

October 27, 2024

"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"



STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

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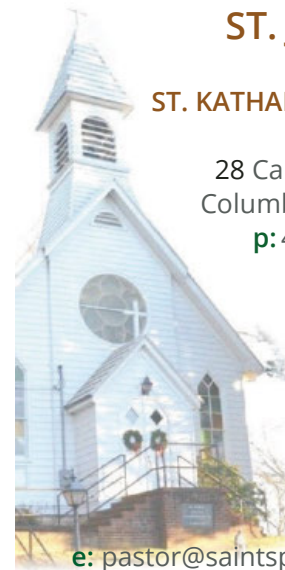
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OUR VISION

To expand and strengthen the Christian Community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is demonstrated and fulfilled.

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through **Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.**



ST. JOSEPH'S

SHRINE OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

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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



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go your way; your faith has saved you."

- Mk 10:52

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001, 1988, 1970 CCD, OLP)

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 27, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/
Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/
Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/
Mt 11:25-30

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/
Mk 12:28b-34

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, 2024

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Thursday: All Hallow's Eve

Friday: All Saints

Saturday: All Souls' Day

Next Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time
Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

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

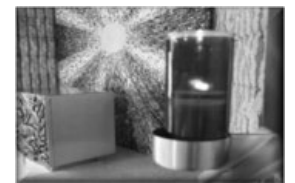
In Memory of:
Isabella Britton



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor: Tony & Debra
Faul

In Memory of:
William B. Britton



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



**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 27, 2024**

“Take courage, stand up! He is calling you.” Will you share in Christ’s saving mission? He may be calling you to a beautiful and sacrificial life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the

**Office of Vocations
804.359.5661**

Or via email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



Fluvanna Christian Service Society (FCCS) once again is sponsoring its annual Happy Face Party. Once qualifying families are identified, they will participate in a program to celebrate Jesus’ birth. Each child will pick out a toy, books, games, and a stuffed animal, and will receive a winter coat and a pair of pajamas. Each family also will receive a food voucher.

Please help us make the party a big success by donating new toys valued at \$15 - \$30 (no guns or weapons). Suggestions -- fitness watches, wireless ear buds, Bluetooth speakers, Stanley tumblers (Target), makeup kits, scooters, or a donation to Fluvanna Christian Service Society (FCCS) with “Happy Face” on the memo line of your check. Mail to FCCS at P.O. Box 411, Palmyra, VA 22963.

You can drop off your gifts in the Happy Face box in the Lobby of the Church. Deadline for gifts and checks is December 1st.



ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 27, 2024
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Near my house there is a school for the blind. Often, I see blind people learning how to navigate the world with only a walking stick, even on a busy street with roaring traffic. I’m amazed to see how adept and carefully they get around without sight. Nevertheless, often a sadness arises in me that he or she cannot see all the beautiful colors, images, and persons filling the world around them. Those days, I find myself deeply grateful for the basic privilege of sight.

That’s part of why the mystery of Jesus as the sight-giver is so moving to me. This week, it’s wonderful how Bartimaeus, the blind man, is no longer content with his limitation and bellows out his desire for Jesus’ mercy. In beautiful simplicity, he cries out to the Lord, “Master, let me receive my sight.” Jesus quietly heals his sight. And off he goes, fully taking in the world around him. Imagine the delightful new way in which he is able to respond to the world.

Like blind Bartimaeus and the courageous people in my neighborhood, we may be able to get around reasonably well in our daily lives. But we are blind to the gestures of heroic love of people close to us. We can’t see the desperate need of the hungry, thirsty, imprisoned, exploited, endangered, and so on, in our midst. We can’t see Jesus drawing near to us in so many ways, but he is. This Sunday let’s cry out to him: Lord have mercy on me! I want to see! And little by little — or perhaps in a flash — we’ll see once again, or perhaps for the first time.

— Father John Muir

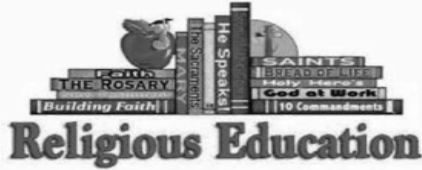
PARISHIONER UPDATES:

If you move, change your email or phone number, no longer need envelopes, etc., 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, thank you for helping Bartimaeus see you and follow you. Help me to follow his example.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Bartimaeus may have been poor and blind, but he sure was smart. He had the kind of faith that made Jesus smile. Bartimaeus knew exactly who Jesus was - the Messiah. And Bartimaeus knew Jesus had the power to make him see. When Jesus called him, Bartimaeus left everything behind, even his coat - just to follow Jesus.



