

May 28, 2023

*"We are the Eucharistic Church serving the Family of Christ"*



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway  
Palmyra, VA 22963

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Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

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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

**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:**

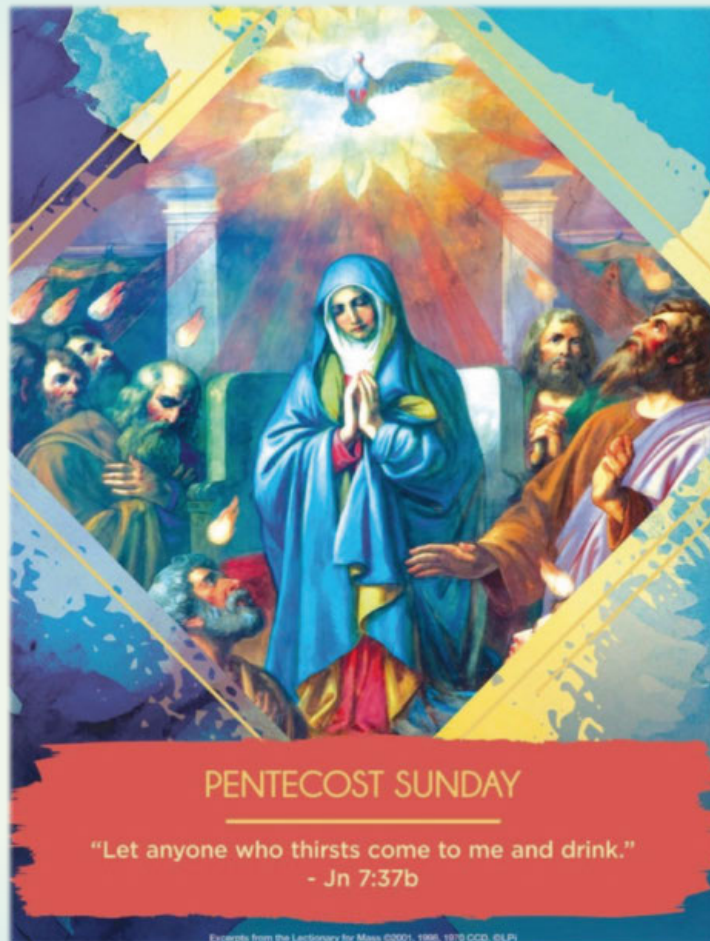
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

**HOMEBOUND:**

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



**EVANGELIZE**

**SANCTIFY**

**SERVE**

# WELCOME



## ADMINISTRATION

### PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

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### CCD/YOUTH GROUP

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## SUPPORTED GROUPS

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Marianne Stewart-Carbocci

### FAITH FORMATION

Sr. Madrine Mukaluziga

### CUSTODIAN

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 MAY 28, 2023

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/  
Jn 3:16-18

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 28, 2023

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial Day

Tuesday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Wednesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Justin, Martyr

Friday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

## MAY 2023

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

#### BREAD & WINE

Donor

Diana Mariutto

#### MEMORIAL

Fred Mariutto



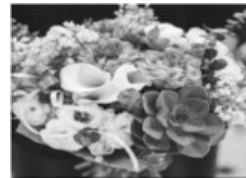
#### ALTAR FLOWERS

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#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

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



# ENCOUNTER

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**May 28, 2023**

**“There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.” Is the Lord inviting you to share your gifts 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](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)



## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

I hope you’ll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it’s not normal to have tongues of fire “part and come to rest” on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it’s no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That’s precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak!

— Father John Muir



# PARISH YOUTH

## SAVE THE DATE

June 19 - 22, 6 - 8pm



Grades Pre K, 4-5th

*Volunteers are Needed - Registration going on now*

***Come Join Us!***

### 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  
434-964-0400 ext. 327  
1205 Pen Park Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22901

### SHARE THE GOSPEL

The apostles were given the power to forgive sins. When you tell the priest your sins, he has the power to remind you of God's forgiveness. Jesus dies on the cross so your sins can be forgiven. Because God forgives you, he wants you to forgive others. Forgiving those who hurt you is very hard when you are angry and hurt. Ask God to fill you with love and make you strong enough to say, "I forgive you."

