

October, 8 2023

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



STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

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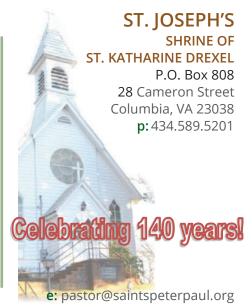
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OUR VISION

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.



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

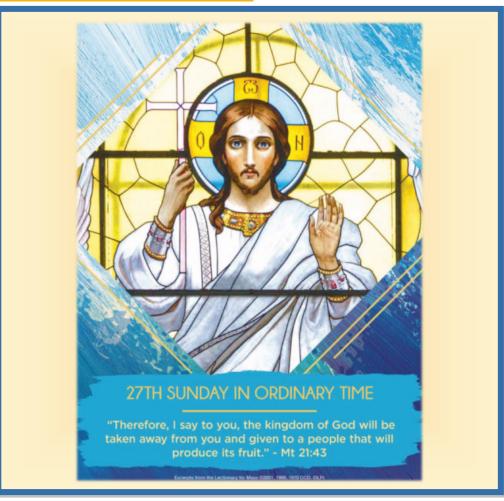
Saturday 4pm: SPP Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's (or by appointment)

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office to schedule Communion



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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 October 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

(Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: J1 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: J1 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Observances for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop

Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. John XXIII, Pope

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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OCTOBER 2023

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



27TH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 8TH, 2023

"This is the Lord's doing and it is amazing in our eyes." Being chosen to serve as a priest or in the consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your Vocation.

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

A Catholic Store is coming soon to Sts. Peter and Paul . . . Watch for more details!





PRAYER

The parish has a yearly theme which is "We are the Eucharistic Church serving the Family of Christ". Then each month we have a sub-theme and for the month of October it is "Prayer".

What is prayer? Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, or the petition of good things from him in accord with his will. It is always the gift of God who comes to encounter man. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is infinitely good, with his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

Our prayer is efficacious because it is united in faith with the prayer of Jesus. In him prayer becomes a communion of love with the Father. In this way we can present our petitions to God and be heard: "Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full" (John 16:24).

We read in St. Augustine's letter to Proba, how we are to be willing to "pray heartfelt and without ceasing". At the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles it is written that in the first community of Jerusalem, educated in the life of prayer by the Holy Spirit, the faithful "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

Pope Francis expresses prayer in this way —" to use a beautiful image — 'opens heaven'. Prayer opens heaven: it gives oxygen to life; it gives breath even in the midst of troubles and makes things see more broadly".

The forms of prayer (in words from the Catechism) are blessing and adoration, the prayer of petition and intercession, thanksgiving, and praise.

Blessing - is man's response to God's gifts: we bless the Almighty who first blesses us and fills us with his gifts.

Adoration - is the humble acknowledgement by human beings that they are creatures of the thrice-holy Creator.

Petition - is for pardon or also a humble and trusting petitions for all our needs either spiritual or material.

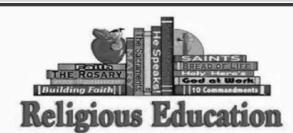
Intercession - consists in asking on behalf of another. It conforms us and unites us to the prayer of Jesus who intercedes with the Father for all, especially sinners, even to one's enemies.

Thanksgiving - is giving thanks to God unceasingly, above all in celebrating the Eucharist in which Christ allows her to participate in his own thanksgiving to the Father.

Praise - is that form of prayer which recognizes most immediately that God is God. It is a completely disinterested prayer: it sings God's praise for his own sake and gives him glory simply because he is.

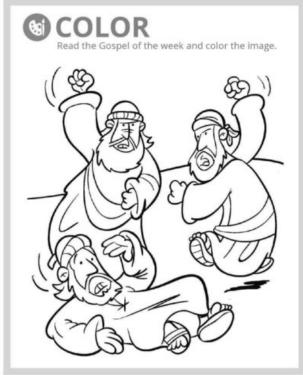
In this month of "Prayer" we are reminded that we are true worshipers and true priests. We pray in spirit, and so offer in spirit the sacrifice of prayer. Prayer is an offering that belongs to God and is acceptable to him: it is the offering he has asked for, the offering he planned as his own.

PARISH YOUTH



CCD classes meet every Sunday at 9:30am and conclude after the 11:00am Mass.

