

July 28, 2024

"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"



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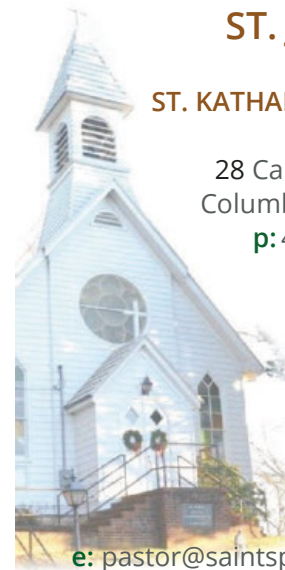
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OUR VISION

To expand and strengthen the Christian Community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is demonstrated and fulfilled.

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through **Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.**



ST. JOSEPH'S

**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

YOUTH MASS

Last Sunday of the Month

CONFESSION

Saturday 4pm: SPP

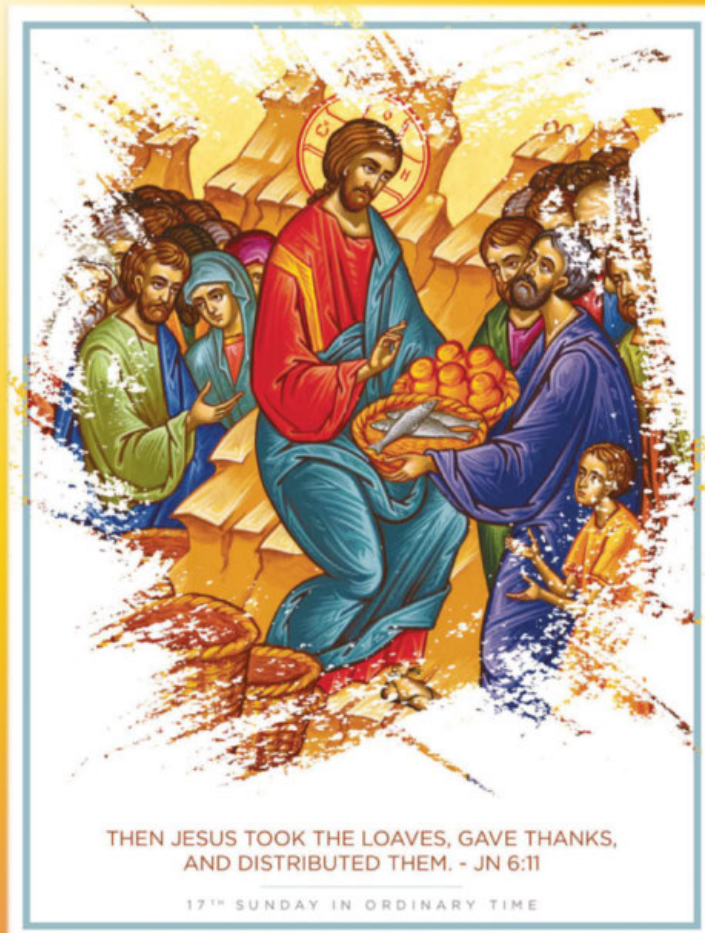
Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's
(or by appointment)

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 JULY 28, 2024

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/
Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Ps 32:18-19, 20, 21/Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/
Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 28, 2024

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor:

In Memory of:



ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor: Pilk Family

In Memory of:

Jean Pilk



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor:

In Memory of:



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



ENCOUNTER

Summer with the Saints

Blessed Stanley Rother

(March 27, 1935 - July 28, 1981)

- Charlie Tamayo



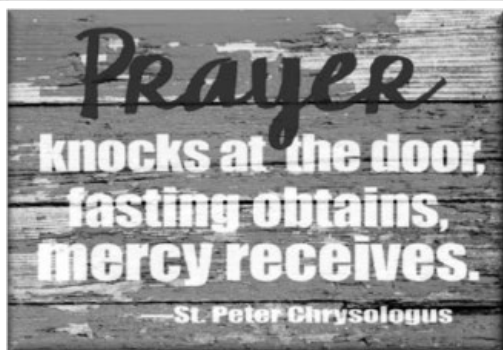
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 28, 2024

"I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called." Are you being called to help feed the people of God 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



When we think about the missionaries and the martyrs of the Church, we tend to think about saints who lived centuries ago on the other side of the world. Yet, Christ's call for each of us to be missionaries and witnesses to the faith still is the same today as it was for the first apostles. This can be seen in the life of Blessed Stanley Rother, the first American-born martyr.

