

November 12, 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



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Lord, Lord, open the door for us! But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

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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 NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 2023

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE IN MEMORY OF

Irene & John
Ringlehan

DONOR

Royal & Jan Duffy

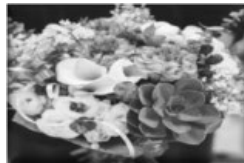


ALTAR FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF

Sara Alletto

DONOR

Bob & Angela Maher



SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF

Jean Maher

DONOR

Bob & Angela Maher



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



**32ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

November 12th, 2023

“My soul is thirsting for you , O Lord my God.” We were created with a thirst for God. Could He be calling you to quench it by living in Him as a priest, sister or brother?

Call

**Father Brian Capuano at
804-359-5661**

Or email

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



ENCOUNTER

HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving was first celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. We are told that this feast lasted three days and was attended by 90 Native American Wampanoag people and 53 survivors of the Mayflower (Pilgrims).

Their gratitude in doing so was to God, and that was the gist of this celebration.

Soon this year we shall be celebrating Thanksgiving with our family members and those most dear to us. Looking and listening to what is going on in the world today, and realizing that we are still here calls us to give thanks to God. Yes, there are often uncertainties which may lead many to even question their very existence.

After surviving the Mayflower, the 53 Pilgrims came to a realization that God had to be thanked. On a daily basis for our part, we ought to remember to thank God. The month of November, and indeed the fourth Thursday of November every year, we gather with our families and all those we love, to recognize God, and to thank him for his goodness to us. Sometimes, as we look around our dinner table that day, sadly indeed, we realize that there are those we have lost during the course of the year, yet, we still know that God is part of our story.

I invite you, therefore, dear brothers and sisters, to consider anything you might deem appropriate to give thanks to God during this month of November. If you allow me to propose, knowing that Saints Peter and Paul is experiencing financial challenges this time around, would you be willing to give thanks to God as you make an extra donation to help us go through these bottlenecks?

Oftentimes, I encounter parishioners who ask me what they can do for me. Many times I ask them to pray for me, which I truly mean. Right now, besides the prayers, I am humbly asking that you help me with some extra money to help me fulfil Jesus' Mission in this parish. Anything above your usual contribution will go very far as an act of Thanksgiving to God this year, and I greatly thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I wish you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

Your brother,

Fr. David

**Thanksgiving
Mass:
Wednesday,
November 22nd
at 5:00PM.**

PARISH YOUTH



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

Sharing the Gospel

Make sure your heart is ready for Jesus. One day Jesus will come back. If your heart is empty and dark - without love - you will be left out. But if your heart is filled with God's love for other people, Jesus will bring you into heaven with him forever.

Mission for the Week

As a family, go through your closets and drawers. Take out all the clothes you don't wear anymore. Then Donate them to charity.

Prayer

*God, fill my heart with your love.
I want to be ready for Jesus.*

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

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



THE ANGEL TREE IS COMING!

That special time of year is upon us again: to think

about how we can live our faith by helping others in need.

The Angel Tree will be located in the entrance to the church. Please consider "adopting" an angel and make a person's Christmas a little more joyful. Without us, they have nothing! Return gifts wrapped, with tag attached by Sunday, December 10th.

In conjunction with the Angel Tree, the Girl Child Mission is an initiative near and dear to Father David, which provides items for newborn babies and new mothers in Uganda, with your help; funds raised help with education and mentorship so the young mothers can get jobs. This endeavor is a gift of love to mothers who have little or nothing, and it is a beautiful and effective way to share the Gospel. These items should be returned unwrapped. (For questions or other information, contact Claire Kraemer or the office).

Checks should be made payable to:

"Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda"

Thank you very much for your consideration & support!

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

Thank you for your consideration. God bless!

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 11- NOVEMBER 19, 2023

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

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		
Wednesday	11/15	9am	Theresa Menture	D	Linda & Gerard Zink
Thursday	11/16	9am	Larry Eickenhorst	D	Chris Brown
Friday	11/17	9am	Frank & Blanche Kosierowski	D	James & Elizabeth Kosierowski
Saturday	11/18	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	11/19	9am*	Seán Con Johnny	D	John & Christine Stewart
Sunday	11/19	11am	Irene Ringlehan	D	Janis & Royal Duffy

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, Mike Waters and June Wimer.