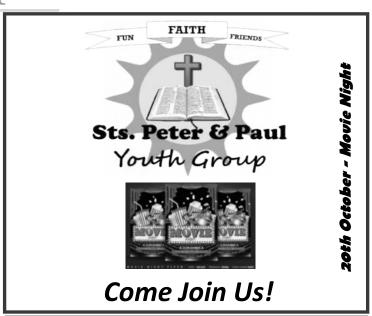




Matthew 21:33-43 • 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission for the Week

Recycle paper, plastic and glass at home, instead of throwing it away. Recycling is a great way to take care of God's world.



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)/1138 (girls): Chuck Palmer

charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com 571.212.4445

Sharing the Gospel

When I was a little girl, I saw a lady pulling up the roses in front of her house. I asked her why she was doing that. She said, "My family did not thank me for planting them. I am giving them to people who say thank you when I give them something." Say and do good things for others. Then God will know that you are thankful for all that God has given you.

Prayer

Lord, I am thankful for you and for all you have given me.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 15, 2023

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Saturday	10/7	5pm	Joan Hansen	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	10/8	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	10/8	11am	Al Jasinskas	D	McCarthy & Kirk Families
Wednesday	10/11	9am	No Mass		
Thursday	10/12	9am	No Mass		
Friday	10/13	9am	No Mass		
Saturday	10/14	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	10/15	9am*	Johnny McNelis	D	John & Christine Stewart
Sunday	10/15	11am	Sarah O'Keefe	D	Jim & Maggie Cullinan

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.

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, Me'Shelle Durant,
Bill Ellis, Bob Fint, 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,
Brigid Markle, Art Menard, Joan Merk,
Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rosario Nixon,
Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Carol Scampoli,
Mary Ellen Scango, Carol 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.



Wedding Gnniversaries



Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated their wedding anniversaries in the month of

September

James & Brittney Rekrut	7 years
Bruce & Sally Ann Duncan	9 Years
André & Me'Shelle Durant	9 Years
Michael & Stephanie Tighe	16 Years
Thomas & Marie Brotherton	30 Years
Wayne & Dianna Campagna	39 Years
Steve & Lorraine Momper	41 Years
Andy & Ginny Rutkowski	42 Years
Bob & Angela Maher	52 Years
Deacon Bob & Susan Allen	53 Years
Bill & Veronica Lyttle	59 Years
Dick & Claire va Nierop	61 Years
Jack & Leona Bittner	67 Years





EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat 106 Sun 182	Sept 30/Oct 1
First Offering	\$ 4,008
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,966
Total	\$ 5,974
October MTD Debt Reduc	tion \$ 1,761

THE BAKE SALE IS <u>THIS WEEKEND</u>, OCT 7TH & 8TH.

DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS ARE

ACCEPTED BEFORE MASS. Thanks for your support!

hy not make a change this fall in the way you support Sts. Peter & Paul Church? This season, rich in the symbolism of harvest and sowing, offers a beautiful reminder: your acts of generosity reverberate, touching countless lives. Sign up with eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering. Making either one-time or automatic contributions through Faith Direct will also save valuable time for both you and parish volunteers and staff.

To enroll, please visit faith.direct/VA249 or call 1.800.507.8757.

Peace and blessings to your family!



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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

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Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

ANNOUNCING! The CURSILLO WEEKEND

A Men's Cursillo Weekend will be held Thursday, October 26 (7:00pm) through Sunday, October 29 (5:00pm), 2023, at Camp Overlook near Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Applications and more about Cursillo are available at www.valleycursillo.com.

We have men in our Parish who can be your sponsor. Contact Ellie Henrietta for more information 434-981-3551 or Mitzi Crane at 434-589-2552. *Application deadline is October 12, 2023*.

2023 Arts & Crafts Fair and Bake Sale

Many Vendors Raffles SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11 8AM - 2PM

Great Gifts Crafts



Doll Hous Raffle! \$10 for one ticket \$20 for three tickets Contact Cynthnia Aycock for tickets 434) 996-6065

Something for Everyone



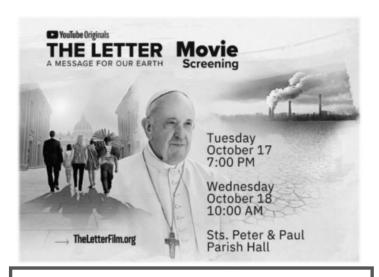


Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church – Parish Center Route 53 - 4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway, Palmyra, VA 22963 (434) 589-5201

Just a Bite, Food & Catering Services on site.

