

October 13, 2024

"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"



STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

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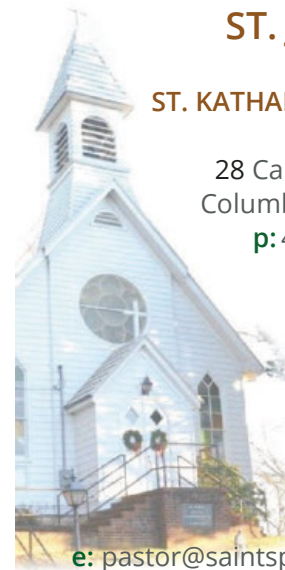
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OUR VISION

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.**



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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



EVANGELIZE

SANCTIFY

SERVE

WELCOME



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BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to
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 13, 2024

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/
Mk 10:17-30
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/
Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/
Mk 10:35-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2024

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr; Columbus Day
Tuesday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Hedwig, Religious;
Thursday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: St. Luke, Evangelist
Saturday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests,
Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara
Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

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
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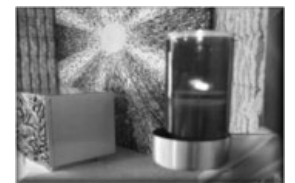
In Memory of:
Isabella Britton



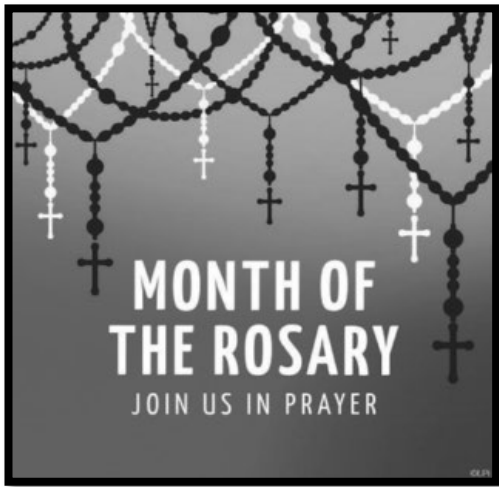
SANCTUARY CANDLE

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



Diocese of Richmond

October 1, 2024

Office of the Bishop

Dear Pastors and Parish Administrators,

Many of you have watched as I have, the heartbreaking videos and pictures of the effects of Hurricane Helene as it made landfall in Florida and tore a wide path of destruction in our neighboring Dioceses of Charlotte, Knoxville, and our own diocesan areas in Southwest Virginia.

The damage assessment will continue to take some time, and while we know that many things can be replaced, the toll on human lives in a physical and emotional sense will require much healing. I encourage you to pray for those who lost their lives and their families who are grieving and I commend them to the healing power of Our Lord.

I firmly believe that the Church leads the way and sets the example in situations like this. We have helped in the past and we must do our best to help again. We may not all be able to "go" and offer help, but we can all "give."

I am writing today to encourage support for our Diocesan community in Southwest Virginia, the Diocese of Charlotte, and the Diocese of Knoxville. I ask that each parish make a special appeal for a collection during the weekend of **October 12th and 13th**.


This special collection will go to these neighboring dioceses as well as a portion of the collection retained to assist those in Southwest Virginia. Please note that all collections and gifts should be sent to the Diocesan Finance Office with a memo for Hurricane Helene Relief.

Most of all, please continue to pray for those impacted by this event and thank you for your prayers and generosity. With my gratitude and every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

Please make checks payable to **Sts. Peter and Paul Church** with the memo for "**Hurricane Helene Relief**". The church will send one check to the Diocese to answer the call. Thank you for what you can do this weekend.




28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 13, 2024

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Pray for those men who serve us as deacons. By answering a call to the diaconate, a man seeks to follow Jesus' path by serving and enriching the lives of others. If you are called to serve as a deacon, talk to your priest or contact

Office of the Diaconate
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!

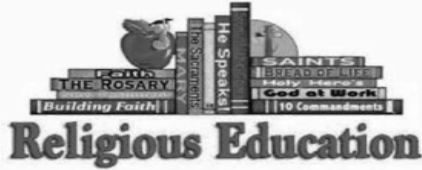
Call: 434.589.5201

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 love you more than all the gifts you have given me. Amen.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

The man in today's Gospel reading thought he was pretty good. He had been careful to obey most of God's rules. But he forgot the most important rule of all - love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength. When Jesus asked the man to give away all he owned, the man went away sad. He loved money more than he loved God.

