

March 24, 2024

*"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"*



**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.



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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:**

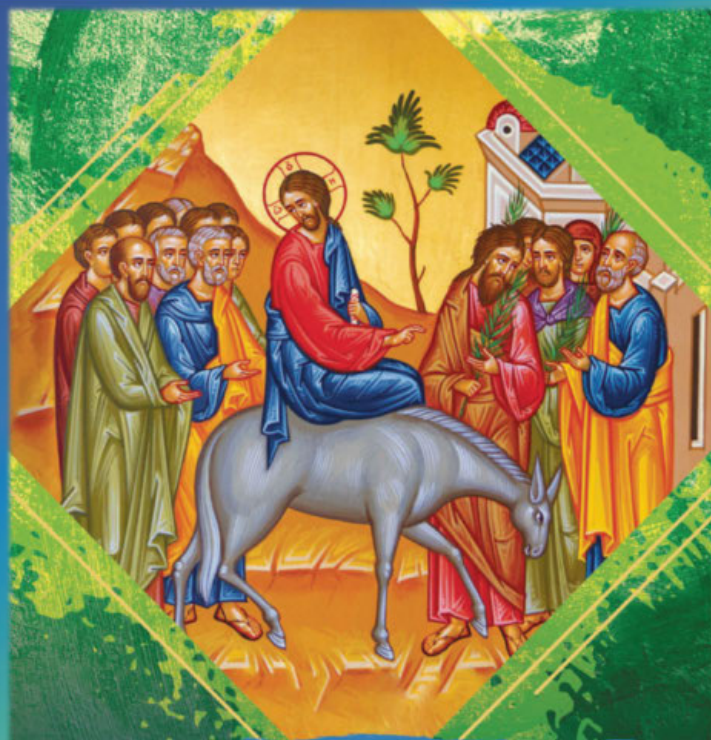
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

**HOMEBOUND:**

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" - Mk 11:9

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1988, 1970 CCD, ©LPI

**EVANGELIZE**

**SANCTIFY**

**SERVE**

# WELCOME



## ADMINISTRATION

### PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

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### BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to

[karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto: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 24, 2024

**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

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1Cor 11: 23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday:** **Easter Vigil:** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6,11-12, 13(2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2024

**Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins

**Monday:**

**Tuesday:**

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:** Holy Thursday

**Friday:** Good Friday

**Saturday:** Holy Saturday

**Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday

## MARCH 2024

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

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CRISPO  
DONOR:  
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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.



# ENCOUNTER



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 24, 2024

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations at  
804.359.5661

Or via email:

[vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

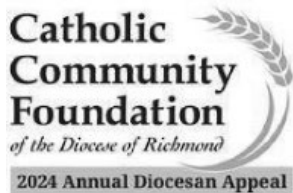
A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It’s usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus “looked around . . . and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve” (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and “marry” the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God’s people. Israel’s God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited “I do” to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir

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## 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: *Sharing His Love with Others*

A Message from Fr. David

Over the past month, many of our parishioners have contributed their support to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

I am pleased to tell you that we are 49% of the 2024 Parish Target towards our parish goal of \$17,310 with \$8,502 Raised from 48 donors. If you have not yet made a commitment, I hope you will join me in helping to not only meet but exceed this year’s goal!

If you did not already know, 20% of what we contribute is returned to the parish to cater to our local needs. If we exceed our goal, then 50% of the excess is returned to us. I have been advised by the Pastoral Council to use what comes back to us towards the replacement of our leaking church roof.

Please visit [richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal](http://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal) to make a secure online donation or visit our parish office or the table in the Commons for a hard copy pledge card. In this time of Lent, please join us in supporting the 2024 Annual Appeal.

*Thank you for your support!*

# 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](mailto:Religious@saintpeterandpaul.org)**

I look forward to working with you!

**SHARING THE GOSPEL**

After Jesus ate the Passover meal with his friends, he knew he would die soon. God sent Jesus into our world to help us, and to lay down his life for us by dying on the cross. He had to take our sins with him on the cross. Jesus died so that we could have new life.