Sponsored by Sts Peter and Paul and St Joseph's Catholic Church

Help is needed setting up (Nov. 5) and taking down (Nov. 11) the Craft Fair. If you are available for this task, please contact Cynthia at 434.996.6065.



Coming to St. Francis Hall: "The Letter: A Message for Our Earth", an inspiring film about Pope Francis' call to all of us to care for God's Creation. Two showings: Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 PM and Wednesday, October 18 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

COMING EVEN



ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

AFCE includes 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.

Classes meet every Sunday @ 9:30am.



ROOM SCHEDULE

			Rosary Procession/Mass	10:00a	Grotto/Church	
	Sat	7-Oct	Confessions 4:00p		Church	
	sat		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church	
			Bake sale after Mass	6:00p	С	
	Sun	8-Oct	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's	
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
			CCD/RCIA 9:30a		Parish Hall	
			Mass	11:00a	Church	
			Bake sale after Mass	12:00	С	
X	Mon	9-Oct				
OR	Tues	10-Oct	Yoga	11:00a	F	
>	Wed	11-Oct	Troop 138/1138	7:00p	F	
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	Thurs	12-Oct	Cursillo	6:00p	123	
	Fri	13-Oct				
			Mass - Music Ministry	10:00a	Church	
	Sat	14-Oct	Confessions	4:00p	Church	
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church	
		15-Oct	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's	
	Sun		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
	Sun		CCD/RCIA	9:30a	Parish Hall	
			Mass	11:00a	Church	
	Room Ledger:		r - St. Francis (Hall) R - St. Raphael (Church)			
			E - St. Elizabeth (Hall) M - St. Michael (Church)			
			C - Commons (Church)			



Mondays

1:00pm to 2:00pm in St. Elizabeth room in the Parish Hall. Dive into new Bible adventures!



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



SICK/HOMEBOUND:

The sick and homebound are not able to celebrate the Eucharist with the rest of the parish. Ministers to the sick & homebound visit these individuals taking them the Eucharist. They are united sacramentally to the Lord and are reunited with the Eucharistic community through these holy visits. They are helped through prayer and they offer their sufferings and pains in union with Christ for their own salvation and that of the world. Ministers are trained in the distribution of the Eucharist and in the various prayers associated with these holy visits.

CHIU is in need of someone with woodworking skills that can *BUILD A CRATE* that is 4'(d)x4'(w) x3.5'(h) in order for us to ship our supplies by ship to Uganda. Contact Bob Maher at 434.589.1170.



Knights of Columbus Council 11475 is once again participating in the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign, standing vigil on Wednesdays (9/27-11/5/23), from 10-11am in front of Planned Parenthood in Charlottesville. If you would like to join these Dedicated men and women in peaceful demonstration, they meet at Jefferson Pharmacy (9am) for carpooling. If you wish to drive yourself, there is ample parking across the street. Contact John Condon with questions.

STS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH IS SEEKING A MUSIC DIRECTOR

The part-time Director of Music (DM) is responsible for planning and facilitating music at parish liturgical celebrations. This includes, but is not limited to weekend liturgies, funerals, weddings, Feast Days and prayer services. The DM works closely with the Parish Staff, especially the Pastor, in coordinating music for these celebrations, and provides training for musicians (i.e. Cantors and Pianists) in and outside of the parish.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

Knowledge of the Catholic Mass and liturgical documents: Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy), The Roman Missal (2011 edition), The General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM), Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship, Music in Catholic Worship. Ability to express ideas clearly both in written and oral communication. Project a friendly spiritual atmosphere to parishioners. Organize tasks to facilitate their timely accomplishment.

Salary will be commensurate with education and experience.

Interested candidates should submit their diocesan application (https://richmonddiocese.org/office-of-human-resources/), cover letter and resume to the Pastor.

pastor@saintspeterpaul.org

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Wendy Bond from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

Wendy Bond 800-950-9952 x 6420



THE FOURTH QUARTER OF

YOUR

LIFE

PARISH NURSE NEWS:

Senior Coffee Social Wednesday, October 25th, 2023 10:00AM in the Commons

We will continue the discussion of the book <u>The Fourth Quarter of Your Life, Embracing What Matters Most.</u>
Looking at the unexpected events of our life, both positive and negative, we'll explore how God is inviting us to stay open to life, love and His Will. For 21 days, write down one thing you sense God is saying to you. Please read Chapters 18 and 20 if you have the book. Feel free to join the discussion regardless.

