

April 20, 2025

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



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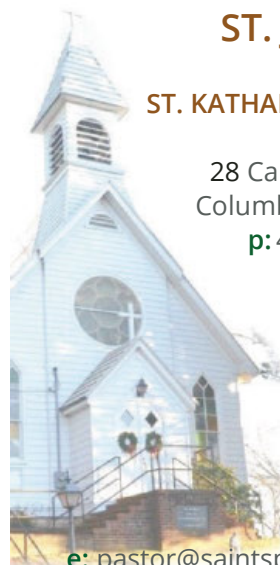
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OUR VISION

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
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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:

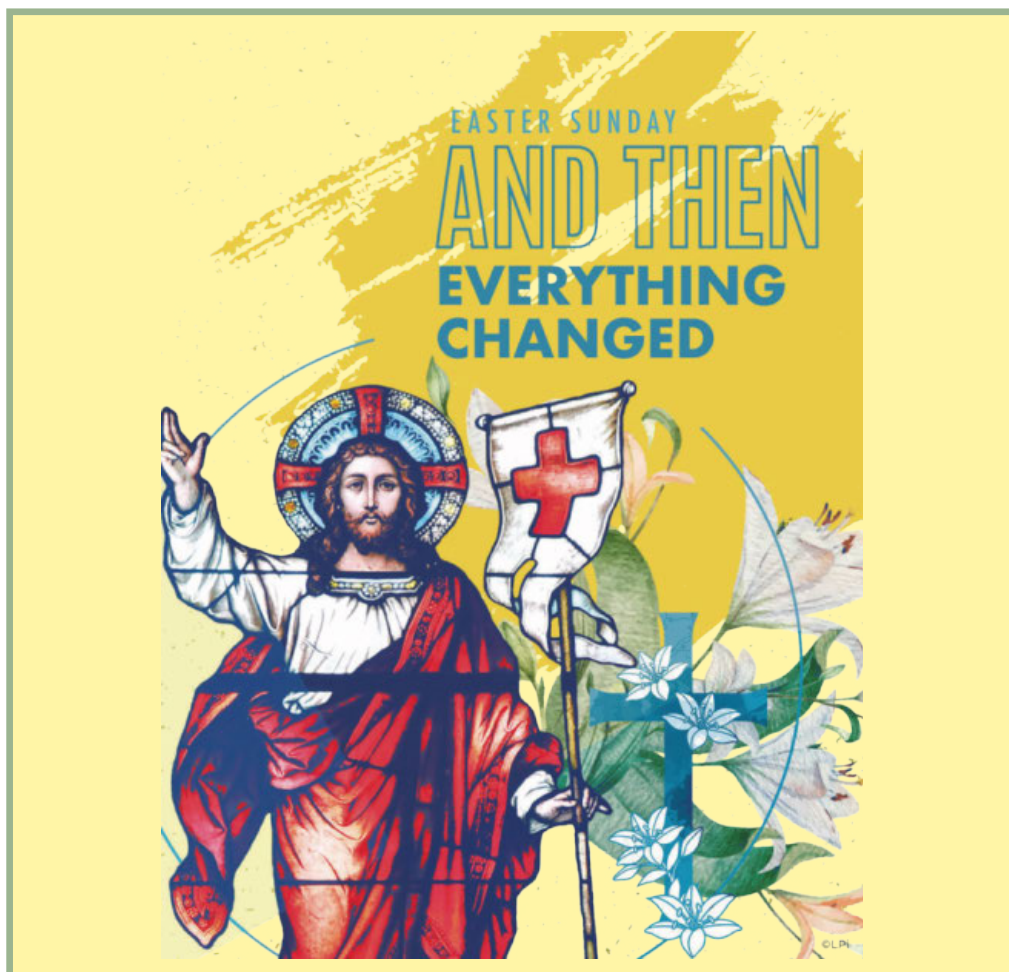
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to schedule Communion



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Wednesdays-1 week in advance of
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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.

PARISHIONER

UPDATES FOR BOTH CHURCHES:

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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****WEATHER ALERTS****

For any adverse weather,
please tune in to CBS19 or NBC29
for the latest on closures.



ENCOUNTER



CHRIST - The Source and End of Our Hope

Brothers and Sisters,
Christ is Risen!

We celebrate Easter this time during the jubilee year of Hope. We are reminded that we are pilgrims of Hope. Paul writing to the Romans encourages them thus: "...hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Rom. 5:5).

As we celebrate Easter this year; during the year of Hope, it is paradoxical that there are many reasons that it is difficult even to think about hoping. With many living in fear and doubt, with many losing their jobs, with the cost of living so high, with all the uncertainties that there are, one may wonder why hope!

