

APRIL 13, 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

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**

"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord."

- Lk 19:38

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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 APRIL 13, 2025

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15&17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/
Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc,
17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12,
13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/
Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8,9,
10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or
1Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2025

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Thursday: Holy Thursday
Friday: Good Friday
Saturday: Holy Saturday
Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

WEEK OF APRIL 13 - 19, 2025

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE

Donor:

Janis & Royal Duffy

In Memory of:

Sheri Lynn Ringlehan



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor:

In Memory of:



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



ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday
Luke 19:28-40

“As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.” (Luke 19:36)

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they’ve been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you’ll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That’s what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ’s kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to “waste” money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we’ll be more deeply members of his kingdom. — Father John Muir

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.



PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13, 2025

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”
(Luke 23:46)

Jesus’ words reveal the ultimate trust and surrender to God’s will. In vocations, we’re invited to echo this trust, placing our lives in God’s hands and answering His call with courage and faith. As we enter Holy Week, consider whether God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest, deacon, or religious brother or sister.

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations
804.359.5661
Or via email:
vocations@richmonddiocese.org



PARISHIONER

UPDATES:

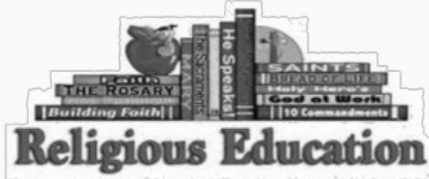
If you move, change your email or phone number, no longer need envelopes, etc., let us know. We don’t want you to miss anything!

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434.589.5201

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office@saintspeterpaul.org

COME IN:
4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway (Parish Hall)

PARISH YOUTH



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

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be my king.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

THE FRIENDS OF JESUS MADE A SPECIAL PARADE JUST FOR HIM. THE PEOPLE LIKED JESUS. HE FED THEM. HE HEALED THEM. THEY WANTED TO CROWN HIM KING. THEY WERE SURE THAT WITH JESUS IN CHARGE, THEY COULD LIVE IN PEACE. WHEN YOU PRAISE GOD, AND WHEN YOU PUT JESUS IN CHARGE OF YOUR LIFE, YOU REALLY CAN LIVE WITH PEACE IN YOUR HEART.



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 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

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.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 12 - 20

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	4/12	5pm	Anna & Giovanni Capuano	D	Gerard & Linda Zink
Sunday-Palm Sunday	4/13	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday-Palm Sunday	4/13	11am	Jim & Eileen Davis	D	Michael & Nancy King
Tuesday	4/15	12Noon	Walter C. Hartwell	D	Pauline Hartwell
Wednesday	4/16	9am	Sheri Lynn Ringlehan	D	Royal & Janis Duffy
Holy Thursday	4/17	9am	No Intentions		
Good Friday	4/18	9am			
Holy Saturday	4/19	8pm			
Easter Sunday	4/20	7am	Henryk Sowinski	D	Graznya & Slawek Witkowski
Easter Sunday	4/20	9am*	Patricia Lyons	D	Ben & Jennifer Lyons

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

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, 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.

On Sunday, May 18 there will be a special blessing at Mass for young people who are graduating from high school or college this spring. Graduates and their families attending the Mass that Sunday at either Saints Peter & Paul or St. Joseph's will receive a blessing and then have celebratory cake with coffee/lemonade following the Mass.

If your family plans to attend this Mass, please send the name of the graduate to Celeste (cshapiola@saintspeterpaul.org) or call the office, so we can have the names for Father's blessing.

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 113 Sun. - 173	03/29 & 03/30
First Offering	\$ 3,256
E-giving	\$ 2,543
Total	\$ 5,799
Mar MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 2,845

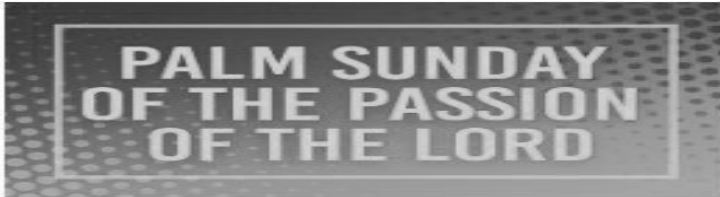
The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

MAY 3RD AND 4TH

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our next monthly Bake Sale is May 3rd and 4th after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thanks!



HOSANNA TO THE MESSIAH!

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!

