

November 19, 2023

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



STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

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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

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ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

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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

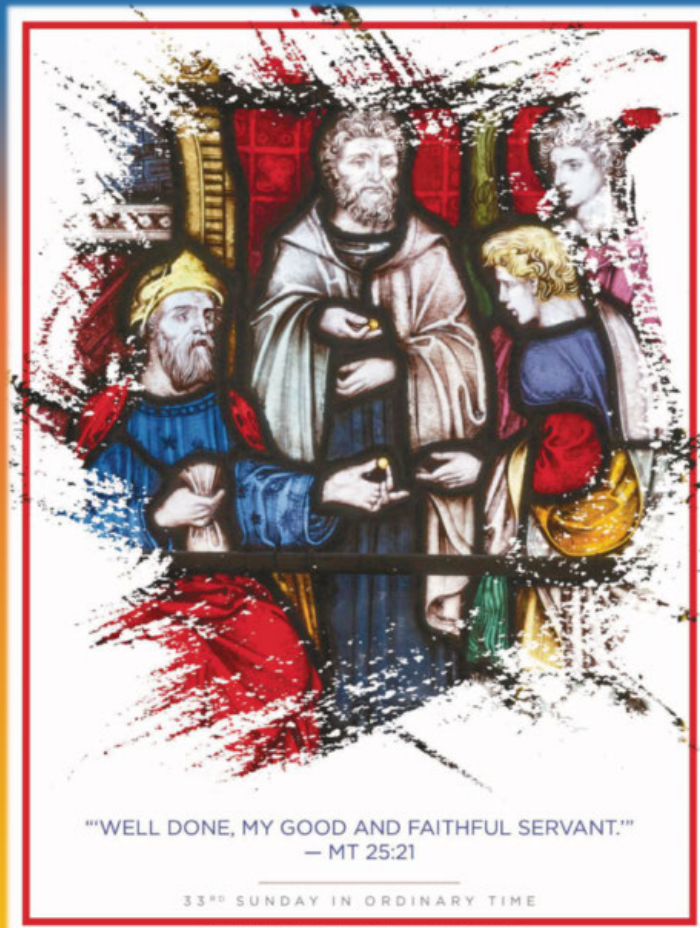
Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's
(or by appointment)

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office
to schedule Communion



“WELL DONE, MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.”
— MT 25:21

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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EVANGELIZE

SANCTIFY

SERVE

WELCOME



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Rev. Mr. Robert Allen | 434.589.0941

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Sr. Madrine Mukaluziga | 434.589.5201
or religious@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 19, 2023

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

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150,
155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44 Friday: 1
Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26,
28/Mt 25:31-46

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot;
Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving
Day

Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

NOVEMBER 2023

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE IN MEMORY OF

Irene & John
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DONOR

Royal & Jan Duffy

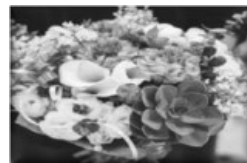


ALTAR FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF

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.



**33RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

November 19th, 2023

“WELL DONE , GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT . . .” HOW ARE YOU CALLED TO USE YOUR TALENTS? ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO LOVE THE LORD WITH AN UNDIVIDED HEART AS A PRIEST, DEACON OR THE CONSECRATED LIFE?



Call

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

Or email

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



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



ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I’d hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it. How do we see what we possess? Jesus’ parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn’t is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus’ success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our possession. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you’re holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won’t double if you hold on to it.

— Father John Muir

PARISH YOUTH



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

NO CLASS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

Sharing the Gospel

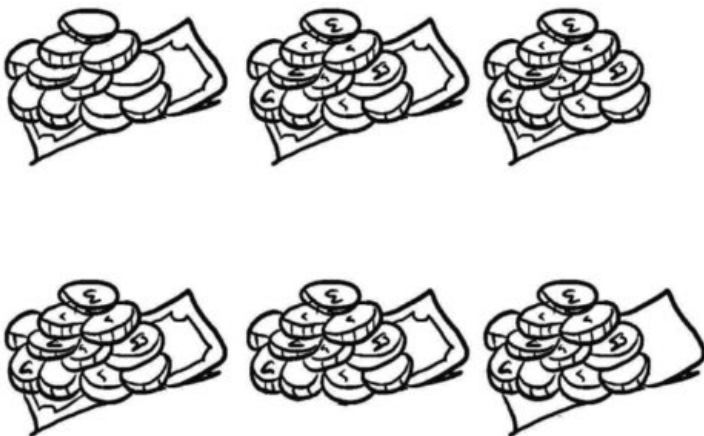
You can choose to waste your time, your money and your special talents. You can be selfish with them, too. Or, you can use those gifts from God to spread good news about Jesus. When you choose to use your gifts for God, and he will fill your heart with joy.

Mission for the Week
God has given your family money. Use some of it to buy food for a needy family.

Prayer

God, help me to use my time, my money and my special talents for you.

Find the two that are the same.



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! Please 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).

Checks should be made payable to:

"Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda."

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!

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 18- NOVEMBER 26, 2023

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

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
Wednesday	11/22	9am	Sal Barcia	D	Mary Ann Barcia
Wednesday - Thanksgiving Mass	11/22	5pm	John Capuano	I	Virginia Plisko
Thursday	11/23	9am	NO MASS		
Friday	11/24	9am	NO MASS		
Saturday	11/25	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	11/26	9am*	Pete McGonagle	D	John & Christine Stewart
Sunday	11/26	11am	Annette Ryan	D	Erick Salopek

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 Sat. - Sun. - Data not available at time	Nov 11/12 of printing
First Offering	\$
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,740
Total	\$
November MTD Debt Reduction	\$

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!



