

November 24, 2024

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



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway  
Palmyra, VA 22963

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

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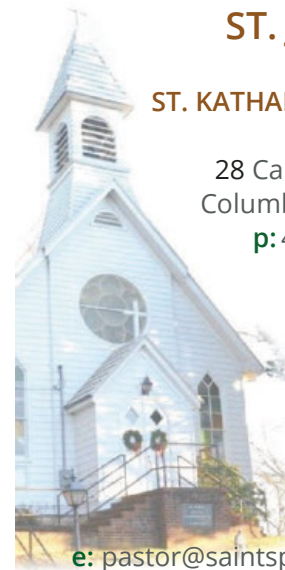
**w:** saintspeterpaulpalmyra.org

**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**

P.O. Box 808

28 Cameron Street  
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**p:** 434.589.5201

**e:** pastor@saintspeterpaul.org

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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

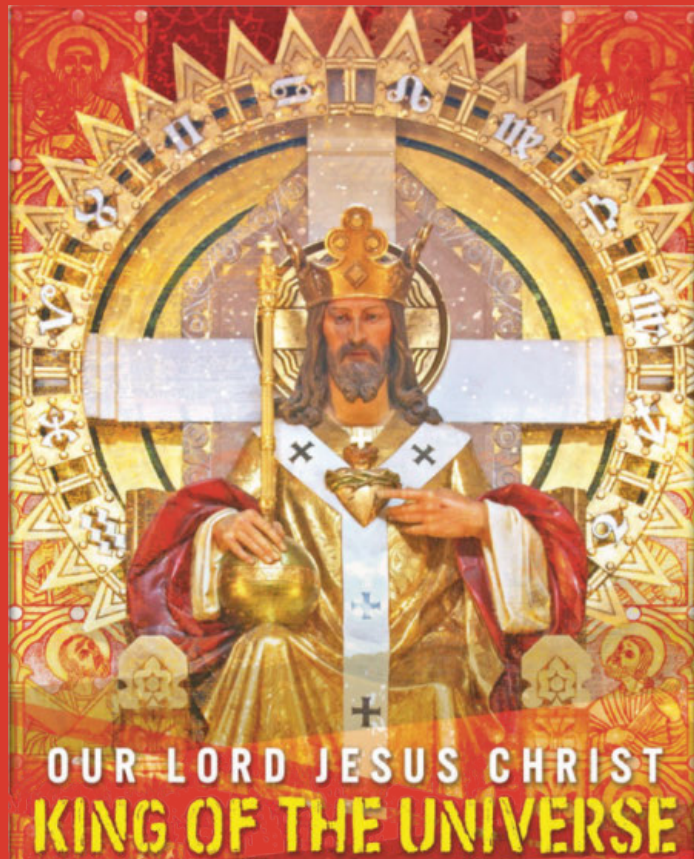
Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's

**HOSPITAL VISITS:**

Call Parish Office  
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

**HOMEBOUND:**

Call Parish Office  
to schedule Communion



**EVANGELIZE**

**SANCTIFY**

**SERVE**

# WELCOME



## ADMINISTRATION

### PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

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Townes Mullinex |

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### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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### SACRISTY

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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Rev. David M. Ssentamu | 434.589.5200

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Rev. Mr. Robert Allen | 434.589.0941

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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](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 NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/  
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/  
Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/  
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/  
1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

Saturday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

## 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

Tyler

In Memory of:

Bob McCann

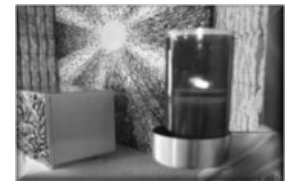
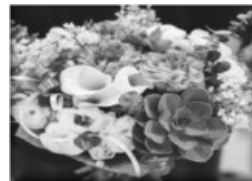
#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor: Don & Eileen

Tyler

In Memory of:

Bob McCann



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



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING  
NOVEMBER 24, 2024

“My kingdom does not belong to this world.” Help lead others to Christ and to know his merciful love. Prayerfully consider he may be calling you to serve in his world 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](mailto: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.



# ENCOUNTER

**RECALLING MY INSTALLATION WITH GRATITUDE,**

**AS I STILL ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was a Solemnity of Christ the King and it was a special day in my life, when Bishop Barry Knestout installed me as your Pastor. Five years down the road, I recall this day with gratitude, while I ask you to continue holding me in your prayers. I still remember that then, I led you in the profession of the faith. I still want to continue doing that.

