

September 29, 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 ministries.**



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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:

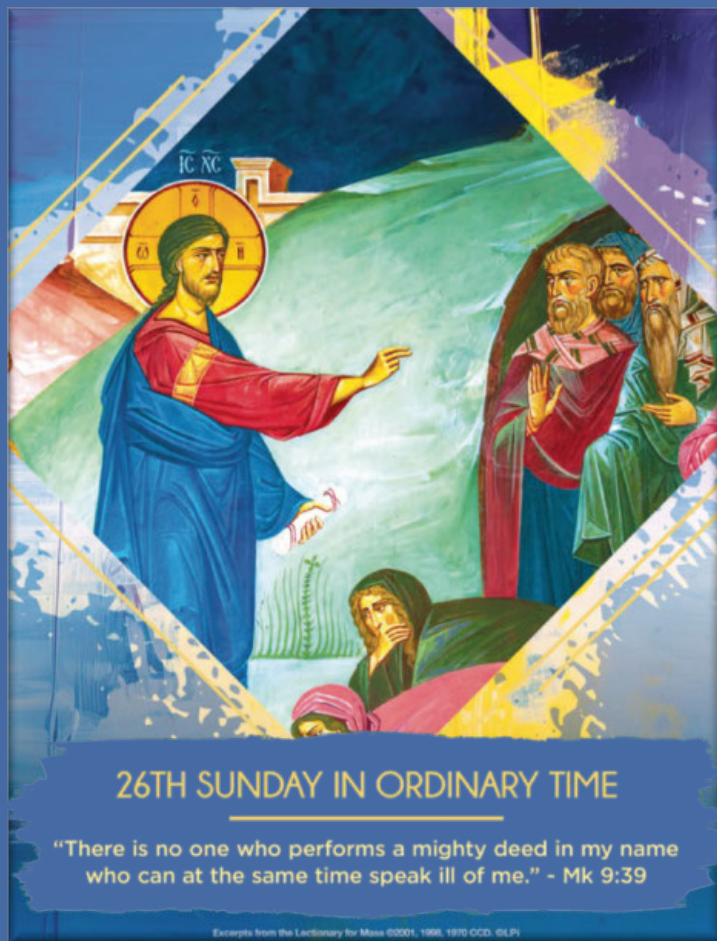
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39

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SANCTIFY

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Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to
karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/
Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/
Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/
Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8,
9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91,
125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/
Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Monday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin,
Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Thursday:
Friday: St. Francis of Assisi
Saturday: Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin;
Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



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.

SEPTEMBER 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor: Don & Eileen
Tyler
In Memory of:
Bill Tyler



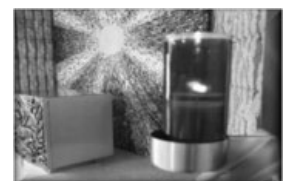
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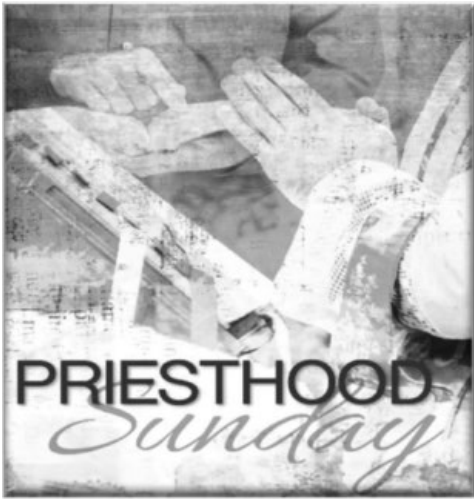


SANCTUARY CANDLE

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



ENCOUNTER



GRATEFUL TO Y'ALL

Although it always makes most of us uncomfortable to ask for help, nevertheless, it is in such uncomfortable situations that personally, I have gotten to appreciate

being your Pastor and leader. It has led me to grow and to realize that there is goodness always surrounding me. **You are that goodness!** This makes me proud and confident for the future, knowing that I have a magnanimous team behind me, and I thank God for the blessing you are to me and to our parish community.

Recently, with much fear and trembling, I made yet another appeal to you, asking for **\$25,000** to fix the water problem that had made our Adoration chapel unsafe to use. Many of you positively responded in different ways as God enabled you. I am now pleased to announce that the money was realized in a very short time. Most of the work has been successfully done, and we are soon reopening our Adoration chapel.

