

February 9, 2025

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19)



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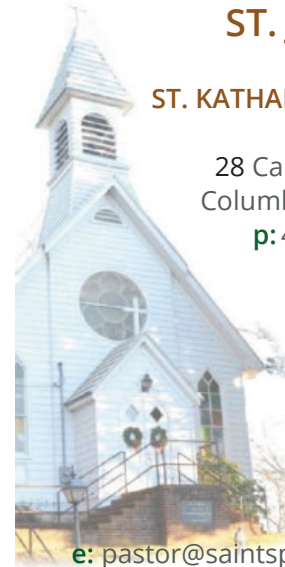
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OUR VISION

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

Tuesday - Noon

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:

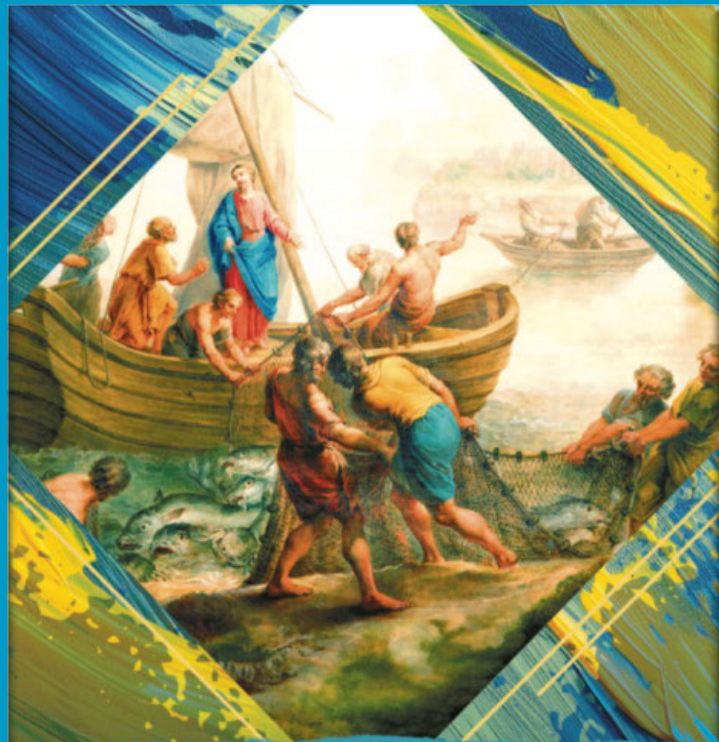
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They left everything and followed him.

- Lk 5:11

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EVANGELIZE

SANCTIFY

SERVE

WELCOME



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BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to

colleen.smith@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 FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24
and 35c/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/
Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-2

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
World Marriage Day
Monday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9 - 15, 2025

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor:

In Memory of:



ALTAR FLOWERS

Donor:

In Memory of:



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor:

In Memory of:



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

****WEATHER ALERTS****

Now that winter has arrived,
please tune in to CBS19 or NBC29
for the latest on closures.



ENCOUNTER


5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD MARRIAGE DAY &
NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK
FEBRUARY 9, 2025

*"They left Everything and
followed him."*

(Luke 5:11)

As we celebrate World
Marriage Day, we honor the
beauty and commitment of
married couples who follow
Christ Together. Just as the
apostles left behind their former
lives to follow Jesus, couples are
called to embrace their vocation
of marriage with faith and trust,
journeying together towards
holiness. Take this opportunity
to renew your marriage vows in
your heart.



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!

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COME IN:

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Parkway (Parish Hall)**

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – THE CATCH

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: What does it mean to lower your net? It means to listen to God, even when you don't understand Him. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you.

The Catch

I love today's Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I'm ready to call it quits. I'm ready to say it's too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.

And I try to talk sense into him. "It's not going to work, God," I insist. "I've been trying."

"You've been trying," Jesus agrees. "But you haven't asked for my help yet."