Stanley Rother grew up on a farm during the Great Depression in Okarche, Oklahoma. Stanley entered the seminary after high school, but he struggled with academics and was sent home. His bishop gave him another chance and sent him to Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. In 1963, he graduated from the Mount and was ordained for the Diocese of Oklahoma City-Tulsa.

In 1968, Stanley's bishop sent him to the diocese's mission of Santiago Atitlán in rural Guatemala. Seeing the extreme poverty of his parishioners, Father Rother introduced new agricultural techniques, built an irrigation system, and organized doctors from the United States to perform medical services. Not only did Father Stanley learn the local Mayan language, but he translated the New Testament into the language of the people.

Father Stanley's ministry overlapped with the Guatemalan Civil War, during which his catechists and parishioners would disappear. Father Stanley was perceived as a threat because he insisted on catechizing, educating, and evangelizing his parishioners. When he appeared on a death squad's hit list, his archbishop made him return to the U.S. Upon making his annual retreat at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Father Stanley resolved to return to Guatemala, saying "the shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger." On July 28th, 1981, three gunmen broke into Stanley's rectory and shot him after he put up a fight. In 2017, Pope Francis beatified Stanley Rother, giving the U.S. and the Church an example of the shepherds God has promised to give after his own heart (Jeremiah 3:15).

PARISH YOUTH



Religious Education



**CCD/RCIA REGISTRATION
begins on Saturday, August 3rd
in the Commons. Remember to
bring a copy of your child's
baptismal certificate.**

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus seemed to be surrounded by crowds a lot, didn't he? That's because no matter where he went, he helped people, he healed them, he taught them about God. In today's gospel reading, one crowd was following Jesus all day, and now they were getting hungry for dinner. Jesus showed everybody God's amazing power. Jesus took a boy's lunch and made more than enough for everybody to eat.

PRAYER

*Dear God, help me always to remember that you
have the power to give us more than we need.
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:

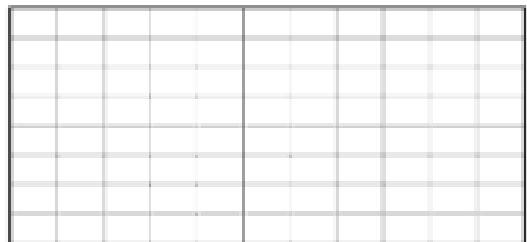
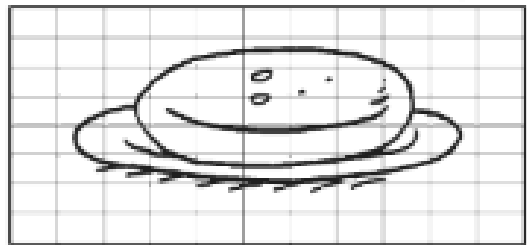
**Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys):
Chuck Palmer**

charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com 571.212.4445

The sacrament of Baptism will normally occur on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the 11:00am Mass. Please contact religioused@saintspeterpaul.org for registration and prep information. The next dates are: **August 11th and September 15th**

PUZZLE

Try to draw the same bread by following the grid.



