

November 17, 2024

"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"



STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS

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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.



e: pastor@saintspeterpaul.org w: saintjosephcolumbia.org

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

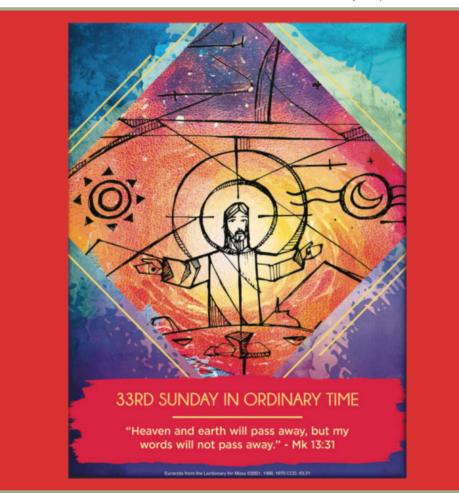
1st Saturday 9:00am: SPP Saturday 4pm: SPP Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office to schedule Communion



WELCOME



ADMINISTRATION

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Doug Mullinex | 434.981.6950

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RESPECT LIFE

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PRISON MINISTRY

Will Kulick | 540.308.5152

GOOD SHEPHERDS

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YOUTH MUSIC MINISTER

Townes Mullinex |

USHERS

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LECTORS

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Linda Mangiaracina |

GREETERS

Rose Meyer | 434.589.5018

EVANGELIZATION & EDUCATION

CCD/YOUTH GROUP

Celeste Shapiola | 434.589.5201

RCIA/BIBLE STUDY

Cynthia Aycock | 434.996.6065

SUPPORTED GROUPS

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Karen Davidson | 434.589.5201

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Celeste Shapiola | 434.589.5201

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 NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/

Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/

Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul,

Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot;

Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr

Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

NOVEMBER 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor: Don & Eileen

Tyler

In Memory of: Bob

McCann

ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor: Don & Eileen

Tvler

In Memory of:

Bob McCann

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor: Don & Eileen

Tyler

In Memory of:Bob McCann



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



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 17, 2024

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Cherish the precious words of the Lord. He may be calling you to a life of contemplation as a cloistered monk or nun, whose lives are devoted to prayer and reflection. 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 (FCSS) 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 Sts. Peter & Paul with "Happy Face" on the memo line of your check. You may drop these in the Poor Box for the month of November.

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



A COLORFUL CELEBRATION ALREADY FOR OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have already started off our 40th anniversary that is to be climaxed on June 28th, 2026, with a Holy Sacrifice of Mass to be celebrated by our bishop, Barry Knestout. Comprehensive preparations are underway, thanks to our 40th Anniversary Committee that is planning and advising me towards this cause, accordingly.

To start off this whole celebration, we have organized a holy pilgrimage that will lead us to several holy places of importance and significance in France. Among others, we shall visit Lisieux, Normandy, Mont Saint-Michel, Chartres Cathedral, Orleans, Nevers, Ars etc. Our pilgrimage will be climaxed with a train commute that will lead us to a two-day pilgrimage to Lourdes. And please don't forget that we shall also visit Paris before returning home! I would like to invite all those who can join me on this historic pilgrimage, to strongly consider it. It's going to be a great pilgrimage.

Secondly, in our comprehensive plan leading to the climax of our celebration in 2026, I have been advised by the Pastoral Council in collaboration with the Finance Council to put money aside to cater for any costly emergencies that continue to arise. While our parish continues to grow, we face ongoing maintenance needs that must be addressed immediately. Our 40th anniversary celebration comes with its blessings, namely tending to our facilities. I urge you to grab this opportunity given to us to reward our parish with a \$ 100,000 buffer/reserve fund to help us cater for future maintenance needs, especially those that come as emergencies.

Several plans are underway towards this cause starting with the famous Giving Tuesday, which for our case is dubbed, **igivecatholic**. During the last few weekends, several speakers have encouraged us to make it special for our parish this year. I would like to add my voice to theirs as I invite you to really make it very special and noble. And I thank you heartily for any offer you will consider for this great cause.

May God bless you abundantly and all those you love and care for!

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. David Pastor

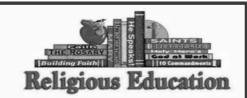
PARISHIONER UPDATES:

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 YOUT!





Classes meet every Sunday at 9:30AM

Meet in St. Francis Hall

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

QUESTION: How long are holy oils kept for

use?