Words cannot fully express how I feel about y'all this time or even before, whenever I have appealed to you for support. Let it suffice to say: Thank you very much for supporting this most recent cause for our parish, Sts. Peter and Paul!

May God bless y'all abundantly!

Gratefully,
Fr. David



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

“Whoever is not against us is for us.” Pray for your priest. They heard God calling them to the priesthood and chose to serve Christ. Now, they enrich our spiritual well-being everyday in the name of God.

Office of Vocations
804.359.5661

Or via email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



PARISHIONER UPDATES:

If you move, or anything changes, let us know. We don't want you to miss anything!

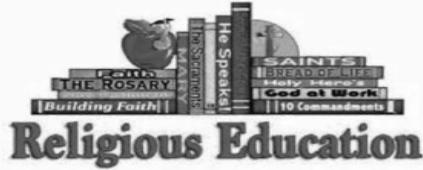
Call: 434.589.5201

Email: office@saintspeterpaul.org

Come in:

4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway
(Parish Hall)

PARISH YOUTH



**Classes meet every
Sunday at 9:30AM.**

Meet in St. Francis Hall

PRAYER

*Dear God, help me to work side-by-side with
other people who love Jesus, no matter
who they are. Amen.*

SHARING THE GOSPEL

The Apostles started to feel proud because they thought they were the “in” group of friends of Jesus. One day they saw a complete stranger working powerful miracles in the name of Jesus. The disciples told they stranger to stop because he was not part of their special group. The disciples should have encouraged him instead.

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 religioused@saintspeterpaul.org 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.

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.

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:
October 13th and November 10th.

 **PUZZLE**
Find 10 differences.



 **MISSION**

Pray for missionaries around the world
who teach others about Jesus.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 6, 2024

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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
Wednesday	10/2	9am	Special Intention	I	Mary Ann Mason
Thursday	10/3	9am	Claire van Nierop	D	Michael & Nancy King
Friday	10/4	9am	Al Jasinskis	D	Patrick & Donna McCarthy
1st Saturday	10/5	10am	Robert J. Coleman	D	Marsha Bisgrove
Saturday	10/5	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	10/6	9am*	Johnny S. & Jane Garland	D	Courtney & Shannon Land
Sunday	10/6	11am	Vinny Scalcione	D	Don & Eileen Tyler

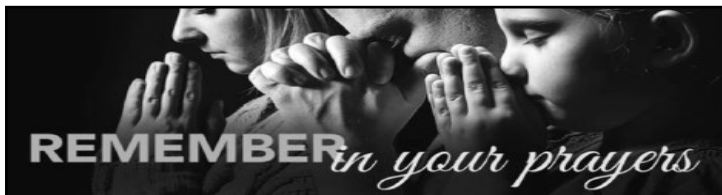
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, 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.



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, 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 Kuhlrow, 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.

SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS

October 7th

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Rosary at 11:30 at Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass at Noon

A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID:

I want to invite you to the following event:

CHARITABLE GIFTING WORKSHOP

October 3, 2024

6:00 pm, Parish Hall

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

- ⇒ Estate Planning
- ⇒ Retirement Minimum Distributions (RMDs)
- ⇒ Financial Planning
- ⇒ 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.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 139 Sun. - 206	September 14 & 15
First Offering	\$ 3,998
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,950
Total	\$ 5,948
Debt Reduction - September - MTD	\$ 4,300
Parish Rel. Educ.	\$ 714
Water Damage Appeal	\$ 24,814

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 **October 5 & 6** after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thanks!



Flowers 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 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:

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

BBQ LUNCH

Adults	Kids 7-12	6 & under
\$15	\$10	FREE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2024
12:30 - 3:00PM
 Parish Hall
 Sponsored by CHIU



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.

A JABA representative will be at the Fluvanna Library on Wednesday mornings from 8-12.

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.

