

St. Joseph's Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

November 5, 2023

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



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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.

ST. JOSEPH'S SHRINE OF

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

Celebrating 140 years!

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SERVE

P.O. Box 808 28 Cameron Street Columbia, VA 23038 p: 434.589.5201

MASS SCHEDULE

Wеекеnds Saturday 5pm: SPP Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's 11am: SPP

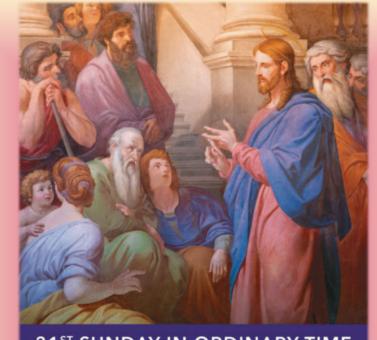
Wеекдауs Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

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



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

SANCTIFY

EVANGELIZE

WELCOME



ADMINISTRATION Pastoral Council Chair Doug Mullinex | 434.981.6950 Finance Council Chair Steve Momper | 434.977.5453 Buildings and Grounds Charles Nicholson | 434.365.9712 Cemetery Mandy Tolano | 540.595.7173 Parish Life

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FAITH FORMATION

Sr. Madrine Mukaluziga|434.589.5201 or religioused@saintspeterpaul.org 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 November 5, 2023 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday: | Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2: | | | | | |
| | 7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12 | | | | | |
| Monday: | Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/ | | | | | |
| | Lk 14:12-14 | | | | | |
| Tuesday: | Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24 | | | | | |
| Wednesday: | Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33 | | | | | |
| Thursday: | Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c- | | | | | |
| | 11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22 | | | | | |
| Friday: | Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8 | | | | | |
| Saturday: | Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/ | | | | | |
| | Lk 16:9-15 | | | | | |
| Next Sunday: | Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/ | | | | | |
| | 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13 | | | | | |
| Observances | 5 FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023 | | | | | |
| Sunday: | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving | | | | | |
| | Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week | | | | | |
| Monday: | | | | | | |
| Tuesday: | Election Day | | | | | |
| Wednesday: | | | | | | |
| Thursday: | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | | | | | |
| Friday: | St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church | | | | | |
| Saturday: | St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day | | | | | |
| Next Sunday: | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | | | |

NOVEMBER 2023

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL **BREAD & WINE** ALTAR FLOWERS SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF IN MEMORY OF IN MEMORY OF Irene & John Sara Alletto Jean Maher Ringlehan DONOR DONOR DONOR **Bob & Angela Maher** Bob & Angela Maher Royal & Jan Duffy

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

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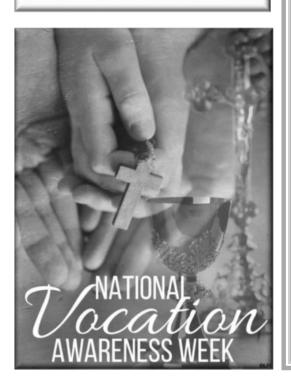
31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 5th, 2023

This is National Vocations Awareness Week. Let us unite in prayer for those who are discerning a call to imitate the humility of Christ as religious brothers, sisters, priests of deacons. Do you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life?

> Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661

Or email vocations@richmonddiocese.org



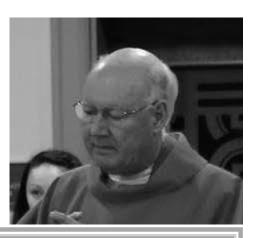


ENCOUNTER

Parsh Hission November 16th - 18th

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, what better way than to participate in our Parish Mission!

We welcome Rev. Michael Duffy, J.C.L. (Ret.), former Pastor of St. Jude's in Mineral, and Immaculate Conception in Bumpass, as our Guest Speaker.



SCHEDULE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH 9:00am - Mass 10:00am - Talk 7:00pm - talk (repeat of morning talk) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH 9:00am - Mass 10:00am - Talk 7:00pm (repeat of morning talk) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH 10:00am - Mass 10:45am - Brunch 11:00am - Talk Please Join Us!

