

October 6, 2024

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



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

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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



**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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**EVANGELIZE**

**SANCTIFY**

**SERVE**

# WELCOME



## ADMINISTRATION

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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 OCTOBER 6, 2024

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  
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/  
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 2024

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; **Respect Life Sunday**  
Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;  
St. John Leonardi, Priest  
Thursday:  
Friday: St. John XXIII, Pope  
Saturday:  
Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## OCTOBER 2024

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

#### **BREAD & WINE**

**Donor:** Tony & Debra  
Faul

**In Memory of:** Ivy &  
Hilda Mae Faul



#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

**Donor:** Tony & Debra  
Faul

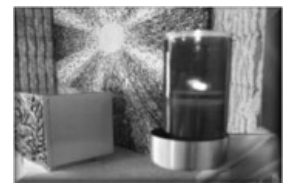
**In Memory of:**  
Isabella Britton



#### **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**Donor:** Tony & Debra  
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**In Memory of:**  
William B. Britton



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



# ENCOUNTER

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### THEREIN LIES THE...RIB

“If I were God...” is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don’t verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. If I were God, I wouldn’t let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn’t exist.


I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don’t look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it’s never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam’s rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I’m guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. “Why haven’t you sent me what I need? I’ve been asking over and over again.” But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don’t fit the bill?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS




27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 6, 2024

“We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor.” Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you to be a reflection of His divine glory as a priest? Seek the opportunity to serve and lead others. Talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations  
804.359.5661

Or via email:  
[vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto: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

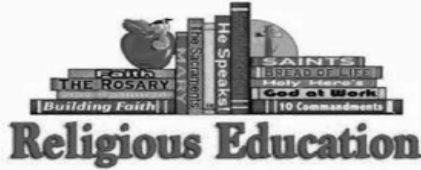
Email: [office@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:office@saintspeterpaul.org)

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 people who are married to love you and care for each other. Amen.*

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

In the beginning, when God created Adam and Eve, he created marriage to be good and holy. God wanted husbands and wives to love God and help one another. Because of sin, some marriages started to fall apart. Divorce is difficult for everyone. God always wants marriage to be good and holy.

## 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](mailto:religioused@saintspeterpaul.org) with questions, more information, or to volunteer.

\*There is another planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 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](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:  
**October 13<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

Jesus	husband	divorce
Moses	wife	papers
law	married	joined
Jssue	<u>J</u> <u>E</u> <u>S</u> <u>U</u> <u>S</u>	
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wfie	— — — — —	
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pprsae	— — — — —	

## MISSION

Pray for kids you know who have been hurt because their parents are not living with each other. Ask God to heal their broken hearts.

# INTENTIONS

**MASS INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 5 - 13, 2024**

\*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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
Monday-Our Lady/Rosary	10/7	Noon	Jim & Claire Kraemer	I	The Rosary Ladies
Wednesday	10/9	9am	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY</b>		
Thursday	10/10	9am	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY</b>		
Friday	10/11	9am	W. Stanley Jones	D	Marsha Bisgrove
Saturday	10/12	5pm	Anne Ayuso	D	Anthony & Patricia Amato
Sunday	10/13	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	10/13	11am	Brian Bisgrove	D	Marsha Bisgrove

**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.**

**SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS**

October 7th

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

Rosary at 11:30 at Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Mass at Noon in the church

**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, 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.

*September Wedding Anniversaries*

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

<i>James &amp; Brittney R</i>	8 years
<i>Bruce &amp; Sally Ann D.</i>	10 years
<i>André &amp; Me'Shelle D.</i>	10 years
<i>Michael &amp; Stephanie T.</i>	17 years
<i>Thomas &amp; Marie B.</i>	31 years
<i>Wayne &amp; Dianna C.</i>	40 years
<i>Steve &amp; Lorraine M.</i>	43 years
<i>Andy &amp; Ginny R.</i>	43 years
<i>Bob &amp; Angela M.</i>	53 years
<i>Deacon Bob &amp; Susan A.</i>	54 years
<i>Bill &amp; Veronica L.</i>	60 years
<i>Jack &amp; Leona B.</i>	68 years



# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

<b>Pew Count</b> Sat. - 106   Sun. - 245	<b>September 21 &amp; 22</b>
First Offering	<b>\$ 3,547</b>
First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>	<b>\$ 1,950</b>
Total	<b>\$ 5,497</b>
<b>Debt Reduction - September - MTD</b>	<b>\$ 4,340</b>
<b>Water Damage Appeal</b>	<b>\$ 25,864</b>

