023

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



ENCOUNTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023

**“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”
How will you manifest your discipleship?
Consider bringing others to the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother.**

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

Or write

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



GOSPEL MEDITATION

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is priesthood.

St. Peter says to us, “You are a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood...’” To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways; I’ll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a “morning offering” prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That’s at the core of our faith.

— Father John Muir



PARISH YOUTH

SAVE THE DATE

VBS JUNE 19TH - 22ND



Grades PreK4-5th

Come Join Us!



Come join us for our next fundraiser:

CAR WASH - JUNE 3RD



Thank You, All!



CCD CLASSES

Sr. Madrine: 434-589-5201

SHARE THE GOSPEL

Worry. Many times you worry. You worry about sounds in the dark. You worry about having food for supper. You worry when you pet is sick. You worry when you parents are not home. You worry about strangers. Worry. Worry. Worry. Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." Do the best you can and trust that God will do the rest.

PRAYER

Lord, if I begin to worry, remind me that you are there to help.

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

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WHY CHOOSE CATHOLIC EDUCATION?

A Catholic education is unlike any other learning experience. Why? Catholic Schools educate to develop the **whole child** in a community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the traditions of the Catholic Church. The educational process is an opportunity to cultivate the entire person by engaging the human need for physical, mental, social, and spiritual nourishment. It is the mission of Catholic Schools to do just that. Charlottesville Catholic School continues to accept applications for the 2023-2024 school year. While some older grades have waitlists, we currently have openings in Junior Kindergarten through 2nd grade. We encourage you to call our Admissions Coordinator, Christine Fowlkes, for more information, or stop by any Wednesday between now and the end of the school year (between 9:00AM and 1:00PM for See Why Wednesdays Tours. We look forward to hearing from you!

Ms. Mandy Kowalski
Administrative Assistant
Charlottesville Catholic School
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Charlottesville, VA 22901

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 6 - MAY 14, 2023

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	5/6	5pm	Tom Miglas	D	Joanne Miglas
Sunday	5/7	9am*	William Keyser	D	Carol Hannum
Sunday	5/7	11am	Misa Pro Populo		
Wednesday	5/10	9am	Falvey Family	D	Hal & Linda Smith
Thursday	5/11	9am	Larry Eickenhorst	D	Chris Brown
Thursday	5/11	5pm*			
Friday	5/12	9am	Jean Pilk	D	Frank Pilk
Saturday	5/13	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/14	9am*	William & Rena Cook	D	Jarl & Carol Hannum
Sunday	5/14	11am	Joanne Czarnecki	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, Connor Dobbins, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, Katie Marron, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlrow, 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, Maria Boice, Melissa Bowling, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Emily Desgrosiellier, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Patricia Golgosky, Patrick Granville, Bob Griffin, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Tony Ingilleri, Sue Ingilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlrow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie & Joe Lodato, Art Menard, Brigid Markle, Joan Merk, Irene Nadig, Rosario Nixon, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Barbara Sipress, Carol & Ted Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Claire van Nierop, Raylan Trapp, Cornelia Waters, and Mike Waters.

Please call the office at **434.589.5201** for homebound or hospital visits.



April



Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated marriage anniversary in April:

Doug Mullinex & Linda Mangiaracina - 17 Years

Daniel & Diana George - 21 Years

Dave & Melissa Seal - 24 Years

Rich & Karen Warren - 30 Years

Ronald & Maureen Otten - 35 Years

Sid & Connie D'Amico - 45 Years

Tom & Lois Kelly - 46 Years

Chet & Barbara Senig - 47 Years

Jim & Clair Kraemer - 51 Years

Anthony & Patricia Amato - 57 Years

Daniel & Mona Schmitt - 66 Years

Bob & Janet Sayre - 67 Years



EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 125 Sun. - 191	April 29 - 30
First Offering	\$3,281
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,671
Total	\$4,952
April MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 4,097

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is THIS WEEKEND.

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

THE NEXT BAKE SALE IS THIS WEEKEND. BAKED GOODS ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE MASS.



Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct.

You can sign up online at faith.direct/FD2 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757. You'll provide us with 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. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



ADORATION



ADORERS,

As you know, we have adoration in the sanctuary of the church every Friday and, unlike in the chapel, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed all day on the altar. This makes it imperative that there is someone in the church at all times, until the benediction at 3pm. A group of ladies at the church have been faithful for years to try to ensure that there is someone there every hour. I am asking everyone to pray about making a stop-in to the church for some prayer time before the Lord on Fridays a priority. I would also ask that if anyone discovers a specific time on Fridays when the sanctuary is empty, please notify me so that I can get the word out and encourage someone to attend at that time.

