

August 4, 2024

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



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

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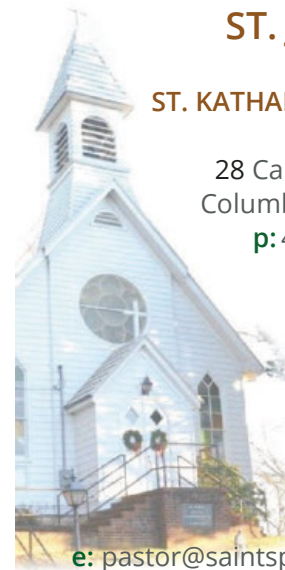
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**OUR VISION**

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**

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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:**

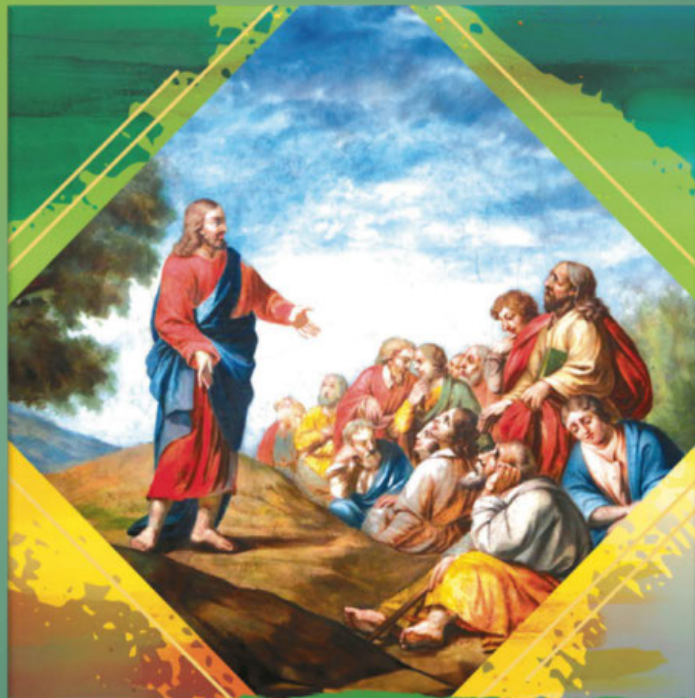
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

**HOMEBOUND:**

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven." - Jn 6:32

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**EVANGELIZE**

**SANCTIFY**

**SERVE**

# WELCOME



## ADMINISTRATION

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Dennis Barberio

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Townes Mullinex |

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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,  
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 AUGUST 4, 2024

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  
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21  
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10  
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23  
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/  
Mt 16:24-28  
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26  
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/  
Jn 6:41-51

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4, 2024

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major  
Tuesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord  
Wednesday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs;  
St. Cajetan, Priest  
Thursday: St. Dominic, Priest  
Friday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr  
Saturday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr  
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## AUGUST 2024

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

#### BREAD & WINE

Donor:

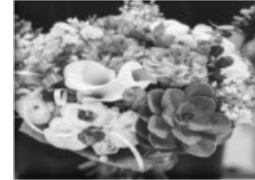
In Memory of:



#### ALTAR FLOWERS

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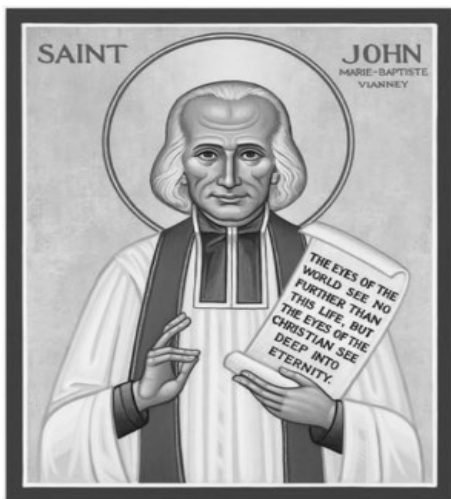
#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor:

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



# ENCOUNTER

## *Summer with the Saints*

### **Saint John Vianney**

**(May 8, 1786 - August 4, 1859)**

- Charlie Tamayo



**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 4, 2024**

**“The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven.” Reflect upon the sacred nature of the divine bread and contemplate if He is calling you 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)**



The story of humanity consists in God calling his people back to him after we have turned away from him. The prophets and priests of ancient Israel were sent to exhort God’s chosen people to be faithful to their covenant with God, and St. John the Baptist was the forerunner to Christ in preaching repentance. None of us today are perfect or sinless, but God still calls us back to himself and offers us forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession. No saint understood the Sacrament of Confession better than Saint John Vianney.

