

February 25, 2024

"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"



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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



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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SANCTIFY

SERVE

WELCOME



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Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to

karen.davidson@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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

FEBRUARY 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE



SANCTUARY CANDLE



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

ALERT: As weather conditions turn adverse, tune in to the local ABC, CBS, NBC stations for CLOSING announcements.



ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 25, 2024
2nd Sunday of Lent

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, “Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent.” I did. In my heart, the answer came: “Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days.” I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can’t do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God’s command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: “What do you want me to give up?” He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn’t make it easy.

— Father John Muir

LENT PENANCE SERVICE INFORMATION LOCATED ON PAGE 9.



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25th, 2024

This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!” Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him and talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations at
804.359.5661

Or via email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



**SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT**

PARISH YOUTH



Religious Education
Classes meet every Sunday at
9:30a and conclude after the
11:00a Mass.

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS AND TEACHER'S AIDES NEEDED:
Volunteers are needed as teachers, assistants and substitutes for 2024-2025 school year. We also need assistants and subs for the remainder of this year. If you are interested in helping guide the children in faith we would love to have you come help. Please send Christina Nealy an email at

Religious@saintpeterandpaul.org

I look forward to working with you!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Start with a pile of blocks. Add your imagination and you can build a castle or a city. You can change that pile of blocks to look completely different and wonderful. In today's Gospel, Jesus was completely changed. He started out looking like an ordinary man. Then, right in front of Peter, James and John, something happened. Jesus glowed brightly like the sun. Even his clothes became bright white. Talk about changing into something different and wonderful! God let Peter, James and John see Jesus as he looks now in heaven.

PRAYER

God, I can hardly wait to see Jesus glowing in heaven. Amen.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year!

Applications for JK (students must turn 4 by September 30, 2024) through 8th grade can be submitted through our website:

www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour, please reach out to admissions@cvillecatholic.org.

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

YOUTH FROM STS PETER AND PAUL AND ST JOSEPH

Each group meets from 6-7:30pm on their respective day each month for fellowship, activities and service. Volunteer support is needed for both groups.

Grades K - 5:

March 15th

Middle/High School:

March 14th

Please contact Chris Nealy with questions at religiously@saintspeterpaul.org.



Find the matching shadow:



INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 3, 2024

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Saturday	2/24	5pm	Barbara Sipress	D	Royal & Janis Duffy
Sunday	2/25	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	2/26	11am	Kenneth Maher	D	Nancy & Michael King
Tuesday	2/27	12noon	June Wimer	D	Mary Ann Barcia
Wednesday	2/28	9am	Charles Myers	D	Catherine Heffley
Thursday	2/29	9am	Judy Snyder	I	Claire & Fina
Friday	3/1	9am	June Wimer	D	Prison Ministry
1st Saturday	3/2	10am			
Saturday	3/2	5pm	Fr. David	I	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	3/3	9am*	Trudy Fornecker	D	Fred & Elizabeth Gunnels
Sunday	3/3	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 Kuhlrow, 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.



REMEMBER in your prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Maria Boice, Patricia Brammer, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Caroline Faulkner, Bob Fint, Patricia Golgosky, 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 Kuhlrow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, 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, Rob Toepfert, Jr., Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters

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

February Wedding Anniversaries



If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in February and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on March 2nd or 3rd, please notify the office at 434.589.5201 by Friday, February 23rd, 2024.

Harm happened in isolation. Healing can happen together.

As a community, we strive to support survivors of child sexual abuse on their journey toward healing and wholeness.

For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join virtually, March 6th at 7:00pm. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share, support, and heal.

These meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month.

If you would like more information, or the virtual meeting link, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 877.887.9603 or email dana@atreeplanted.org.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 98 Sun. - 183	FEB 10/11
First Offering	\$ 3,087
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,203
Total	\$ 5,290
February MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 3,225

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

MARCH 2ND & 3RD

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

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

This is the time of year when keeping our new year's resolutions may become challenging. If we even made any. Well, here's an easy new year's resolution to feel good about: streamline your offertory giving and simplify your support! Now is a great time to stop using checks/envelopes and switch to eGiving - it's simple to sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts help give our parish a steady, consistent offertory that strengthens the programs, services and ministries we lead for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249 or call 866.507.8757. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless you!



Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway,
Palmyra VA

Eat in or Take out



February

16 & 23

March

1, 8, 15 & 22

[DESSERT DONATIONS ACCEPTED]

Cash, checks, and Credit Cards accepted

\$13 per person:

DRIVE-THRU
4:30 - 6:30P

\$15 per person:

DINE-IN
(includes drink and choice of dessert)
5:30 - 7:00p



Lenten Lunches

Fridays during Lent
after the Stations at noon

Feb. 16	🐟
Feb. 23	🐟
Mar. 1	🐟
Mar. 8	🐟
Mar. 15	🐟
Mar. 22	🐟



Time: 12:30pm

Location: Commons

Please sign up to bring soup or sandwiches to share.

