

St. Joseph's Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

February 16, 2025

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



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS 1st Saturday 10am: SPP Saturday 5pm: SPP Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's 11am: SPP

WeeкDays 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

EVANGELIZE

OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

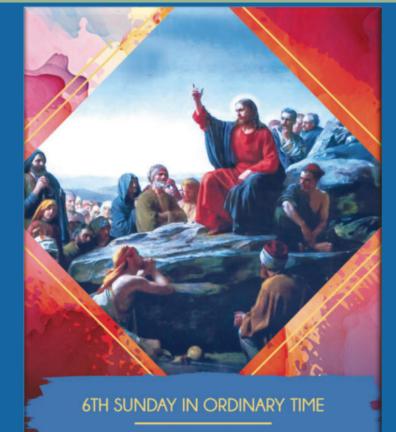
In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.

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"Blessed are you." - Lk 6:21

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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 16, 2025

Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/

Sunday: Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday: Next Sunday:

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26 Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/ Mk 8:11-13 Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21 Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/ Mk 8:22-26 Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33 Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/ Mk 8:34—9:1 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-3

Observances for the week of February 16, 2025

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Friday: Doctor of the Church Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16 - 22, 2025

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor:

ALTAR FLOWERS Donor:

SANCTUARY CANDLE Donor:

In Memory of:

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

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****WEATHER ALERTS****

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



6[™] SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 16, 2025

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Luke 6:20)

A vocation to religious life calls for a life of simplicity and dedication to God's kingdom. Could God be calling you to this blessed path?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations

804.359.5661

Or via email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



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

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ENCOUNTER

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – THE CATCH By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Jesus was radical in his teaching that the "stuff" in life wasn't all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. Are we ready to be radical, too?

In the End, Does it Matter?

When I was a teenager, the priest I would go to for confession used to tell me, over and over: "In the end, we all get the same dirty hole in the ground."

What he meant was, it doesn't matter how rich or smart or well-liked we are. We're all heading to the same place. This life comes to an end for every man. All the money he earns, all the stuff, all the worldly esteem, will at some point be of no further use. We all get the same dirty hole in the ground.

It was an important message for me to hear, because at the time, it all seemed so important: my after-school job and my FAFSA application and my grades. The admiration of my friends and teachers. I was so consumed with what I was going to become that I wasn't spending a lot of time thinking about who I was going to become. But the who is the only thing that lasts until the next life.

And to be honest, it's all still too important to me. Avoiding sadness and disappointment. Saving money and being liked. Focusing on "the five-year plan" when it comes to career, house plans, and a whole bunch of other things I can't take to my dirty hole in the ground.

Jesus was radical in his teaching that the "stuff" in life wasn't all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success — wealth, popularity, pleasure — did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. It was radical in the ancient world, and it's radical today.

Are we ready to be radical, too?

Question: What is the term for sharing of the faith through witness of life and word? Answer: •uoupezujəSupAT

PARISH YOUTH





CCD every Sunday at 9:30AM

Meet in St. Francis Hall

PRAYER

Dear God, Help me to love you with my whole heart. Help me to do things that will make you smile. Amen.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

One day in Heaven, God will reward you for all the loving things you do. When you clean up the dishes without being asked, God sees. If other people are mean to you because you love Jesus, God sees. God will be so happy to see you in Heaven.



The feast of the Chair of St. Peter honors Peter as the head of the apostles, and by extension, the pope as the head of the Roman Catholic Church.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is accepting applications for admissions for new students for the 2025-2026 year. The application is available at <u>www.cvillecatholic.org</u>. 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 <u>admissions@cvillecatholic.org</u> 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 <u>charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com</u> 571.212.4445

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



INTENTIONS

***REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH**

MASS INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 15-23

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
Tuesday	2/18	12pm			
Wednesday	2/19	9am	Witold Witkowski	Ι	Grazyna & Slawek Witkowski
Thursday	2/20	9am			
Friday	2/21	9am			
Saturday	2/22	5pm	Msgr. Eugene Yennock	D	Marsha Bisgrove
Sunday	2/23	9am*	John A. Rogan, Jr.	D	Patricia
Sunday	2/23	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, Henry Land and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



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 Kuhlow, Judi Kuhlow, 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.

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

FAITH DIRECT.

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.



Plowers 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

Pew Count Sat 109 Sun 177	02/01 & 02/02
First Offering	\$ 3,782
Faith Direct	\$ 2,312
Total	\$ 6,094
FEB MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 1,603

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 <u>March 1 & 2</u> 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 <u>www.valleycursillo.com</u>. All applicants must have a sponsor.

