

May 12, 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 minis-



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SHRINE OF
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

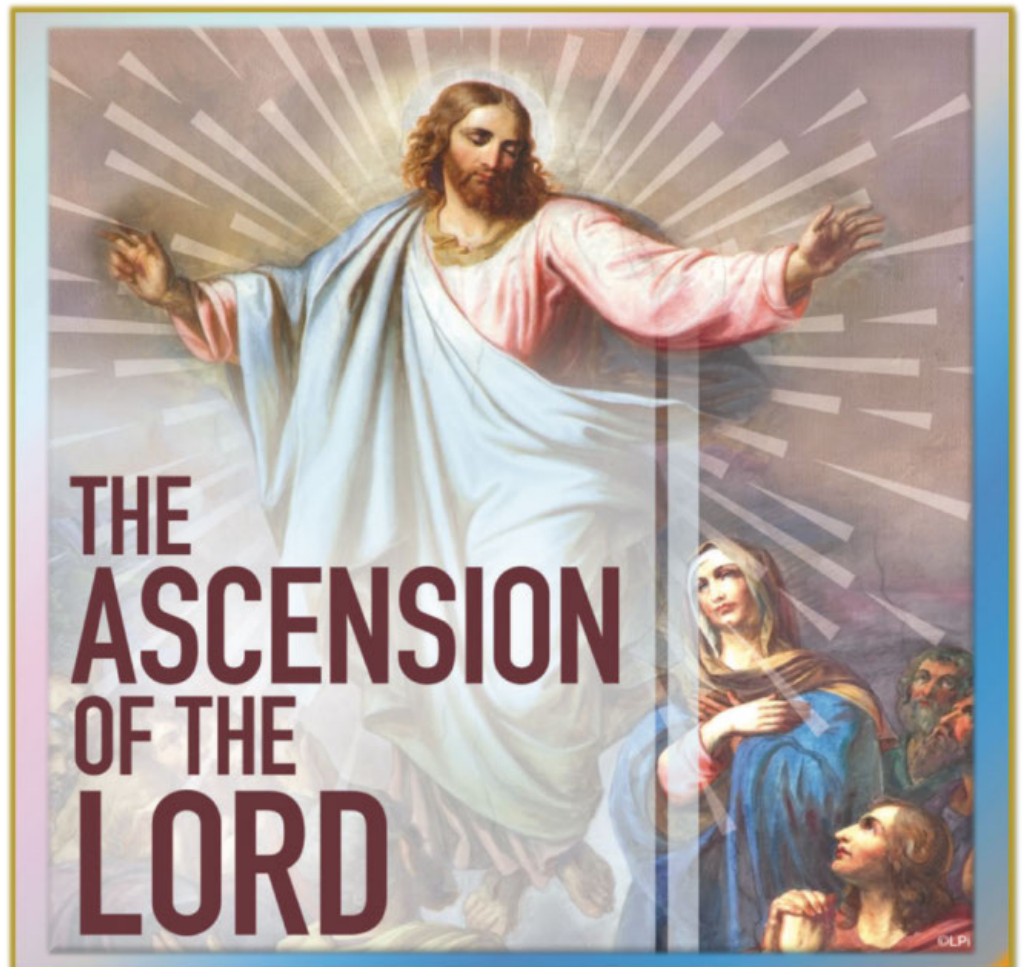
Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's
(or by appointment)

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office
to schedule Communion



EVANGELIZE

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 MAY 12, 2024

Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2024

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; Mother's Day
Monday: Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday: St. Matthias, Apostle
Wednesday: St. Isidore
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr; Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

MAY 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor: Diana Mariutto

In Memory of:
Fred Mariutto



ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor: Diana Mariutto

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SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor: Diana Mariutto

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



ENCOUNTER

Thursday, May 16, 2024 through Saturday, May 18, 2024



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
May 12, 2024

“As you sent Me into the world, I have sent them.” If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations at
804.359.5661

Or via email:
vocations@richmonddiocese.org



The Eucharist: Our Life, Our Hope!

