

March 23, 2025

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



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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

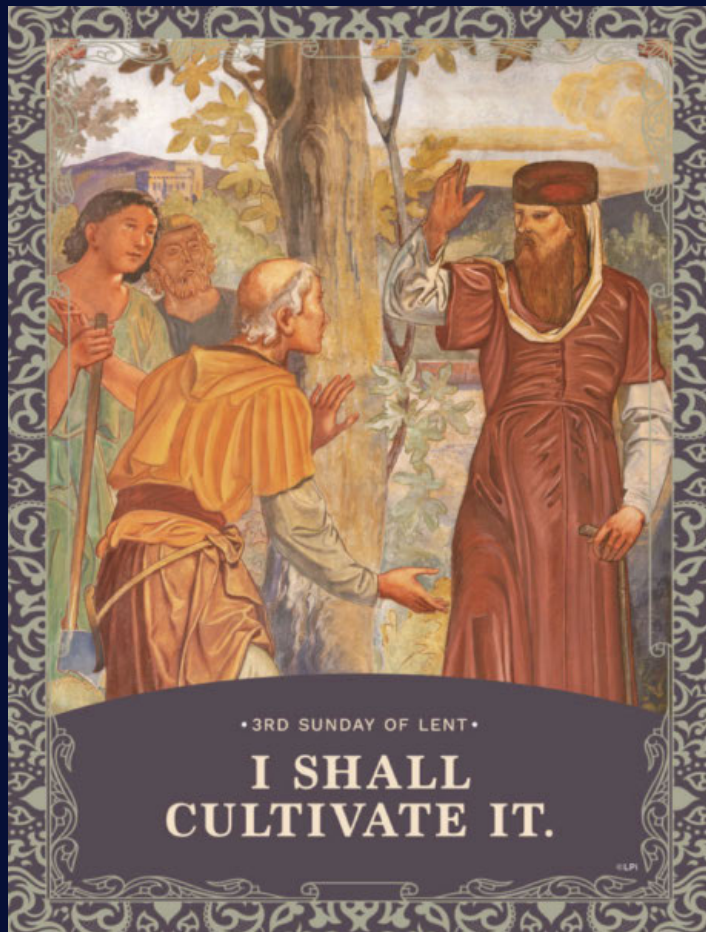
Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

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Call Parish Office
to schedule Communion



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SANCTIFY

SERVE

WELCOME



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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 MARCH 23, 2025

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,
34-38

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

WEEK OF MARCH 23 - MARCH 29, 2025

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor:
Don & Eileen Tyler
In Memory of:
Paul Grady



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor:
Don & Eileen Tyler
In Memory of:
Paul Grady



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



ENCOUNTER

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – THE PATIENT GARDNER

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

The Patient Gardner

I have garden beds on the side of my house that I don't deserve.

When we bought the property, this was one of the features that was highlighted in the listing. "Professional landscaping! Tri-level garden beds that bask in the southern exposure!"

But I'm so terrible at weeding these garden beds — they become overgrown quickly, and I shudder to imagine what the previous owners would think of me if they drove by. I'm afraid they would write me off as lazy or disinterested, when really I'm just exhausted and busy. Every time I try to garden, one of my little assistant gardeners runs near the road and I must abandon the project to save them.

So, my husband, bless his heart, is the savior of these garden beds. He goes out there in the cool of the evening to pluck up the weeds that threaten to overtake this beautiful little garden. Patiently and tenderly, he restores it to a presentable state. Without him, they would be lost.

Perhaps I love these garden beds so much because I identify with them. If I were a garden, I would also be a mess, and people who have no time for messes would write me off as hopeless. We all need a savior to stick up for us, to come and quietly prune the unsightly growths that have taken root in our souls and turn the soil that has sat undisturbed for too long.

What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

Mark your calendars - Lenten Penance Service at 7:00 pm on March 25



3RD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 23, 2025

*"I shall cultivate the ground
around it and fertilize it; it may
bear fruit in the future."*

(Luke 13:7-9)

We are invited to consider how God may be cultivating our hearts. Is God calling you to priesthood diaconate or consecrated life, and patiently waiting for you to respond?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations
804.359.5661

Or via email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



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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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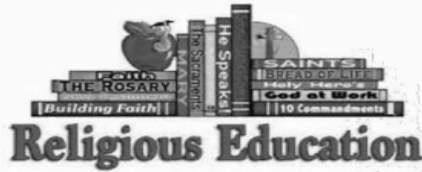
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PARISH YOUTH



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

PRAYER

*Dear Jesus, help me to grow closer to you
with every day give me.*

SHARING THE GOSPEL

I SIN. YOU SIN. EVERYBODY SINS. GOD KNOWS THAT WE CANNOT BE PERFECT LIKE GOD. BUT GOD WANTS YOU TO LOVE HIM AND TALK TO HIM. GOD WANTS YOU TO BE SORRY FOR YOUR SINS, LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES, AND GROW CLOSER TO HIM EVERY DAY.