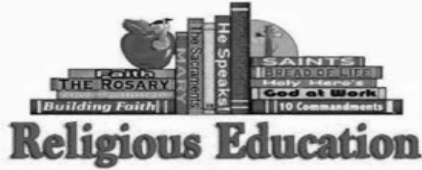
What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I'm the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you.

It means to listen to God's instructions, even when you don't understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn't born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust.

If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us.

PARISH YOUTH



**CCD every Sunday
at 9:30AM**
Meet in St. Francis Hall

PRAYER

Dear God, Your power is so amazing! Amen.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

JESUS WAS POWERFULL ENOUGH TO CONTROL THE FISH AND THE SEA! PETER CAUGHT NO FISH BY HIMSELF ONE NIGHT. WITH JESUS'S HELP PETER CAUGHT MORE FISH THAN HIS BOAT COULD CARRY. WHEN PETER SAW WHAT JESUS DID, HE WAS AFRAID. HOW WOULD YOU FEEL?



During the month of February, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Many years ago, in a small town in France, Mary appeared to a young girl named Bernadette and declared herself to be the "Immaculate Conception."

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CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is accepting applications for admissions for new students for the 2025-2026 year. The application is available at www.cvillecatholic.org. An Admissions Open House will be held on Wednesday, February 12th from 4-6pm for anyone interested in learning more about the school. Please contact admissions@cvillecatholic.org if you have any questions, or to schedule an individual tour.

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

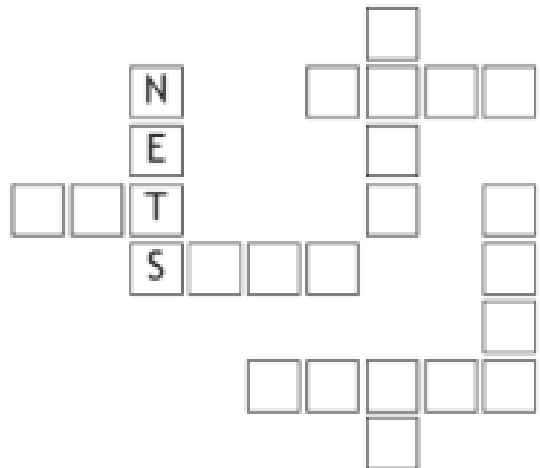
charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com 571.212.4445

Inquiries about the **Sacrament of Baptism**, or any of the Sacraments, should be directed to Celeste at religioused@saintspeterpaul.org for registration and prep information.

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Let your nets down to catch some fish.



MISSION

With your parents, try turning on a lamp while it isn't plugged in. It doesn't work, does it? That's how we need to be plugged in to God, to do his work. Without him, what we try will never work.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 8-16

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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|-----------|------|------|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Saturday | 2/8 | 5pm | Anna Sommerauer-birthday | I | Grazyna & Slawek Witkowski |
| Sunday | 2/9 | 9am* | Misa Pro Populo | | |
| Sunday | 2/9 | 11am | Brian Bisgrove | D | Marsha Bisgrove |
| Tuesday | 2/11 | 12pm | Kevin Lynch | D | Don & Eileen Tyler |
| Wednesday | 2/12 | 9am | Bobby Fint | D | John Condon |
| Thursday | 2/13 | 9am | | | |
| Friday | 2/14 | 9am | | | |
| Saturday | 2/15 | 5pm | Donna Horan | D | Bob & Muriel Toepfert |
| Sunday | 2/16 | 9am* | Misa Pro Populo | | |
| Sunday | 2/16 | 11am | Jose Perez Espana | D | Marsha Bisgrove |

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .



Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Connor Dobbins, Katie Marron, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlrow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Damien LaForenza, Russ Marron, Adam Warren, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Joseph Ayuso, Joe and Sophia Murphy, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Alex Ostrowski, Henry Land and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



This is the time of year when many of us focus on getting organized and "decluttering" our surroundings - why not streamline your offertory and simplify your support for the ministries that mean so much to you?