Sts. Peter & Paul Church
4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway
Palmyra, VA 22963

Spring
2024

GUEST
SPEAKER:
Fr. Jay Biber

MAY 16 & 17
➤ 10:00AM
Talk &
repeats at
7:00PM

MAY 18
➤ 10:00AM
Mass
➤ 10:45AM
Brunch
➤ 11:15AM
Closing
Talk

Spaghetti Dinner and Rosary

You are cordially invited to close out our Parish Mission on **Saturday, May 18th** after **Mass** at our Spaghetti Dinner and Rosary around the fire. This event is sponsored by our Parish Council and the K of C.



PARISH YOUTH



Religious Education
Classes meet every Sunday at
9:30a and conclude after the
11:00a Mass. Last class: May 19.

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@saintspeterpaul.org

I look forward to working with you!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

EVERYDAY WHEN YOU ARE IN SCHOOL, YOUR TEACHER HELPS YOU LEARN. YOU GET BETTER AT FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS. YOU GET BETTER AT LISTENING. YOU GET BETTER AT REMEMBERING WHAT YOU LEARNED. OVER THE SCHOOL YEAR, YOUR TEACHER GETS YOU READY FOR THE NEXT GRADE. IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, JESUS PRAYED FOR HIS FRIENDS. JESUS SPENT THE LAST THREE YEARS TEACHING HIS FRIENDS HOW TO FOLLOW GOD AND HOW TO LOVE OTHERS. HIS TIME TO TEACH WAS ALMOST OVER. JESUS PRAYED THAT HIS FRIENDS WOULD STAY CLOSE TO GOD. JESUS ASKED GOD TO PROTECT THEM AS THEY SHARED HIS TEACHINGS WITH THE WHOLE WORLD.

PRAYER

God help me to learn all that I can from Jesus and my teachers. Amen.

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

The sacrament of Baptism will occur on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the 11:00am Mass. Please contact Chris at religiously@saintspeterpaul.org for registration and prep information. The next dates are: **July 14th and August 11th**

PUZZLE

Find the path to Heaven.



MISSION

Make a card for each of your teachers. Color a picture on the cover. Write a nice message on the inside. Thank your teachers for helping you learn, and sign your name. Then deliver your cards with a smile.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 11- 19, 2024

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Saturday	5/11	5pm	Joe Lodato	D	John Condon
Sunday	5/12	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/12	11am	Jean Pilk	D	Frank Pilk
Monday (1st Sat)	5/13	Noon	Our Lady of Fatima		Rosary Ladies
Wednesday	5/15	9am	Salvadore Morejon	D	Suarez Family
Thursday	5/16	9am	Cynthia Perry	I	Jamie Hicks
Friday	5/17	9am	June Wimer	D	Anthony & Patricia Amato
Saturday	5/18	5pm	Ken Doll	D	Dave & Jill Thomas
Sunday	5/19	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/19	11am	Annette Ryan	D	Eric 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 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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Peter & Philomena Alonso, Michael Amato, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Catherine Doherty, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Caroline Faulkner, Bob Fint, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Tony Inghilleri, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlrow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Art & Judy Menard, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Margaret Reilly, Carol Scampoli, Kathy Seroskie, Carol Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Rob Toepfert, Jr. Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters

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

2024 Yard Sale

Sts. Peter and Paul
Catholic Church

4309 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy
Palmyra, VA 22963

June 7th & 8th
8am to 2pm

Lunch will be available for
purchase from:
JUST A BITE FOOD TRUCK



For a successful event, we need helpers for the following dates and tasks:

- June 2 Move tables, shelves, racks, and tents (after Mass)
- June 3 - 6: Unpacking donations (9 - 5)
- June 7 - 8: Sales (7:30 - 3)
- June 8: Return tables, shelves, racks, and tents & pack up unsold items

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 106 Sun. - 194	APR 27/28
First Offering	\$ 2,622
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,826
Total	\$ 4,448
April - MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 3,684

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

JUNE 1 & 2

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.