The Jubilee year of Hope comes timely and we are tasked to give reason for our hope. And indeed, Jesus is the reason for Christian Hope. Without Jesus we are hopeless. And having risen, Jesus has accorded the whole world reason for hope. We go out into the world proclaiming him risen. The one who underwent the humiliation at the hands of sinful men, rose, and is the reason for our hope.

Even in the midst of what could have been disappointments of life, we have the risen one - Jesus, and he is our hope. Our gaze is fixed on the crucified. But the Cross onto which Christ our Hope has crucified becomes a means to his victory over sin and death. The Cross is not the end, but a means to the end. Which end is the Glory of the Resurrection. And so Alleluia becomes our song for Christ our hope is risen. More so, we rise with him.

May our conviction and love for Jesus grow stronger each day. As he leads the way, he beckons us to stay the course of our journey. After the Cross, comes the glory of Easter. May Mother Mary, that woman of Hope and the mother of Hope intercede for us so that we may stay focused on the Journey still ahead of us.

I wish you all a blessed Easter during this Jubilee Year of Hope!

Blessings to you all!

Father David, Your Brother on the Journey

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2025

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2025

Sunday: Easter Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Arbor Day
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

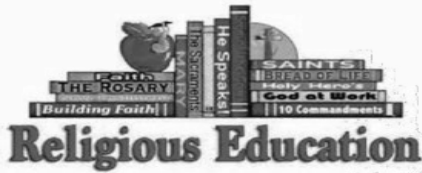
Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm

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.

Contact: Denise Minor -
dminor92@gmail.com



FAITH FORMATION



CCD every Sunday at 9:30AM, Sts Peter & Paul. Meet in St. Francis Hall.

CCD every Sunday at 10:30, St. Joseph. Meet in the parish hall.

ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Sunday: 9:30am at Sts Peter & Paul

10:30 at St. Joseph

PRAYER

Dear God, I thank you for bringing Jesus back to life. Amen.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

IT WAS VERY EARLY MORNING ON SUNDAY. THE TOMBSTONE WAS ROLLED AWAY. ALL THAT WAS LEFT INSIDE WERE THE STRIPS OF LINEN CLOTH.

WHEN JOHN AND PETER SAW IT, THEY WERE AMAZED. THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND ALL THE PROMISES THE PROPHETS WROTE ABOUT JESUS YET. HOWEVER, THEY KNEW HE WAS ALIVE. HE HAD RISEN FROM THE DEAD.

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; Program will begin at 6:30

Preschool – Grade 5

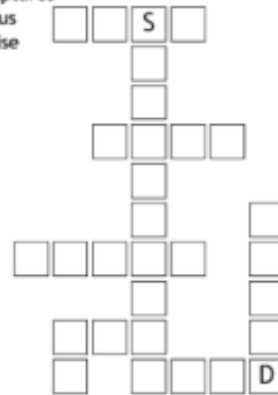
This year at VBS, your child is invited to Passport to Peace! Your child will learn that the love of God and the way of peace transcend all borders and divisions. Led by God's Spirit, we can all participate in creating a more peaceful world.

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.

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

The Scriptures
said Jesus
would rise
to life.



MISSION

Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight. You can find the recipe online at <https://www.aroundmyfamilytable.com/resurrection-cookies/>

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

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.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 19 - 27

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Easter Sunday	4/20	7am	Henryk Sowinski	D	Graznya & Slawek Witkowski
Easter Sunday	4/20	9am*	Patricia Lyons	D	Ben & Jennifer Lyons
Easter Sunday	4/20	11am	Misa Pro Populo		
Tuesday	4/22	12Noon	Sal Barcia	D	Mary Ann Barcia
Wednesday	4/23	9am	Juan Gutierrez	D	Eva Morejon
Thursday	4/24	9am	Alicia Witkowski	D	Graznya & Slawek Witkowski
Friday	4/25	9am	Isis Suarez	D	Eva Morejon
Saturday	4/26	5pm	Bobby & Joan Fint	D	Anthony & Pat Amato
Sunday	4/27	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	4/27	11am	Mary Taylor	D	The Taylor 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.



