

St. Joseph's Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

September 22, 2024

"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS 1st Saturday 10am: SPP 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 1st Saturday 9:00am: SPP Saturday 4pm: SPP Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's

Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

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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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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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 September 22, 2024

Sunday: Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday: Next Sunday:

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/ Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37 Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18 Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/ Lk 8:19-21 Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6 Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9 Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22 Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/ Lk 9:43b-45 Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Observances for the week of September 22, 2024

Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; National Migration Week
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Saturday:	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and
	Companions, Martyrs
Next Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

SEPTEMBER 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE Donor: Don & Eileen Tvler

In Memory of: **Bill Tyler**

ALTAR FLOWERS Tvler In Memory of:

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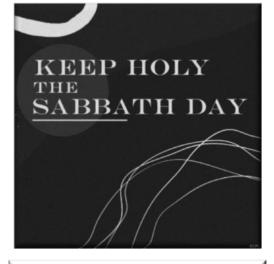




SANCTUARY CANDLE

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

STS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC PARISH 2





SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

"The Lord upholds my life." He indeed is our strength and salvation. Pray and ask him sincerely if he could be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Discover that life 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 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: October 13th and November 10th.



ENCOUNTER

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



PARISH YOUTH





Classes meet every Sunday at 9:30AM. Meet in St. Francis Hall

PRAYER

Dear God, when I am tempted to fight with my friends, show me ways to help them instead. Amen.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Even though they were friends, sometimes the disciples fought with each other. In today's Gospel reading, they were fighting over who was the most important. All twelve of them wanted to be number one - the best disciple. Then Jesus told them a

secret. The best disciple is the one who helps other people.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25 6:30-8:00PM AT STS. PETER AND PAUL

If you would like to decorate your trunk (as a scene from the Bible or faith based) and hand out treats, please sign up on the sheet in the commons or if you would like to donate treats, please, place them in the collection box in the commons beginning Oct.5. We are also in need of volunteers to prepare and serve refreshments on the evening of Oct. 25.

There will also be a bonfire and with S'mores. Children are asked to dress up in family-friendly costumes. Nothing violent or horror based, and no weapons.

Contact Celeste at <u>religioused@saintspeterpaul.org</u> with questions, more information, or to volunteer.

*There is another planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, at 6:30pm at Sts. Peter and Paul.

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

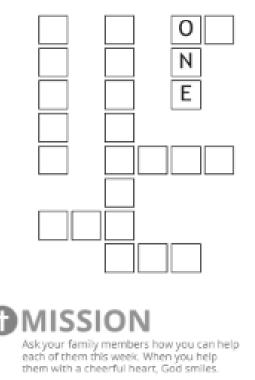
Scout Troops 138 & 1138 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

October 19, 6:00-8:00 St. Francis Hall Tickets are \$10 adults, and \$5 children, under 3 are free.



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Which one of them was the greatest?



INTENTIONS

***REPRESENTS ST. IOSEPH PARISH**

MASS INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER 21 - 29, 2024

Saturday	9/21	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	9/22	9am*	Mary Beckman	D	David Beckman
Sunday	9/22	11am	Barbara Novak	D	The Novak Family
Wednesday	9/25	9am	Gerry Galbo	D	Janet Galbo
Thursday	9/26	9am	Catherine Doherty	D	Jim & Maggie Cullinan
Friday	9/27	9am	Teresa Deel	D	Jerry & Linda Zink
Saturday	9/28	5pm	Richard Squires	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	9/29	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	9/29	11am	Eleanor Schwalb	D	Mary Ann Mason

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, Russ Marron, Adam Warren, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Joseph Ayuso, Joe and Sophia Murphy, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Alex Ostrowski, and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Peter & Philomena Alonso, Michael Amato, Jean & Mary Louise Bernard, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jim Cullinan, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Carol Donohue, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Frank Feliciano, Bob Fint, David & Pat Garner, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, John Hobby, Donna Horan, Regina Humanitzki, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, 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.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID:

I want to invite you to the following event:

CHARITABLE GIFTING WORKSHOP

October 3, 2024

6pm, Parish Hall

This event will feature James Seidl (James Seidl Law) and Robert Howard (Cornerstone Advisory Group) who will provide information on the following:

- \Rightarrow Estate Planning
- \Rightarrow Retirement Minimum Distributions (RMDs)
- \Rightarrow Financial Planning
- \Rightarrow etc.

This workshop will introduce the process of making a deferred gift to Sts. Peter and Paul, understand the possibilities, consider your own resources (financial planners, attorneys and other professionals) and that you can make an appointment with the experts who are leading the workshop.