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.

*Our final planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, at 6:30pm at Sts. Peter and Paul.

Scout Troops 138 & 1138 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

October 19, 6:00-8:00pm

St. Francis Hall

Tickets are \$10 adults, and \$5 children, under 3 are free.

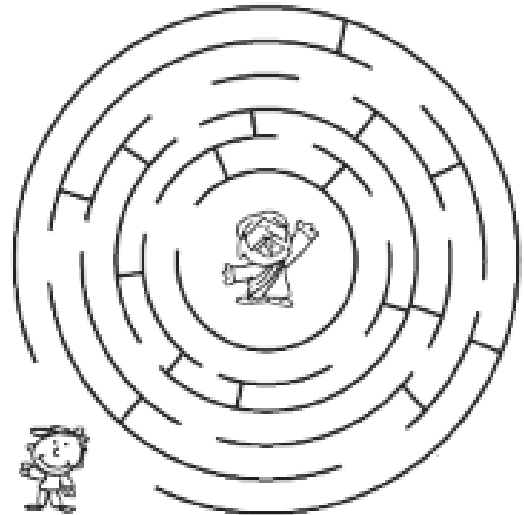
charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com 571.212.4445

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:
November 10th and December 8th.

PUZZLE Help this child find Jesus.



MISSION

Make a list of things that are special to you. If God asked you to give away your favorite toy or game to someone who's poor, could you do it? Be honest with God, and ask him to help you love him more than anything.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 12 - 20, 2024

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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
Wednesday	10/16	9am	Thomas Halloran, Sr.	D	Jerry & Linda Zink
Thursday	10/17	9am	Claire van Nierop	D	Dick van Nierop
Friday	10/18	9am	George Rindos	D	Anne Marie Rindos
Saturday	10/19	5pm	Anne Ayuso	D	Tim & Eileen Monahan
Sunday	10/20	9am*	James & Ethel Rogan	D	Patricia
Sunday	10/20	11am	Misa Pro Populo		

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.

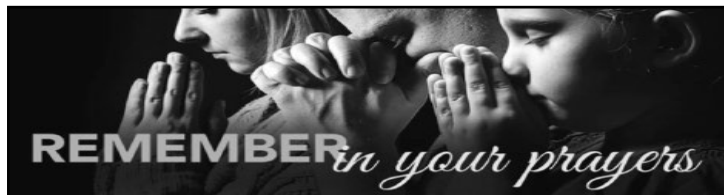
Pray God keeps them in His care.



Why not make a change this fall in the way you support our parish?

This season, rich in the symbolism of harvest and sowing, offers a beautiful reminder: your acts of generosity reverberate, touching countless lives. Sign up with eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering. Making either one-time or automatic contributions through Faith Direct will also save valuable time for both you and our parish staff.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249 or call their Customer Service team at 866-507-8757.



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.



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.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 109 Sun. - 216	September 28 & 29
First Offering	\$ 2,737
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,950
Total	\$ 5,497
Debt Reduction - September - MTD	\$ 4,340
Water Damage Appeal	\$ 26,164

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

NOVEMBER 2ND AND 3RD

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is **November 2nd and 3rd** after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass.



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.

Just as we celebrate Thanksgiving by gathering together with family, why not celebrate your Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage.

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:

- November 15-17, 2024 - Virginia Beach, VA

FLUVANNA MEALS ON WHEELS
EMERGENCY FOOD BAG (E-BAG) COLLECTION

We are collecting food for our Emergency Bags. Emergency bags provide 4 days of meals for clients in case of closure for inclement weather.

NONPERISHABLE ENTIRELY PREPARED FOOD in single-serving size
If possible, low sodium/low sugar Expiration dates after July 2025.

PROTEIN - Choose 4

- Soups or Stews
- Baked Bean - Beanee Weenies
- Meat - tuna, chicken, salmon in cans or pouches
- Peanut Butter - 16 oz or smaller
- Jars or Cans of Nuts

FRUIT - 1 pack of single serving cups

- Fruit cups in fruit juice (not syrup)
- Dried fruits (banana, cherries, apricots, raisins, etc.)

