

March 30, 2025

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



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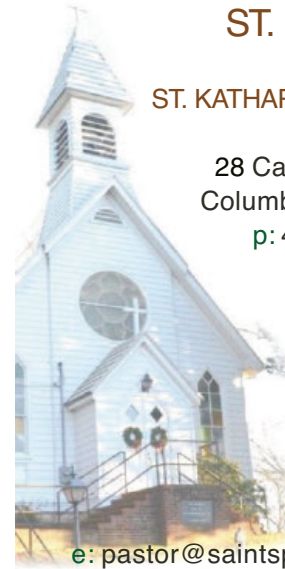
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OUR VISION

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:

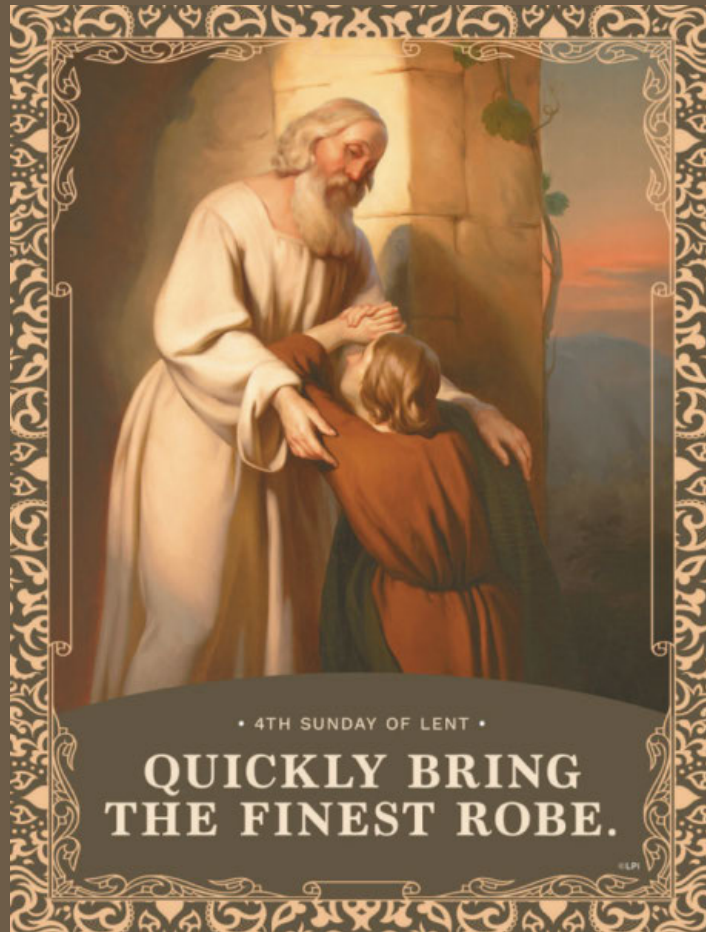
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



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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 March 30, 2025

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
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/
Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/
Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-4

Observances for the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
Wednesday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Friday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

WEEK OF MARCH 30 - APRIL 5, 2025

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor:
Patricia Brammer
In Memory of:
Jim Braemer, Josephine DePhillips, Tony DePhillips



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor:
In Memory of:



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



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4TH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 30, 2025

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him."

(Luke 15:20)

Our Father calls us to run toward the path He has prepared for us. Is He inviting you to share this compassion with others through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life?

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

Email:
office@saintspeterpaul.org

Come in:
4309 Thomas Jefferson
Parkway (Parish Hall)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings! Please help us help you and your child(ren). I want to remind you that CCD classes begin at 9:30 AM and conclude at the end of the 11:00 AM Mass. It is disheartening to see children leaving before Mass. While I understand that some families attend the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, which is completely fine, missing Mass for other obligations does not align with the commandment to "Keep Holy the Lord's Day. (Sunday)"

As part of our program, the children process into the church together. We encourage you to support them in participating. Additionally, we ask that you and your family sit towards the front of the church, closer to the altar, to help foster a stronger connection to the liturgy.