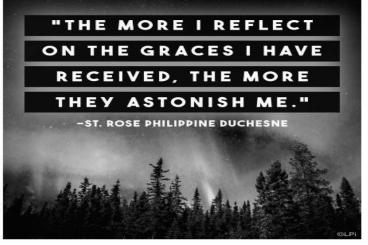
ANSWER: Twelve months

PRAYER

Dear God, keep me close to you until I live with you in heaven. Amen.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Today's Gospel reading give us both a warning and a promise. One day Jesus will come back, so we need to be ready. For those of us who follow God to the end, Jesus promises to take us to heaven. So live every day like you are going to meet Jesus. One day you will.



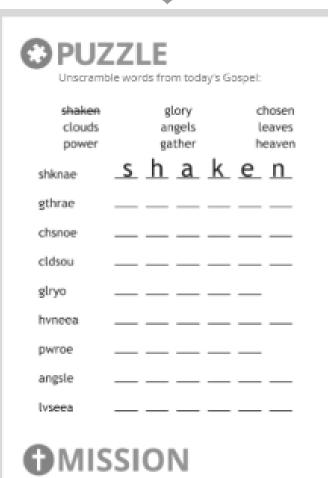
JOIN SCOUTING!

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 Celeste at religioused@saintspeterpaul.org for registration and prep information.



Invite a friend to come to church with you. Share a meal together, and talk about the promise Jesus made about heaven.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 16 - NOVEMBER 24, 2024

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	11/16	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	11/17	9am*	George Barrows	D	Debbie Blackburn
Sunday	11/17	11am	Stanislawa Sowinska-birthday	1	The Witkowski family
Wednesday	11/20	9am	Ralph Altieri	1	John Condon
Thursday	11/21	9am	Rosalie Ruberti	D	Cynthia Aycock
Friday	11/22	9am	Patricia & Ronnie Earl	1	Gerard & Lindna Zink
Saturday	11/23	5pm	George Travers	D	Patricia Travers
Sunday	11/24	9am*	Elmer Keyser	D	Carol Hannum
Sunday	11/24	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 Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Damien LaForenza, Russ Marron, Adam Warren, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Joseph Ayuso, Joe and Sophia Murphy, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Alex Ostrowski, and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

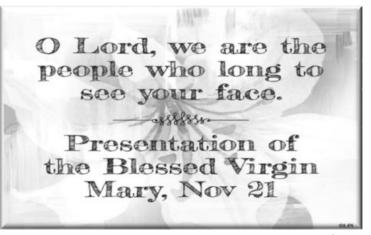
Peter & Philomena Alonso, Michael Amato, Jean & Mary Louise Bernard, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jim Cullinan, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Carol Donohue, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Frank Feliciano, David & Pat Garner, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Michael Gross, Phyllis Guthrie, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Zachary W. Mayo II, Art & Judy Menard, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Margaret Reilly, 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.



This Thanksgiving we are expecting an unprecedented number of people throughout our community to turn to us for food, warmth and shelter. No one in need should be turned away, which is why we are reaching out to our parishioners. Your generous online donations now will help sustain Thanksgiving ministries that reflect God's love. As you can imagine, our ministries are feeling the effects of rising costs and empty shelves. We must prepare as early as possible this year to do our best to help those in need. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249 or call 866.507.8757.



EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat 118 Sun 191	November 2 & 3
First Offering	\$ 5,501
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,475
Total	\$ 7,976
Nov MTD Debt Reduction Bake Sale - Thank you!	\$ 1,822 \$ 464

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

DECEMBER 7 & 8

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is <u>Dec. 7 & 8</u> after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thanks!

#IGIVECATHOLIC/GIVING TUESDAY IS COMING TO SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ON DECEMBER 3RD



Advance giving begins on November 18, and all donations received during advance giving, including offline donations, will count toward our December 3, 2024 event.

#iGIVECAHOLIC Proceeds from #IGiveCatholic/Giving Tuesday, offline donations made

between November 18 and December 10, and any donations we receive in person or by mail will be added to the funds already raised (\$28,649) to continue to build an emergency reserve dedicated to keeping our parish in good repair for years to come.