VEGETABLE - 1 pack of single serving cups

- Green beans, Peas, Carrots, Corn or Mixed Vegetables

CRACKERS/BARS - Choose 1 or 2

- Box of Saltine or Ritz crackers
- Box of Graham crackers, granola bars, cereal bars

FRUIT JUICE & Milk - 1 package of single serving sizes

- 100% Fruit Juice boxes
- Shelf Stable Milk cartons - (Not canned milk)

NO CANDY OR COOKIES PLEASE

Drop off M-F 9 AM - 12PM Fluvanna Meals on Wheels, 105 Crofton Plaza, Suite 8, 434-589-1685
Items needed by November 20th

If you'd like to help, stop by the office to pick up bags with the specific list of food items needed, or items can be donated in grocery bags.

Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm. 105 Crofton Plaza, Suite 8, Palmyra, VA 22963

**Please leave a note of your name and # of bags dropped off*

INDIGENOUS
PEOPLE'S
DAY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024

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	12-Oct	KoC Color Corps Training	9:00a	E/F
		Eagle Scout Banquet	3:00p	E/F
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	13-Oct	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	Hall
		CCD	10:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	14-Oct	Bible Study	1:00p	123
Wed	16-Oct	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Scouts	6:30p	F
Thurs	17-Oct	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Yoga	11:00a	F
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	18-Oct	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	19-Oct	SCOUT SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER	6:00p	E/F
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	20-Oct	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	Hall
		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

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 - dminor92@gmail.com





CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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. More info at ChestertonSJE.org.

PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE

APRIL 24 - MAY 4, 2024 \$5,449

For further information, please contact:

Alba Kim:

Phone: (804) 298-4035

Email: tours@albastours.com

Website: albastours.com

*Reservations are available now. Spaces are limited.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking an **Administrative Assistant** to support the Office for Evangelization. For the full ad and how to apply, please visit <https://bit.ly/3XliBTZ>. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a **Full Time Information Technology Specialist** to work in the Christiansburg area. For the full ad and how to apply, please visit <https://bit.ly/4dJh1rV>. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at 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 visit <https://bit.ly/3zMgVAK>. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

STS. PETER & PAUL *Religious Store*

religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org

HOURS:

SATURDAY

3:30 - 4:30pm

6:00 - 6:45pm

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| 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

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

QUESTION: What is the name of the basin that holds Baptismal water inside a church?

ANSWER: Font.

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.



Catholic Q & A

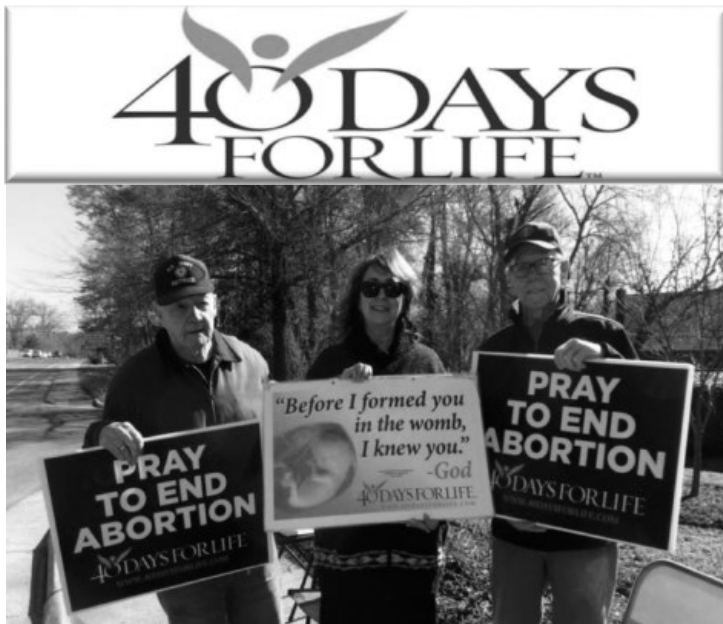
QUESTION:

Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom ..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like Protestants do? Where did it come from?

ANSWER:

The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in *The Didache*, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (#2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it.

Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has come to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!



Join us for an hour of peaceful and prayerful presence each Wednesday, starting on September 25th through October 30th, 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.