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King once again this year, I would like to recall with you that day and to recommit myself to serving you as your Pastor, as I humbly ask you to continue praying for me. I desire to remain faithful to the faith, and that I may share it with you as the Lord Jesus wishes me to do. I desire to be a loving father always and yet wise and gentle shepherd in charge of the flock entrusted to me by the Lord Jesus.

May God so bless me as I serve Him among you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. David

Here below is the Oath of Fidelity that I swore to God before you and the Bishop after we had recited the Creed:



*With firm faith, I also believe everything contained in God’s Word, written or handed down in tradition and proposed by the Church, whether in solemn judgement or in ordinary and universal magisterium, as divinely revealed and calling for faith. I also firmly accept and hold each and everything that is proposed by the Church definitively regarding teaching on faith and morals. Moreover, I adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman Pontiff or the College of Bishops enunciate when they exercise the authentic magisterium even if they proclaim those teachings in an act that is not definitive.*

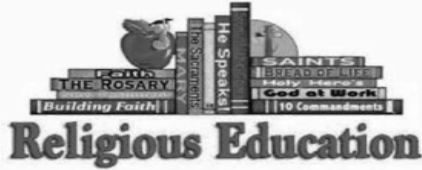


**PARISHIONER UPDATES:**

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](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**

## 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](mailto:charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com) 571.212.4445

## Lessons & Carols at Sts. Peter & Paul

**December 15 - 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.

If you have a Nativity scene that you would like to display during Lessons & Carols, please bring it to St. Francis Hall on Saturday, December 14 between 10am - 2pm.

## PRAYER

*Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be our loving King. Amen.*

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

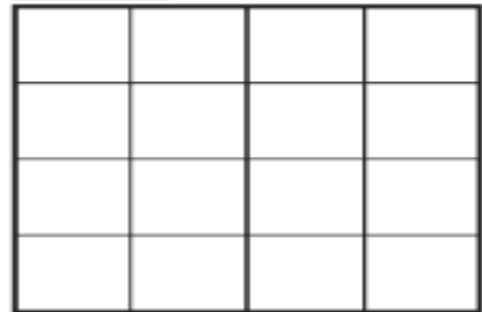
Today is Christ the King Sunday. Instead of using his power selfishly to get whatever he wanted, Jesus used his power to free people from sickness, from death, and from evil. Jesus came to tell us the truth about God. Now we need to listen to the voice of Jesus and follow his example.

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](mailto:religioused@saintspeterpaul.org) for registration and prep information.

## PUZZLE

Enlarge the picture square by square.



## MISSION

We "listen to Jesus" when we follow his example. This week, let others go first when you play a game.

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**QUESTION:** Grapes and wheat are a symbol of what Sacrament?

**ANSWER:** Holy Eucharist

# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 30, 2024

\*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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		
Wednesday	11/27	9am	Kevin Sommerauer-birthday	I	The Witkowski family
Wednesday-Thanksgiving Eve	11/27	6pm	Judy Snyder & Dave Moulton	D	Kathy Pol
Thursday-Thanksgiving Day	11/28	9am	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Friday	11/29	9am	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Saturday	11/30	5pm	Dorothy Taylor	D	Bob & Muriel Toepfert

### 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.**



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](http://faith.direct/VA249) or call 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, 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.





# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

<b>Pew Count</b> Sat. - 104   Sun. - 218	<b>November 9 &amp; 10</b>
First Offering	\$ 3,277
First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>	\$ 2,475
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,752</b>
<b>Nov MTD Debt Reduction</b>	\$ 2,272
<b>Craft Fair</b>	\$ 5,327

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 Dec. 7 & 8 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.



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 8:00 pm.  
<https://richmond.igivecatholic.org/organizations/saints-peter-paul-catholic-church>



## THE *Angel* TREE IS HERE!

### STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH HELPING OTHERS

**Volunteer to Adopt an individual and spread Christ's joy this holiday season! Be an angel for a neighbor by providing gifts or gift cards.**

**Stop by the Angel Tree in the front entrance and select a gift tag, return gift(s), wrapped, with tag attached, by Sunday, December 8th.**

**Our individuals in need come from the Department of Social Services. Purchase as much or as little as you feel comfortable.**

#### 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

<b>Sat</b>	<b>23-Nov</b>	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24-Nov</b>	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	E
		CCD	10:30a	E
		Youth Mass	11:00a	Church
<b>Mon</b>	<b>25-Nov</b>	Bible Study	1:00p	123
		KoC Officers	6:00p	E
<b>Wed</b>	<b>27-Nov</b>	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Thanksgiving Mass	6:00p	Church
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>28-Nov</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
<b>Fri</b>	<b>29-Nov</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
<b>Sat</b>	<b>30-Nov</b>	Baptisms	11:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>1-Dec</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
		Bake Sale after Mass	12:00p	Church