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

**Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is**

**THIS WEKEND**

*Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.*

Our next monthly Bake Sale is this weekend 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](http://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](mailto: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**

<b>Adults</b>	<b>Kids 7-12</b>	<b>6 &amp; under</b>
<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>FREE</b>

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**  
**12:30 - 3:00PM**  
 Parish Hall  
 Sponsored by CHIU

Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda



**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

<b>Sat</b>	<b>5-Oct</b>	Confessions	9:00a	Church
		CHIU BBQ Lunch Prep	10:00a	E/F
		1st Saturday Mass & Rosary	10:00a	Church
		<b>Blessing of the Animals</b>	11:00a	Circle
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass - <b>Rose Ceremony</b>	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6-Oct</b>	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass - <b>Rose Ceremony</b>	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	E
		CCD	10:30a	E
		Mass - <b>Rose Ceremony</b>	11:00a	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	12:00p	Church
		<b>BBQ LUNCH FOR CHIU</b>	11:00a	E/F
<b>Mon</b>	<b>7-Oct</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY ROSARY FOLLOWED BY MASS</b>	11:30p	Statue, Church
		Bible Study	1:00p	124
		KoC Meeting	6:00p	E
<b>Wed</b>	<b>9-Oct</b>	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY</b>	9:00a	Church
		Scouts	6:30p	F
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10-Oct</b>	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY</b>	9:00a	Church
		Yoga	11:00a	F
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
<b>Fri</b>	<b>11-Oct</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
<b>Sat</b>	<b>12-Oct</b>	Color Corps Training	9:00a	E/F
		Eagle Scout Banquet	3:00p	E/F
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>13-Oct</b>	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

## SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

**Wednesday, October 30**  
**10:00 am, Commons**

We will talk about our personal favorite chapter in the book, **Beautiful Eucharist**.  
Catherine at [cheffley@aol.com](mailto:cheffley@aol.com)

## SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

**Our Chapel is now open!** Thank you for your contributions and support of this project!

**Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm**

Block schedule for those who want a regular weekly adoration time is posted on the wall in the hall across from the Religious Store.

Any Questions?

Contact: Denise Minor - [minor92@gmail.com](mailto:minor92@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](http://faith.direct/VA249), or call their Customer Service team at 866.507.8757.

## PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE

**For further information, please contact:**

**Alba Kim:**

**Phone:** (804) 298-4035

**Email:** [tours@albastours.com](mailto:tours@albastours.com)

**Website:** [albastours.com](http://albastours.com)

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

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

[religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org)

#### HOURS:

SATURDAY

3:30 - 4:30pm

6:00 - 6:45pm

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

**For the Month of the Rosary, receive a free Rosary with any purchase of \$20 or more**

**Meals on Wheels Fluvanna** *Changing Lives, One Meal at a Time*

**Christmas WISH LIST**

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

**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 Hefley, 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. More info at [ChestertonSJE.org](http://ChestertonSJE.org).

### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Friday, October 4th, 11-2, 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.

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 was the first Native American language approved for translation for most parts of the Mass?

**Answer:** Navajo.



# Catholic Q & A

## QUESTION:

I read in the catechism that marriage is indissoluble. Why then does the Church issue annulments?

## ANSWER:

Sacramental marriage is indeed indissoluble. You can find this in several places in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Indissolubility is foundational to the union of marriage (CCC 1646) and required by spousal love (CCC 1644). This quality of marriage draws its meaning from the fidelity of Jesus to his Bride, the Church (CCC 1647). Spouses give themselves forever to each other. Through the vows and their consummation, the spouses form a covenantal bond that binds them as one. Indissolubility presumes and depends on this sacramental bond between the spouses.

Sometimes, however, there are impediments to marriage that are overlooked, poorly understood, or unknown. It is possible that at the time of the vows, something was either present or absent that made the consent invalid. The ceremony itself does not bring about the sacrament. The priest is the official witness of the Church, but he is not the minister of the sacrament. The husband and wife are the ministers of the sacrament to each other. Without the full, free, and able consent of the man and the woman, no sacrament takes place. An annulment does not destroy the marriage bond. It is an acknowledgement that the sacramental bond did not form in the first place.

