

May 11, 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

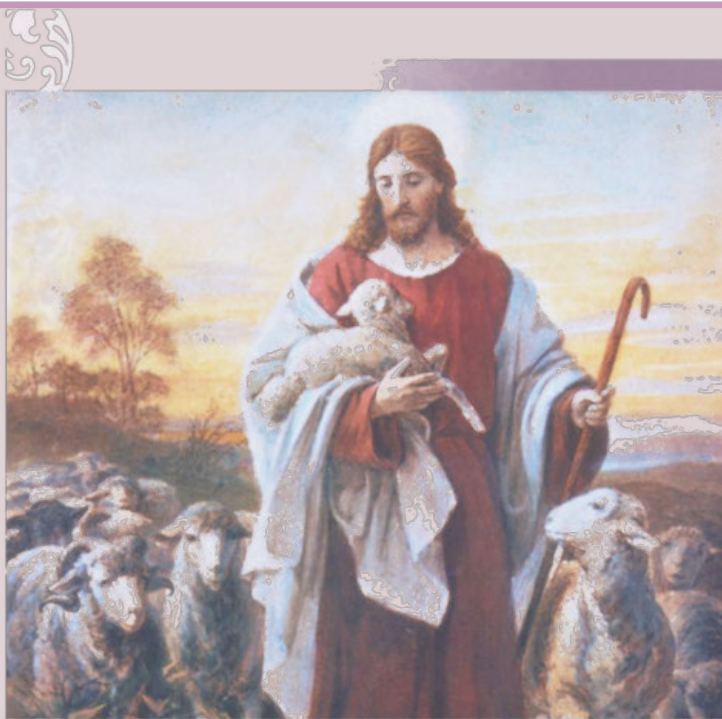
Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office
to schedule Communion



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28b

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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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For any adverse weather,
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ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

John 10:27-30

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me" (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

— Father John Muir

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11, 2025

Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/ Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Jn 15:9-17
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/ Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/ Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4, 2025

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day
Monday:	Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Tuesday:	Our Lady of Fatima
Wednesday:	St. Matthias, Apostle
Thursday:	St. Isidore
Saturday:	Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday of Easter



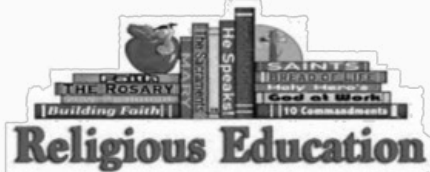
SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm

A Block schedule for those who want a regular weekly a doration time is posted on the wall in the hall across from the Religious Store.

Contact: Denise Minor -
dminor92@gmail.com





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 Jesus, help me to stay close to you.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

JESUS LOVES YOU SO MUCH! HE KNOWS
WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY AND WHAT MAKES
YOU SAD. YOU ARE HIS PRECIOUS CHILD AND
HE WANTS TO BE CLOSE TO YOU FOREVER.
GET TO KNOW JESUS BY READING ABOUT HIM
IN YOUR BIBLE. FIND OUT WHAT MAKES HIM
HAPPY. LEARN HOW HE LOVES PEOPLE WHO
NEED HELP, AND TRY TO FOLLOW HIS
EXAMPLE

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.

FAITH FORMATION

Welcome, Confirmands!

We had four youth confirmed on April 30 at St. Thomas Aquinas. From Sts Peter and Paul we had Owen Kaider and from St. Joseph we had Trey Bledsoe, Charlotte Land, and Rose Kulick.



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.

May Youth Activity Calendar:

May 11 CCD

May 16 Youth Group- St. Joseph 6:30-8:00: Art Extravaganza

May 18 CCD (Blessing of graduates during Mass.)

May 31 Youth Group Car Wash Fundraiser 9:00-12:00
Sts Peter and Paul. Volunteers needed to help

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: MAY 10 - MAY 18

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	5/10	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/11	9am*	Ethel Rogan	D	
Sunday	5/11	11am	Lucille "Lupe" Vieyra	D	Royal & Janis Duffy
Tuesday	5/13	12Noon	Dave Garner	D	Don & Eileen Tyler
Wednesday	5/14	9am	Jean Pilk	D	Frank Pilk
Thursday	5/15	9am	Harold Wagner	D	Heffley Family
Friday	5/16	9am	Zoraya Suarez	I	Eva Morejon
Saturday	5/17	5pm	Bobby Fint	D	John Condon
Sunday	5/18	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/18	11am	Frank Maltese	D	Steve & Mary Dictenberg

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 & Kathleen O'Malley, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Damien LaForenza, Russ Marron, Adam Warren, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Joseph Ayuso, Joe and Sophia Murphy, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Alex Ostrowski, Henry Land and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



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

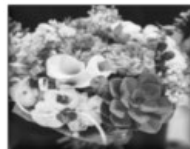
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In Memory of:
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Donor:
In Memory of:



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Philomena Alonso, Jean & Mary Louise Bernard, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Douglas, Caron, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Frank Feliciano, the Fellins, Patty Frawley, Pat Garner, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Marie Knighting, Jim Kraemer, George Kuhlow, Judi Kuhlow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Bob Maher, Jean Main, 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



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sts Peter & Paul Pew Count	04/26 & 04/27
Sat. - 130 Sun. 173	
First Offering	\$ 6,287
E-Giving (MTD)	\$ 3,045
Total	\$ 9,332

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

JUNE 7 & 8

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Sts Peter and Paul next monthly Bake Sale is June 7 & 8 after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass.