Qualified Charitable Distribution:

Consider a donation to St. Peter and Paul Church using a qualified charitable distribution if you are required to take annual distributions from a traditional IRA. A donation to us will be excluded from your federal taxable income and a qualified distribution may count toward your required minimum distribution AND support our Faith Community. Ask your Financial Planner or Tax Advisor for more information.

CHILD CARE HELP NEEDED:

A new family in our community is looking for a person who would enjoy helping them with care for their one year old daughter at their home at Lake Monticello. They are looking for a trustworthy, reliable, loyal, and responsible person, who likes working with children and could work between the hours of 8:30am and 1:30pm three days a week. Their one year old daughter is walking already, is very sociable, and is starting to communicate and explore the world around her. While the parents' schedules include working in and outside the home, the helper would be expected to play with the child at home, go for walks, play at the park, change diapers as necessary, prepare light snacks, and do some simple housework while the child is napping.

Compensation - \$20 per hour.

If interested, please contact Dr. Andrea Loving at Andrea.Freska@live.com. or 703-679-0051.

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.



ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	18-Nov	Mass	Parish Mission	10:00a	Church	
		Brunch		10:45a	C	
		Talk		11:00a	C	
		Confessions			4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass			5:00p	Church
Sun	19-Nov	Confessions		8:30a	St. Joseph's	
		Mass		9:00a	St. Joseph's	
		CCD/RCIA		9:30a	Parish Hall	
		Mass		11:00a	Church	
Mon	20-Nov	Bible Study		1:00p	E	
Tues	21-Nov	Yoga		11:00a	F	
Wed	22-Nov	Mass		9:00a	Church	
		Thanksgiving Mass		5:00p	Church	
Thurs	23-Nov	Office Closed - Thanksgiving Blessings!				
Fri	24-Nov					
Sat	25-Nov	Confessions		4:00p	Church	
		Vigil Mass		5:00p	Church	
Sun	26-Nov	Confessions		8:30a	St. Joseph's	
		Mass		9:00a	St. Joseph's	
		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)				

BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

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

A Catholic Store is open Sundays 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)

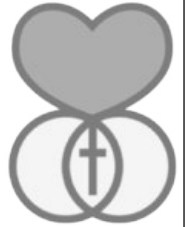
The people of this ministry are to make necessary preparations for Communion before Mass, assist the Priest in the distribution of Holy Communion (when needed), and wash the Consecration and Communion vessels after Mass. After completing training and written instructions, they are called to serve about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

Dianna Campagna
434.286.3665

Marriage Retreat! By offering Married Couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation - Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703.378.4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions.

Here are a few upcoming experiences:

- ◆ January 26-28, 2024, Myrtle Beach, SC
- ◆ March 1-3, 2024, College Park, MD
- ◆ April 12-14, 2024, Herndon, VA



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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

QUESTION:

If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

ANSWER:

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).

"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

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

WHAT REMAINS

When my grandfather died, my parents, siblings, and I were left with the question: what's to become of the house?

Anyone who has inherited property knows that it's not simply a matter of assuming ownership of a plot of land upon which sits four walls and a roof. Those four walls and a roof usually contain memories and objects — an enormous volume of both, in the case of my grandfather. When they're left to you, you have to sift through them, the memories and the objects, and with each one you have to think: Is it worth it? Do I keep it? Will I need it?

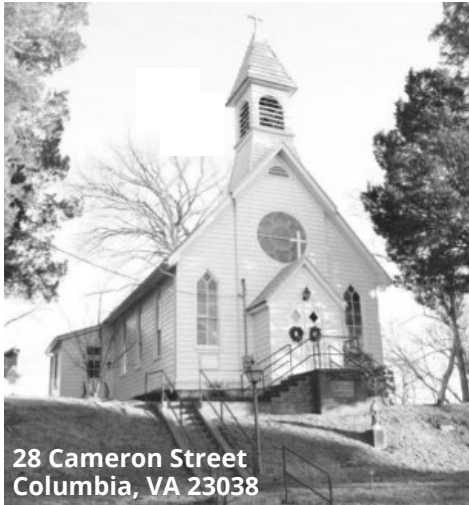
And slowly, painfully, you disassemble the physical existence of the person who lived here. You accept, with a pang, that most of it must be given away or discarded. You cry when you bag up the clothes to take to Goodwill. You can't even bear to look when they break the piano into a hundred pieces and throw it in a dumpster, realizing that no one wants or has a use for something that was once so precious.

But when you come upon a rosary that was used so many times it has begun to fall apart, you don't even think twice before keeping it, and not because you need the rosary. You need what it means. You need what it reminds you of.

When all is said and done, each of us will be called before our master to settle accounts, just as my grandfather was.

"Where are the gifts I gave you? What remains of the fortune to which I entrusted you?" he will ask us. "What have you done with the peace? What have you done with the love? What have you done with the mercy?"

"You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night." 1 Thessalonians 5:2



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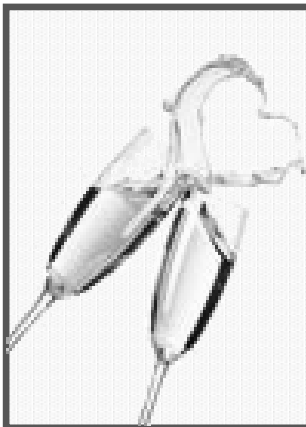
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November

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



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- 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

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried twenty-five years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone--the current students as well as those now grown--laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those twenty-five years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to him and those around us for his glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

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