Please join me at this event.

PARISHIONER UPDATES:

If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or email, or if you have signed up for Faith Direct and no longer need envelopes, 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	September 7 & 8	
Sat 115 Sun 195		
First Offering	\$ 5,230	
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,438	
Total	\$ 7,668	
Debt Reduction - September - M	FD \$ 3,105	
Bake Sale	\$ 529	
Water Damage Appeal	\$ 23,229	

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

October 5 & 6

Thank you and God bless you for your

continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is <u>October 5 & 6</u> after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thanks!



I lowers are expensive; throw in delivery on top of that! The cost adds up fast. In order to control the cost but still have beauty in the church, we are seeking volunteers to arrange fresh flowers to sit atop the

tabernacle every week. We are seeking enough people so that no one has to do it every week. To find out more details of what is involved, please contact the office with questions at 434.589.5201.



MARRIED COUPLES. Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

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

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

- October 11-13, 2024 College Park, MD
- November 15-17, 2024 Virginia Beach, VA





JABA Senior Helpline 434-817-5244

Ask questions or make an appointment with an "Aging Services Coordinator who can assess needs and assist in plugging into available resources and even offer Caregiver support. A "PATH Coordinator" can often assist with transportation needs.

Starting in September, a JABA representative will be at the Fluvanna Library on Wednesday mornings from 8-12.

UPCOMING EVENTS

		Sat	21-Sep	Confessions	4:00p	Church
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			22-Sep	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
ADULT				Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
FORMATION				CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	E
CHRISTIAN		Sun		CCD	10:30a	E
EDUCATION				Sunday Mass	11:00a	Church
includes RCIA,				KoC New Member Installation	12:30p	Church
offering		Mon	23-Sep	Bible Study	1:00p	123
instruction to		Tues	24-Sep	-		
unbaptized and				Mass	9:00a	Church
non-Catholic				Senior Coffee Social	6:00p	Commons
persons with an		Wed	25-Sep	Scouts	6:30p	F
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Sundays	5			Mass	9:00a	Church
9:30am	5	Fri		Adoration	9:30a	Church
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66				Confessions	4:00p	Church
BIBLE STUDY				Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
BIBLE STODY			29-Sep	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Sun		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
				CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	Church
Mondays		Sun	29-9ch	Ministry Fair	10:00a	St. Joseph's
1:00 - 2:00pm				CCD	10:30a	St. Joseph's
				Youth Mass	11:00a	Church
Room 123				F - St. Francis (Hall)	R - St.]	Raphael (Church)
	Room Ledger:		E - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	M - St.	Michael (Church)	
			_	C - Commons (Church)		
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SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

We welcome guest speaker Mr. Forney Shell. He is a local author and last visited us in June, talking about "Mastering the Bucket List". This time he will talk about "Having a Successful Life: No Permission Necessary".

> Wednesday, September 25 at 10:00 am in the Commons

SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

The Chapel is <u>temporarily closed</u> while we wait for the completion of the repairs. 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





After the joyful summer months, the Fall season is a great time to streamline your stewardship. eGiving is a way to simplify your giving and provide steady, consistent support that helps us be ready with programs, services and ministries

that helps us be ready with programs, services and ministries for our church families and for those in our community. Your recurring gifts will help strengthen our parish and sustain our ministries throughout the year, even if you need to miss a Sunday service.

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

STS. PETER & PAUL Religious Store

religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org

HOURS:	Greeting Cards	Jewelry
<u>Saturday</u>	Baby items	Figurines
3:30 - 4:30pm	Rosaries	Graphic Ts
6:00 - 6:45pm	Gifts for the home	Special orders
	Books	And more



Charlottesville Catholic School

Christ Community Scholars

Substitutes Teachers Needed! Charlottesville Catholic School is seeking substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Interested candidates should send resume and Diocesan application to Charlottesville Catholic School, Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or via email to v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: True or False: Unmarried permanent deacons must remain unmarried/celibate.

Answer: 'anıl

REMINDER - Food for MACAA can be left in the baskets in the entrance of the Church for transport every Tuesday. Thank you.

PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE

Bonjour! Join Father David from Saints Peter and Paul and Father Joseph Mary from Holy Comforter on an unforgettable spiritual journey to France from April 24th to May 4th, 2025, for just \$5,449!