**PRAYER**

***God, your Son died to bring new life to the world. Thank you for forgiving me. Amen.***

**JOB OPENINGS: CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

CCS is seeking the following for the 2024-2025 school year:

**Elementary teacher (JK-5)**

**Part-time elementary Spanish teacher**

Please send resume, Diocesan application, three letters of reference, and a copy of your teaching license to CCS, Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Penn Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or vial email to [v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:v.fallica@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](mailto: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**

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JESUS KING CROSS  
 ARRESTED TRUTH DIED  
 QUESTIONED NAIL TOMB

J C S L U D S I T A O  
 A R R E S T E D H S E  
 W O A F N R M O K T I  
 I S **J E S U S** I G N O  
 A S N F I T O M B A F  
 T O H W A H I R O D S  
 N A I L E O D C N I T  
 D Y R O S K H F Y E R  
 Q U E S T I O N E D A  
 E D H O E N T D H I E  
 C O R I S G F A O N Y

**MISSION**

Read about the very first Passover meal in Exodus chapter 12.

# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: MARCH 23 - 31, 2024

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

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 Maher
Tuesday	3/26	12noon	Evangelina Acosta	D	Suarez Family
Wednesday	3/27	11am	Dottie Taylor Funeral Mass		
Holy Thursday	3/28	7pm	No Intentions		
Good Friday	3/29	7pm	No Intentions		
Holy Saturday	3/30	8pm	No Intentions		
Easter Sunday	3/31	7am	Misa Pro Populo		
Easter Sunday	3/31	9am*	Joseph L. Gunnels	D	Mary DesRochers
Easter Sunday	3/31	11am	Joe Lodato	D	K of C

### 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.



REMEMBER in your prayers

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Peter & Philomena Alonso, Michael Amato, Maria Boice, 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 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:dana@atreeplanted.org).

# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

<b>Pew Count</b> Sat. - 118   Sun. - 171	<b>MAR. 9/10</b>
First Offering	\$ 3,015
First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>	\$ 2,064
Total	\$ 5,079
<b>March MTD Debt Reduction</b>	\$ 3,119

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](http://faith.direct/VA249) or calling Customer Service at 866-507-8757. Thanks for your continued support. God bless you.



Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

For all you did in providing soup and sandwiches for this year's Lenten Lunch program. Without your help, this would not have been possible.



DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
3/28	9am	Liturgy of the Hours	Church
	7pm	Holy Thursday Liturgy	Church
3/29	Office - CLOSED		
	9am	Liturgy of the Hours	Church
	12pm	Stations of the Cross	Cemetery
	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
	7pm	Good Friday Liturgy	Church
3/30	9am	Liturgy of the Hours	Church
	10am	Blessing of the Easter food	Commons
	8pm	Easter Vigil	Church
3/31	7am & 11am	Easter Sunday Mass	Church
	9am	Easter Sunday Mass	St. Joseph

# 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

1:00 - 2:00pm  
St. Elizabeth Room,  
Parish Hall

## ROOM SCHEDULE

<b>Sat</b>	<b>23-Mar</b>	KoC Biennial 4th Degree	8:00a	Parish Hall
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24-Mar</b>	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA Faith Formation	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
<b>Mon</b>	<b>25-Mar</b>	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
		KoC Officers Meeting	7:00p	E
<b>Tues</b>	<b>26-Mar</b>	Yoga	11:00a	119
		Mass/Confession	12:00p	Church
<b>Wed</b>	<b>27-Mar</b>	Senior Coffee Social	10:00a	123
		Taylor Funeral Mass/Reception	11:00a	Church
		Scouts	6:30p	F
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>28-Mar</b>	Liturgy of the Hours	9:00a	Church
		Holy Thursday Liturgy	7:00p	Church
<b>Fri</b>	<b>29-Mar</b>	Good Friday - Office Closed		
		Liturgy of the Hours	9:00a	Church
		Stations of the Cross	Noon	Cemetery
		Stations of the Cross	3:00p	Church
<b>Sat</b>	<b>30-Mar</b>	Liturgy of the Hours	9:00a	Church
		Blessing of the Easter Food	10:00a	Church
		Easter Vigil Mass	8:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>31-Mar</b>	Easter Sunday Mass	7:00a	Church
		Easter Sunday Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Easter Sunday Mass	11:00a	Church
<b>Room Ledger:</b>		<b>F</b> - St. Francis (Hall)	<b>R</b> - St. Raphael (Church)	
		<b>E</b> - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	<b>M</b> - St. Michael (Church)	
		<b>C</b> - Commons (Church)		

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religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org

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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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@saintspeterpaul.org)**

## Lenten Spare Change Cans



### LENTEN COIN CANS

Proceeds will go to help those  
in need this year.