Sundays
9:30am



BIBLE STUDY

Mondays
1:00 - 2:00pm
Room 123

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	28-Sep	NAACP Event	9:00a	E/F (hall)
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	29-Sep	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	E (hall)
		MINISTRY FAIR	10:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD	10:30a	E (hall)
Mon	30-Sep	Youth Mass	11:00a	Church
		Bible Study	1:00p	123 (hall)
Wed	2-Oct	KoC Officers	7:00p	E (hall)
		Mass	9:00a	Church
Thurs	3-Oct	Scouts	6:30p	F (hall)
		Mass	9:00a	Church
		Yoga	11:00a	F (hall)
		KoRT & Women's Auxiliary	6:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123 (hall)
Fri	4-Oct	CHARITABLE GIFTING WORKSHOP	6:00p	F (hall)
		Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Blessing of Animals	12:00p	Parish Hall
Sat	5-Oct	Benediction	3:00p	Church
		Confessions	9:00a	Church
		1st Saturday Mass & Rosary	10:00a	Church
		CHIUI BBQ Lunch Prep	10:00a	Parish Hall
		BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS	11:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
Sun	6-Oct	Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale after Mass	6:00p	Church
		Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	Church
		CCD	10:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Bake Sale after Mass	12:00p	Church		
CHIUI BBQ LUNCH	12:30p	Parish Hall		

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

Wednesday, October 30
at 10:00 am
in the Commons

SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

The Chapel is temporarily closed 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 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*

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HOURS:

SATURDAY

3:30 - 4:30pm

6:00 - 6:45pm

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| Greeting Cards | Jewelry |
| Baby items | Figurines |
| Rosaries | Graphic Ts |
| Gifts for the home | Special orders |
| Books | And more |

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 motor coach, 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.

For further information, please contact:

Alba Kim:

Phone: [\(804\) 298-4035](tel:(804)298-4035)

Email: tours@albastours.com

Website: albastours.com

***Reservations are available now. Spaces are limited**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Friday, October 4th, 11-2pm at the Parish Hall
Saturday, October 5th, 11am at the front circle

Bring your animals by for a blessing on the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi.



Changing Lives, One Meal at a Time

Christmas WISH LIST

- * Peppermint Tea (Boxes of 20 tea bags) 
- * Sugar Free Hot Cocoa 
- * Festive Coffee Mug 

We are sending out Christmas gifts to all of our clients again this year! Help us make it festive with these items we're needing to complete their gifts.

We are looking to provide a box of teabags and a mug with one packet of hot cocoa to each of our 95 clients.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission!

-The Staff at FMOV

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the physical seat for a bishop in a cathedral church?

Answer: Cathedra.

Catholic Q & A

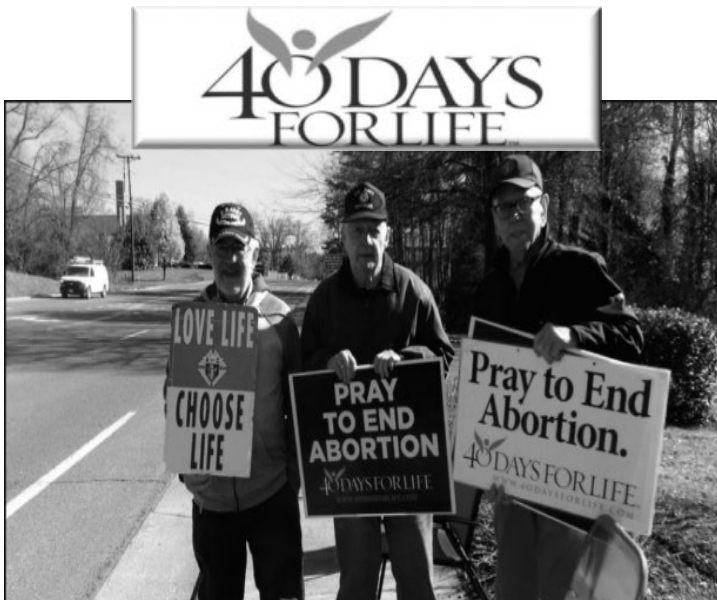
QUESTION:

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

ANSWER:

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? “Ordinary” is not in contrast to “extraordinary” or “special” but rather stresses the Latin language notion of “ordinal” or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, *tempus ordinarium*, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a “measured” time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus’ incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.



Join us for an hour of peaceful and prayerful presence each Wednesday, starting on September 25th - October 30th, 2024. Sts. Peter & Paul Knights of Columbus Council #11475 invites any and all to join us on Wednesdays from 10 - 11am. We maintain a vigil and pray in front of Planned Parenthood (2964 Hydraulic Rd.) in C’ville during that same hour, each Wednesday. For carpool info or directions, call Larry Boice, 434.510.7677. There is ample parking across the street from the site for those who choose to meet us there. If you can’t physically join us, please pray to end abortion, wherever you happen to be.