John Vianney was a child in France during the tumultuous time of the French Revolution, when priests and religious sisters were forced into exile or executed. As a child, John Vianney witnessed the heroic sacrifices of priests risking their lives to celebrate mass and provide the sacraments to his family.

After his ordination, John Vianney was assigned to become the parish priest in Ars, France, where the parishioners suffered from religious ignorance and indifference. John dedicated his priestly ministry to Eucharistic Adoration and Sacramental Confession. John Vianney would be in his confessional for 12 hours a day and took on voluntary penances to pray for his penitents. People would flock from across France and beyond and wait for hours to go to confession with John Vianney, who was given the grace to read souls. John Vianney became such a renowned confessor and instrument of God’s mercy because he first had encountered God’s mercy and love.

The Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion are not only essential parts of our Catholic faith, but they are essential for our vocations to holiness and heroic virtue. Saint John Vianney’s dedication to these two sacraments is why he is the Patron Saint of Priests, because it is through priests that we receive forgiveness of our sins and that ordinary bread and wine is turned into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

# PARISH YOUTH



## Religious Education



**CCD/RCIA REGISTRATION begins on Saturday, August 3rd and continues all month, in the Commons. Please remember to bring a copy of your child(ren)'s baptismal certificate.**

### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Just one day earlier, Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over five thousand people. In today's gospel, some of those people came looking for Jesus, hoping to get another free lunch. They didn't understand that Jesus wants all people to believe in him. Through faith in Jesus, you can live forever. In heaven, you will never be hungry or thirsty again

### PRAYER

*God, fill me up with love for Jesus. 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](mailto: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](mailto:religioused@saintspeterpaul.org) for registration and prep information. The next dates are: **August 11th and September 15th**

### PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

FOOD  
THIRSTY  
MIRACLE

MANNA  
FAITH  
BREAD

LIFE  
HUNGRY  
COMES

fodo      f o o d  
mricael      \_\_\_\_\_  
mnana      \_\_\_\_\_  
berad      \_\_\_\_\_  
lfie      \_\_\_\_\_  
cmose      \_\_\_\_\_  
hnurgy      \_\_\_\_\_  
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### MISSION

If you believe in Jesus, you can look forward to heaven one day. Read Revelation 21:3-7 with your family. Heaven will be wonderful!

# INTENTIONS

**MASS INTENTIONS: AUGUST 3 - AUGUST 11, 2024**

\*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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
Wednesday	8/7	9am	Claire van Nierop	D	Ed & Kathy Seroskie
Thursday	8/8	9am	Paul Thomas Monte-Bovi	D	Rose Ann & Irving Soloway
Friday	8/9	9am	Jean Marron	D	Bob & Muriel Toepfert
Saturday	8/10	5pm	Joe Lodato	D	John Condon
Sunday	8/11	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	8/11	11am	Fr. David	I	Michael & Nancy King

## 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.**



**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, and Walter Welham

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

## July Wedding Anniversaries

**Congratulations to all couples who celebrated their wedding anniversary in the month of July, especially:**

*Joe & Annette S.*                      **45 years**

*Roman & Florence B.*                      **55 years**

*Jim & Maggie C.*                      **61 years**

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: In the New Testament, what is the first book to follow the four Gospels?

Answer: The Acts of the Apostles.

## 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](mailto:office@saintspeterpaul.org)**

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

# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

<b>Pew Count</b> Sat. - 118   Sun. - 165	<b>July 20/21</b>
First Offering	<b>\$ 3,031</b>
First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>	<b>\$ 2,623</b>
Total	<b>\$ 5,654</b>
<b>JULY - MTD Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 4,292</b>
<b>2nd collection for - Cash Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 4,111</b>

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

**Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is**

**THIS WEEKEND**

*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 BAKE SALES NEED HELPERS!**

- ◆ Bakers are needed to provide baked goods each month.
- ◆ We also need people to sell the goodies at each Mass on the first full weekend of each month.
- ◆ Please contact Sue Scott (434.591.1205) if you are willing to do either/both of these tasks.

## Financial Review:

June 30 marked the end of the fiscal year for Sts. Peter and Paul. I am pleased to announce that Sts. Peter and Paul finished the fiscal year on budget. Income was within 1% of budgeted amounts, while spending was significantly lower than budgeted amounts.

On the income side, the offertory collection was 7% above budgeted amounts. All three categories of the offertory collection finished above budgeted amounts: envelopes, loose collections, and E-giving. Fundraising was 6% above budgeted amounts despite the cancellation of the annual golf tournament. However, debt collection was under the budgeted amounts by 26%. Consequently, our payments to the diocese were decreased to offset the shortfall.