Now is a great time to stop using checks and envelopes, by switching to eGiving - you can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving.

Sign up today by visiting faith/direct/VA249 or call their Customer Service team at 866.507.8757.

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Peter & Philomena Alonso, Jean & Mary Louise Bernard, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jim Cullinan, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Frank Feliciano, the Fellins, Patty Frawley, 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, Jim Kraemer, George Kuhlrow, Judi Kuhlrow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Zachary W. Mayo II, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Gladys Pfeiffer, Margaret Reilly, Douglas Robinson, Carol Scampoli, Kathy Seroskie, Carol Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Rob Toepfert, Jr. Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters, the Williams and Walter Welham

Please call the office at **434.589.5201** to request homebound or hospital visits.



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.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

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|---|---------------|
| Pew Count Sat. - 110 Sun. - 248 | 01/25 & 01/26 |
| First Offering | \$ 7,463 |
| Faith Direct | \$ 2,312 |
| Total | \$ 9,775 |
| Jan MTD Debt Reduction | \$ 4,123 |

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

MARCH 1 & 2

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is **March 1 & 2** after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thanks!

Women's Cursillo Weekend

Save the Date Now

Cursillo is a 3-day encounter to enrich your spirituality and raise awareness of Christ in every moment of your life.

The next *Women's Cursillo Weekend* will be held **Thursday, April 24th (7:00pm) through Sunday, April 27th (5:00pm), 2025, at the Blessings Lodge on the campus of Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA. The Theme of the Weekend is "Anointed".**

Pope Francis made a Cursillo and recognizes how "Cursillos help people encounter Jesus, helping them understand that living in the Grace of God is beautiful." Cursillo recognizes we aren't meant to walk this journey of life alone – we need *Spiritual Nutrition* that comes from sharing with other believers to enhance our journey and share tools for a deeper connection with Christ. Come walk this journey alongside other Catholic women and be filled with the JOY Christ offers each one of us.

Applications and more about Cursillo are available at www.valleycursillo.com. All applicants must have a sponsor.

Contact Ellie Henrietta 434-981-3551 for questions and more information. **Application deadline is March 27th.**

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL GIFT

The remembrance can be for an anniversary, a birthday, in thanksgiving, or to remember a deceased loved ones.

Stop by the Parish Office to arrange to have the Bread and Wine, Flowers, and/or Candles donated for someone you love. All donations are for one week (Sunday through Saturday).

Altar Flowers \$25 Bread & Wine \$25
Candles \$30
Masses \$10 (per Mass)

Join us for a new Bible Study group that meets on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 at St. Joseph or Wednesday at Sts Peter and Paul from 4:00 - 5:00.

We are studying the Gospel of Luke. which starts with the birth of John the Baptist and continues through Jesus' public ministry, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension. As we journey through this Gospel, we will encounter Jesus in a new way and learn how Jesus' teachings fit into our lives.

February

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in February and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on March 1st or 2nd, please notify the office by Friday, February 21st.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

includes OCIA, offering instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with an interest in being members of the Catholic faith.