Diocesan Work Camp

The Diocesan Work Camp will be held Saturday, June 21, 2025, through Friday, June 27, 2025 in the area surrounding Bristol and Abingdon. Work Camp is open to all high school-aged youth (rising 9th graders through graduated 12th graders). The week requires that youth give of themselves to serve others and to grow spiritually. It will be a challenging week that will provide many learning opportunities for participants and will push them both physically and spiritually. Throughout the week they will be living in intentional Christian community and will spend most days serving others by repairing and updating homes. The work projects will take place in the surrounding communities. Saint Anne Catholic School in Bristol will serve as our home base where participants and adults will sleep, eat, and participate in evening programming. Registration dates: Early Bird Registration is \$375 and ends on March 19th. Registration after this is \$425 and ends on May 1st.

Please contact Celeste for more info or to register.

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

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

PILATE
GALILEE
KILLED

SACRIFICES
SINNERS
SILLOAM

WORSE
TREE
GARDENER

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

MISSION

When you get into trouble, ask God to help you change so that you do not do it again.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: MARCH 22 - MARCH 30

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	3/22	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	3/23	9am*	Delbert Beckman	D	David Beckman
Sunday	3/23	11am	Bob Aycock	D	Cynthia Nicholson
Tuesday-Annunciation	3/25	12noon			
Wednesday	3/26	9am	Peg Finn (in honor of Birthday)	I	Don & Eileen Tyler
Thursday	3/27	9am			
Friday	3/28	9am			
Saturday	3/29	5pm	Bobby Fint	D	John Condon
Sunday	3/30	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	3/30	11am			

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 Kuhlowl, 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 Kuhlowl, Judi Kuhlowl, 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.

Please join the **Flower Guild**. Two open spots.
Contact the office with questions at 434-589-5201



Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish community and its mission.

We are excited to introduce GiveCentral, our new online giving platform that will replace FaithDirect by early April. GiveCentral is convenient, secure, and user-friendly.

You can set up your recurring gift, add your payment method, you can check the box to cover the processing fee (allowing your gift to go even farther) and create your login credentials.

If you have an account with FaithDirect, you have probably received an email invitation to make the switch to GiveCentral. If you don't want to wait or you're new to on-line giving go to www.givecentral.org.

We truly appreciate your commitment to Sts. Peter/Paul.



Last week, the Administration released an Executive Order pausing U.S. foreign assistance for a 90-day review period to ensure that all foreign aid is aligned with the Administration's goals to make the U.S. safer, stronger, and more prosperous. Subsequently, almost all foreign aid and development programs have received immediate stop-work orders, **interrupting the flow of life-saving assistance to vulnerable communities around the world.**

Catholic Relief Services has been working diligently to urge congressional engagement with the Administration to allow programs to operate throughout the review process. To amplify these efforts, please contact your members of Congress to make clear the untold suffering this Executive Order will cause, and the impacts it is likely to have on the safety, security, and prosperity of the United States.

! To act on this urgent need, visit the USCCB/CRS action alert at [The lives of our sisters and brothers hang in the balance](#) |Catholic Relief Services concerning the freeze on foreign aid and send the email to the offices of your members of Congress and add your personal message to the indicated sections to increase the impact of your communication. English and Spanish versions are available.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 124 Sun. - 179	03/09 & 03/10
First Offering	\$ 3,622
E-giving	\$ 2,543
Total	\$ 6,165
Mar MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 1794

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

APRIL 5 & 6

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is April 5 & 6 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 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)

40 Days for Life

(Spring 2025 Campaign)

Join us for an hour of peaceful and prayerful presence each Wednesday, starting on March 5th through April 9th, 2025.

Saints Peter and Paul Knights of Columbus Council #11475 invites any and all parishioners to join us on Wednesdays from 10 to 11 AM.

We maintain a vigil and pray in front of Planned Parenthood (2964 Hydraulic Road) in Charlottesville during that same hour, each Wednesday. (Mark your calendar for March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2 and 9. For carpool information or directions, call **Larry Boice, 434-510-7677**. There is ample parking across the street from the site, for those who choose to meet us there.

If you cannot physically join us, please **pray** to end abortion, **wherever** you happen to be!