PARISH YOUTI

Charlottesville Catholic School has an immediate opening for a full-time Teacher's Assistant in Kindergarten. The successful candidate must enjoy working with children and be devoted to building a nurturing and safe learning environment. Please send resumé, Diocesan application, three letters of reference and a copy of your teaching license to: **Charlottesville Catholic School** Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or via email to v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org



Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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Mission for the Week

Look up the words "humble" and "proud" in the dictionary. When you remember that everything you have is a gift from God, it is easier to be humble.



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

Sharing the Gospel

Some people think that they know everything that there is to be known about God. They think they are better and smarter than other people, too. Watch out if you think you are acting that way! Tell God you're sorry. Ask God to help you change your attitude, and serve others.

Prayer

God, help me to follow you with a humble heart.

JOIN SCOUTING!

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 11 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign him or her up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys): **Chuck Palmer**

charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com 571.212.4445





INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 4- NOVEMBER 12, 2023

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

| Saturday | 11/4 | 5pm | John Bisgrove, Jr. | D | Marsha Bisgrove |
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| Sunday | 11/5 | 9am* | Misa Pro Populo | | |
| Sunday | 11/5 | 11am | John Ringlehan | D | Janis & Royal Duffy |
| Wednesday | 11/8 | 9am | Larry Eickenhorst | D | Chris Brown |
| Thursday | 11/9 | 9am | Joseph Duffy | D | Marisa & Al Vacca |
| Friday | 11/10 | 9am | John Ronan | D | Linda & Gerard Zink |
| Saturday | 11/11 | 5pm | John and Rosemary Kaiser | D | Rose Meyer |
| Sunday | 11/12 | 9am* | George Barrows | D | Debbie Blackburn |
| Sunday | 11/12 | 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, Katie Marron, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, 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, 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, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Margaret Reilly, 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.

Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated Wedding Anniversaries in the month of October:

| David & Michele Cauffield | 12 Years |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Joe & Ann Lodato | 44 Years |
| Royal & Janis Duffy | 51 Years |

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY NEED HELP WITH THEIR HEATING BILLS THIS WINTER?

Applications for assistance with heating bills, furnace re-starts, installation and repair of equipment, late fees, etc. are being accepted by Enterprise Customer Service Center. Call 822.635.4370 or go online to <u>commonhelp.virginia.gov/access/</u>

Eligibility criteria includes a monthly MAX Household Gross Income.

For example: a 2-person household = \$2,465/mo.; a 6-person household = \$5,035/mo.

Apply before Nov. 10th.

Also available: a "Winterization Assistance Program" - <u>www.dhcd.virginia.gov/wx</u>

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

| Pew Count Sat 110 Sun 164 First Offering First Offering: Faith Direct Total | Oct 28/29 \$ 2,706 \$ 1,740 \$ 4,446 | THIS WEEKEND (11/4 & 5). Thank you and God bless you for your | | | | |
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| October MTD Debt Reduc | | | | | | |
| ith the arrival of autumn, y join Faith Direct, our paris program. Our to-do lists caduring this season, but Fait program will give you one less thing t week - no more envelopes to find before the getting started with eGiving is easy. It sign up: Visit faith.direct/VA249 Call Faith Direct Customer 866.507.8757 | You are invited to h's electronic giving in get lengthy th Direct's eGiving oremember each ore you go to Mass. Here are the ways to Service at CERVICE at CERVICE at CERVICE SERVICE CERVICE S | & 5th, after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Auge and Bake Sale Many Vendors Raffles SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11 BAM - 2PM Great Gifts Crafts Great Gifts Crafts Many Vendors Raffles SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11 BAM - 2PM Contact Gifts Crafts Contact Contact Contac | | | | |