We are going to make our Giving Tuesday, December 3rd a festive day to stop by St. Francis Hall to celebrate with volunteers between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 pm. https://richmond.igivecatholic.org/organizations/saintspeter-paul-catholic-church

K OF C "100 CLUB" ANNUAL GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

(drawn 11/3/2024) **CONGRATULATIONS!**

\$400 - Fr. Gerald Musuubrie (#54)

\$200 - Andy Rutkowski (#34)

\$100 each - Betty Arleth (#11), Jim Cullinan (#30), Bob J. Heffley (#40),

\$ 50 each - OPEN (#73), Mary Rausa (#9), Hal Smith (#32), Nicole Rausa (#39), Steve Momper (#75), Bob E. Heffley (#25), Mary Heffley (#43), Bill Gray (#65)

\$ 25 each - Fint family (Joan) (#53), Linda Zink (#12), Jaime Hicks (#11), Nicole Rausa (#39)

Limited numbers are available for 2025 membership (\$52/yr). Includes \$25 weekly winner and Annual Grand Prize drawing. Great gift idea! Annual membership fee proceeds aid those in need. Jim Cullinan 434.589.4551.

ear of Mission

Jesus in the Eucharist is the answer to every restless longing of the human heart. Come find out more at our Parish Mission Nov. 21 - 23, 2024!

> Guest Speakers: Rev. Mr. Kevin & Adria Hogan, St. Edward the Confessor, Richmond, VA

SCHEDULE:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

9:00AM - MASS

10:00AM - EUCHARISTIC ENCOUNTER/IDENTITY

7:00PM - (REPEAT OF MORNING TALK)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

9:00AM - MASS

10:00AM - EUCHARISTIC LIFE/MISSION

EXTENDED ADORATION UNTIL 6:00PM

7:00PM - (REPEAT OF MORNING TALK)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

10:00AM - MASS

10:45AM - BRUNCH

11:00AM - "WALK WITH ONE INITIATIVE"

Please, Join Us!



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 at 434-953-5432

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

ROOM SCHEDULE



BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm

Room 123

Sat 16-Nov Confessions 4:00p Church	_					
Vigil Mass 5:00p Church	1	Sct	16 No-	Confessions	4:00p	Church
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CCD				CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	E
Mon 18-Nov Bible Study 1:00p E/F	I			CCD	10:30a	E
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				Youth Mass	11:00a	Church

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

Wednesday, November 20 10:00 am, Commons

November is the month of Thanksgiving. Please share with us something you are grateful for. Bring a photo that shows this, if possible.

SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

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, 2025 \$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.



The Knights of Columbus are collecting brand new, in the box and tagged toys for Santa to deliver to those in our two
parishes that need a little help bringing joy to the children this Christmas. Toys for boys and girls of all age groups are needed.
Please place unwrapped toys under the Knights table at the back of the commons.
Thank you so much for your generosity.
We truly cannot make with happen without donations from our parishioners.

The KoC Helps Santa

The Knights of Columbus are working with Santa Claus to help our two parishes and our families. Things get a little tight for us all sometimes, and Christmas time is no exception. If you find yourself this Christmas season in need of a little help putting toys under the tree for your children please contact us so we can talk to Santa. Discretion will be of the utmost importance. Only one Knight will be directly involved with those who call, and he will speak directly to Santa. Please Contact David Cauffield for more information and assistance 814.525.0594

STS. PETER & PAUL Religious Store

religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org

HOURS:

SATURDAY

Greeting Cards Jewelry

Baby items

Rosaries

Figurines

3:30 - 4:30pm

Graphic Tees

6:00 - 6:45pm

Gifts for the home Special orders

Books

And more

We're celebrating our 1st year!

Thank You for your support!

For the month of November, receive a FREE Rosary with every purchase.

The store will be closed on November 16-17th.

OPEN HOUSE

Friday, November 29th 12pm - 3pm 25% off everything in store



Catholic Q & A

QUESTION:

Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

ANSWER:

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in "the communion of saints." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.



The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a **Diocesan Synod Program Manager** as it prepares for the 2025 Jubilee Year. For the full job description and how to apply, please copy and paste https://bit.ly/4f2q5Ji

Saint Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School (grades PreK-8) located in Hampton, Virginia, is seeking candidates for the position of **principal**. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste https://bit.ly/3Y0PzPU

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 copy and paste https://bit.ly/3XIiBTZ

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 copy and paste https://bit.ly/4dJh1rV.