### PRAYER

*God, please help me admit it when I am wrong.*



## Sts. Peter & Paul Youth Group

Sts. Peter & Paul's Youth Group will start meeting every other Friday, beginning Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, in Room 119 in the Parish Hall.

### 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



Come join us for our next fundraiser:

CAR WASH - JUNE 3<sup>R</sup>

9 am - 12 pm

Thank You, All!



# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 27 - JUNE 4, 2023

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

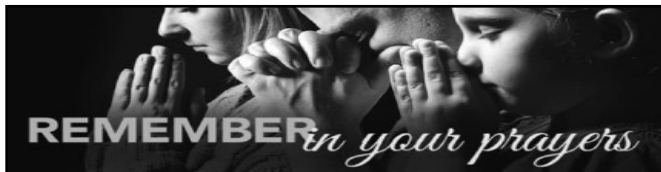
Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	5/27	5pm	Fred Mariutto	D	Diana Mariutto
Sunday	5/28	9am*	Sheryl Mason	D	Will & Julie Kulick
Sunday	5/28	11am	Misa Pro Populo		
Wednesday	5/31	9am	Patricia Rossoll	D	Jerry & Linda Zink
Thursday	6/1	9am	Joan Hansen	D	Barbara Senig
Friday	6/2	9am	James Caddigan	D	Patrice Malloy
Saturday	6/3	5pm	Patti Markle	D	Anthony & Pat Amato
Sunday	6/4	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	6/4	11am	Patti Markle	D	Joanne Tavormina-Rock

### 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 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.



**REMEMBER** *in your prayers*

### 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 Kuhlow, 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.

June

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your marriage anniversary in June and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on either July 1<sup>st</sup> or July 2<sup>nd</sup>, please contact the office by Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

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!**

# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

<b>Pew Count</b> Sat. - 130   Sun. - 155	<b>May 20 - 21</b>
First Offering	<b>\$ 2,904</b>
First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>	<b>\$ 1,799</b>
Total	<b>\$ 4,703</b>
<b>May MTD Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 3,630</b>

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

**Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is**

**JUNE 3RD & 4TH**

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

**THE NEXT BAKE SALE IS JUNE 3RD AND JUNE 4TH. BAKED GOODS ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE MASS.**



**Make this a Summer of Stewardship!**

As summer approaches, we recognize that many families in our parish will be traveling for vacation and other reasons. During this time, we encourage you to consider eGiving to ensure your support for our parish remains consistent even when you're away. By setting up eGiving through our parish's online platform, Faith Direct, you can make a meaningful impact on the ministries you care about most, even while you're away. Your recurring gifts will not only sustain our parish throughout the summer months, but you will help our staff steward God's resources well by reducing our costs for envelopes and paper and spending less staff time processing cash and checks, allowing more time for missions and ministries.

Getting started with eGiving is easy. 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 for your continued support of our parish family.

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

**We Are Never Alone**

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>ROOM SCHEDULE</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>27-May</b>	Confession	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
			<b>Mission Week Holy Mass/ Brunch/Talk</b>	10:00a	C/Church
	<b>Sun</b>	<b>28-May</b>	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	11:00a	Church
	<b>Mon</b>	<b>29-May</b>	Memorial Day - <b>Office is Closed</b>		
	<b>Tues</b>	<b>30-May</b>	Yoga	11:00a	F
	<b>Wed</b>	<b>31-May</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Troop 138/1138	7:00p	F
	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>1-Jun</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Cursillo	6:00p	123
			Knights of the Round Table	6:00p	St. Joseph's
	<b>Fri</b>	<b>2-Jun</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Adoration	9:30a	Church
			Benediction	3:00p	Church
			<b>Youth Group</b>	5:00p	Room 119
	<b>Sat</b>	<b>3-Jun</b>	<b>WYD Car Wash</b>	9:00a	Parking Lot
			Confession	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
			Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	C
	<b>Sun</b>	<b>4-Jun</b>	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	11:00a	Church
			Bake Sale After Mass	12:00p	Church
			<b>Yard Sale Event Set Up</b>	1:30p	F
	<b>Room Ledger:</b>		<b>F</b> - St. Francis (Hall)	<b>R</b> - St. Raphael (Church)	
			<b>E</b> - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	<b>M</b> - St. Michael (Church)	
			<b>C</b> - Commons (Church)		



## ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Offers instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with interest in being members of the Catholic faith. This group also offers a deeper understanding to Catholics who have been Catholic for a long time. 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 during the school year at 9:30am in St. Elizabeth in the Parish Hall.**



## BIBLE STUDY

Weekly Bible Study will resume on Monday, September 11th from 1:00pm to 2:00pm in Room 123. Enjoy the summer break and look forward to a new Bible adventure!