Our children are the future of the Church. We are here to help them build a firm foundation of faith—one that begins at Baptism and continues as they receive the sacraments. In today's world, filled with challenges and temptations, our goal is to equip them with the spiritual tools they need to stand firm in their faith and live according to God's will.

I invite you to reflect on these questions:

- Does your family pray together daily?
- Is there a crucifix in your home?
- Do you see Sunday Mass as an item to check off your to-do list, or as sacred time spent with God and your faith community?
- If you have to miss Sunday Mass due to Scouts, sports, or other commitments, do you make an effort to attend the Saturday evening Vigil Mass or another Sunday service?
- Does your child understand that missing Sunday Mass for non-serious reasons is not in keeping with God's teachings on honoring the Lord's Day? Do they know they should attend confession before receiving the Eucharist if they miss Mass without a valid reason?
- How involved are you in your child's faith formation? Do you ask them about what they learned in class? Do you encourage them to grow deeper in their faith at home?

I encourage you to reflect on these questions and consider how you can help your child develop a strong, lifelong faith. Your commitment and example play a crucial role in their spiritual growth.

Thank you for your dedication to your child's religious education. May God bless you and your family. And I wish you a blessed Lenten Season.

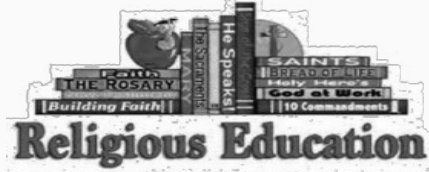
In Christ,

Father David Ssentamu

Father David will take your prayers and petitions to place on the Altar for all the Masses he offers during the Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage, April 21 - May 4.

Place your prayers and petitions in a sealed envelope and put them in the basket at the back of the Commons by Sunday, April 20.

PARISH YOUTH



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

PRAYER

*Dear Jesus, help me to be truly thankful for
all the gifts you have given me.*

SHARING THE GOSPEL

EVERYTHING YOU HAVE IS A GIFT FROM GOD - YOUR BODY, YOUR MIND, YOUR FOOD, YOUR CLOTHES - EVERYTHING! SOMETIMES PEOPLE BECOME PROUD, AND THEY THINK THEY HAVE EARNED GOD'S GIFTS. SOMETIMES PEOPLE RUN AWAY FROM GOD, AND THEY WASTE GOD'S GIFTS. JUST REMEMBER, IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO TURN BACK TO GOD. EVERY GOOD GIFT COMES FROM GOD.

It's Time for Vacation Bible School!

Location: Saint Joseph
Date and Time: June 9-14
6:00-8:00

A light supper will be served at 6:00 and the program will begin at 6:30

Preschool – Grade 5

This year at VBS, your child is invited to *Passport to Peace!* Your child will learn that the love of God and the way of peace transcend all borders and divisions. Led by God's Spirit, we can all participate in creating a more peaceful world.

Your child will make new friends, sing fun songs, watch dramatic presentations of the Bible stories, play active games, do art projects and science explorations, and dig into the Bible. The five Bible stories for the week show children there are many opportunities and ways to live as peacemakers. *Passport to Peace* will help children learn ways to create inner peace, use peacemaking strategies at home, school, and in the community, and practice strategies for conflict resolution.

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):

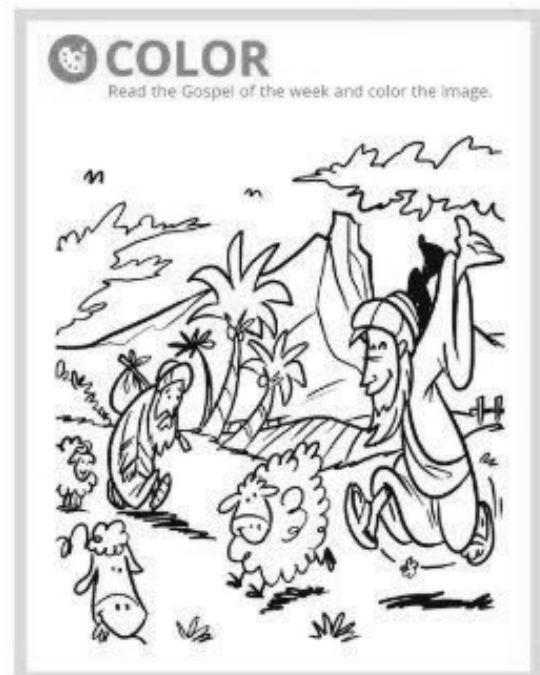
Chuck Palmer

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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.