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

November

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in November and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on December 2nd or 3rd, please notify the office by

Friday, November 24th.



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.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count	Nov 4/5
Sat. - 105 Sun. - 194	
First Offering	\$ 5,704
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,740
Total	\$ 7,444
November MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 1,868
THANK YOU! November Bake Sale \$ 514	

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

DECEMBER 2ND & 3RD


Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is December 2nd & 3rd after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thank you!

Psalm 118:29 - "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever."


There's no better time than Thanksgiving to celebrate life's many blessings. As we gather around tables with friends, family, and bountiful meals, we are reminded that God enriches us to be generous and that our generosity leads to gratitude towards God.

Your generous online donations will help sustain our Thanksgiving ministries that reflect God's love. With Faith Direct, you can make regular automatic contributions to Sts. Peter & Paul using your credit/debit card or bank account. Register at faith.direct/VA249 or call 866.507.8757. Peace and blessings to your family!



MEALS ON WHEELS

EMERGENCY BAG FOOD COLLECTION



We deliver 4 days of shelf stable meals to clients so they have food in case we are closed for inclement weather.

Non-perishable entirely prepared food in single-serve size. If possible, low sodium, low sugar with expiration dates **after July 2024**.

Protein-Choose 4

- Soups or stews
- Baked beans - Beanie Weenies
- Meat - Tuna, chicken, salmon in cans or pouches
- Peanut butter - 16oz. or smaller
- Jars or cans of nuts

Fruit - choose 4 or 1-2 packs of single serve

- Fruit in fruit juice in cans or fruit cups
- Dried fruits (banana, cherries, apricots, raisins, etc)

Vegetables - choose 4 or 1-2 packs of single serve

- Green beans, peas, carrots, corn or mixed

Crackers/Bars - choose 1 or 2

- Box of Saltine or Ritz crackers
- Box of Graham crackers, granola bars, or cereal bars

Fruit Juice & Milk - 1 package of single serving size

- 100% fruit juice boxes
- Shelf stable milk cartons - (not canned milk)

NO CANDY OR COOKIES PLEASE

Drop off M_F, 8a-1p Fluvanna Meals on Wheels
105 Crofton Plaza, Suite 8 434.589.1685

*Please leave a note with your name and the number of bags dropped off. **DROP OFF BY DECEMBER 15TH.**

We are neighbors helping neighbors one meal at a time!

Parish Mission

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 AM talk)

Friday, November 17th

9:00am 10:00am

7:00pm (repeat of AM talk)

Saturday, November 18th

10:00am - Mass 10:45am - Brunch

11:00am - Talk

Please, Join Us!

UPCOMING EVENTS



ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

includes RCIA, offering instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with interest in being members of the Catholic faith.

Classes meet every Sunday @ 9:30am.



BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

1:00pm to 2:00pm in St. Elizabeth room in the Parish Hall.

ROOM SCHEDULE

Thank you Vets!		CRAFT FAIR	8:00a	E/F
Sat	11-Nov	Craft Fair Take-down	2:00p	E/F
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	12-Nov	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	13-Nov	Bible Study	1:00p	E
Tues	14-Nov	Yoga	11:00a	F
		W/C Meeting	7:00p	123
Wed	15-Nov	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Finance Committee Meeting	7:00p	123
		Troop 138/1138	7:00p	F
Thurs	16-Nov	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Talk	10:00a	C
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
		Talk (repeat of 10am)	7:00p	C
Fri	17-Nov	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Talk	10:00a	C
		Talk (repeat of 10am)	7:00p	C
Sat	18-Nov	Mass	10:00a	Church
		Brunch	10:45a	C
		Talk	11:00a	C
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
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		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall) E - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	R - St. Raphael (Church) M - St. Michael (Church)	C - Commons (Church)

Parish Mission

The Catholic Shop is open at Sts. Peter & Paul! Stop in before or after Mass.