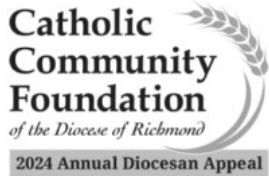
Our next monthly Bake Sale is June 1st & 2nd after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thank you!

Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support our church and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

You can sign up online at faith.direct/VA249 or call customer service at 866-507-8757.

You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Thanks for your continued support of our parish family.

2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal:
Sharing His Love with Others
A Message from Father David

I want to provide a brief update on our 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal effort at Parish Name. I am pleased to tell you that we are 67% of 2024 Parish Target towards our parish goal of \$17,310 Parish Target with \$11,662 Total Raised.

It is my hope that every household in our parish contributes to this year's effort. 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 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.



Happy Mothers' Day!

May 12th is Mothers' Day, but let's use the month of May to celebrate New Mothers' Month!

Please donate baby clothing and diapers and baby supplies! There is a bassinet in the entrance to the Church. Donations will be collected for LifeSpring Pregnancy Centers, Charlottesville, supported by: Knights of Columbus Council #11475 and Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Palmyra, VA

(Financial donations will also be accepted, in lieu of baby supplies. Please make any checks out to "Sts. Peter & Paul Church." The church will then make one check to Lifespring. Please place all donated items in the bassinet. No wrapping needed. Questions? Please call Larry Boice, 434-510-7677.

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

Sat	11-May	MS/HS Youth Group	3:30p	119
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	12-May	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA	9:30a	E/Church
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	13-May	Uganda Priests Luncheon	10:30a	F
		1st Saturday Mass/Rosary	12:00p	Church
		Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
Tues	14-May	Yoga	11:00a	F
Wed	15-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Scouts	6:30p	F
Thurs	16-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Parish Mission	10:00a	C
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
		Parish Mission	7:00p	C
Fri	17-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Parish Mission	10:00a	C
		Parish Mission	7:00p	C
Sat	18-May	Parish Mission	10:00a	C
		Confession	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	19-May	Spaghetti Dinner/Rosary	6:15p	Hall
		Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA	9:30a	E/Church
		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)	

Job Openings at

Charlottesville Catholic School:

(For the 2024 - 2025 school year)

- Elementary Teacher (JK - 5)
- PE Teacher (K - 8)

Please send resume, Diocesan Application, three letters of reference and a copy of your teaching license to

Charlottesville Catholic School

Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal

1205 Pen Park Road

Charlottesville, VA 22901

Or via email to v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org

SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

The Chapel is temporarily closed while the water leak is investigated. Adoration can be done in the church. You are especially invited to all day adoration in the church on Fridays from 9:30a - 3:00p. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Contact: Denise Minor - dminor92@gmail.com



PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to
entrust the human person to mothers in a
special way. We thank and praise you for
the gift of mothers; for their tenderness,
care, and compassion, for their intuition
and encouragement, for commitment and
sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day.

Keep, strengthen, and
refresh them in your loving
care. May they be blessed
by our open-hearted
love and gratitude.
Amen.



FLOWER DONATIONS FOR MARY

During the month of May we honor
Mary, our Blessed Virgin Mother.
If you have flowers growing in your
garden or a bouquet in the store
catches your eye, bring them to the
church so they can be displayed at the
foot of Mary, weekly, throughout May.

Call the office with questions
434.589.5201

PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE 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
Spring Creek Golf Club
109 Clubhouse Way
Zion Crossroad, Va. 22942



This 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 learn more about our
tournament, use the following link or scan the QR code
www.charitygolftoday.com/catholichealth

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Palmyra, VA" on Facebook for Store Updates

Catholic Q & A

QUESTION: Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

ANSWER: This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

THE TRUTH WE CANNOT SEE

I only pray out loud when I want my kids to hear what I'm saying.