KoC "100 Club" Winners		
March		
3/05	#73	Vic Altieri
3/12	#56	Maggia & Jake Hart
3/19	#38	George Kuhlow
3/26	#04	Joe Kerrigan

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



2nd & last Wednesdays of the month
10:00 am, Commons

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	12-Apr	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	13-Apr	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	14-Apr	Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	E
Tues	15-Apr	Mass	12:00p	Church
		Bible Study - Luke	6:30p	St. Joseph's
		Al-Anon	7:00p	123
Wed	16-Apr	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Bible Study - Luke	4:00p	123
		Scouts	6:30p	E/F
Thurs	17-Apr	Morning Prayer	9:00a	Church
		Holy Thursday Liturgy	7:00p	Church
Fri	18-Apr	OFFICE CLOSED		
		Morning Prayer	9:00a	Church
		Confessions	11:00a	Church
		Stations of the Cross	12:00p	Road to Cemetery
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Good Friday Liturgy	7:00p	Church
Sat	19-Apr	Morning Prayer	9:00a	Church
		Blessing of Food	10:00a	Church
		Easter Vigil Mass	8:00p	Church
Sun	20-Apr	Easter Morning Mass	7:00a	Church
		Easter Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Easter Mass	11:00a	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 apaws618@embarqmail.com or (434)589-1170 for more information.

HOLY WEEK

Triduum

Question:

I haven't attended Triduum services before. What happens that's different from a normal Sunday Mass?

Answer:

The liturgies during Holy Week are unique and rich in symbolism. The Mass for Palm Sunday follows the pattern of the day 2,000 years ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem. It includes a Gospel reading outside the church building and the entrance of the priest into the sanctuary while the congregation waves palms.

The Holy Thursday Mass also follows the rhythm of the ancient Last Supper. The presider washes the feet of members of the congregation, like Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. After Mass, all remaining hosts are taken to an altar of repose, where adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs late into the night. Parishioners can remain like the disciples in Gethsemane, asked to "watch and pray."

On Good Friday, we celebrate another special liturgical service. Following the Liturgy of the Word, there is a communal reverencing of the cross. The intercessions are solemn and include prayers for many different groups of people, reminding us that Jesus' passion is for the whole world. There is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday are distributed, after which the tabernacle is empty. The tabernacle remains empty through Holy Saturday — just as Jesus departed from this earthly world in death — and we wait in hope for Easter Sunday!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Apr 17, 2025 @ 9:00 AM – Morning Prayer @ SS. P&P
- Apr 17, 2025 @ 7:00 PM – Holy Thursday Liturgy @ SS. P&P
- Apr 18, 2025 @ 9:00 AM – Morning Prayer @ SS. P&P
- Apr 18, 2025 @ 11:00 AM – Confessions @ SS. P&P
- Apr 18, 2025 @ 12:00 PM – Stations of the Cross (Road to Cemetery)
- Apr 18, 2025 @ 1:00 PM – Confessions @ SS. P&P
- Apr 18, 2025 @ 3:00 PM – Stations of the Cross (@ SS. P&P
- Apr 18, 2025 @ 4:00 PM – Confessions @ SS. P&P
- Apr 18, 2025 @ 7:00 PM – Good Friday Liturgy @ SS. P&P
- Apr 19, 2025 @ 9:00 AM – Morning Prayer @ SS. P&P
- Apr 19, 2025 @ 10:00 AM – Blessing of Food @ SS. P&P
- Apr 19, 2025 @ 8:00 PM – Easter Vigil Liturgy @ SS. P&P
- Apr 20, 2025 @ 7:00 AM – Easter Sunday @ SS. P&P
- Apr 20, 2025 @ 9:00 AM – Easter Sunday @ St. Joseph
- Apr 20, 2025 @ 11:00 AM – Easter Sunday @ SS. P&P

Prayer for Holy Week

Dear Lord,
I open my heart to You, offering every day and night to You in sacred surrender. I pray for the grace to accompany You in a special way this Holy Week, joining and offering the trials I encounter on our shared journey to the cross and to a victorious hope. Amen.

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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HOURS:

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

12:00 - 1:00pm



Catholic Q & A

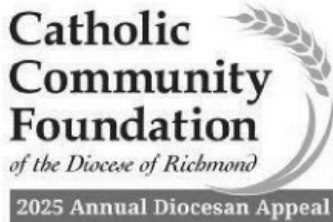
Question:

Where do Palm Sunday palms come from and where should they go?

Answer:

The Palm Sunday celebration has ancient origins. Beginning the liturgy “outside” the church, we symbolically reenact Christ’s entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel waved palm branches – a symbol of royalty – to welcome Jesus. These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America. Many companies stress the sustainability of their production and the just wages paid to their workers.