Thank you all for your love for Him. Just a reminder that, during your time in the chapel, please refrain from moving or touching the monstrance inside the tabernacle. Only the door should be touched, when you open and close, in reverence. The sub-theme for the month of April is our young people, the youth of our church which, I'm happy to say, seems to be increasing in numbers lately! Be sure to pray especially for them when you're in the chapel in May. Our parish has a need for altar servers and you might especially pray that God will lead them to serve.

Peace to you!
Denise Minor, dminor92@gmail.com

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	6-May	First Holy Communion	10:00a	Church
		Youth Group	2:00p	Parish Hall
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	C
Sun	7-May	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	12:00p	C
Mon	8-May	Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	123
Tues	9-May	Yoga	11:00a	F
Wed	10-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Troop 138/1138	7:00p	F
Thurs	11-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Mass	5:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	12-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
		Opera Night - Tosca	6:30p	E/F
Sat	13-May	First Holy Communion	10:00a	St. Joseph's
		4th Degree K of C Color	8:00a	Church
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	14-May	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall)	R - St. Raphael (Church)	
		E - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	M - St. Michael (Church)	
		C - Commons (Church)		



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study meets each Monday from 1:00pm to 2:00pm (May 22, last meeting) Please join us in Room E in the Parish Hall.



SIGN UP TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JES 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



Get ready for. . .
A NIGHT AT THE OPERA
FRIDAY, MAY 12TH
at 6:30 p.m.

Get ready for another “night at the opera” with the production of Puccini’s “**Tosca**,” a political thriller, set in Rome in June 1800 during the Napoleonic wars and a time of great political unrest.

Written over 120 years ago, *Tosca* still thrills with the perfect pulse of a taut crime drama that portrays humanity at its best and very worst.

The heroine is a renowned prima donna, her hero is a charismatic artist, and the villain is the corrupt head of the secret police. Sublime one moment and gut wrenching the next, Puccini’s music overflows with emotion and iconic tunes.

Secrets · Lies · A lethal ultimatum
Come join us!

PARISH NURSE NEWS

In May our parish focus will be “People of Retirement Age” and how can we live the best life possible in our “Fourth Quarter” of life? We’ll look at:

- Meaning and Purpose after Age 65
- Being Socially Engaged and Physically Active
- Being Mentally Stimulated/Challenge
- Having Spiritual Vitality.

The book used to prepare for our discussion are: “The Fourth Quarter of Your Life: Embracing What Matters Most and No Regrets,” by Allen Hunt & Matthew Kelly.

Watch for more info coming soon. Give your thoughts & experiences. Join the discussion.

Catherine Heffley, RN, caheffley@aol.com



THE KNIGHTS’ KORNER

The Knights of Columbus meet monthly. If you’d like more info or the opportunity to join, please contact:

Doug Mullinex at 434-981-6950

**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!



Is getting closer to God on your bucket list for 2023? We can help! A **Women’s Cursillo Weekend** will be held

Thursday, May 18 (7pm) through Sunday, May 21 (5pm), at Massanetta Springs Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA, and the theme is “**Blessed, Broken, and Shared**”. Cursillo is a 3-day encounter to take a “**Deeper Dive**” into your Spiritual Journey with other Catholic women and be filled with the Joy Christ offers each one of us. Applications and more info about Cursillo will be available at the table in the Commons next week. Contact Ellie Henrietta 434.589.2552 for more information.



ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Used Medical Equipment



All refurbished medical items are given at no charge, but monetary donations to help with operating expenses are gratefully accepted.

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

Email: allblessingsflow@yahoo.com





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE NEXT YARD SALE

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's yard sale scheduled to be held June 9-10.

Please contact Cynthia Aycock, 434-996-6065, if you can help.

When	Time	What is Needed
June 4	12:00pm	Trucks & people to haul & set up
June 5 - 10	Open	Set up: Sort & Organize
June 9 - 10	7 am to 4:00 pm	Sell items

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

Does your marriage need a boost? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it -- you DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Experience! For more info or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with questions.

Upcoming Dates:

September 22-24, 2023, Crowne Plaza in Herndon, VA

Nov 17-19, 2023, Holiday Inn in VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Early sign up is recommended.

Did You Know?

- The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and Meditation." The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

Yoga instruction is available at Sts. Peter & Paul, Tuesdays from 11-12pm in St. Francis; bring a mat. Contact Renata Miller @ 757.536.8408.