On the spending side, nearly every budget category finished the year below budgeted amounts. A significant portion of the savings was due to the open position in Faith Formation. Operations was 7% below budget, and facilities was 27% under budget. The facilities budget savings is mainly due to timing of expenses. Because the repairs to fix the water damage in the Adoration Chapel could not be completed in FY2024, the spending was moved to FY2025. It is our biggest priority with regard to facilities this fiscal year.

Your response to our budget shortfall early last year was amazing. We made up the entire budget deficit and met all of our budgeted obligations. Thank you for your continuing support of Sts. Peter and Paul.

Income	Budget	Actual		Spending	Budget	Actual	
Offertory	315,900.00	338,519.00	7%	Operations	201,111.00	187,415.78	7%
Designated	62,951.00	36,406.01	-42%	Liturgy	28,892.00	24,822.30	14%
Misc	14,850.00	37,860.42	155%	Ministries	88,129.00	52,073.88	41%
Fundraising	26,500.00	28,102.72	6%	Charities	6,000.00	10,206.16	-70%
Debt Collection	60,000.00	44,137.76	-26%	Facilities	93,908.00	68,882.86	27%
				Plant	39,888.00	11,163.69	72%
				Cemetery	3,600.00	2,124.05	41%
<b>Total</b>	<b>480,201.00</b>	<b>485,025.91</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>461,528.00</b>	<b>356,688.72</b>	

# 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.

Registration begins this week. Classes resume on Sunday, September 8th.



## BIBLE STUDY

### Mondays

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

## ROOM SCHEDULE

<b>Sat</b>	<b>3-Aug</b>	1st Saturday Mass & Rosary	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4-Aug</b>	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Sunday Mass	11:00a	Church
<b>Mon</b>	<b>5-Aug</b>	KOC Officers	7:00p	F
<b>Tues</b>	<b>6-Aug</b>	Scout Troop Committee	6:30p	122
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7-Aug</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Scouts	7:00p	F
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>8-Aug</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9-Aug</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10-Aug</b>	<b>SICK &amp; HOMEBOUND MINISTRY MASS</b>	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11-Aug</b>	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		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)		

## Senior Coffee Social:

**Wednesday, August 28 at 10:00 am**  
in the Commons

We'll welcome guest speaker Denise Gibson. She's an Aging Services Coordinator from the Jefferson Area Board for Aging (JABA).

Copies of the book Beautiful Eucharist free and available at our meeting.

## 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](mailto:dminor92@gmail.com)



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](http://faith.direct/VA249), or call their Customer Service team at 866.507.8757.

Thank you for your trusted support of our parish family.



## 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.

### STS. PETER & PAUL *Religious Store*

#### HOURS:

##### SATURDAY

3:30 - 4:30pm

6:00 - 6:45pm

##### SUNDAY

12:00 - 1:00pm



## T-Shirts

### \$15

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The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Safe Environment Specialist to support the Office of Safe Environment. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/3zTQ6e1>. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at [jobs@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:jobs@richmonddiocese.org)

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking an Administrative Assistant to support the Office of Black Catholics and the Office of Social Ministry. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/45YnnAw>. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at [jobs@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:jobs@richmonddiocese.org)

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Coordinator of Campus Ministry to serve the Catholic Campus Ministry at Roanoke College in Salem, VA. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/3zMgVAK>. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at [jobs@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:jobs@richmonddiocese.org)

**Faith and Family Fun Day!**

For all Sts. Peter & Paul  
& St. Joseph parishioners

**Saturday, August 17th, 2024**

**9:00am - 12:00pm**

**Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall**

**Prayer, family activity, games**

Please bring a snack to share

#### **Fun Fact:**

Church steeples are made to inspire us to look to heaven. Back in the day, they were the highest points in a city, and the first things spotted from far away.



# Catholic Q & A

## QUESTION:

If God knows everything we do, why do we need to go to Confession?

## ANSWER:

Another term for the Sacrament of Confession is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We go to this sacrament not only to confess our sins, but to be reconciled with God. Of course, this begs the question, "If I can pray to God on my own, why can't I be reconciled to God on my own?" In the seven sacraments, we recognize the importance of community. Sacraments like baptism or matrimony happen in the context of the wider church to remind us of the communal impact of our lives. We are not alone in our walk of faith!

We don't need to confess our sins in front of the whole community – thank God! But going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tangible reminder that our sins affect not only ourselves and our relationship with God, but others as well. Jesus gave his Apostles authority to forgive sins in his name. Through this sacrament, we are really, truly forgiven by God Himself. We receive an outpouring of grace and strength to sin no more and our relationship with Christ and his Body, the Church, are restored.