MISSION

The boy in today's Gospel shared his lunch. You can share food, too. Bring boxed and canned food to a food pantry in your neighborhood, and ask God to bless the people who eat it.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: JULY 27 - AUGUST 4, 2024

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	7/27	5pm	Tom Miglas	D	Joanne Miglas
Sunday	7/28	9am*	John & Bertha Rogan	D	Patricia
Sunday	7/28	11am	Misa Pro Populo		
Wednesday	7/31	9am	Ann Garrotte	D	Carolyn Holcomb
Thursday	8/1	9am	Howard Kingsley	D	Sally Kingsley
Friday	8/2	9am	George Rindos	D	Anne Marie Rindos
1st Saturday	8/3	10am	Patricia Bozza	D	Bob & Muriel Toepfert
Saturday	8/3	5pm	Patricia Ann Telfer	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	8/4	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	8/4	11am	Patty Warner	D	Charlie & Betty Maurer

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, Joe and Sophia Murphy, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Alex Ostrowski, Adam Warren, and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda

EAT, HAVE A GOOD TIME, SUPPORT CHIU

20% Donated Back

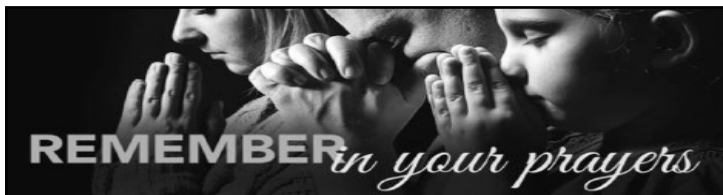
Sunday, July 28, 2024 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

IHOP - Zion Crossroads

Zion Crossroad, Va. 22942

Do you like to eat? Do you support good causes? Then come to IHOP on July 28 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM and just order off the menu CHIU will receive 20% back on all orders. Just let them know when placing your order that you are with the CHIU Fundraiser and we will get credit.

Good for take-out orders too!



REMEMBER *in your prayers*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Peter & Philomena Alonso, Michael Amato, Jean & Mary Louise Bernard, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Catherine Doherty, Carol Donohue, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Frank Feliciano, Bob Fint, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, John Hobby, Donna Horan, Regina Humanitzki, Tony Inghilleri, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Zachary W. Mayo II, 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.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What does the word “Messiah” mean in English?

Answer: The Anointed One.

Parishioner updates:

If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or email, please keep the office informed so you don't miss out on important information.

Call: 434.589.5201

Email: office@saintspeterpaul.org

**Come in: 4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway
(Parish Hall)**

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 132 Sun. - 145	July 13/14
First Offering	\$ 4,970
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,437
Total	\$ 7,407
JULY - MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 4,242

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

AUGUST 3 & 4

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is September 7th/8th after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thanks!

Our parish ministries depend on the steady, consistent support provided by monthly givers. It sustains us year-round when summer vacations, holiday travels, inclement weather, and other forces keep people away from services. Plus, it eases the workload on our hardworking staff, since they have fewer cash and check donations to process.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249, or call their Customer Service team at 866.507.8757.

Thank you for your trusted support of our parish family.



MARRIED COUPLES. Give your marriage a well deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! We love to have priests on our experiences as well, so invite your favorite priest and give their vocation some new vitality!

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location.

Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

- September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA
- October 11-13, 2024 - College Park, MD
- November 15-17, 2024 - Virginia Beach, VA

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

Men's Cursillo Weekend is Happening Soon!

Do you need a little help staying connected to God? We can help! A **Men's Cursillo Weekend** will be held **Thursday, October 31 (7:00pm) through Sunday, November 3 (5:00pm), 2024, at Camp Overlook near beautiful Keezletown, Virginia.**

A Cursillo weekend is a 3-day encounter to enrich your Spirituality and raise awareness of Christ in every moment of your life. *Pope Francis made a Cursillo and recognizes how "Cursillos help people encounter Jesus, helping them understand that living in the Grace of God is beautiful."*

Come walk this journey alongside other Catholic men of all ages and be filled with the JOY Christ offers each one of us. Applications and more about Cursillo are available at www.valleycursillo.com.

All applicants must have a sponsor. Contact Karen and Roy Norville at 540-246-2371 for more information. **Application deadline is October 8, 2024.** The next Women's Cursillo Weekend will be held April 24-27, 2025, at Blessings Lodge on Camp Overlook campus (only 28 candidates can be accommodated - watch for application deadline).