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

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

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

TEACH
BLESSED
COMFORTED

FILLED
MERCY
PURE

PEACEMAKERS
REJOICE
REWARD

A T I C H Y C O P Y M
R E J O I C E R E T A
D A B F L O S U A S D
E C O I U M E R C Y E
F H D L M F U A E U R
I E Y L A O C Y M P I
P U R E P R E W A R D
C A M D O T I R K O U
O S U B L E S S E D R
J Y C E N D B I R G O
U L A D I R A W S E D

MISSION

On the playground, look for someone who is alone. Invite that child to play with you.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 3, 2024

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH

Saturday	10/26	5pm	Dominick Capuano	D	Gerard & Linda Zink
Sunday	10/27	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	10/27	11am	Samantha Buonomo	D	Michael & Nancy King
Wednesday	10/30	9am	Joe Lodato	D	John Condon
Thursday	10/31	9am	Cosmo A. DiFazio, Sr.	D	Dave Thomas
Thursday-All Saints' vigil	10/31	7pm	Jack Bisgrove	D	Marsha Bisgrove
Friday - All Saints Day	11/1	9am*	Debra Rogan	D	Patricia
Friday - All Saints Day	11/1	12pm	deceased Witkowski & Sowinski family	D	The Witkowski family
Saturday-All Souls Day	11/2	10am	No Mass Intentions		
Saturday	11/2	5pm	Bill Condon	D	John Condon
Sunday	11/3	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	11/3	11am	Fr. Jerry Przywara	I	Michael & Nancy King

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .



Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Connor Dobbins, Katie Marron, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie 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, Douglas Robinson, 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.

October

Wedding Anniversaries

**will receive a blessing at Mass on
November 2nd or 3rd.**

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 145 Sun. - 184	October 12 & 13
First Offering	\$ 3,389
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,475
Total	\$ 5,864
OCT MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 3,051
Hurricane Relief	\$ 2,238

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.

#iGIVECATHOLIC
#GIVINGTUESDAY

Advance donation time is November 18 - December 2
Giving Tuesday is December 3rd

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



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 Weenes
- 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*

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. The next encounter experience:

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

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	26-Oct	Koc State 4th Degree	8:30a	F
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	27-Oct	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	E
		CCD	10:30a	St. Joseph's
		Youth Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	28-Oct	Bible Study	1:00p	123
		KoC Officers	7:00p	F
Wed	30-Oct	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Senior Coffee Social	10:00a	C
		Scouts	6:30p	F
Thurs	31-Oct	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Yoga	11:00a	F
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
		ALL SAINTS DAY VIGIL MASS	7:00p	Church
Fri	1-Nov	ALL SAINTS DAY MASS	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		ALL SAINTS DAY MASS	12:00	Church
Sat	2-Nov	Confessions	9:00a	Church
		ALL SOULS' REQUIEM MASS	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	Church
Sun	3-Nov	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	C

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 OPEN!

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



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

***Register by December 2nd, 2024 to ensure your spot on this very special journey.**

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.



"100 Club" Membership 2025

Sponsored by: Sts. Peter and Paul, Knights of Columbus Council 11475

"100 Club" membership is open to all adults, you do not have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. (This is not for membership in the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Organization)

Annual membership dues fee (\$52/year) includes:

Weekly \$25 cash prize winner. PLUS Annual Grand Prize Drawings totaling \$1400

Remaining "100 Club" membership profit is used for charitable assistance to those in temporary financial need

MEMBERSHIP rules: available numbers limited to #'s 01-100

Annual membership fee per number: \$52.00/yr. (January 1 - December 31)
Weekly winner receives: \$25.00 (see drawing method below)
Annual Grand Prize Drawing (in November): \$400; \$200; \$100 (3); \$50 (8); \$25 (4)

Gift Membership is also available, for Christmas, birthdays or other occasions

WEEKLY WINNER (\$25) is based on the *LAST 2 NUMBERS of the WEDNESDAY evening Virginia VA Pick 3 Lottery*. If the VA Pick 3 Wednesday evening winning number is 685: the "100 Club" winner is #85.

Thank you for considering a 2025 membership in the "100 Club", which benefits both our "100 Club" members, and more importantly, those needing temporary financial assistance.

If interested, please respond by 12/15/24. We have **limited** numbers available for 2025 membership.

CONTACT: Jim Cullinan, K of C "100 Club", Manager. 434.589.4551 or, 434.996.9592

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

QUESTION: What is the sleeveless outer garment that priests wear at Mass called?