The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn’t end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, the palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year’s Ash Wednesday service.



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. All you need to do is bring a dish to share.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door in the Commons.



April 27

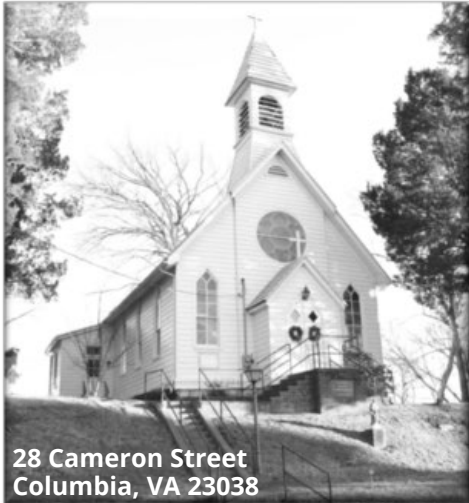
All parishioners are invited to attend, especially families, so we can get to know our fellow parishioners.

Question: True or False: St. Peter’s Basilica stands taller than the Statue of Liberty

Answer: True

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in May and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on June 7 or 8, please notify the office by Friday, May 17, 2025.

INTROSPECTIVE



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Jesus warns us in the Gospel of Matthew, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." It is an invitation to a way of life, and a plan that leads to holiness. But make no mistake, it is a warning as well. The cross is a sign of victory, but only in light of the Resurrection. Alone, it is a symbol of ultimate sacrifice: the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for a fallen world, and the sacrifice we are called to make to truly follow him.

The power of this symbol has been diminished in popular culture. It is often used in fashion and simple wall art and on bumper stickers and T-shirts, sometimes with Christian clichés and sometimes not. But the cross is something so much more. It is a reminder of the pain, suffering, and death of one who loved us so much that he would give his very life for us. It is our God on that cross. It is God who cries out in despair, feeling the ultimate depth of human emotion. And there lies the key for us in trying to live this life of carrying our crosses.

For those who suffer the death of a loved one, the Father lost his Son. For those who suffer the ravages of disease, his body was broken, beaten, and pierced. For those who feel they have no way out - whether due to prisons that are physical or prisons that are of the mind - he hung on a cross and cried out, "Why?" For those who feel alone and abandoned, he hung on a tree where no one could comfort him, not even his own mother. He has walked in all our shoes, and now we are called to walk in his. In the cross, we find solidarity with the human condition. In an empty tomb, we find our hope. -- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

On **Sunday, May 18** there will be a special blessing at Mass for young people who are graduating from high school or college this spring. Graduates and their families attending the Mass that Sunday at either Saints Peter & Paul or St. Joseph's will receive a blessing and then have celebratory cake with coffee/lemonade following the Mass.

If your family plans to attend this Mass, please send the name of the graduate to Celeste (cshapiola@saintspeterpaul.org) or call the office, so we can have the names for Father's blessing.

April Youth Activities

- 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



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

The Stones Will Cry Out-- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I have a complicated relationship with evangelization.

I don't think that we (I'm talking about 21st-century American Catholics here) have had much formation around what exactly it means to proclaim the Gospel. We don't know how to do it. We don't really want to do it. It sounds kind of scary and awkward. It sounds like knocking on strangers' doors and yelling through the keyhole, "Have you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior?" It sounds like arguing with friends and family. It sounds like a real pain.

I'm Catholic. I'm proud of being Catholic. I do my Catholic things in my Catholic house throughout my Catholic life. But is that enough?

All Christians are called to "wordless witness" in how they live their lives, writes Paul VI in the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi* — but this alone, he says, is "insufficient." We must talk about Jesus. We must name him. We must speak of his life, his promises. We must proclaim him.

We must be loud enough that a Pharisee would cringe at us.

And yet — and Paul VI acknowledges this — it's not actually evangelization if we do it so badly that nobody listens. If we "impose" truth on someone's conscience instead of "proposing" it. If we make the mistake of thinking there is one singular way to share Christ with the great variety of personalities that exist in this world.

Dear reader, I am running out of column space, and still I have no answers for you, or for myself. I don't know how to do it well. But I know we have to try. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to be patient. We have to be humble. We have to remember it's about him and not about us.

Most of all, when we find ourselves confused and retreating into silence, we must remember Christ's words: "If they keep silent, the stones will cry out."

St. Joseph's office is now open, staffed by volunteers, from 3:00 - 5:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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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