April Youth Activities

- April 12 - Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Retreat 9:00 - 12:00, St. Joseph
- April 20 - Easter Egg Hunts after 9:00 Mass at St. Joseph and after 11:00 Mass at SPP. No CCD
- April 25 - Youth Group at SPP, 6:30 - 8:00, bonfire, S'Mores, games
- April 30 - Confirmation, 7:00 at St. Thomas Aquinas



INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: MARCH 29 - APRIL 6

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	3/29	5pm	Bobby Fint	D	John Condon
Sunday	3/30	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	3/30	11am	Lucille Vieyra	D	Angela & Bob Maher
Tuesday	4/1	12Noon	Eileen Heffley	D	The Heffley Family
Wednesday	4/2	9am	Mary Meiser	D	The Heffley Family
Thursday	4/3	9am	Jonathan Duran	D	Elizabeth Kosierowski
Friday	4/4	9am	Jim Cullinan	D	Janis & Royal Duffy
1st Saturday	4/5	10am	Mass Cancelled		
Saturday	4/5	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	4/6	9am*	John and Bertha Rogan	D	
Sunday	4/6	11am	Ann Lunning	D	Bill, Veronica & Family

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, 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.

It's Red and Blue with Dates for you!

Don't forget to pick up your free Saint's Peter & Paul 40th Anniversary magnet, from the raffle table in The Commons or at the Parish Office.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 107 Sun. - 162	03/15 & 03/16
First Offering	\$ 3,583
E-giving	\$ 2,543
Total	\$ 6,126
Mar MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 1,794

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

Our next DEBTREDUCTIONCollection 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!



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!



Save the Date

May 3rd

Charlottesville Catholic School presents the

2025 GALA AUCTION

HELP MAKE OUR GALA A SUCCESS! PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING AN ITEM, EXPERIENCE, OR SERVICE. YOU CAN ALSO REACH OUT TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT MAY BE ABLE TO!

PLEASE CONSIDER OUR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT CCS, AND CAN BE A SOURCE OF EXPOSURE FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

TICKET SALES OPENING SOON! SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADDED!



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
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Wednesdays
4:00-5:00pm

Senior Coffee Social

Wednesday, April 30
10:00 am, Commons

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	29-Mar	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
	30-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
		Youth Mass	11:00a	Church
		Parish Pot Luck Lunch	12:15p	Commons
Mon	31-Mar	Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	E
		KoC Officers	7:00p	E
Tues	1-Apr	Mass	12:00p	Church
		Bible Study - Luke	6:30p	St. Joseph's
		Lenten Penance Service	7:00p	Church
		Al-Anon	7:00p	123
Wed	2-Apr	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Bible Study - Luke	4:00p	123
		Scouts	6:30p	E/F
Thurs	3-Apr	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Yoga	11:00a	E/F
		KoC Round Table & Women	6:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	4-Apr	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:45a	Church
		Stations of the Cross	12:00p	Church
		Lenten Lunch	12:30p	Commons
		Fish Fry Days	4:30p	E/F
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	5-Apr	Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross	6:00p	St. Joseph's
		Balagtas Anniversary Mass	11:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	6-Apr	Bake Sale after Mass	6:00p	Commons
		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
		Bake Sale after Mass	12:00p	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

Fundsraised 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

**Saints Peter and Paul
Catholic Church**
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**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)**



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



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



Prayer of a Father's Blessing

God who wills good things for your children,
Help me to trust that You will be faithful.
God who will not leave me,
Help me to seek You, too.
God who is ever-waiting for me,
Help me to run straight towards You.