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)**

BREAD & WINE

Donor:

In Memory of:



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor:

In Memory of:



Flowers

Donor:

In Memory



REMEMBER *in your prayers*

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

April
Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in April and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass On May 3 or 4, please notify the office by Friday, April 25th.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sts Peter & Paul Pew Count	04/05 & 04/06
Sat. - 111 Sun. - 235	
First Offering	\$ 4,596
E-Giving	\$ 3,045
Total	\$ 7,641
APR MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 2,000

Sts Peter and Paul Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

MAY 5 & 6

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

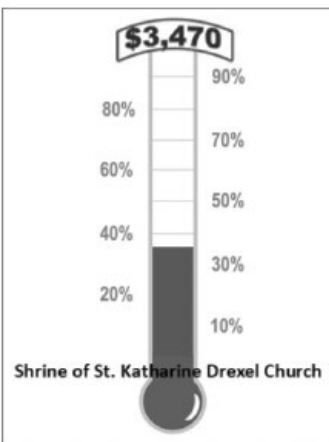
Sts Peter and Paul next monthly Bake Sale is **May 5 & 6** after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass.

St. Joseph Pew Count	04/06
Sun. -	
First Offering	\$ 1,191
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 200
Total	\$1,391

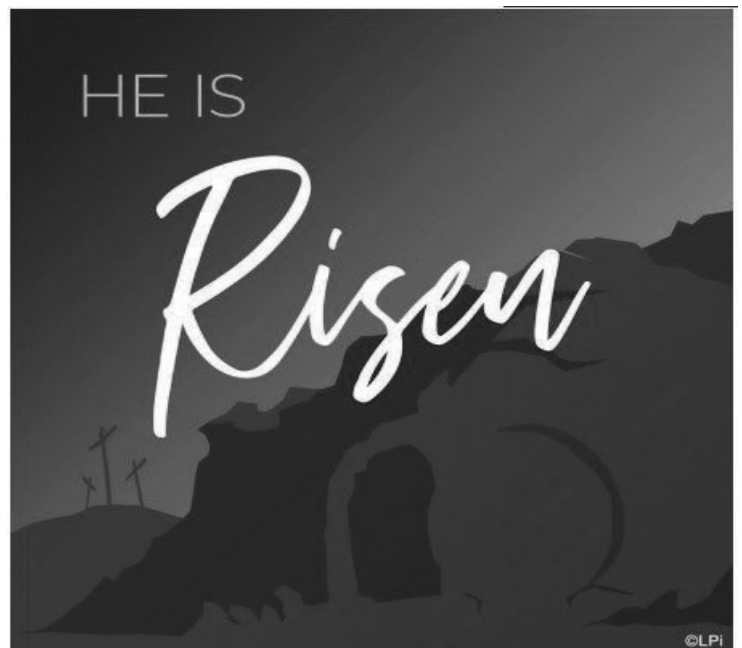
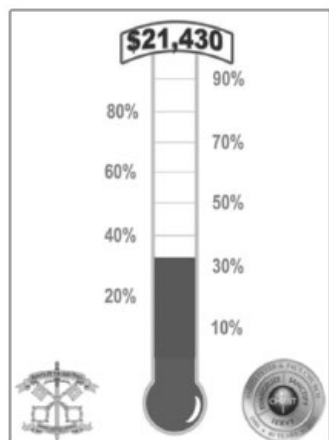


Thank you to all who have switched over from FaithDirect to Give Central and also to the “newbies” who have decided to take the plunge to give on-line through Give Central. If anyone has not completed the process to switch or give on-line, you can visit to go www.givecentral.org or call the Office and we will help you.

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



While Father and many of our Parishioners are on their pilgrimage to France, Fr. Nee will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central and South America.



UPCOMING EVENTS



ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	19-Apr	Morning Prayer	9:00a	Church
		Blessing of Food	10:00a	Church
		Easter Vigil Mass	8:00p	Church
	20-Apr	Easter Morning Mass	7:00	Church
		Easter Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Easter Mass	11:00	Church
Mon	21-Apr	Office Closed		
		Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	E/F
Tues	22-Apr	Mass	12:00p	Church
		Bible Study - Luke	6:30p	St. Joseph's
		Al-Anon	7:00p	123
Wed	23-Apr	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Bible Study - Luke	4:00p	123
		Scouts	6:30p	E/F
		Worship Committee	7:00p	123
Thurs	24-Apr	Mass	12:00p	Church
		Yoga	11:00a	F
		Cursillo	6:30p	123
Fri	25-Apr	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	26-Apr	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	27-Apr	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	9:30a	Church
		CCD/RCIA/Adult Formation	10:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		Potluck Luncheon	12:15	Commons
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall)	R - St. Raphael (Church)	
		E - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	M - St. Michael (Church)	
		C - Commons (Church)		

APRIL 21 - MAY 4 PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Catholic Q & A

Question:

Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

Answer:

You've probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" or "counselor" when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await "power from on high" — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.'" — John 20:2

"Respect Life" Corner

Many thanks to all of you who have attended or prayed in support of our prayerful, peaceful presence in front of Planned Parenthood on Wednesdays during "40 Days for Life" Spring Campaign. See photo of participants below:



For additional information about recent, ongoing, and upcoming "Respect Life" events, please visit the two tri-sided posters displayed at the entrance to church and at the K of C table in the Commons area:

April 26th - Walk for Life in Charlottesville)

All of May - New Mothers' Month
(Baby Items Collection)

--Bassinet to be filled during May,
on loan from Maureen Burger

--Donated baby items to be delivered to
LifeSpring Pregnancy Center at end of May.