Newly formed Catholic hybrid education program in Orange, VA is seeking to fill multiple tutor positions for the 2022-2023 academic year. The Holy Infant of Prague Paideia is looking for dedicated Catholics who have a love for teaching and sharing the good, the true, and the beautiful. The academic year is 32 weeks, with 2 days of on site instruction per week. Student ages are 8-12. Hours can vary from 3-14 hours per week. We are also seeking craftsman/artists to share talents.

Please contact HolyInfantCollective@gmail.com or Anne Bukowski 540-409-8527.

Part-time Receptionist needed in Sts. Peter and Paul parish office for 24 hours per week.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Prepare church bulletin and various programs
- Schedule Mass intentions
- Maintain parishioners' records
- Prepare and make deposits of funds

Qualifications:

- 3 - 5 years of related experience
- Maintain confidentiality
- Committed to church's mission and message
- Courteous and tactful in dealing with the public and parishioners
- Able to work with technology
- Able to communicate effectively both in writing and verbally

Please send resume and diocesan application to Karen Davidson at

karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org



Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda

Do you have old sneakers you no longer wear?

Catholic Health Initiative for Uganda can use them!

There is a box at the front door where they may be placed.

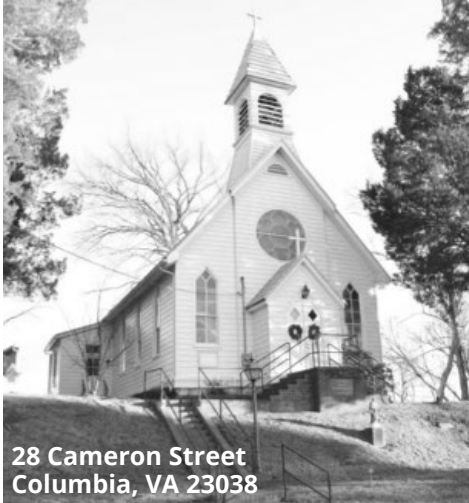
Just sneakers, please!

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

Thank you for your support!



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LADIES AUXILIARY

INTROSPECTIVE

Building on the Cornerstone

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Before I married my husband, I assumed there were “ugly houses” and “pretty houses,” and that was that. But Matt is an architect, someone who reads books with titles like “A Field Guide to American Houses” for fun and who uses the term vernacular architecture like he knows what it means.

Through him, I’ve come to learn a lot about why certain structures simply don’t have a pleasing look. There is a logic to ugliness, as it turns out. One of the main reasons a building or a home might strike some of us as ugly is because it has undergone a careless renovation. Whether out of laziness or an effort to be cost-effective, additions are made that depart from the architectural style of the original structure. The result is slapdash, confusing — ugly, for lack of a better word.

What is added on later must somewhat resemble the original. If you want to depart dramatically from the original style of a building, it’s better to build a separate structure altogether. I think of this principle when I consider Christ as the “cornerstone.” We know we are called to model ourselves on Christ, to build on his example. But so often we cherry-pick elements of his message and attempt to build on it with additions that make no sense.

When someone looks at us, at our lives, they should be able to tell after whom that life is patterned. We must resemble the cornerstone, if we do not, it will be apparent, unseemly. You can’t see God the Father without embracing God the Son. You can’t chart the future of a house without any thought for its past.

If Christ is not our inspiration, he will be our contradiction. “...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” — 1 Peter 2:5

OUR 140TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Please join us on May 21st to wrap up the CCD program for the season with a special children’s Mass and theme on Education. Visit the 140th Anniversary web page for a full calendar of events.

Upcoming Events*

Date	Time	Event
May 21, 2023	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Children’s Mass
June 11, 2023	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Corpus Christi Mass & Procession
July 9, 2023	TBD	Parish Homecoming
August 13, 2023	10:00 am - 10:30 am	Pre-Diocese History

*All events are themed with a focus on history, faith, education or community.



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 *

OFFERTORY*

April 30th \$716

Thank you for your generous 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 at least 6 months out.

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



You're invited to celebrate Mass with our First Holy Communicants on Saturday, May 13th at 10:00 am.

May Anniversary Celebrations



If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in May and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on June 4th, please contact the office by Wednesday, May 24th.

**LIVE THE LITURGY -
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

To those who persist in faith, the truth is a living stone, strong enough to support the weight of real joy. To those who despair of faith, it is a stumbling block. The truth will always be in their way.



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