Amen.

Lenten Lunches

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

Mar. 7

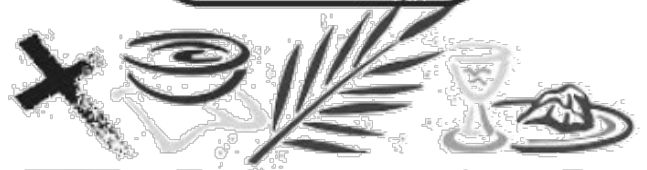
Mar. 14

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

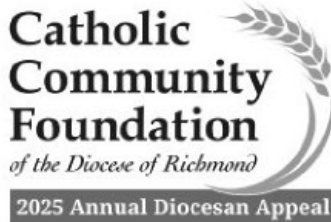
Question:

Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer:

The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!



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.



TODAY!

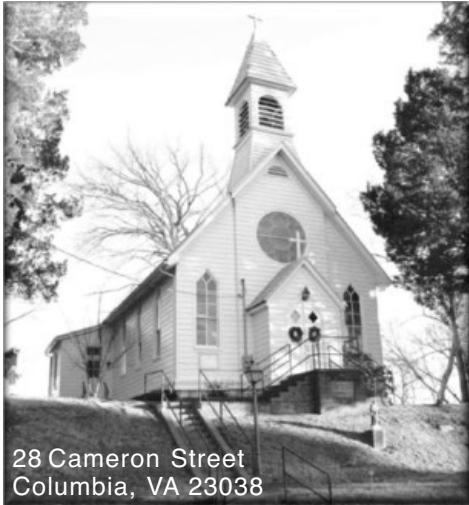
All parishioners are invited to attend, especially families, so we can get to know our fellow parishioners.

Question: What is the generic name for the hymn sung at the end of Mass?

Answer: Recessional hymn.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in April and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on May 3rd or 4th, please notify the office by Friday, April 18, 2025.

INTROSPECTIVE



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Melissa Kenney | 434.589.3416

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Danielle Carter-Bledsoe |

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Roundtable Chairman

Denny Barberio | 434.981.0678

Ladies Auxiliary

Debbie Blackburn | 804.815.3732

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Face on God's Brochure

When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone's — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that “the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come” (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again.

So let us think to ourselves each day, “Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?” — 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.

April Youth Activities

- April 12 - Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Retreat 9:00 - 12:00, St. Joseph
- April 20 - Easter Egg Hunts after 9:00 Mass at St. Joseph and after 11:00 Mass at SPP. No CCD.
- April 25 - Youth Group at SPP, 6:30 - 8:00, bonfire, S'Mores, games
- April 30 - Confirmation, 7:00 at St. Thomas Aquinas



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March 30, 2025
4th Sunday of Lent

So you never have been that serious about a stewardship way of life? It's not that you have been greedy or unloving toward others. You give of yourself when you determine there is a real need. However, you haven't intentionally worked toward surrendering all you are, all you have, and all you do to your God. It's hard because when you compare yourself to others, you seem pretty good. You aren't some prodigal child who needs to return to God because you have lived a life full of sin and selfishness.

Yet, there lies the problem. We can easily feel we aren't so bad, so why change anything? We can lull ourselves into a belief that we will probably get to heaven, therefore why do more?

Assurance of salvation is another topic, but basically we can look at our life as a series of transactions with God.

However, we shouldn't determine our actions based upon what we get. The actions of a loved one are due to the love for one's beloved. Jesus gave his life out of love for us. He has shown us what complete surrender looks like. He does not need our surrender but wants it because that is what those in love do. This Lent, perhaps our prayer should not be to simply be better stewards, but to love Him more. Then our motivation will not be based upon what we should do but on what we are moved to do out of love.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

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

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Gospel of Luke
Tuesdays at 6:30p



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- Nona Dooley * Bob Fermoye * Alice Galvez-Sobral* Mauricio Granados*
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