UPCOMING EVENTS



ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

includes RCIA, offering instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with an interest in being members of the Catholic faith.

Classes will resume in September. Have a blessed summer.



BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm
Resuming on
September 16

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	27-Jul	CATECHIST GATHERING	9:00a	F
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	28-Jul	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Sunday Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	29-Jul	KoC Officers	7:00p	F
Tues	30-Jul	Yoga	11:00a	F
Wed	31-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Senior Coffee Social	10:00a	Commons
		Scouts	7:00p	F
Thurs	1-Aug	Mass	9:00a	Church
		KoC Round Table, M & Women	6:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	2-Aug	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	3-Aug	1st Saturday Mass & Rosary	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	4-Aug	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall)	R - St. Raphael (Church)	
		E - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	M - St. Michael (Church)	
		C - Commons (Church)		

Senior Coffee Social

Wednesday, July 31 at 10:00 am
in the Commons

Our guest speaker will be a participant/s from the National Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21. Hear about their experience of this historic national event happening in Indianapolis, Indiana this summer. Copies of the book Beautiful Eucharist, by Matthew Kelly will be available to those interested.

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




ST. PETER & PAUL
RELIGIOUS
STORE

Christmas in July Sale -- 20% Off Entire Store

Great Gift Ideas:	Hours:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosaries • Prayer Cards • Jewelry • Greeting Cards • Crucifixes • Books • Home Goods • T-Shirts • and More • Special Orders 	<p>Saturday 3:30-4:45 & After Mass</p> <p>Sunday After Mass or By Appointment</p>

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CHESTERTON ACADEMY
 OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Open House:
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH
12 - 2PM


Come see Charlottesville's **new classical high school** joyfully rooted in the Catholic tradition! Opening **this August**, Chesterton Academy of St. John the Evangelist offers a proven and rigorous curriculum, daily Mass, Socratic seminar, Rome pilgrimage, and affordable tuition. We're located across from Holy Comforter at 256 E High St. Applications are still being accepted for this school year! **RSVP** at ChestertonSJE.org/events. Can't make this date? **Contact us** for a tour appointment at info@ChestertonSJE.org.

PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE
April 24 - May 4, 2025
\$5,449

The travel agent will be here on Sunday, September 15th at 12:30pm to talk about the trip and answer any questions. Stop by the Parish Council bulletin board in the Commons to find out what is/not covered.



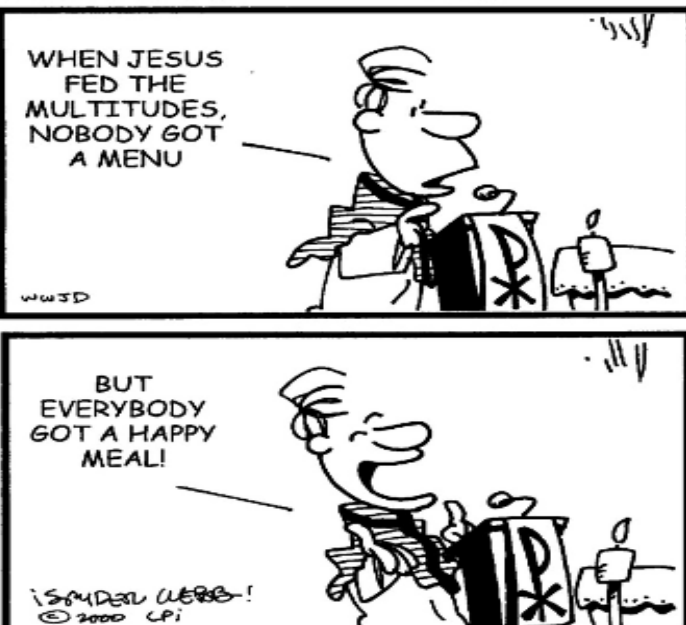
THERE IS A
 BOY HERE WHO HAS
 FIVE BARLEY LOAVES
 AND TWO FISH.
 — JOHN 6:9 —
 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Book of
Ruth

Bible Study
Tuesdays, July 9th - 30th
1:00PM
Mary's Room (Parish Hall)

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WHEN JESUS FED THE MULTITUDES, NOBODY GOT A MENU

BUT EVERYBODY GOT A HAPPY MEAL!