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	24-Feb	Wimer Funeral/Reception	10:00a	Church/C
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	25-Feb	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Longwood College Choir	10:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA Faith Formation	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	26-Feb	Ayuso Funeral/Reception	11:00a	Church
		Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
		K of C Assembly Meeting	5:00p	E/F
Tues	27-Feb	Yoga	11:00a	119
		Mass/Confession	12:00p	Chutch
Wed	28-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Sr. Coffee Social	10:00a	C
		Scouts	6:30p	F
		Worship Committee	7:00p	123
Thurs	29-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	1-Mar	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Stations/Lenten Lunch	Noon	Church/C
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
		Fish Fry Drive Thru/ Dine In	4:30/ 5:30p	Parking Lot/F
		Soup Dinner/Stations	5:30p	St. Joseph's
Sat	2-Mar	Kof C State Qtly Mtg	7:30a	Hall
		1st Saturday Mass/Rosary	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale	6:00p	C
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		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA Faith Formation	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		Bake Sale	12:00a	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

1:00 - 2:00pm
St. Elizabeth room
Parish Hall

STS. PETER & PAUL

Religious Store

NOW OPEN

religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org

Great Gift Ideas:

- Rosaries
- Prayer Cards
- Jewelry
- Greeting Cards
- Crucifixes
- Books
- Home Goods
- and More

Hours:

Saturday
3:00-4:30
6:00-6:45
Sunday
9:30-10:30
12:00-1:00
or
By Appointment

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





Married Couples! Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

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.

Here are a few upcoming experiences:

- April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA
- May 3 - 5, 2024 - Kickory, NC
- September 27 - 29, 2024 - Herndon, VA

PARISH NURSE NEWS

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

Wednesday, February 28th, 2024

10:00AM in the Commons

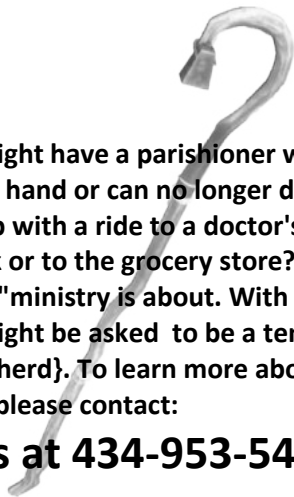
We'll continue talking about the "Fourth Quarter of Our Lives" as we explore Chapter 24: Your Content Diet (p. 131). Inventory the types of things you usually watch, listen to or read. This content has an impact on our minds and mood. Please join us for discussion and fellowship.

757.813.1992 or caheffley@aol.com.



Occasionally we might have a parishioner who needs a temporary helping hand or can no longer drive. Can you make time to help with a ride to a doctor's appointment, church, bank or to the grocery store? This is what the "Good Shepherd" ministry is about. With your name in my call file, you might be asked to be a temporary good Samaritan (Shepherd). To learn more about Good Shepherds ministry, please contact:

Patricia Travers at 434-953-5432



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.

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

Saints Peter and Paul would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to our business partners for saving us over \$200 on the servicing of our tractor. We are looking forward to the upcoming mowing season. Please keep these local businesses in mind for your residential needs.



Lenten Spare Change Cans

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LENTEN COIN CANS are available to collect loose change. Proceeds will go to help those in need this year.

Please pick up your family can today, at the front entrance of the church! **Thank you so much for your continued support!**



Penance Service

Tuesday, March 12th

7:00 pm

at Sts Peter & Paul

Additional Priests will be available for Confessions on this evening



Join us for an hour of peaceful and prayerful presence each Wednesday during Lent, February 14 - March 20. Saints Peter and Paul Knights of Columbus Council #11475 invites any and all to join us on Wednesdays. We maintain a vigil and pray in front of Planned Parenthood in Charlottesville from 10 - 11am. For carpool information or directions, call Larry Boice, 434.510.7677. There is ample parking across the street from the site, for those who choose to meet us there.

Catholic Q & A

WHY HOLD HANDS?

Question:

Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

Answer:

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.