I know what you're thinking — hypocrites in the synagogue and the street corner; go to your room and shut the door — but I think if Jesus had to raise children he would understand where I'm coming from. I pray out loud not because I want my kids to think I'm holy and not because I want them to admire me but because I want them to know how broken I am, how desperately I rely on the mercy and love of God.

It's also a really effective way to send a message. "God, I'm sorry I've been losing my patience today. Please help me. And send your Holy Spirit to make these kids stop fighting."

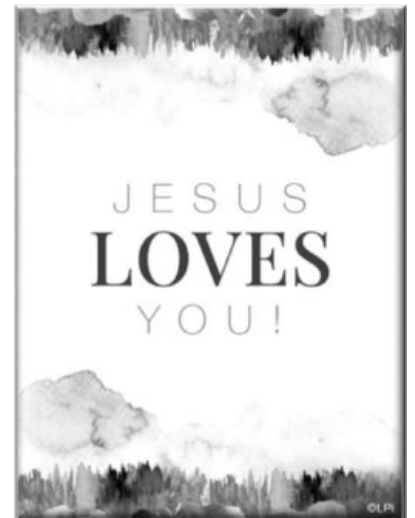
Vocal prayer, in front of other people, is an incredibly vulnerable action, so it strikes me whenever Jesus chooses to pray out loud in front of his disciples. Surely, mental prayer was something of a perpetual state for him. I imagine Jesus was ceaselessly in conversation with his Father in heaven throughout even the most ordinary of days. So, when he chooses to make those communications public, my ears perk up.

He wants his kids to hear what he's saying.

In John, chapter 17, we see that he wants us to remember who we are. His disciples are about to see things that will shake the very foundations of their faith. The only way they will make it to the other side is if they remember that truth does not consist only of what we can see with our eyes.

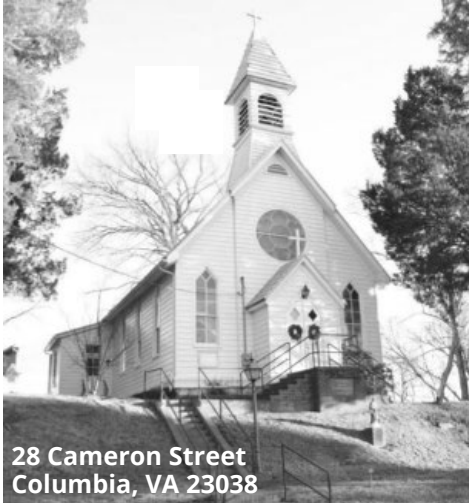
This is the same truth in which we have been consecrated. We belong to this truth in a way the world will never understand or accept. It is the truth we cannot see.

"I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." John 17:14 -- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

INTROSPECTIVE



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

OFFERTORY

APR 28 \$ 846
POOR BOX \$ 11

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD meets every
 Sunday
 after Mass

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a lifelong love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

My first Communion



*Mason L.
 Christen G.*



PRAYER REQUESTS



Mary Ellen Agolia * Bradford Barrows *
 David Carbocci * Maria Correa *
 Nona Dooley * Alice Galvez-Sobral *
 Mauricio Granados *
 Andy Mallory * India Martin *
 Angelica Motta * Odila Motta *
 Oscar Motta * Thelma Motta *
 Denise Pillar * 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.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 12, 2024

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD/7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: Tutti dentro. It means, “Everyone in.” He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church’s primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

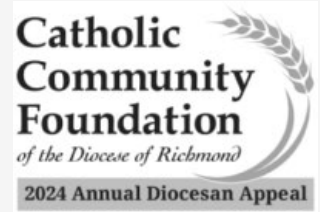
This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus’ concern is unity, praying to the Father, “that they may be one, even as we are one” (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope’s desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too.

— Father John Muir



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: *SHARING HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS* A Message from Father David



I want to provide a brief update on our 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal effort at Parish Name. I am pleased to tell you that we are 104% of 2024 Parish Target towards our parish goal of \$3,530 Parish Target with \$3,685 Total Raised.

It is my hope that every household in our parish contributes to this year’s effort. 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 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.

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