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

REMEMBER & LOVED ONE WITH & SPECIAL GIFT

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



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

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				Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church	
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ADULT				Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
FORMATION		Sun	16-Feb	CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	E	
CHRISTIAN				CCD	10:30a	St. Joseph's	
EDUCATION				Mass	11:00a	Church	
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interest in being members of the Catholic faith. Sundays 9:30am	0			Adoration	9:45a	Church	
	2			Benediction	3:00p	Church	
	BIBLE STUDY	Sat	22-Feb	Scouts - Pinewood Derby	8;00a	Church	
DIDLE STUDT				Confessions	4:00p	Church	
Poom 122				Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church	
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				Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
Mondays		0		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	E/F	
1:00 - 2:00pm	1	Sun 2		CCD	10:30a	St. Joseph's	
	1			Youth Mass	11:00a	Church	
Wednesdays	1			Blue & Gold Banquet	11:00a	E/F	
4:00-5:00pm				F - St. Francis (Hall)	R - St. I	Raphael (Church)	
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SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL Wednesday, February 26

10:00 am, Commons

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 - <u>dminor92@gmail.com</u>





EYE GLASSES FOR UGANDA

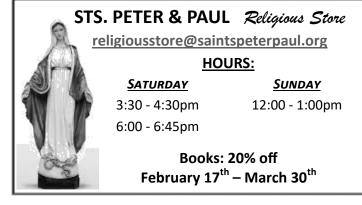
Do you have old eye glasses that aren't helpful any more? Are they just piling up? Wondering what you can do with them? There is a collection box in the entrance of the church to deposit any unused, or even brand new eye glasses, which will



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



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 <u>donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org</u> 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

Lenten Lunches

Fridays during Lent after the Stations at noon



Time: 12:30pm Location: Commons

Please sign up to bring soup or sandwiches to share.

Catholic Q & A

Question:

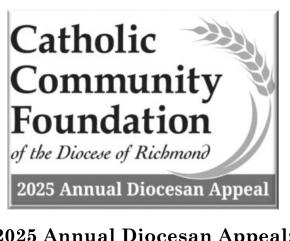
Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

Answer:

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent?



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

Supporting the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal is about providing for 21 important ministries of our Catholic Church. For example, did you know that the Appeal:

- Provides formation opportunities for youth and young adults aimed at community building, prayer, worship, service, and education.
- Expands opportunities for college students to deepen their commitment to the Catholic Church.
- Funds the cost of room, board, tuition, and health insurance for our seminarians.

To see the full list of ministries supported by the Appeal, please visit <u>richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal</u>.

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 <u>bring a side</u> dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door in the Commons.





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

There is a basket in the Church entry to collect your <u>Palm Fronds from last Easter</u>. The basket will be available to drop off your palm leaves until the end of February.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I was a child, I often thought of the Church as something mystical and supernatural. I wasn't wrong in my understanding of the Body of Christ, for surely the Church has these characteristics. However, even though we speak about the foundation of all we are as Church being the "mystery of Christ," Jesus became a man so that supernatural element could break into the natural world in a profound way. What we once could not see, we now see. What we saw as a God in a distant place now dwelt among us. It is one of the aspects of Catholicism that I have grown to appreciate the most as I have matured: for a Catholic, the supernatural is natural. The communion of saints is heavenly and earthly at the same time.

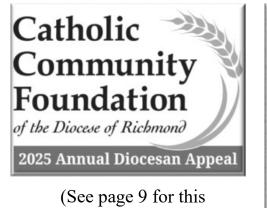
The Beatitudes instruct us about this reality. Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "not about swooning in mystic rapture." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions.

Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessing to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves.

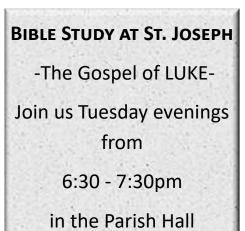
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Prayer of God's Blessing

Bless me, Lord, mold my heart in imitation of Yours. Bless me, Lord, help me to see people as You do, and to hear their needs. Bless me, Lord, replace my understanding with Yours. Amen.



(See page 9 for this week's message)



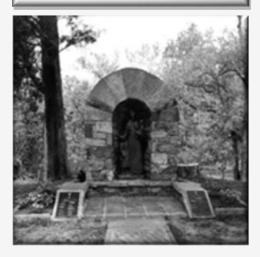
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JOIN THE CELEBRATION! Sunday, March 2nd, 2025 Parish Hall After Mass Bring a dish to share!

Únete a la celebración! Domingo 2 de marzo Después de la Misa Trae un plato para compartir!

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

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.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 16, 2025 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 6:17, 20-26

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": "Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are wellspoken of' (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the purpose of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

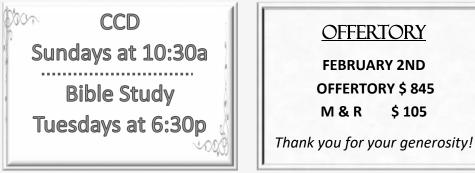
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Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers will begin on March 7. Every Friday evening, we will begin with a soup supper at 6:00, followed by Stations at 6:30. Contact Will Kulick for more information.

Youth Group: The Mardi Gras Celebration will be at Saints Peter & Paul on February 28, 5:30 - 7:30 Denny will prepare traditional Mardi Gras food. There will be games for the kids too. Contact Celeste if you can bring a dish or help with set up.





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