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Catholic Q & A

Question:

My coworkers and I have been debating the death penalty and whether or not it should be part of our justice system. Why are so many people who claim to be pro-life believers in favor of it?

Answer:

The issues of crime and punishment are never easy because so many factors influence people and how they view problems and solutions. Increased violence, loss of life, cost to taxpayers and the community at large, and the maneuverings of lawyers and courts only add fuel to the fire. When bad things happen in your neighborhood or to your home or to you, you want relief. Any normal person would feel that way. A pro-life view does not insulate anyone from the bad effects of criminal behavior. Innocent people are hurt every day and it may seem as though those who cause the pain get away with it, or get off easy.

The death penalty is not excluded by Church teaching. The state has the right to impose penalties that are commensurate with the crime as well as to defend itself from further harm (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, §2266). When possible, punishment should help correct the offender, offering a chance of redemption, which is why the pope and bishops have called for an end to the death penalty. For more information, visit the Human Life and Dignity section of the USCCB's website (www.usccb.org).



Dedicated to helping you heal

Virtual Support Group for those who have suffered abuse by clergy or lay personnel residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

We invite you to join the group on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support, and heal.

Spouses and affected community members are also welcome.

Questions? Email vac@richmonddiocese.org

QR code for joining the virtual support group.

Christmas in July

At the
Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women
Is almost over, but it's not too late!

Approved hygiene items (full size only):

Place in gallon sized zip lock bag

- One individually wrapped toothbrush
 - One tube of toothpaste (max 6oz.)
- One 2.4oz deodorant stick (no spray or roll-on)
 - One bottle of lotion (max 15oz.)
 - One bottle of shampoo (max 15oz.)

Approved Stationery items:

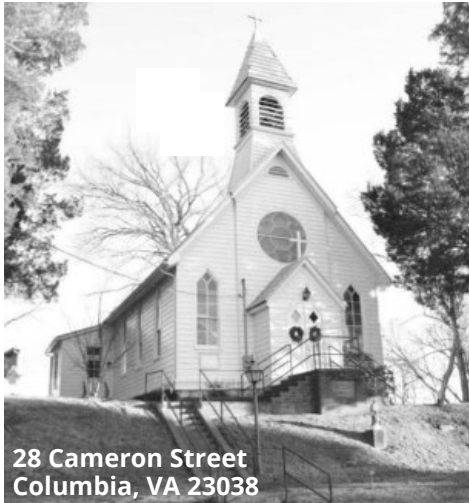
- Greeting cards for all occasions
- Stationery items (envelopes, writing paper)
 - "Forever" postage stamps
 - One wooden unsharpened pencil

The donation box is inside the front door of the church. Contact julie Kulick at 540.308.5154.

**The CHIU Golf Classic at
Spring Creek in September has
been canceled due to
lack of interest.**

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

INTROSPECTIVE



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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 28, 2024

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren't met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety, education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm 145 says to us this week, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs"? Does he? What about the countless poor? Can't we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?



No. The psalm flows from Israel's experience of God's relentless fidelity again and again—especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John. Passover arrives once again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey.

What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it's like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity's eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails.— Father John Muir

CCD Registration
begins Sunday,
August 4th.

OFFERTORY

JULY 7TH \$ 1,121
M & R \$ 30

Thank you for your generosity!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

IT'S ALL IN THE BASKET

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"



In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Prayer for God to Work

Dear Jesus,

You and I know that what I bring to you is small pieces — small faith, small gifts, small generosity. But I also know that you are not bound by that. Two fish and five loaves can feed 5000, when placed in your hands.

So, I place everything I have in your hands, too. Complete your work, Lord.

Amen.

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