SIGN UP TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS in the Adoration Chapel M - Th, 6am - 8pm

Pope Francis reiterates the importance of spending time in Adoration, "for only through silent Adoration will the Word of God live in our words; only in His presence will we be purified, transformed, and renewed by the fire of his Spirit. Brothers and sisters, let us adore the Lord Jesus!"

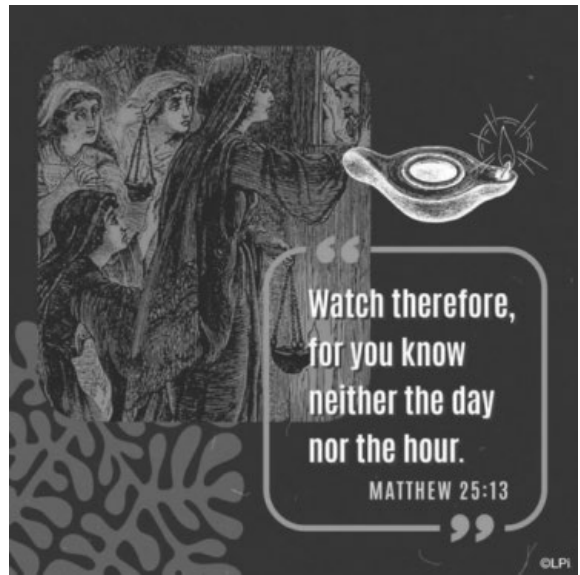
Contact: Denise Minor dminor92@gmail.com



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)

The people of this ministry are to make necessary preparations for Communion before Mass, assist the Priest in the distribution of Holy Communion (when needed), and wash the Consecration and Communion vessels after Mass. After completing training and written instructions, they are called to serve about twice a month.

Dianna Campagna
434.286.3665



PARISH NURSE NEWS:

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

We will talk about our favorite holiday traditions. Feel free to bring pictures or recipes to share with others.

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



Due by Nov. 26th

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, Fortnite, 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. Make checks payable to Fluvanna Christian Service Society (FCSS) 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
434.589.1535 or Mitzi Crane 434.589.2552.
Thanks in advance for any help!



Catholic Q & A

QUESTION:

Where does the money go that is collected each week at Church?

ANSWER:

This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations, including the basic operation of the buildings, salaries, maintenance, and improvements. In addition, there are schools to support, programs to run, charities to be funded, and operational expenses like hosts and wine for Mass, music books, vestments, and so on. In some cases, cemeteries and other buildings need attention. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese and the support services provided to each parish.

Most parishes manage to get by with the collection, a few fundraisers and endowments. But contrary to popular opinion, cash flow is also a problem, and many parishes operate in the red. The Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management, and good stewardship is the basis for successful programs.

"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 not 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 winner

Annual Grand Prize Drawing totaling \$1400

Remaining "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 LAST 2 NUMBERS of the WEDNESDAY evening Virginia VA Pick 3 Lottery.

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.

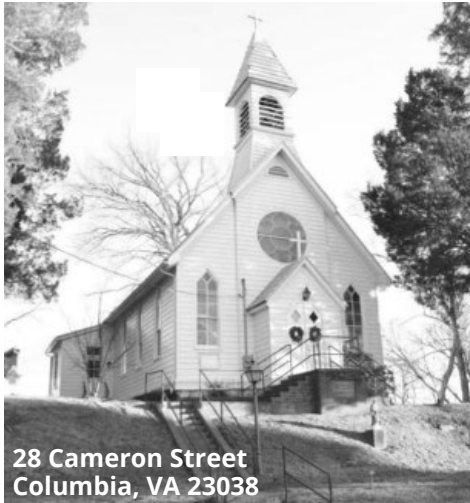
+++ Membership is also a great gift idea for Christmas, birthdays or other occasions +++

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

INTROSPECTIVE



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Debbie Blackburn | 804.815.3732

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

— Father John Muir



November
Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in November and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on December 3rd, please notify the office by **Friday, November 24th.**

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

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In Our Midst

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, “Hello.” Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello.

We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times that person we don’t see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn’t if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God.

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