## 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](mailto:dminor92@gmail.com)

MINISTRIES  
In the  
**Spotlight**

The Good Shepherd Health Ministry  
is hosting a



**SENIOR HEALTH**



*Coffee Social*

INVITE A FRIEND & JOIN US IN THE CHURCH COMMONS!



**31 MAY | WEDNESDAY**  
**2023 | 9:45AM**

At **10:30** we will begin an interactive  
presentation based on

**‘THE FOURTH QUARTER OF YOUR  
LIFE, Embracing What Matters Most’**

**BY ALLEN HUNT AND MATTHEW KELLY**

For more information. Please contact the Parish Nurse,  
Catherine Heffley, RN: [caheffley@aol.com](mailto:caheffley@aol.com)

**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!



**2023**

**Schedule for Ministry Talks**

May 27-28 **Cathy Heffley -**  
**Health Ministry**

June 3-4 **Sr. Madrine Mukaluziga -**  
**Youth Group**

June 17-18 **Cynthia Aycock -**  
**Lectors**

July 15-16 **Pat Amato or Denis Minor -**  
**Parish Life or**  
**Adoration**

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

The disciples at Pentecost were given the grace to speak in the tongues of many nations. When we engage with those who do not believe, who disagree with us, are we speaking the right language? We have to use the words they are able to understand — not just the words we want to say.



**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](http://www.allblessingsflow.org) or

Call 434-422-8888

Email: [allblessingsflow@yahoo.com](mailto:allblessingsflow@yahoo.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**



# Coming Soon!

## Annual Yard Sale June 9 - 10, 2023

### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's yard sale. Please contact Cynthia Aycock, 434-996-6065, if you can help.

When	Time	What is Needed
June 4	1:30pm	Trucks & people to haul & set up
June 5 - 8	Open	Set up: Sort & organize
June 9 - 10	8 - 2:30 pm	Sell items



**Sts. Peter and Paul is in need of a reliable cleaning person to clean both the church and Parish Hall twice weekly (negotiable).**

If you know of anyone, maybe you have a housekeeper yourself, that has experience, availability and is insured, please encourage them to talk to Karen in the office.

Please contact  
Karen Davidson at:  
434.589.5201 or  
[karen.davidson@  
saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org)



### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.*

Charlottesville Catholic School is hiring for the 2023-2024 school year. Currently seeking an Elementary Teacher (JK-5th), a full-time Spanish Teacher (teaching Spanish I and II) and a School Counselor. Teacher applicants should have a current Virginia State Teaching License.

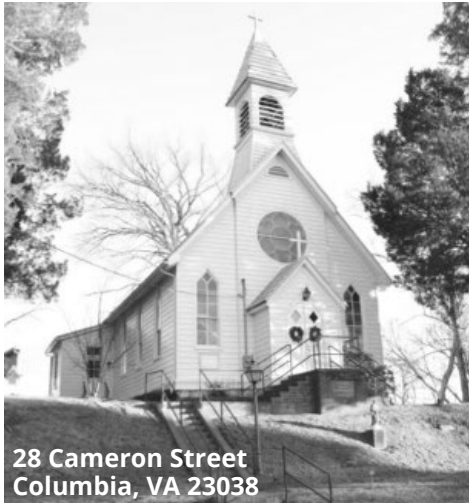
If you are interested in applying, please send a resume along with a diocesan Application, three letters of reference and a copy of your teaching license to:

Charlottesville Catholic School,  
Attention: Vada Fallica, Principal  
1205 Pen Park Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22901  
or via email to: [vfallica@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:vfallica@cvillecatholic.org)

## Did You Know?

- Pentecost comes from the Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot. The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them. It sounded like a very strong wind, and it looked like tongues of fire. The apostles then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter and is considered the birth day of the Church.

