

October, 15 2023

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OUR VISION

To expand and strengthen the Christian Community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is demonstrated and fulfilled.

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday 5pm: SPP

Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's

11am: SPP

WEEKDAYS

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

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



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." - Mt 22:9

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EVANGELIZE

SANCTIFY

SERVE

WELCOME



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

BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

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
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/
Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/
1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday: St. Luke, Evangelist
Thursday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
Friday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; **World Mission Sunday**

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OCTOBER 2023

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE IN MEMORY OF

Donor



ALTAR FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF Laura Miller

Donor

Mark Miller



SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF

Donor



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



ENCOUNTER

28TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 15TH, 2023

“Many are called but few are chosen.” Are you considering a vocation to proclaim the word of God as a priest or consecrated religious?

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

vocations@richmonddiocese.org

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 15, 2023
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there’s gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don’t respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God’s generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don’t show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life matters. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn’t make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus’ scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There is a reason to get up in the morning. God’s generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our ‘yes’ be?

— Father John Muir
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World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, October 22nd, we will unite with the global Church in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year Pope Francis illuminates our path with the theme: “Hearts on fire, feet on the move.” As we prepare to observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ’s love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world. Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the Propagation of the Faith, Home Missions and Black and Indian Missions will bolster missionaries working to spread the “Good News”. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service.

Thank you.

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



PARISH YOUTH



Religious Education

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

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

wedding banquet king
servants field ready
guests invited business

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Mission for the Week

As a family, plan a special party. Let each person make their favorite foods and play their favorite music. Heaven will be even better!

FUN FAITH FRIENDS



Sts. Peter & Paul Youth Group



Wednesday - 18th October
Movie Night at 5:00pm

Come Join Us!

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

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine how it would feel to be invited by a king to come to his palace for a party! Well, you have been invited! God wants you to come. People who ignore God will not go to heaven. Don't ignore God. Say yes" to his invitation. Go to God's party in heaven!

Prayer

Thank you for inviting me to heaven, God. I want to go!

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 14 - OCTOBER 22, 2023

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

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
Wednesday	10/18	9am	Michelle Peason	D	Eileen & Don Tyler
Thursday	10/19	9am	George Rindos	D	Anna Marie Rindos
Friday	10/20	9am	The Neale Family	I	Eileen & Don Tyler
Saturday	10/21	5pm	Dominick Capuano	D	Gerard & Linda Zink
Sunday	10/22	9am*	Mary Lunney	D	John & Christine Stewart
Sunday	10/22	11am	Misa Pro Populo		

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .



Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Connor Dobbins, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, Katie Marron, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlowl, 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.



October



Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in October and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on November 4th or 5th,

please notify the office by



Friday, October 27th.



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, 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 Kuhlowl, 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.

PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, October 21st

9:00am - 3:00pm

Food/water available

(Come all day or an hour or so; we need you!)

FOCUS:

Weeding Mulching
Pruning

Bring: gloves, wheelbarrows, pruners, any useful yard tools.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 96 Sun. - 169	Oct 7/8
First Offering	\$ 3,184
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,966
Total	\$ 5,150
October MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 1,933

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

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

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Thanks for your support of the OCTOBER Bake Sale! \$320 was raised to benefit those less fortunate.

With the arrival of autumn, you are invited to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week - no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass.

Getting started with eGiving is easy. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Visit faith.direct/VA249
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866.507.8757

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



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 Cynthia Aycock for tickets
434) 996-6065
email: cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com

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

YouTube Originals
THE LETTER **Movie**
A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH Screening



Tuesday
October 17
7:00 PM

Wednesday
October 18
10:00 AM

Sts. Peter & Paul
Parish Hall

→ TheLetterFilm.org

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!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	14-Oct	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	15-Oct	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	16-Oct	Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	E
Tues	17-Oct	Yoga	11:00a	F
		Showing of "The Letter"	7:00p	F
Wed	18-Oct	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Showing of "The Letter"	10:00a	F
		Worship Committee	7:00p	123
		Troop 138/1138	7:00p	F
Thurs	19-Oct	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Crafters	9:30a	M
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	20-Oct	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
		Youth Group	5:00p	119/F
Sat	21-Oct	PARISH CLEAN UP DAY	9:00a	Church Grounds
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	22-Oct	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA	9:30a	Parish Hall
		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)		



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.



BIBLE STUDY

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



MUSIC MINISTRY:

The Music Ministry brings the Congregation closer to the liturgy of the Word through music. This ministry provides music, instrumental and choral, for all weekend Masses, plus Holy Days of obligation and special liturgies. All youth and adult parishioners are welcome to join.

Contact:
Sid D'Amico
434.996.4325

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.

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!



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.