## CALL FOR GOOD SHEPHERDS:

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**



*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](mailto:vac@richmonddiocese.org)

QR code for joining the virtual support group.



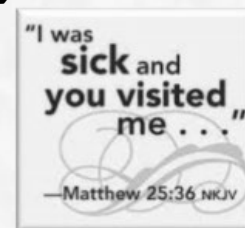
## SICK & HOMEBOUND MASS



**Saturday, August 10, 2024**

**10:00am**

**All who are sick and homebound, who are able, are invited to attend this Mass, to pray and receive a blessing.**



*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

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 4, 2024  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Since my college days I've loved a song called "Dance with You" by the rock band Live. It touches on the deep mystical hunger of our heart: "I've tasted all the wines/ a half a billion times/ came sickened to your shore/ you showed me what this life is for." These lines resonate with anyone who has feasted on the good things of this world only to be left spiritually hungover and unsatisfied.

We see a similar dynamic evoked by Jesus' words after he feeds the crowd with bread and fish. To teach them to hunger for God, he recalls God's gift of manna-bread for the hungry ancient Israelites. Those folks had grown spiritually sick from the idolatrous food of Egypt yet still longed for more worthless pagan food. So, God sent heavenly bread to nourish their bodies, but also to heal their distrustful hearts. His people — like us — must learn to hunger and thirst for God alone. Before we can receive that which will not disappoint, we first must cease expecting that earthly goods will satisfy us.

We will get to the Lord's teaching on the Eucharist in the next two weeks. But first, he asks us: do you trust me to take care of you? Do you trust me to give you what you need for each day, and to not worry about the next day? Do you see that when you hungrily stuff yourself with the things of this world you become sick and lose your taste for the bread of life? So, our hungry hearts cry out: Lord, help us to trust that you'll provide for our every need. Help us to use only what we truly need. Help us hunger for the goodness of your Son, who is the true bread from heaven. That is what this life is for. — Father John Muir



At Sts. Peter & Paul  
for all parishioners of St. Joseph  
and  
Sts. Peter & Paul  
Saturday, August 17, 2024  
9:00am - 12:00pm

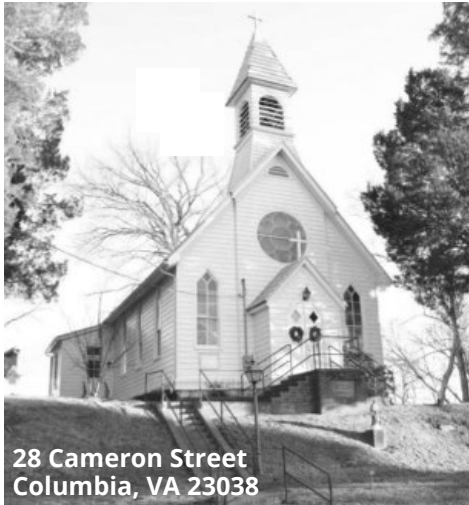
At Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall  
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If you have pictures or ministry information to be added to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at: [kenneymg@gmail.com](mailto:kenneymg@gmail.com)

If you would like to honor a loved one by having a Mass said for them, contact the office at Sts. Peter and Paul at 434.589.5201 to arrange an available date at least 6 months out.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### FOOD THAT PERISHES

It's so easy to do the right thing because we want to tick all the right boxes. We want to live by the law. We want to accomplish the work of God.

Or, at least, we say that we do.

But Jesus tells us that in order to accomplish the work of God, we have to believe in the one he sent. And to believe in Christ is to be filled with the spirit of truth — to do what is right because it is right, not because we want to be filled with good feelings.

What is the difference between doing what is right because you want to be a good Christian, and doing what is right because you believe in Christ?



It's the difference between eating manna and the Eucharist. One fills your stomach and keeps you alive, and nothing more. The other satisfies a hunger you might not have even known you had, or if you did know, you called it by another name — sadness, unfulfillment, fear. One achieves a corporeal goal, and that's the end of it. The other accomplishes something invisibly, secretly, silently, and though there is physical evidence of its work all around us, you have to be shrewd to recognize it.

It's the difference between making a social media post condemning sin and enveloping a sinner (the one at our dinner table, the one on the street, the one staring back at us in the mirror) with love and concern. It's the difference between simply going to Mass and living the Gospel. It's the difference between speaking to God and saying a prayer. It's the difference between telling someone they're wrong and telling them about the truth.

There's nothing wrong doing what is right because we long for heaven, and there's nothing wrong with eating manna if you're starving. But that alone isn't enough. We must also long for the bread of heaven, the bread that gives life to the world.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.'" — John 6:35

### 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.**

**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](http://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.**

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