Sundays
9:30am



BIBLE STUDY

Room 123

Mondays
1:00 - 2:00pm

Wednesdays
4:00-5:00pm

ROOM SCHEDULE

| | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Sat | 8-Feb | Confessions | 4:00p | Church |
| | | Vigil Mass | 5:00p | Church |
| Sun | 9-Feb | 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 |
| | | Mass | 11:00a | Church |
| Mon | 10-Feb | Our Lady of Lourdes for the Sick | 10:00a | Church |
| | | Rejoice Bible Study | 1:00 | 123 |
| | | 40th Anniversary Committee | 7:00p | 123 |
| Tues | 11-Feb | Mass | 12:00p | Church |
| | | Bible Study - Luke | 6:30p | St. Joseph's |
| | | Al-Anon | 7:00p | M |
| Wed | 12-Feb | Mass | 9:00a | Church |
| | | Senior Coffee Social | 10:00a | Commons |
| | | Bible Study - Luke | 4:00p | 122 |
| | | Scouts | 6:30 | E/F |
| Thurs | 13-Feb | Mass | 9:00a | Church |
| | | Yoga | 11:00a | E/F |
| | | Cursillo | 6:00p | 123 |
| Fri | 14-Feb | Mass | 9:00a | Church |
| | | Adoration | 9:45a | Church |
| | | Benediction | 3:00p | Church |
| | | Youth Group | 6:30p | Commons |
| Sat | 15-Feb | Confessions | 4:00p | Church |
| | | Vigil Mass | 5:00p | Church |
| Sun | 16-Feb | Confessions | 8:30a | St. Joseph's |
| | | Mass | 9:00a | St. Joseph's |
| | | CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation | 9:30a | E/F |
| | | CCD | 10:30a | St. Joseph's |
| | | Mass | 11:00a | Church |

Room Ledger: **F** - St. Francis (Hall) **R** - St. Raphael (Church)
E - St. Elizabeth (Hall) **M** - St. Michael (Church)
C - Commons (Church)

**** SPECIAL ****

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

Wednesday, February 12
10:00 am, Commons

Bob Maher, Guest Speaker

SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm

A 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



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**Eat
in**

**Take
out**

**March 7, 14, 21, 28
April 4 & 11**

**Drive-thru: 4:30 - 6:30
Dine-in: 5:00 - 7:00**

Cash, checks, and
Credit Cards accepted

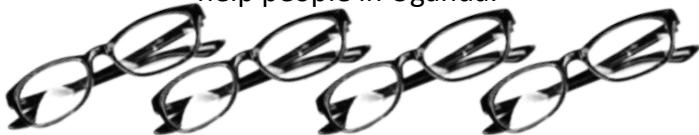
**\$13 per person:
DRIVE-THRU**

**\$15 per person:
DINE-IN
(includes drinks and
choice of dessert)**



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.



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**

STS. PETER & PAUL *Religious Store*

religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org

HOURS:

SATURDAY

3:30 - 4:30pm
6:00 - 6:45pm

SUNDAY

12:00 - 1:00pm

Books: 20% off February 17th - March 30th.
Extending the Christmas sale through February 9th.



GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS NEW YEAR

Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day!

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location. Feel free to contact Donald & Helen Dudley at 757-690-1369 or donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

March 7 - 9 Rehoboth Beach, DE

March 14 -16 Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ

March 21-23 Emerald Isle, NC

Charlottesville Catholic School in Charlottesville, Virginia, has an immediate opening for a K-8 Music Teacher, with a current VA State Teaching License. Experience planning and ability to lead Catholic Mass music is preferred. The successful candidate must instruct through engaged, hands-on teaching and learning, utilize 21st Century teaching skills, possess good communication skills, and be able to work collaboratively with an instructional team. Practicing Catholics preferred.

Interested candidates should send resume, Diocesan application and letters of reference to Charlottesville Catholic School, Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or via email to v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org.

K OF C "100 CLUB" WEEKLY WINNERS - January

01/01/25 - #16 Jill Thomas

01/08/25 - # 09 Mary Rausa

01/15/25 - # 16 Jill Thomas

01/22/25 - #56 Maggie & Jake Hart

01/29/25 - #03 Jake Thackston

Congrats to all winners!

Catholic Q & A

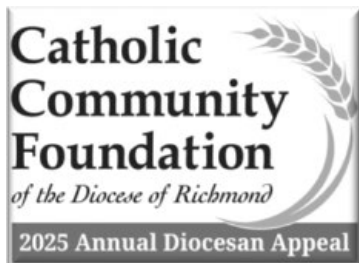
Question:

Would optional celibacy help the priest shortage?