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 copy and paste https://bit.ly/3zMgVAK.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a full time **Accounting Manager** for the Office of Finance. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste https://bit.ly/4eSK7Wh.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond seeks a **Director of Development for Catholic Campus Ministry at William & Mary**in Williamsburg, VA. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste https://bit.ly/4eM6IJH

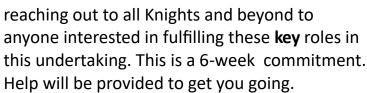
For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

FISH FRY 2025

In a few months the Knights will be starting the Fish Frys. This year we need help in the following areas:

- ⇒ Kitchen Manager
- ⇒ Ordering & Inventory every week

The Knights will be splitting the funds with the Parish so I am



If no one steps up to fill these roles then the Fish Fry is at risk of being canceled.

Please contact Grand Knight Bob Maher 540.717.2241

A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to all who had a hand in making this year's Craft Fair a success; from those who baked goodies, moved tables and baskets, put baskets together, sold raffle tickets, priced goods, etc. The tasks were many and we needed many hands to help pull this off. Mostly, thank you to Cynthia Aycock for being the driving force behind this event! Thank you all for loving this church so much!



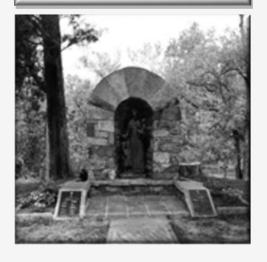


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If you have pictures or ministry information to be added to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at: kenneymg@gmail.com

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

The ancient Greek dramatist, Euripides, wrote, "No one can confidently say that he will still be living tomorrow." We seldom focus on that reality and often act like we are confident of a tomorrow. However, we all know names of those who died suddenly, maybe in tragedy or simply in the quiet of sleep. Calling those names to mind will probably still not force most of us to contemplate our own mortality tonight before placing our head on the pillow, but perhaps it should.

We don't need to obsess about dying or fear the unknown, but realizing the gift of today and reflecting on the possibility that it may be our last day can cause us to act differently. We might forgive more easily, argue less, and embrace one another. Rather than procrastinate, we might act now. We could become more mindful of our surroundings, see the needs in people, and reach out to those who are lost.

I write these Everyday Stewardship reflections every Sunday. You might read them in your parish bulletin, on a website, or in social media every Sunday. Just in case this is the last Sunday you ever have a chance to read these reflections, what is God calling you to do now before it's too late. If you are still here next Sunday after taking all this seriously, you might wonder at what it was to live more fully and to give of yourself more freely. Don't let a single day pass you by without truly loving others and your God. One thing you can be confident about: This day will never come again.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Purgatory is a state of purification that is available for souls who need a little more preparation before they're ready to be united with God in heaven.

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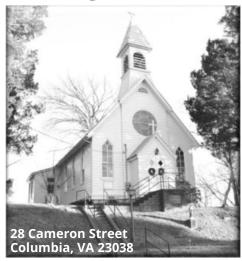
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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The End of the World

"It's not the end of the world."

If I had a brick for every time my mother said this to me growing up, I could have built a castle. One that comes complete with a moat whose bridge I could dramatically pull up so I could sulk, in the window of the highest turret, sighing loudly so every passerby would know how I suffered.

Because sometimes we act like it's the end of the world — whether we are a little kid angered by a playground snub, a teenage girl flipping out over an assignment for English class or a college student distraught that she got scheduled for four opening shifts in a row at the coffee house where she works (yes, these are all examples taken straight from my life, why do you ask?).

And sometimes, it really does seem like the end of the world. We lose someone we love to cancer. We miscarry a child before we even get to see his tiny face. The rent is due, and the bank account is overdrawn (also all examples taken straight from my life).

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that when the sun is darkened and the moon no longer gives light, we must look for him, because his time is near.

He's talking about The End of the World. The big one, the apocalypse. But why do I think he's also talking about the end of the world — those sufferings large and small, real and imagined, that make us feel like the sky is caving in?

In both instances, he draws near to us. So let us look for him.



St. Joseph Parish Activities			
November 20	Fr. David meeting with Hispanic Community 6:00 PM Parish Hall		
December 1	Novena of the Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe After 9:00 AM Mass, Weekday Schedule to be announced		
December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary 5:30 PM Mass 6:00 PM Food and Fellowship after Mass		

Youth Activities		
December 15	Lessons & Carols at Sts. Peter & Paul 2:00 - 4:00pm	

All youth are invited to create a Nativity scene to be displayed during Lessons and Carols on December 15. All scenes must be 3D, no drawings or paintings. Use any materials you have on hand, for example: clay/play dough, Popsicle sticks, cardboard boxes and tubes, building blocks/ Legos, natural materials (rocks, sticks, grass). All nativity scenes need to be turned in by December 9 to Celeste.





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