

March 17, 2024

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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



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself." - Jn 12:32

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SANCTIFY

SERVE

WELCOME



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BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

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 MARCH 17, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/
Jn 12:20-33
Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13,
16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2024

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins

MARCH 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE



MEMORIAL:

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CRISPO
DONOR:
ANTHONY & PATRICIA
AMATO

SANCTUARY CANDLE



MEMORIAL:

AGOSTINO &
FRANCES AMATO
DONOR:
ANTHONY &
PATRICIA AMATO

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



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

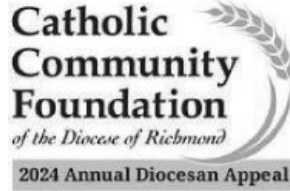
March 17, 2024

“The Father will honor whoever serves me.” Are you being called to serve Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the

**Office of Vocations at
804.359.5661**

Or via email:

vocations@richmond-diocese.org



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal:

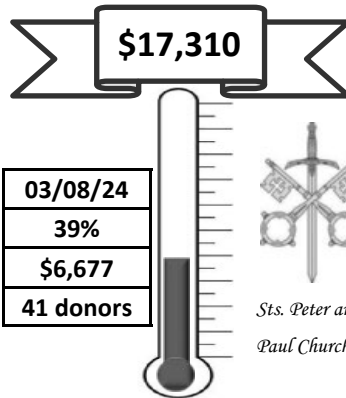
Sharing His Love with Others

A Message from Father David

During the weekends of February 17th/18th and 24th/25th, I spoke about the Annual Diocesan Appeal. In this time of Lent, I hope you have taken time to consider how you can support this year’s effort which provides essential ministries throughout our Diocese aimed at empowering the next generation of Catholics, helping those in need, and strengthening our parishes and Catholic communities.

It is my hope that every household in our parish contributes to this year’s effort. Please visit richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal to make a secure online donation or visit our parish office for a hard copy pledge card.

Every gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference. Thank you very much for your prayerful consideration of support. God bless.



*Diocese of
Richmond
Annual Appeal
Progress*



*Sts. Peter and
Paul Church*

*Thank you for
your support!*

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. “Please forgive me,” I asked, “but you seem to be smiling as you share this.” She said, “Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I’m smiling because I just can’t wait to see what good things God does with this mess.” She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus’ earthly ministry. It’s at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, “Father, glorify your name!” John then writes: Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: “Father, glorify Your name in all these things!” Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— Father John Muir

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

When you act bossy, selfish, or rude, no one wants to spend time with you. You will be lonely and unhappy. Follow the example of Jesus instead. Be strong in your faith. Do all that God asks you to do, even when it is not easy. Be honest. Be kind. Share what you have been given. Be helpful. Forgive. Show everyone what God is like. When you follow Jesus's example, you won't be lonely. When people around you see that your faith is real, they will come to you for help. They will want to know what makes you different. Then you can point them to Jesus.

PRAYER

God help me to follow Jesus. I want to show everyone how great you are. 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

Important dates to put on you calendar:

Date	Event	Time/Place
April 11th	Confirmation	7p at St. Thomas, candidates arrive by 6p
April 27th	1st Reconciliation for SPP & SJ	10a at SPP, church
May 4th	1st Holy Communion	12p at SPP, church
May 11th	1st Holy Communion	10a at SJ, church

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

grain wheat dies
 suffer glory voice
 give life serve

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MISSION

Look for ways to be helpful in your family. Help set the table. Take the trash out. Put away your toys and books without being asked. When your family notices you being so helpful, tell them you are trying to follow Jesus' example.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: MARCH 16 - 24, 2024

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Saturday	3/16	5pm	Doug Kelly	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	3/17	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	3/17	11am	Donna DiBerti	D	Jim & Maggie Cullinan
Tuesday	3/19	12noon	Gary Johnson	D	Michael & Nancy King
Wednesday	3/20	9am	Hunter McDonnell	D	Noel Orsak
Thursday	3/21	9am	Isis Suarez	D	Suarez Family
Friday	3/22	9am	Carlos Suarez	D	Suarez Family
Saturday	3/23	5pm	Eileen & Jim Davis	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	3/24	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	3/24	11am	Anthony "Tony T" Thomas	D	Bob & Angela Thomas

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

Peter & Philomena Alonso, Michael Amato, Maria Boice, Patricia Brammer, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Catherine Doherty, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Caroline Faulkner, Bob Fint, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Tony Inghilleri, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlow, 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.

March

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in March and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on April 6th or 7th, please notify the office at 434.589.5201 by Friday, March 29, 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. - 120 Sun. - 177	MAR. 2/3
First Offering	\$ 4,586
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,203
Total	\$ 6,789
March MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 1,944
March Bake Sale - Thank You!	\$ 358

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

APRIL 6TH & 7TH

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is April 6th & 7th after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thank you!

The Lenten season fills our parish with hope and promise - opportunities abound to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2024, Sts. Peter and Paul is reaching out to parishioners.

With eGiving, you can help sustain and build ministries like this year that reflect the promise of God's love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts help people all around us.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249 or calling Customer Service at 866-507-8757. Thanks for your continued support. God bless you.



Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway,
Palmyra VA

Eat in or Take out



February

~~16~~ & ~~23~~

March

~~X~~, ~~X~~, ~~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	16-Mar	Confirmation Retreat	10:00a	Parish Hall
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	17-Mar	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA Faith Formation	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	18-Mar	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
Tues	19-Mar	Yoga	11:00a	119
		Mass/Confession	12:00p	Church
Wed	20-Mar	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Scouts	6:30p	F
Thurs	21-Mar	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	22-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
		Potluck Soup Dinner/Stations	5:30p	St. Joseph's
Sat	23-Mar	KoC Biennial 4th Degree	10:00a	Parish Hall
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
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		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

1:00 - 2:00pm

St. Elizabeth Room, Parish Hall

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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



Women's Cursillo Weekend

APRIL 25-28, 2024

Do you want to take a deeper dive into your Spiritual Journey? If so, a *Women's Cursillo Weekend* will be held *Thursday, April 25th (7:00pm) through Sunday, April 28th, 2024, near Harrisonburg, VA.*

The Theme of the Weekend is "Called to Love". If you desire a Spiritual Boost, come walk this journey alongside other Catholic women of all ages and be filled with the JOY Christ offers each one of us. Applications and more information about Cursillo are available at our table in the commons after masses. Come see us.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

Wednesday, March 27th, 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.

ST. 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

Lenten Spare Change Cans



LENTEN COIN CANS

are available to collect loose change.

Proceeds will go to help those

in need this year.

Pick one up, fill it up!

Turn cans in March 16/17 and 23/24

Thank you so much for your continued support!



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

ARE YOU ASLEEP?

Today Jesus is called to the grave of a dear friend who had recently died. Martha cries out that if Jesus were closer, her brother Lazarus would not have died.

Remember from the First Sunday in Lent that death and sin are connected and that life is seen as living a faith-filled life? That is what is happening in this Gospel. Living as a disciple of Christ can give us the ability for a life everlasting in the presence of God.

What in our lives needs to be uncovered, as Lazarus is unwrapped of his burial clothes and returned to live with his loved ones?

As we move closer to Easter Sunday, let us ask God to unwrap or unbind that which needs to be healed so that we may live a life that is pleasing to God.

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.



Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda



Annual Golf Classic
Monday, September 9th, 2024
At Spring Creek Golf Club
109 Clubhouse Way
Zion Crossroad, Va. 22942

This golf tournament is our biggest fundraiser of the year and allows us to continue to provide needed health care for the poorest of the poor in Uganda.

To participate, sponsor, donate or to learn more about our tournament, use the following link or scan our QR code. www.charitygolftoday.com/catholichealth

40 DAYS
FOR LIFE



FINAL WEEK!

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.

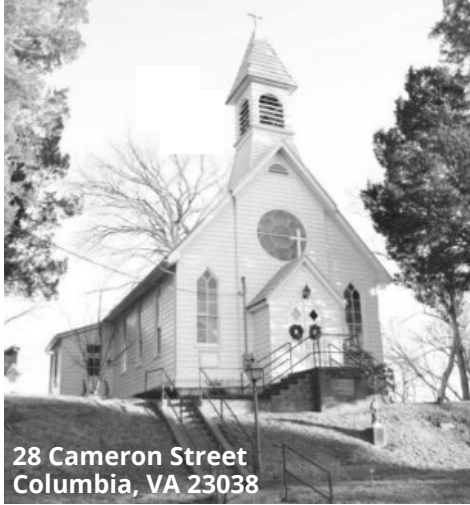
For carpool information or directions, call Larry Boice, 434.510.7677. There is ample parking across the street from the site, for those who choose to meet us there.

LOST OR FOUND?

Have you left or even found something in the Church -- eyeglasses, gloves, an earring, address book? Check the Parish Office; we do have a box of things collected, waiting to be reclaimed.

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

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LOST IN THE CROWD

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into large crowds at summer festivals, in case we get separated. If you think this makes me sound like a neurotic person with an overactive imagination who watches too many true crime documentaries, you would be correct. I am all of those things.

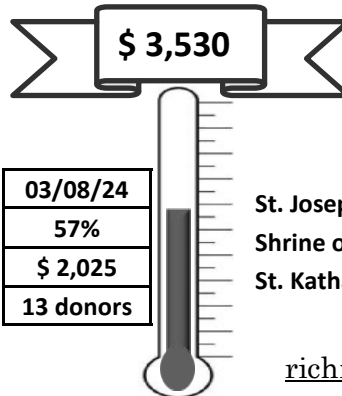
However, I am also practical, and I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child who has wandered off or lagged behind. The phone number, scrawled across their sunscreen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me get here."

When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human being ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And God, our heartbroken parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names.

Baptism, the etching of God's law onto our heart and soul, is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better — it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

— Jeremiah 31:33



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March

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in March and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on April 7th, please notify the office at 434.589.5201 by Friday, March 29, 2024



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

WHEN OUR OWN HOUR COMES

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being "troubled" and he speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

"Yet what should I say?" he asks them. "'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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If you have pictures or ministry information to be added to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at: kenneymg@gmail.com



During Lent: Potluck Soup Dinner on Fridays at 5:30pm in the Hall followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm in the Church. Contact Julie Kulick with any questions at 540.308.5154.

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.

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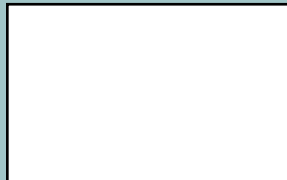
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