UPCOMING EVENTS

| O Contration | | | | | 1st Saturday Mass & Rosary | 10:00a | Church |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ADULT | | | Sat | 4-Nov | Confessions | 4:00p | Church |
| FORMATION | | | | | Vigil Mass | 5:00p | Church |
| CHRISTIAN | | | | | Bake Sale after Mass | 6:00p | С |
| EDUCATION | | | Day Light Saving Time Ends | nt Savings | Confessions | 8:30a | St. Joseph's |
| LDUCATION | | | | | Mass | 9:00a | St. Joseph's |
| includes RCIA, | | | | BACK! | CCD/RCIA | 9:30a | Parish Hall |
| offering | | | Sun | 5-Nov | Mass | 11:00a | Church |
| instruction to | | | | | Bake Sale after Mass | 12:00p | С |
| unbaptized and | | | | | Craft Fair Set-up | 1:00p | E/F |
| non-Catholic | | 6 | Mon | 6-Nov | K of C Meeting | 7:00p | , C |
| persons with | ш | | | | Election | - | |
| interest in | | <u> </u> | Tues | 7-Nov | Yoga | 11:00a | С |
| being members of the Catholic faith. | Δ | Taj | | | Parish Council | 7:00p | 123 |
| | ₩ | <i></i> | | 8-Nov | Mass | 9:00a | Church |
| Classes meet | SCHEDULE | 22 | Wed | | Troop 138/1138 | 7:00p | |
| every Sunday @ | | | | | Mass | 9:00a | Church |
| 9:30am. | ROOM | din | Thurs | | Cursillo | 6:00p | 123 |
| 0.50 | | | | | Mass | 9:00a | Church |
| 69 | ~ | Set- | Fri | | Adoration | 9:30a | Church |
| 0 | | | | | Benediction | 3:00p | Church |
| BIBLE STUDY |) BIBLE STUDY | Thank you Vets | | CRAFT FAIR | 8:00a | E/F | |
| 6.9 T | 1 Di | E. | Sat | 11-Nov | Craft Fair Take-down | 2:00p | E/F |
| Mondays | | # | Sat | | Confessions | 4:00p | Church |
| 1:00pm to | | | | | Vigil Mass | 5:00p | Church |
| · | | | | | Confessions | 8:30a | St. Joseph's |
| 2:00pm in | | | Sun | 12-Nov | Mass | 9:00a | St. Joseph's |
| St. Elizabeth | | | Sull | | CCD/RCIA | 9:30a | Parish Hall |
| room in the | | | | | Mass | 11:00a | Church |
| | | | | | F - St. Francis (Hall) | R - St. R | aphael (Church) |
| Parish Hall. | Parish Hall. 📔 🛛 🛛 🛛 🛛 🛛 🛛 | | Room | Ledger: | E - St. Elizabeth (Hall) | M - St. I | Aichael (Church) |
| | | | | C - Common | s (Church) |) | |

A Catholic Store is open <u>Sundays</u> at Sts. Peter & Paul! Stop in before or after Mass.





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.

SIGN UP TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

Contact: Denise Minor dminor92@gmail.com



CASA

The Piedmont CASA Volunteer program provides court-appointed special advocates for children in the foster care systems of the City of Charlottesville, and the counties of Albemarle, Greene, Fluvanna and Louisa. We recruit, screen, and train hundreds of men and women in our community to assume this important and rewarding role.

> Contact: CASA at 434.971.7515

November 7th, 2023 ELECTIMDAY IS COMING UP!



PARISH NURSE NEWS:

Senior Coffee Social Wednesday, November 29th, 2023 10:00AM in the Commons

We will continue the discussion of the book <u>The Fourth</u> <u>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.

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

Question:

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Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul? **Answer:**

All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.

Happy Face Christmas!

Sponsored by Fluvanna Christian Service Society and Region 10

Can you help your neighbors in need in Fluvanna County? New toys (please, no toy guns) valued

at \$15 - \$30 are needed to help make the season brighter for those less fortunate.

Ideal toys - books, stuffed animals, LEGOs, Tonka trucks, Pokémon, Fortnight, Minecraft, Batman,

makeup for teens. Or we have a group of volunteers who are ready to do the shopping, so you can make a monetary donation. No amount is too small. <u>Make checks payable to Fluvanna Christian Service Society (FCSS)</u> and in the memo write: Happy Face. Mail check to: P.O. Box 411, Palmyra, VA 22963. Donations can be placed in the "Happy Face" box, in the front entrance of the church, throughout the month of November.