Our 11-day pilgrimage includes first-class hotel accommodations, round-trip airfare, breakfast and dinner, entrance fees, train fares, deluxe motorcoach, and so much more! We will take you through breathtaking locations, from the picturesque town of Lisieux, poignant Omaha Beach, historic Mont-Saint-Michel, magnificent Chartres Cathedral, and serene Nevers. Experience each destination's rich history and spiritual significance as we embark on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Our itinerary includes visits to sacred sites such as Lourdes and Paray-le-Monial, daily Mass celebrations, and iconic landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the beautiful Basilica of Sacre Coeur. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty and wonder of France.

Book your religious journey today with *Alba's Tours, LLC*, and prepare for an enriching and unforgettable experience! *Au revoir!*

For further information, please contact: Alba Kim: Phone: <u>(804) 298-4035</u> Email: <u>tours@albastours.com</u> Website: <u>albastours.com</u> *Reservations are available now. Spaces are limited

Catholic Q & A

QUESTION:

There seems to be a lot of division in some Christian churches over moral issues, especially abortion, ordination, and end-of-life care. If all Christians follow the Gospel of Jesus, why is there such a difference of opinion?

ANSWER:

There is always a struggle between culture and religion, and part of that struggle is politics. To be politically correct means that you must embrace the secular virtue of the moment so that you are "enlightened," "sensitive," "aware," and, most importantly, "open-minded." Unfortunately, common sense can be sacrificed in the race to be "PC."

Some factions within Christian denominations have tried to redefine tradition, history, and biblical teaching to bend it around the politically correct religious thinking of the day. On the life issues that you mention, there are those who began with their own conclusions and have tried to bend theology around their conclusions. This is possible in part because of a lack of a central teaching authority and partly because society has become apathetic to these issues. It will result in a lot of division, factions, and schisms. The Gospel calls all believers to embrace the truth, to turn from sin, and to seek holiness and justice. No matter how hard some may try, a square peg will not fit a round hole. The camel cannot fit through the eye of the needle.



NEW! Bilingual Filipino-English Mass

Please join our growing Filipino community every 4th Sunday of the month at 4:30PM for a bilingual Filipino -English Mass at the **Church of the Incarnation** in Charlottesville. Our next Mass will be on September 22nd @ 4:30PM. Bring a dish to share for the potluck gathering after Mass in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

If you would like to get involved and help with our Filipino-English Mass, we would love your help! Signup to volunteer: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/</u> go/409054AA4AE28A02-51000535-0922



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 434-953-5432

EYE GLASSES FOR UGANDA

Do you have old eye glasses that aren't helpful any more? Are they just piling up? Wondering what you can do with them? There is a collection box in the entrance of the church to deposit any unused, or even brand new eye glasses, which will



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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 22, 2024 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be in Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in me. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

— Father John Muir

Ministry Fair

September 29th after Mass

Come and see how you can help your Parish. We particularly need money counters, Altar Servers, and EHMC's.

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CCD meets every Sunday at 10:30!



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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: <u>kenneymg@gmail.com</u>

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.



Home Mission Grant Awarded to St. Joseph/Shrine of St. Katherine Drexel

Office of the Propagation of the Faith Catholic Diocese of Richmond 7800 Carousel Lane, Richmond, Virginia 23294

30 June 2024

Rev. David Ssentamu Saint Joseph's Shrine of St. Katherine Drexel P.O. Box 808 Columbia, VA. 23038

Dear Father Ssentamu,

The Home Mission Grant Review Committee has completed its review, and we are pleased to award a grant in the amount of **\$8,000.00** to Saint Joseph's Shrine of St. Katherine Drexel. The funds are to be used for construction of a church addition as described in your grant request. A direct deposit into your parish account within two weeks.

After project completion, we require copies of receipts and/or paid invoices to be submitted with a final report no later than 30 days after the expenditure of funds or by January 31, 2025, whichever comes first. A copy of the report form is enclosed for your reference. This form may also be obtained on the diocesan website.

Please note: The final report, including receipts or paid invoices, must be submitted on time to be eligible for the next cycle of funding for the Home Mission Fund or any other Diocesan funded program. Thus, submission of the final report is necessary to ensure transparency and good stewardship of funds given to us by donors. If for any reason the funding is no longer needed or not completely spent by January 31, 2025, please contact me at 804-622-5258. Please publish this grant to your parishioners in whatever way you deem appropriate.

On behalf of Bishop Knestout, thank you for the work you do and the efforts of your parishioners to make the gospel of Jesus Christ available to those who seek Him. We look forward to working with you on future proposals and projects that strengthen the Catholic Church throughout the Diocese of Richmond. May God continue to bless you in His service.

Yours in Christ,

Robert Young

Rev. Mr. Robert C. Young Office of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith

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.

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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