PARISH TRIP IN 2025

SAVE THE DATE:

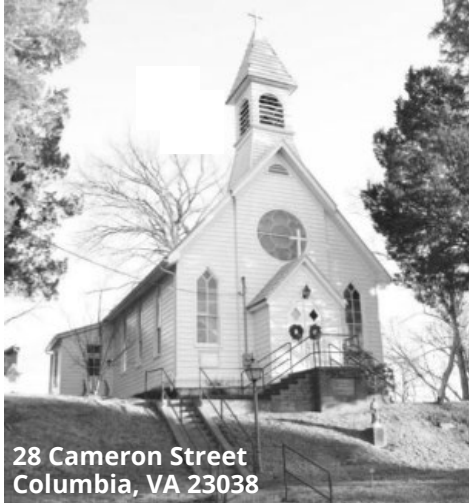
April 24 - May 4, 2025

Looking for details on this?

Information can be found on the Parish Council bulletin board in the Commons.

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

INTROSPECTIVE



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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

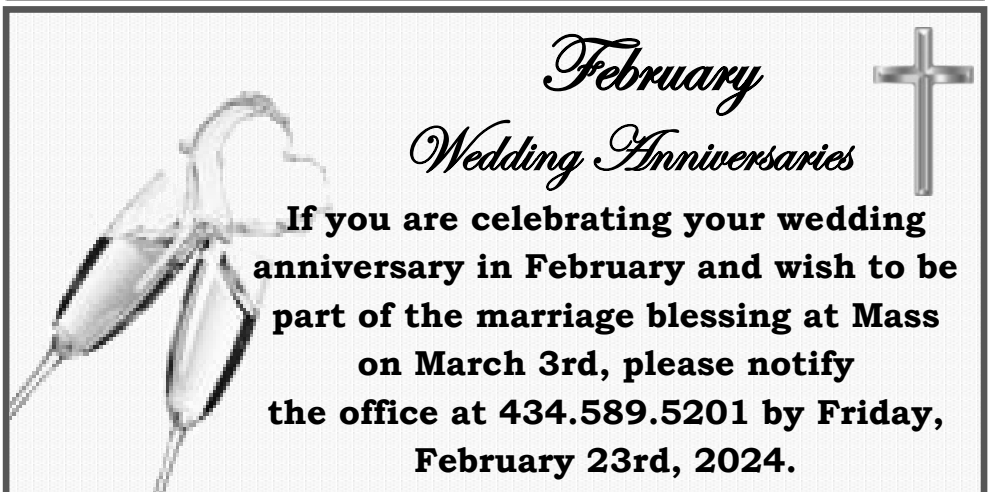
Today we are following Jesus up on a high mountain with Peter, James, and John. There they see Jesus "transfigured," his face like the sun and his clothes as white as light. Jesus is there conversing with Moses and Elijah.

What are we to make of this image of Jesus, the earthly teacher of this small band of disciples? They were merely followers of a teacher, a rabbi. When they see this and hear a voice proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son..." they begin to realize this man is more than just a rabbi. However, Jesus tells them to keep this a secret until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

Well, they have no idea what this means. Therefore, they continue to follow him as if he was just a human, a teacher. However, we live in the time after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead. Now it is we who must proclaim the good news of Jesus, the Son of God the Father.

Take this week and think about how, in your own way, can proclaim through your words and deeds the Jesus is your savior, your teacher, and rabbi.

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February

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in February and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on March 3rd, please notify the office at 434.589.5201 by Friday, February 23rd, 2024.



PRAYER REQUESTS



MaryEllen Agolia * Bradford Barrows *
 Maria Correa * Nona Dooley *
 Alice Galvez-Sobral * Mauricio Granados *
 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 have had the honor of coaching all three of my kids in soccer. When you are a coach of a team of little ones, along with the fundamentals of the game and good sportsmanship, you want to teach the value of teamwork. If they can learn about how a team functions and why working together matters, that lesson can benefit them for many years to come.

The Body of Christ is a type of team. We are all called upon to use our talents and gifts in such a way that they complement those of others. We are stronger and capable of so much more together than when we are apart.

Our stewardship isn't just about our personal call of God to cultivate our gifts and give them back with increase to Him. It is about how our stewardship way of life builds up the Body of Christ. The Body cannot function as God intended it to if parts of it are not fully giving of themselves. In community, we have the power to change the world around us because we bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need to hear it and witness it by our actions.

This Lent, consider how you fit into the Body of Christ. How can your gifts and talents make the Church stronger? You just might be the missing component of a team that really needs help to make the greatest impact for Jesus.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

During Lent: Potluck Soup Dinner at 5:30pm in the Hall followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm in the Church.
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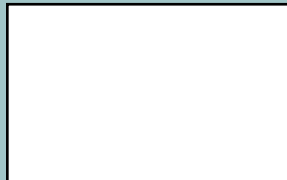
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