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

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

Wednesday, March 26
10:00 am, Commons

Feature: A report on VA State Leg. actions to enshrine abortion in the State Constitution

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	22-Mar	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
	23-Mar	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	24-Mar	Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	E
Tues	25-Mar	Mass	12:00p	Church
		Bible Study - Luke	6:30p	St. Joseph's
		Penance Service	7:00p	Church
		Al-Anon	7:00p	123
Wed	26-Mar	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Senior Coffee Social	10:00a	Commons
		Bible Study - Luke	4:00p	123
		Scouts	6:30p	E/F
		Worship Committee	7:00p	123
Thurs	27-Mar	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Yoga	11:00a	E/F
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	28-Mar	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:45a	Church
		Stations of the Cross	12:00p	Church
		Lenten Lunch	12:30p	Commons
		Fish Fry Days	3:00p	E/F
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
		Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross	6:00p	St. Joseph's
Sat	29-Mar	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	30-Mar	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)

Talent Show for Uganda—Fundraiser for the next Medical Mission Sunday, June 22nd, 2:00 pm, Sts. Peter & Paul, E/F

Funds raised will support the next medical mission to be held at St. Francis of Assisi in Kitakyusa next January. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge, but donations will be greatly appreciated. Contact Bob Maher at atpaws618@embarqmail.com or

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**Eat
in**

**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)**



STS. PETER & PAUL *Religious Store*

religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org



HOURS:

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

12:00 - 1:00pm

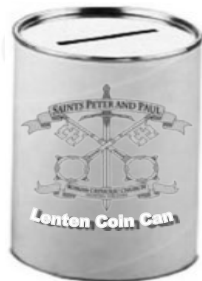
BOOKS: 20% off
February 17th - March 30th

K of C 100 Club

monthly winners for February:

2/05 #32 Hal Smith
2/12 #95 Steven Meyers
2/19 #49 Eddie Hall
2/26 #01 Brian Thomas

Lenten Spare Change Cans



LENTEN COIN CANS

are available to collect loose change.
Proceeds will go to help those in need this year.

Pick one up, fill it up!

Turn cans in April 5 - 13

Thank you so much for your continued support!

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



Lenten Lunches

**Fridays during Lent
after the Stations at noon**

Mar. 7
Mar. 14
Mar. 21
Mar. 28
Apr. 4
Apr. 11



Time: 12:30pm

Location: Commons

Please sign up to bring soup or sandwiches to share.

Catholic Q & A

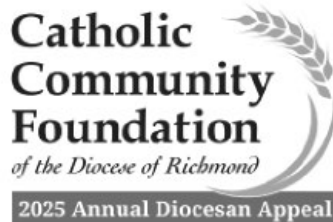
Question:

What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

Answer:

Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave – the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin – while still damaging to the human heart and human society – are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!



Scan here to donate
to the 2025 Annual
Diocesan Appeal



For questions about your gift please call
GiveCentral (833) 716-2612

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.



Mar 30

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

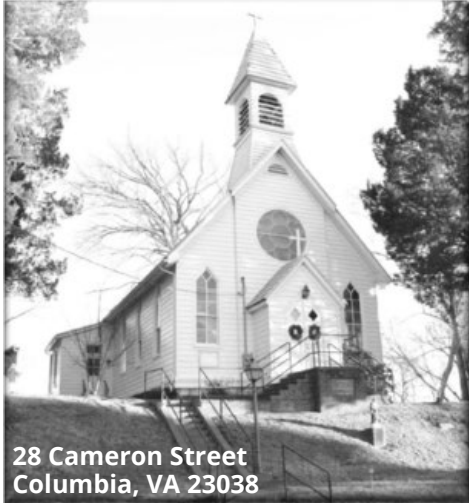
Question: What is the name of the commemorative, prayerful "walk" that Catholics take part in to retrace Christ's journey to Calvary?

Answer: The Stations of the Cross.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in March and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on April 5th or 6th, please notify the office by Friday, March 22, 2025.

ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

STOKING THE LENTEN FIRE

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Join us for Soup Supper and Stations of The Cross, every Friday during Lent, 6:00 - 7:30pm. Let Will Kulick know if you can bring soup.

Youth Activities at St. Joseph

March 29--Confirmation Retreat
at St. Joseph

Pre-filled Easter Eggs needed
for the Easter Egg Hunt. Drop
off at the back of the Church,
March 9 - 30.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. JOSEPH

-The Gospel of Luke-

Join us Tuesday evenings
from 6:30 - 7:30pm
in the Parish Hall



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 23, 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent
Luke 4:5-42

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir



★ **Good News!** ★

★ St. Joseph's office will now be open, staffed by volunteers. Starting ★

★ March 11, the office will be open from 3:00 - 5:00pm on Tuesdays ★

★ and Thursdays. ★



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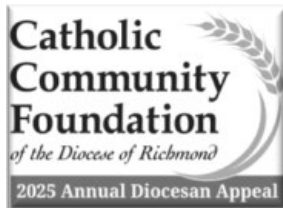
If you would like to honor a loved one by having a Mass said for them, contact the office at Sts. Peter and Paul at 434.589.5201 to arrange an available date at least 6 months out.

CCD
Sundays at 10:30a
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Bible Study
Tuesdays at 6:30p



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