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

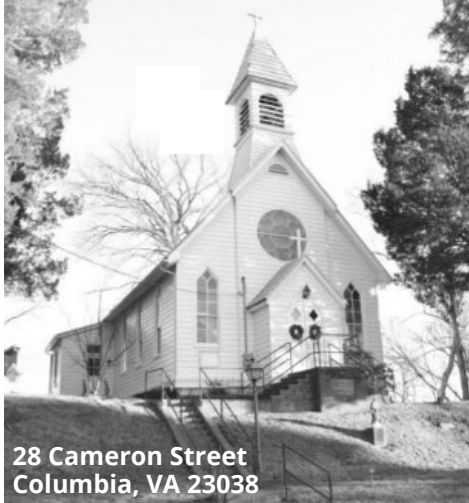
434-953-5432

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 help people in Uganda.



ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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Debbie Blackburn | 804.815.3732

INTROSPECTIVE

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 29, 2024

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.

— Father John Muir

MINISTRY FAIR - Today after Mass

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

ADDITIONAL HAPPENINGS:

- ◆ Sept. 29 - Youth Mass Sunday - The Youth Choir, under the direction of Sarah Kenney, has been working hard on the music, along with our youth musicians Rose Kulich and Marcus Mason.
- ◆ Oct. 6 - Respect Life Sunday. The Knights of the Round Table will be presenting the rose to the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ◆ Oct. 26 - The Knights are sponsoring a parish-wide clean-up day.
- ◆ Congratulations to Marie Kenney, who will be inducted as an Eagle Scout on Oct. 12. Stop by Camp Wakeham to see her beautiful Eagle Scout project.

CCD meets every
Sunday at 10:30!

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Thank you for your generosity!



Saint Joseph's Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel Church

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September 22, 2024

Dear Parishioners:

Re: Confessional & classroom - we will be blessed!

As most of you know St. Joseph's has been trying to satisfy some of the basic needs of the Parish for many years but addition proposals always came back unaffordable and out of our reach. With the recent donation of \$50,000 and a Home Mission Grant of \$8,000 the Parish, finally, has the ability to satisfy some of its basic needs.


Maintenance and repair issues (roof replacement, electrical issues in the church and Parish Hall and an ongoing battle with water leaks) to name just a few, is an ongoing battle for the Parish. Fortunately, we have been able to repair all of these with your financial support. But now we have an opportunity to satisfy a basic need that we have attempted on three previous occasions.

Adequate classroom space has long been needed. The existing facilities used for the Sacrament of Penance and a classroom leave much to be desired for functionality as a classroom, and for administering this important Sacrament. The addition would provide seating for approximately 10 parishioners when used as a cry room or classroom. The confessional (approximately 6 feet wide) will be installed on the side wall of the addition. We are confident this project will effectively address both needs mentioned above. An architectural drawing will be on display in the Parish Hall that will clearly show what we are trying to accomplish.

The total cost for this addition is \$80,000. However, we have been blessed that \$68,000 has already been raised between a generous donation of \$50,000, a diocesan Home Mission Grant of \$8,000, and \$10,000 from our parish savings account. The remainder of the funds necessary to complete our project is \$12,000.

I am appealing for your support in this effort to raise \$12,000 for the realization of the project. Starting in October the Parish will have a second collection to help fund this long awaited and desperately needed addition to the Church.

We will keep everyone informed of our progress in our weekly bulletin. Should you have any questions about this campaign effort or the project itself, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of support. May God Bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Father David Ssentamu
Pastor

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.



Chesterton Academy of St. John the Evangelist is a new, affordable high school option for teens in our area. It is located across the street from Holy Comforter Church in Charlottesville. Since August it has been educating young people in the classical tradition, and is "joyfully" rooted in our Catholic faith.

If you would like to know more about the progress of the school or would like to support it, please contact Catherine Heffley, 757.813.1992. Ask about the gala-benefit on Saturday, November 2nd at the Omni Charlottesville Hotel. Prospective students are invited to shadow at the school for the day and attend an *Open House* on Thursday, October 3rd. More info at ChestertonSJE.org.

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