757.813.1992 or caheffley@aol.com.



The Diocese of Richmond seeks a Superintendent of Catholic Schools that demonstrates a passionate commitment to Catholic education. As the strategic leader and chief administrator of the Office of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Richmond, the Superintendent oversees the vision and planning for Catholic schools and is responsible for the performance and operations of this office and its interactions with the head administrator of every Catholic school in the Diocese, the pastors, and members of the Bishop's governing team.

While the position description and detailed search prospectus are being prepared, interested candidates can begin exploring this exciting opportunity by immediately contacting Mrs. Aimee



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.

Chatter, 8

The Crafters are back at it; busy making treasures to sell during the Craft Fair in November.

All are invited to join:

Thursdays from 9:30a - 2:30p

St. Michael's room in the

church. Bring a lunch, crafts, ideas, skills, or even supplies that would be useful.

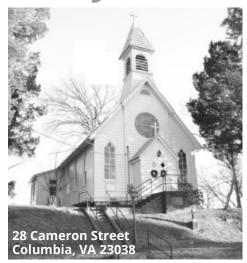
Contact Diana Mariutto:

diana68fred@gmail.com or 434.589.5136.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The ONLY Christian church in existence for the first 1,000 years of Christian history was the Roman Catholic Church. All other Christian churches which exist today can trace their linage back to the Roman Catholic Church. Most non-Catholic churches which exist today are less than a century or two old by comparison.
- Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press, was Catholic and the first book ever printed was the Catholic Bible.

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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Debbie Blackburn | 804.815.3732

140th Anniversary Celebration AN ART CONTEST FOR THE AGES

As part of our 140th celebration, children of all ages are invited to submit works of art depicting historical event(s) surrounding St. Joseph parish - from the everyday to the significant. All work should be submitted to your Religious Education teacher **by October 8th.**

Judging and awards will be announced October 15th.



Questions? Julie Kulick: jataverna@hotmail.com/540.308.5154

For a full schedule of planned celebratory activities, please visit our website and Facebook pages.

*All events are themed with a focus on



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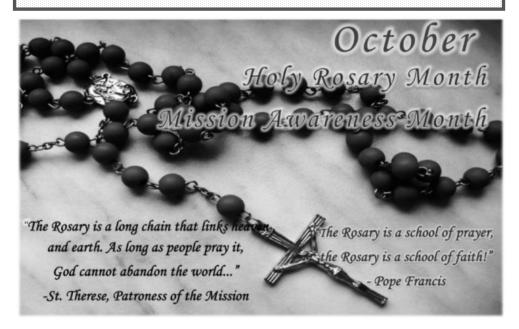


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September

Raymond & Marianne Carbocci

45 Years





PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

MaryEllen Agolia * Bradford Barrows * Maria Correa * Nona Dooley * Alice Galvez-Sobral * Mauricio Granados * Will Kulick * Andy Mallory * India Martin * Angelica Motta * Odila Motta * Oscar Motta * Thelma Motta * Denise Pillar * Christine Stewart * John Stewart * Jordan Watkins * Diane Wolfe *

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 at least 6 months out.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Gifts Given to Share

My oldest two children took piano lessons when then were younger. In fact, it was because my oldest wanted to learn to play so badly that we purchased a piano. He would use it for practice during his few years of lessons, and then my daughter took up the instrument. After a few years of lessons for each, restlessness set in and a type of indifference took over. The lessons and the practicing came to an end. My youngest had not expressed much interest in piano when he was younger. Then when he was a teenager, he asked for lessons. He began to play and now he plays even for fun and to relax. When his siblings try to play, they are stuck with the truth that those days are gone and since they gave it up years ago, they can no longer really play. In many ways, they were given a gift, but since they did not use and cultivate it, they lost it.

God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds.

 Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LP

CCD meets every Sunday after Mass.



Foster Hope

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT Have you ever wondered how one gets started in fostering? Begin your fostering journey by attending a virtual information session held on Thursdays:

> October 12th @ 6:30pm October 19th @ 12:00pm October 26th @ 6:30pm

RSVP to an info session by emailing Dejene Youngel@hopetreefs.org

OFFERTORY

October 1st - \$ 994 Building Fund \$ 3,094 (For roof repair)

Thank you for your generosity

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.

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