Questions? Please contact **Larry Boice** (434-510-7677)
Sponsored by K of C Council #11475

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

Through April



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.

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



April 27

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 atpaws618@embarqmail.com or (434)589-1170 for more information.

A heartfelt "thank you" to all who made soup and/or sandwiches for the Lenten Lunches after Stations at Santa Peter & Paul and for the Friday evening Stations at Saint Joseph's. We could not have gotten it done without you. And a special thank you to all who helped set up and clean up.



Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father,
we come before you on this Easter Sunday
with full and grateful hearts for the gift of
the Paschal Mystery that you showed us
in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son,
our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in your
saving love.

Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you.
You are God for all.

We ask all this in Christ's name.

Amen.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday
John 20: 1-9

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.— Father John Muir



EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 20, 2025

"He is not here. He has been raised." (Luke 24:6)

The joy of the Resurrection brings new Life. Could Christ be calling you to share his joy with others through a vocation in the Church?

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

Or via email:
vocations@richmonddiocese.org



ALLELUIA,
ALLELUIA!

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL



2ND & Last Wednesday of the month

10:00 am, Commons

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

BIBLE STUDY

STS PETER AND PAUL
MONDAYS 1:00-2:00
WEDNESDAYS 4:00-5:00

ST. JOSEPH
TUESDAYS 6:30-7:30





MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

20 DE ABRIL DE 2025
DOMINGO DE PASCUA

El Señor Jesús vive y de ello damos testimonio porque hemos sido testigos de su Resurrección. La presencia del resucitado llena de alegría todas las cosas y al mundo entero. ¡Ha cumplido su palabra; está vivo! “Entonces entró también el otro discípulo, el que había llegado primero, vio y creyó. Pues no habían entendido todavía la Escritura: él debía resucitar de entre los muertos” (Juan 20:8-10). Jesús ya nunca volverá a morir, ¡Cristo Resucitó! ¡Verdaderamente Resucitó! ¿Crees esto? Es el saludo de este gozo pascual de este Domingo de Pascua. Todos los bautizados debemos de estar alegres porque, por el hecho de ser bautizados, somos hijos e hijas de Dios, herederos del cielo, miembros de la Iglesia y por lo tanto estamos llamados a resucitar con él. Sin embargo, debemos estar conscientes que esto no ocurrirá de modo rápido y como apretar un botón mágico. Hay que trabajar en ello; debemos de poner nuestro esfuerzo en mejorar cada día. Hay que acercarnos a la intimidad de Dios por medio de una relación personal con él y a través de la oración y los sacramentos. La salvación ya está realizada; solo nos toca a nosotros aceptarla y seguir caminando con fe y gozo. Este es el gran regalo que Jesús nos da: salvación, gracia y amor. ¡Aleluya! ¡Felices Pascuas de Resurrección! Dejemos que Jesús nos acompañe en el camino y que su presencia en la Eucaristía nos consuele cada vez que lo recibimos

¡Ha llegado la hora para la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones (EBV)!

Lugar: Saint Joseph
Fecha y Hora: June 9-14
6:00-8:00

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

Preescolar – Grado 5

Este año, en la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones (EBV), tu hijo está invitado a asistir a *¡Pasaporte a la Paz!* Tu hijo aprenderá que el amor de Dios y el camino de la paz trascienden todas las fronteras y divisiones. Guiados por el Espíritu de Dios, todos podemos participar en la creación de un mundo más pacífico.

Tu hijo hará nuevos amigos, cantará canciones divertidas, verá presentaciones teatrales de las historias de la Biblia, jugará juegos activos, realizará proyectos de arte y exploraciones científicas y se adentrará en la Biblia. Las cinco historias de la Biblia de la semana muestran a los niños que hay muchas oportunidades y formas de vivir como constructores de la paz. *Pasaporte a la Paz* ayudará a los niños a aprender formas de crear paz interior, usar estrategias de pacificación en el hogar, la escuela y la comunidad, y practicar estrategias para la resolución de conflictos.



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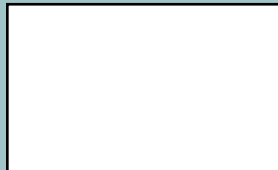
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