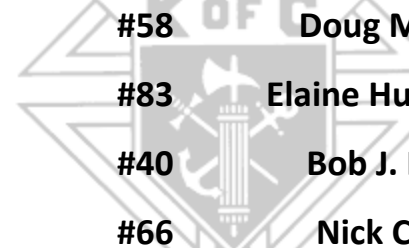


40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Join us for an hour of peaceful and prayerful presence each Wednesday, starting on September 25<sup>th</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Saints Peter & Paul Knights of Columbus Council #11475 invites any and all to join us on Wednesdays from 10 to 11 AM. We maintain a vigil and pray in front of Planned Parenthood (2964 Hydraulic Road) in C'ville during that same hour. For carpool information 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 cannot physically join us, please pray to end abortion, wherever you happen to be.

## Knights of Columbus "100 Club" weekly winners for September:



09/04	#58	Doug Mullinex
09/11	#83	Elaine Hutton (Bill)
09/18	#40	Bob J. Heffley
09/25	#66	Nick Canada

Congratulations to all winners!

## 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

## INTROSPECTIVE

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

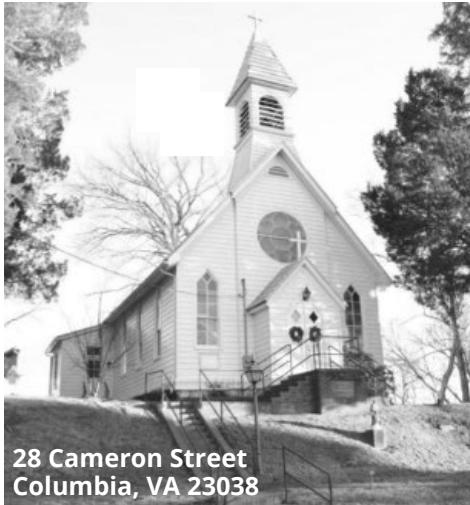
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As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, "Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?" I replied, "Actually, Jesus' teaching is what's difficult." He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant.

We opened the Bible and together read today's gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her..." My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn't know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, "Let the children come to me." The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren't yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church's demanding teaching on marriage, it's best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves.

— Father John Muir



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#### ADDITIONAL HAPPENINGS:

- The Tabernacle is now located behind the altar.
- ◆ 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.

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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.



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The Hardness of Your Hearts

As far as I know, no one has ever woken up in the morning, looked out the window, and thought, "This is a beautiful sunrise. I'll have to be very careful not to let it make me happy."

But I'm certain that every day, lots of people — including, on not-infrequent occasions, myself — have woken up and remembered something that happened the day before. Something that made us feel upset or frustrated or insulted. And we thought to ourselves, "That makes me so, so angry." And we've pictured the face of the person who made us feel that way, and we have scoffed with disgust.

And we hold onto that anger because anger feels so much better than sadness. And deep within ourselves, in the place where we feel all the love and pain and confusion that is inherent in human existence, we harden.

Nobody ever intends to be hard-hearted. That's just the stuff of Bond villains and horror flicks. No, in real life a hardened heart isn't a conscious choice. It's a reflex. It's just us trying to protect ourselves, to be strong — or, at least, to embody the version of strength offered by a fallen world.

A heart of stone is not so easily scratched, you see. But it's also not so easily warmed or touched or moved.

A heart hardened by resentment and pain and anger is not just protected from injury. It is protected from the impact of the whole spectrum of tender feelings. It is not open to forgiveness, so it cannot feel the rush of life-giving mercy. It is closed off to new ideas, so it can never feel the awe of discovery.

There is a reason we are called to guard ourselves against hard-heartedness. God gave us hearts of flesh and blood. They are hearts that can be broken, yes — but also, they are hearts that can be made new.

**Charlottesville Catholic School** is now accepting applications for admission for new students for the 2025-2026 school year! The application is accessible through the CCS website for students eligible for Junior Kindergarten (4 years of age by Sept. 30, 2025) through 8th grade.

There will be an admissions Open House on Wednesday, October 16 from 4:00PM-6:00PM at the school. Anyone interested in learning more about CCS is invited to stop by for a tour. No RSVP required, just come by!

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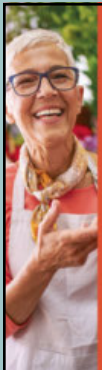
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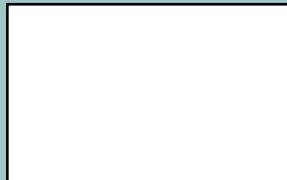
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