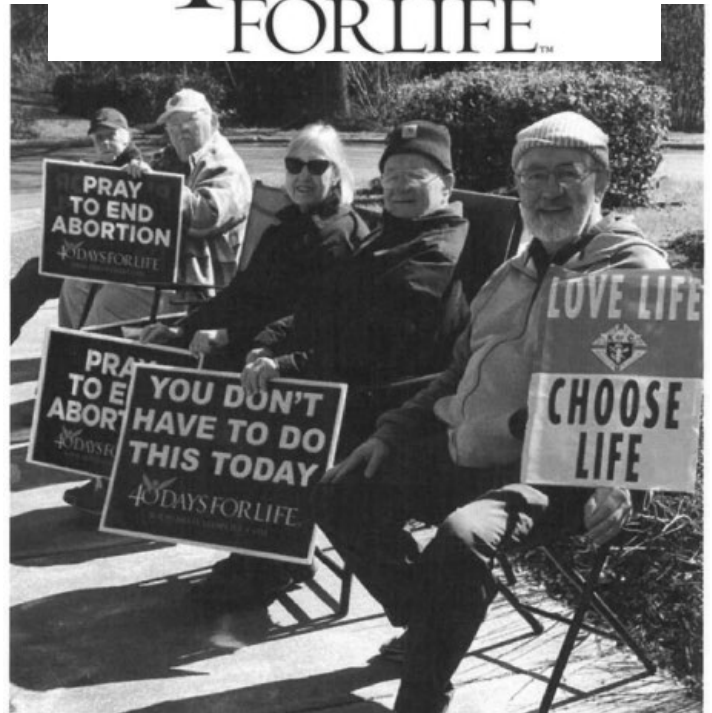
Interested candidates should submit their diocesan application (<https://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-human-resources/>), cover letter and resume to the Pastor.

pastor@saintspeterpaul.org

DID YOU KNOW?

- St. Padre Pio described the Rosary as our greatest weapon! Countless saints have preached “To Jesus, Through Mary!” Mary is the shortest and surest route to Jesus. And the Rosary is a key part of that journey.
- The word “Catholic” was first used by Ignatius of Antioch around the year A.D. 110. It is from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means “toward the whole” — or “universal.” Ignatius was suggesting that the Church of Jesus Christ is a gift offered by Christ to all people.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™



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 or Larry Boice
434.409.1246 434.510.7677



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.



Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda

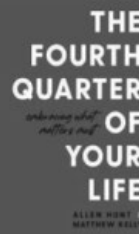
Do you have old sneakers you no longer wear?
Catholic Health Initiative for Uganda
can use them! There is a box at the front door where they may be placed.

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!



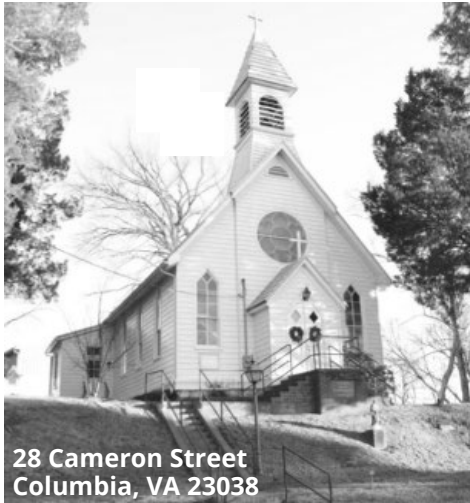
PARISH NURSE NEWS:

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

We will continue the discussion of the book The Fourth Quarter of Your Life, Embracing What Matters Most. 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.

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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 history, faith, education or community.*



October



Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in October and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on November 4th or 5th, please notify the office by **Friday, October 27th.**



October And The Rosary

The Month Of The Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and this is a reminder of the promises for those who pray this contemplative prayer with Our Lady. It is a sign of predestination.

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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

Respond with Love

Do you remember a time when you spent much time or money on a surprise or gift for someone else and they failed to appreciate it? We do open ourselves up to disappointment if our expectations do not match the response. Perhaps we reached down deep to share a part of ourselves only to encounter apathy and insensitivity. That can hurt even if the person ignoring our gesture meant no ill will toward us.

What must God feel like when we fail to respond to what He has done for us. We probably do not purposefully slight God, but perhaps we are so busy and mindless that it becomes impossible to be responsive and mindful. We can miss the gift of God which is right before our eyes.


It is very difficult to be a good steward if we do not intentionally choose to be mindful. We miss the important stuff in life, and we neglect those placed in our path as gifts to enrich our lives. If we are to live as Jesus asks, we must work on focusing our eyes of faith on the things that matter and the gifts we have been given. If we are made in the image of God, I suppose we can guess how God might feel when His gifts are not acknowledged, or His love not returned. If I reflect on the One who loves me more than anyone, how can I choose to not offer my love in return?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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CCD meets every Sunday after Mass.

OFFERTORY
October 8th - \$
Thank you for your generosity

 **FOSTER CARE**

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

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

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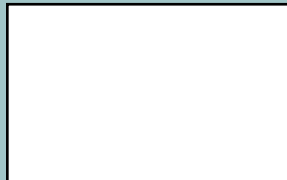
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