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



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**PASTOR**, Fr. David Ssentamu | 434.589.5200  
**ASST.**, Marianne Stewart-Carbocci | 434.589.5201

## ADMINISTRATION

### PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Debbie Blackburn | 804.815.3732

### FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR

Fred Gunnels | 434.960.6092

## LITURGY & WORSHIP

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Denny Barberio | 434.981.0678

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Pat Morse | 434.589.4106

### USHERS

Marvin Jackson

Carroll Morse | 434.589.4106

### LECTORS

Melissa Kenney | 434.589.3416

### ALTAR SERVERS

Michael Cary | 434.842.3095

Melissa Kenney | 434.589.3416

## FORMATION & EDUCATION

### CCD

Celeste Shapiola | 434.981.1405

### PRISON MINISTRY

Will Kulick | 540.308.5152

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### ROUNDTABLE CHAIRMAN

Denny Barberio | 434.981.0678

### LADIES AUXILIARY

## INTROSPECTIVE

There are some things I miss now that my children are older. Fewer snuggles, fewer moments of awe and wonder, and fewer crazy questions that make me laugh. However, if I'm honest, there are some things I do not miss, especially the birthday parties. I loved the aspect of celebrating my child's birth, but most years the party cost too much, involved too much stress and resulted in a lot of presents that ended up in my garage. Today, nice dinners with family and friends sharing time together have taken the place of the "birthday party" and that is fine with me.

Centuries ago, God moved in such a profound way and set his Holy Spirit upon us imparting to the Church gifts that remain with us today. That first Pentecost was a first birthday party of sorts, with people gathered to celebrate their common faith in Jesus Christ. Of course, that party had none of the trappings of a child's event at Chuck E Cheese's, but instead presented us all with generous gifts that could be used for the glory of God instead of the stuff children discard after a few weeks.

Every year I think it is important to really celebrate what God has given to us, the Church, on the feast of Pentecost. The generosity of God knows no limits and the Holy Spirit is alive. It's just that the gifts from this celebration need to be used or the celebration will be hollow. The gifts are free to us even though they are priceless. It would be poor stewardship to toss them in the garage with all those toys that time forgot.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## 140th Anniversary Celebration

### Corpus Christi Procession

Please join us on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> for a Eucharistic Procession to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi as part of our 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event Series.

**Please note: Mass will be at 11am (not 9am) and immediately followed by a procession through the Town of Columbia. Come and be a part of this beautiful, ancient liturgical tradition honoring the Body of Christ.**

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





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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.



**The Flame Communicated**

**“Fire! Fire! They’re all gonna die! They’re all gonna burn up!”**

I had absolutely no hope of restoring order as I read the story of Pentecost with my young children last year. As soon as they glimpsed the tongues of fire hovering over the foreheads of the apostles, they were lost to giggles and shrieks. I sighed, sipped my coffee, and wondered resentfully why the Holy Spirit couldn't have chosen to be a dove on that particular day. Just a nice, peaceful dove.

I'll say this, though: the fire left an impression. It usually does, doesn't it? Fire consumes. It renews. It illuminates. It leaves you breathless with fear and awe. The memory and scent and impact of a flame lingers long after it is extinguished.

When I am trying to explain theology to my kids, I have an awful habit of over complicating things. I'd had a whole speech prepared for them about what the Holy Spirit is, but it went out the window as soon as they saw the flames. And you know what? It's probably for the best. They wouldn't have remembered that speech. The flames, though? The flames they remembered. The flame communicated. As a result of Pentecost, the apostles suddenly had the ability to give the truth to foreigners. Aliens. People who were heretofore beyond their reach, isolated by language. The flame communicated.

God's sense of timing is impeccable, and His delivery is carefully crafted. And on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit did not descend as a dove or pour forth as water. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit burned.

“Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.” — Psalm 104



**Our next and final WYD fundraising event will be a CAR WASH**  
**Next Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**9am - 12pm at Sts. Peter/Paul**



*June Anniversary Celebrations*



If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in June and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, please contact the office by Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.



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