**Turn cans in THIS WEEKEND, March 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**



# Catholic Q & A

## COMMUNION WAFER

### QUESTION:

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

### ANSWER:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion “wafer” that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: “The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament” (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church’s tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the “matter” of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a “wafer” — which is properly called a “host” — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. “raised”) bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white “wafer” is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

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## 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](http://www.charitygolftoday.com/catholichealth)

## Sts. Peter and Paul's SPRING CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE

April 13, 2024

8am - 2pm

4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway  
Palmyra, VA 22963

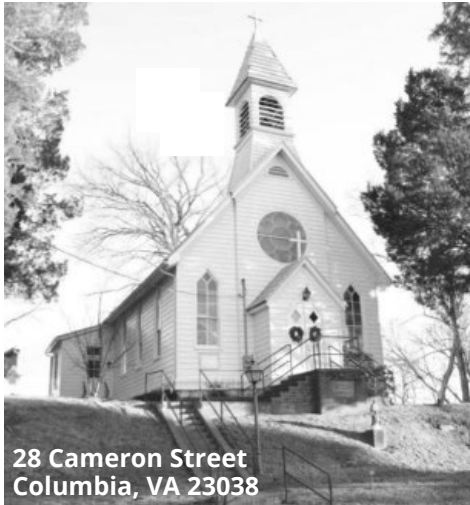


Lots of VENDORS &  
Food provided by JUST A BITE Food Truck

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### 140 YEARS AHEAD OF US!

Dear St. Joseph Community,

Please allow me to extend my gratitude to you all upon a successful celebration of our 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Eucharist on Columbia hill. We had a very colorful day punctuated by different activities, of course we cannot forget the different events well planned by the Anniversary Committee, leading to the climax last Sunday, celebrating with our bishop. The Liturgy; the foods and decorations; the flowers; the entertainments etc. were all spot on!

I would like to thank each one of you for any contribution you made towards a very successful celebration. Thank you very much!

We now want to focus ahead of us and envision 140 years ahead of us, what we shall have left in terms of faith for those coming after us. We must choose now to leave in place a strong and rich foundation upon which those coming after us will build their faith. I am aware that we are all grateful for the contributions of our predecessors. This gratitude should prompt us to leave a rich legacy in place that will benefit our children's children.

Like I made my remarks last Sunday, I would like to emphasize it still: we have a good existential challenge with us today. This good existential challenge for our parish community, I am proudly to say, is Our Children. I would like to plan with you to determine where we want to be as a parish, attending to the needs of our parish children. We must work towards ensuring that our parish community meets this great challenge. Let's put our heads together to meet this great time.

Once again, I thank you and I congratulate you upon the 140 years of Eucharist on the hill of Columbia!

Your brother on the journey,  
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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### WALK EVERY STEP WITH CHRIST

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

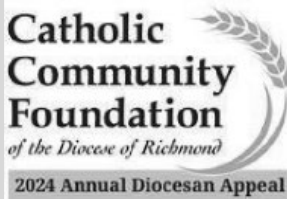
But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

A Message from Fr. David

Over the past month, many of our parishioners have contributed their support to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

I am pleased to tell you that we are 71% of the 2024 Parish Target towards our parish goal of \$3,530 from 15 donors. If you have not yet made a commitment, I hope you will join me in helping to not only meet but exceed this year's goal!

Please visit [richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal](http://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal) to make a secure online donation. In this time of Lent, please join us in supporting the 2024 Annual Appeal.

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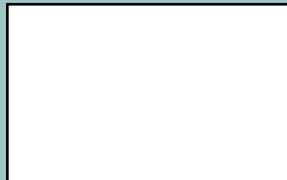
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