## BIBLE STUDY

### Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm

*Room 123*

*December 2 is the last meeting in 2024*

## SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

**Wednesday, December 18**  
**10:00 am, Commons**

**Topic for Discussion**  
**"My Favorite Gift Ever"**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:tours@albastours.com)

**Website:** [albastours.com](http://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 KoC Toy Drive

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](mailto:religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org)



**We're celebrating our 1st year!**

### HOURS:

#### SATURDAY

3:30 - 4:30pm

6:00 - 6:45pm

#### SUNDAY

12:00 - 1:00pm

For a limited time, the store is offering custom Christmas T-shirts. Pick from pre-selected designs and colors to create the shirt of your liking starting November 23rd.



Did you know...  
**You can put your tax dollars to work for Catholic Schools?**

Join over **3,500** donors in our Diocese who have provided over **\$54M** in scholarships to thousands of Catholic school students...

...and **receive 65% of your donation back** as a Virginia state tax credit.



**MP**  
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Scholarship Foundation  
804.622.5184  
[mpsf@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:mpsf@richmonddiocese.org)



# Catholic Q & A

## QUESTION:

What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

## ANSWER:

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible" (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.



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/4f2q5Jj>

*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/3XliBTZ>

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/4eM6lJH>

For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at [jobs@richmonddiocese.org](mailto: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 reaching out to all Knights and beyond to anyone interested in fulfilling these **key** roles in this undertaking. This is a 6-week commitment. Help will be provided to get you going.

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**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dear God,  
For the gifts that surround us, thank you.  
For the ways You're working, thank you.  
For the blessings of this season, thank you.  
Amen.



### 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 \*
- Ron Offley \* 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](mailto: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

### LONG LIVE THE KING

Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself "Laird So-and-so." Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their "king," but most of us have those we think of as "our people."



Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of

someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer librarian who puts in extra hours on the weekends.

There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## INTROSPECTIVE

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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### Citizens of Another Country

I read an article, years ago, about an American filmmaker who decided to step away from a wildly successful film franchise that had been requiring him and his family to live abroad.

It stuck in my mind because of the tongue-in-cheek reasoning he gave for the surprising decision, "My kids were starting to speak in British accents."

Sometimes, we just want to go home, don't we?

Returning from a recent family vacation, I burst into tears at the airport, overcome with relief when I saw my sister's van pulling into the pickup lane. It didn't matter that I had had fun on this trip and that I was even looking forward to taking another one. In that moment, I was so tired, and all I wanted was my own bed. The smell of my own house. The feeling of not being "away."

If Jesus is our king, and his kingdom is not of this world, then we live our lives as perpetual aliens. This should reassure us in some ways. The world so often feels cold and cruel and strange to us because it is. We were not made for this world. We were made for heaven. We were made to yearn for the face, the presence, the protection of our King.

But this understanding of ourselves as strangers in a foreign land should also be a caution to us.

We can't get too comfortable here. We cannot become too wrapped up in the world and its temptations, its rewards, its comforts. We cannot start speaking in the language, the accent of our adopted homeland. Not if we ever want to return home and belong there.

Our King looks for our return.

#### Lessons & Carols at Sts. Peter & Paul

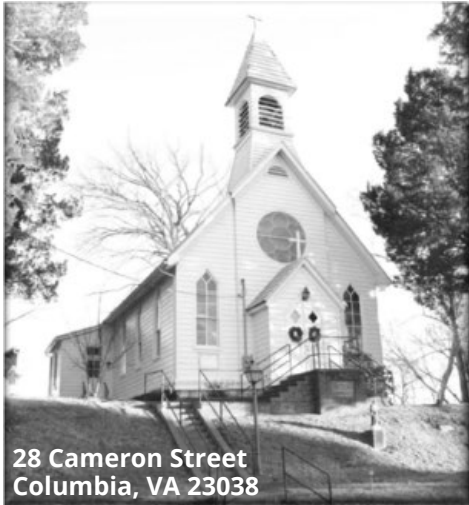
December 15 - 2:00 - 4:00pm

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.

If you have a Nativity scene that you would like to display during Lessons & Carols, please bring it to St. Francis Hall on Saturday, December 14 between 10am - 2pm.

#### St. Joseph Parish Activities

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



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