ANSWER: Chasuble

STS. PETER & PAUL *Religious Store*
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

Catholic Q & A

QUESTION:

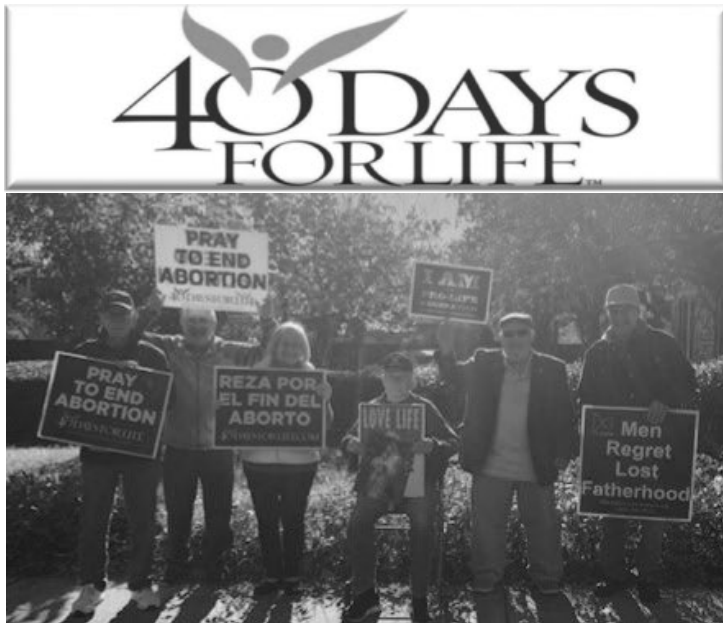
November is called the month of All Souls. More recently, it has been called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Can you tell us more about this feast and the remembrances of this month?

ANSWER:

November 2nd, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, dovetails with November 1st, the feast of All Saints. The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory.

While the Western Church has emphasized the cleansing and purifying nature of purgatory, the Eastern Orthodox Church has emphasized the growth and development aspect of it. Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face to face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but some feel the need to continue growing and developing before entering into full communion with God.

These November feasts vividly remind us of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death.



Join us for an hour of peaceful and prayerful presence on Wednesday, October 30th, 2024. Saints Peter & Paul Knights of Columbus Council #11475 invites any and all to join us for our final vigil this year 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.

2024 Arts And Crafts Fair & Bake Sale

Many Vendors
Great Gifts
Gift Baskets

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 9
8AM - 2PM

Raffles
Craft

Something for Everyone



Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church - Parish Center

Route 53

4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway

Palmyra, VA 22963

(434) 589-5201

Food Service by JUST A BITE

Sponsored by St. Peter and Paul and St. Joseph's Catholic Church



PRAYER REQUESTS



Mary Ellen Agolia * Bradford Barrows *
 David Carbocci * Maria Correa *
 Nona Dooley * Bob Fermoye *
 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.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

GIVING AS GOD DOES

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

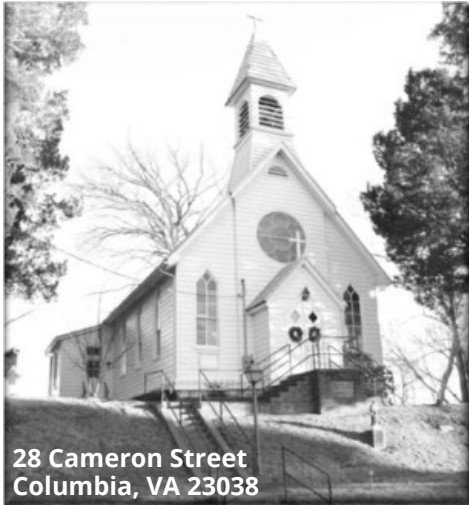
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The Safety of Darkness

Leprosy and blindness and deafness — oh, my. The disabilities cured by Jesus in his public ministry really are quite something, aren't they? Vividly symbolic and rich food for reflection. It just wouldn't be the same if Jesus had cured eczema or athlete's foot or compulsive nail-biting.

Blind Bartimaeus, sitting by the side of the road, in particular captures my imagination. Because I have a confession to make, sometimes, I like to sit in the darkness, even though I know it isn't very good for me.



Well, listen: it's just easier, isn't it? You don't have to care about or fix the problems you can't see. No one expects you to rush to someone's aid if you don't see their injuries. The darkness is a good place to be, if you don't feel very brave or very smart or very able.

And when Jesus passes you by, if your whole world is darkness, it's easy enough to pretend you just didn't notice him at all.

But Bartimaeus chose not to stay in his darkness. More than that, he cried out to be released from it, even when everyone around him told him to shut up. He was so persistent that he caught the notice of Jesus, and when he heard those words — "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you!" — what did he do? He didn't stammer and run away. He had courage. He got up.

It takes courage to ask for what you need to follow Christ. Because if you ask for it, you'll get it. And then begins the terrifying, wonderful journey of discipleship — testifying to what you have seen. Life in the light, no longer sitting by the side of the road but on the road, journeying toward the greatest destination of all.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks us.

Do we have the courage to answer him?

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