Save the Date

NOVEMBER 2ND, 2024
10:00 - Noon

PICKLEBALL FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
VETERAN'S PROGRAM

Register, sponsor, or donate here

www.svdprvacouncil.org

PERFORMANCE PICKLEBALL
8441 QUIOCCASIN ROAD
HENRICO, VA 23229

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ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

INTROSPECTIVE

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 13, 2024
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we hear of the man who inquires of Jesus how to obtain eternal life. He rejects Jesus' invitation to sell his goods, give to the poor, and follow Jesus. Mark tells us this devastatingly sad line, "**At this saying, his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions**" (Mark 10:22). The man's heart wasn't centered on Jesus, but on his possessions. Perhaps Jesus intuited this. Now, we don't know if Jesus intended to actually make him go through with it, like God's call to test Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac. But sadly, in this case the willingness was not there to entrust everything to Jesus. And

this made the man deeply sad.



For most of us, the literal dispossessing of our goods is not our call. But as Christians, a consistent *renouncing* of them is. This week, especially if you're noticing a persisting sadness, I invite you to hear Jesus calling you to acknowledge that none of your possessions are finally *yours*. They are God's and on loan to you. We get so addicted to that stuffy and sad word, "mine." At Mass, we rehearse this attitude of joyful detachment by giving bread,

wine, and money to the Lord, as if to say, "Lord, all I have is yours." And what we get back is a sadness-defeating joy beyond all description: knowing that He is ours, and we are His.

What possessions are pre-occupying you at the moment? Write them down. Intentionally offer them to the Lord at the next Mass you attend.

— *Father John Muir*

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Please make checks payable to

St. Joseph with the memo for "**Hurricane Helene Relief**".

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Thank you for what you can do this weekend.

See the Bishop's appeal on page 3.

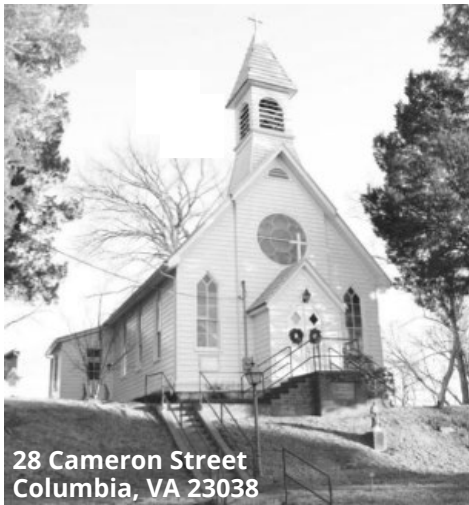
CCD meets every
Sunday at 10:30!

OFFERTORY

SEPTEMBER 29 \$ 1,219

POOR BOX \$ 159

Thank you for your generosity!



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DEACON, Rev. Mr. Robert Allen | 434.589.0941

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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

POSSESSIONS

When I was a kid, before smartphones and Amazon, it was the toy catalogs that we waited for.

They arrived in the mail, smiling children's faces splashed across the cover, like a silent promise that real happiness could be purchased within these magical pages. We fought over who got to look at them first. We imagined playtime with this Barbie or that EasyBake Oven.

Without realizing it, we expected that these toys — and the fun they would create out of thin air, the excitement they would inject into our days — would give us new lives. Make us new people.

The toys we did get were fun enough, but they never made us new people. They never gave us new lives. And before long they broke or needed new batteries. They lost their allure, and they went to the attic. And then, many years later, when we got married or moved houses, we found them, and we sighed — more junk to get rid of.

It's the same now, thirty years later, as much as I hate to admit it. The catalogs have become social media, and the toys have become promotions or pay raises or home improvement projects. I scroll through the feed and my mind lights up. What if we had this? What if we could buy that? What if we could go there?

The rich young man was not sad as he walked away from Jesus because he was losing his riches. He was sad because he wasn't — because he couldn't. He couldn't give them up. Such is the dark magic of materialism: it takes hold when you're not looking. He thought he was being a good person and doing good things. But he had given his heart away, and he hadn't given it to God. And now he couldn't get it back.

Whatever of this world we seek to possess — dollars, cars, clothes, prestige — will come to possess us, in the end.

● Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a parish-wide clean-up day on Saturday, October 26th.

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