Answer:

This is a hotly debated topic. There are good arguments on both sides, and there is no clear answer that emerges. However, the shortage of clergy in denominations that do allow marriage would seem to indicate that optional celibacy is not the quick answer that some might think. No one solution is perfect. Each one has its flaws and problems that are not easily solved. While optional celibacy would open ordination to some great men who are married, it also brings the problems of family, financial support, marital problems, and issues—good and bad—of childrearing. So it would not seem that optional celibacy is a realistic solution to the shortage of clergy.

With all of the varied challenges and problems facing the Church, it is easy to forget that the Holy Spirit leads us. Openness, dialogue, and education are second to our prayers and petitions to the Holy Spirit to make clear the path the Church should follow. A response that is rooted in a culture of political correctness is almost certainly doomed; a response that is rooted in prayer and in God cannot fail.



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: *Sharing His Love with Others*

A Message from Our Bishop

Whenever I visit our parishes, I see how our faith and hope is manifested through Mass attendance, reception of the sacraments, Eucharistic devotion, and a commitment to grow closer to Christ. I also see our faith and hope expressed through works of charity such as the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

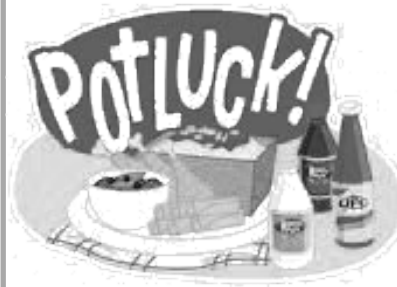
Your gifts to the Appeal support the education of seminarians and priests who are dedicating their lives to serving Christ and his Church; assist college students to grow in their faith and relationship with the Lord; and ensure that vital resources are made available for children and families facing homelessness and hunger.

During this time of Jubilee in the life of our Church, I ask you to consider contributing to the Appeal so we can spread love and hope for all the world as we empower the people and ministries of the Diocese of Richmond to move our Church forward.

This week and into next week, many of you will receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal. It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort.

POTLUCK LUNCHEONS

Sts. Peter & Paul will be hosting potluck lunches following the Youth Masses on the last Sunday of the month. Meat and dessert will be provided. All you need to do is bring a side dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door in the Commons.



Feb. 23

All parishioners are invited to attend, especially families, so we can get to know our fellow parishioners.

You Are So Important to Families Living in Poverty

Founded in 1982, Food For The Poor works to end the suffering of impoverished children and their families in the Caribbean and Latin America.

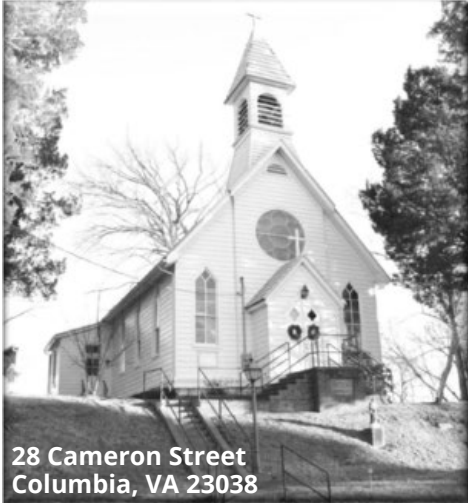


FFTP FOOD FOR THE POOR

www.FoodForThePoor.org/churchalliances

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THE GIFT OF THE MISSION

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

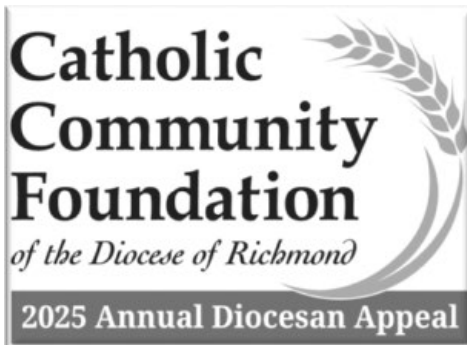
In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, "Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful."

But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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week's message)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 9, 2025
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 5:1-11

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch. — Father John Muir



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