Non-Perishable food items are also needed, to provide a holiday food bag to each family.

Questions? Contact Maureen Coleman 434.589.1535or Mitzi Crane 434.589.2552. Thanks in advance for any help!

"100 Club" Membership 2024 Sponsored by: Sts. Peter and Paul, Knights of Columbus Council 11475

"100 Club" membership is open to all adults; you do <u>not</u> have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. (This is not for membership in the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Organization)

Annual membership dues fee (\$52/year) includes:

Weekly \$25 cash prize winnerAnnual Grand Prize Drawing totaling \$1400Remaining "100 Club" membership profit is used for charitable assistance to those in temporary financial
need

MEMBERSHIP rules: available numbers limited to #'s 01-100

- Annual membership fee per number: \$52.00/yr. (January 1 - December 31)

- Weekly winner receives:

\$25.00 (see drawing method below)

-Annual Grand Prize Drawing (in November): \$400; \$200; \$100 (3); \$50 (8); \$25 (4)

WEEKLY WINNER (\$25) is based on the <u>LAST 2 NUMBERS of the WEDNESDAY evening Virginia VA Pick 3</u> <u>Lottery.</u>

Example: If the VA Pick 3 Wed. evening winning number is 685: the "100 Club" winner is #85.

Thank you for considering a 2024 membership in the "100 Club", which benefits both our "100 Club" members, and more importantly, those needing temporary financial assistance.

+++ Membership is also a great gift idea for Christmas, birthdays or other occasions +++

If interested, please respond by 12/15/23. We have *limited* numbers available for 2024 membership.

CONTACT: Jim Cullinan, K of C "100 Club" Manager. 434.589.4551 or, 434.996.9592

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



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PRISON MINISTRY Will Kulick | 540.308.5152

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **ROUNDTABLE CHAIRMAN**

Denny Barberio | 434.981.0678 LADIES AUXILIARY

Debbie Blackburn | 804.815.3732

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Over the years we have had many great social events in our parish community. We have had socials for New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Valentine's Day, and so many more. It seems we will use any excuse to have a party and enjoy each other's company. And for more than the last decade, my pastor has been present at most of these events. What always tickles me is to see him in his clerics going around with a tray of entrees or desserts as he seeks to serve his parishioners. We have joked that his clothing does resemble that of a waiter in a fine restaurant. The only difference is no tips! Sorry, Monsignor.

To see a shepherd serve his sheep causes me to reflect on how we are all called to serve one another. We are called to a life of humility and service, giving of ourselves for the greater glory of God. When we seek to serve our brothers and sisters, the Jesus in us meets the Jesus in them.

In our everyday lives we can find ways of serving others if we are mindful of the opportunities all around us. We must never fall into the trap of seeing others in terms of "us and them." In Christ, there is only US. In Christ, there is no Greek or Jew, servant or free. We are one. On this day, who will God place on your path for you to serve? Don't be fooled into thinking that all calls are for something grand. Sometimes, even a little dessert might be all it takes to show others they are loved.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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, on the first Wednesday of each month from 9am to 11:30am. Call Pamela Zirkle or Jeannette Flint at 434-529-6431 to schedule. www.dvs.Virginia.gov

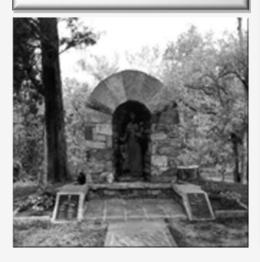


PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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: <u>kenneymg@gmail.com</u>

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.



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A HEAVY BURDEN, HARD TO CARRY

"Mommy, you haven't been making any sacrifices."

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the "sacrifice jar" we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

"If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode," I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn't appreciate my (imagine me sniffing injuredly here) hard work.

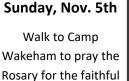
We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out meaning to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it's hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

So, we murmur about it here and there. We stop to catch our breath. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.

"The greatest among you must be your servant." — Matthew 23:11

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