St. Joseph Pew Count 100	04/26
First Offering	\$ 2,983
Total	\$ 2,983



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.



A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID:

I want to invite you to the following event:

CHARITABLE GIFTING WORKSHOP

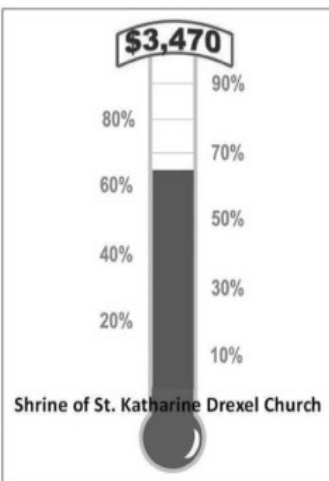
May 13, 2025

6:30 pm, Parish Hall

This event will feature Robert Howard and Jennifer Cunningham (Cornerstone Advisory Group) who will provide information how to manage your charitable giving. This workshop will introduce the process of making a deferred gift to Sts. Peter and Paul, understand the possibilities, consider your own resources (financial planners, attorneys and other professionals) and that you can make an appointment with the experts who are leading the workshop.

Please join me at this event.

The Parishioners of Saint Joseph's would like to thank our Spanish Community for their generous donation of Easter Lilies, which beautifully enhanced the Easter Mass.



Saint Joseph's Diocesan Appeal 2025

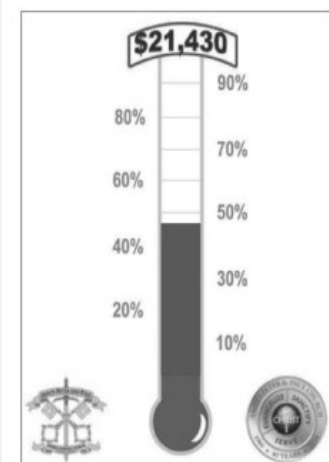
Progress Chart

Total Raised

\$ 2,210 (64%)

of donors: 14

**As of:
4/30/2025**



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Progress Chart

Total Raised

\$ 9,536 (47%)

of donors: 49

**As of:
04/30/2025**

UPCOMING EVENTS



Mother's Day

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ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	10-May	First Communion (SPP)	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
	11-May	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
		Youth Mass	11:00a	Church
Mon	12-May	Rejoice Bible Study	1:00p	E/F
Tues	13-May	Mass	12:00p	Church
		Retirement Workshop	6:30p	Commons
		Bible Study	6:30p	122
		Al-Anon	7:00p	Commons
Wed	14-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Bible Study	4:00p	Commons
		Scouts	6:30p	E/F
Thurs	15-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:30p	123
Fri	16-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
		Youth Group Art Extravaganza	6:30	St. Joseph's
Sat	17-May	First Holy Communion	10:00a	St. Joseph's
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	18-May	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
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall) R - St. Raphael (Church) E - St. Elizabeth (Hall) M - St. Michael (Church) C - Commons (Church)		

Welcome Back, Pilgrims!

Catholic Q & A

Question:

Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord’s Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

INCENSE USE AT STS. PETER AND PAUL

(Days and times)

Please expect Incense as you come to the Masses at Sts. Peter and Paul on the following days and times during the year:

Immaculate Conception – December 8th
Christmas – 11: 00 AM Mass
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God –
January 1st 11:00 AM Mass
Epiphany – 11:00 AM
Baptism of the Lord – 11:00 AM
Holy Thursday – 7:00 PM
Easter Vigil – 8:00 PM
Easter Sunday – 11:00 AM
All Sundays in the Easter Season – 11:00 AM
Ascension Sunday – 11:00 AM
Pentecost – 11:00 AM
Trinity Sunday – 11:00 AM
Corpus Christi – 11: 00 AM
Assumption – 11:00 AM
All Saints – 11:00 AM
Christ the King – 11:00 AM
All Funerals (At the song of farewell)
All Adorations with Benediction

INCENSE USE AT ST. JOSEPH

Please expect Incense as you come to the Masses at St. Joseph on the following days and times during the year:

Immaculate Conception – December 8th
Christmas
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
January 1st – 9:00 AM
Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord
Easter Sunday
All Sundays in the Easter Season
Ascension Sunday
Pentecost
Trinity Sunday
Corpus Christi
Assumption
All Saints
Christ the King
All Funerals (At the song of farewell)



Happy Mothers' Day!

May 11, 2025, is Mothers' Day, but let's use the month of May to celebrate

New Mothers' Month!

Please donate baby clothing and diapers and baby supplies!

There is a bassinet (on loan from Maureen Burger) being set up near the entrance to Church.

Donations will be collected for LifeSpring Pregnancy Centers, Charlottesville,

supported by Knights of Columbus Council #11475 and Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Financial donations will also be accepted, in lieu of baby supplies.

(Please make any checks out to "Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church." Financial donations will be consolidated into one check to be delivered from our Church to LifeSpring at the end of May, along with the donated baby items)

Please place all donated items in the basket.

No wrapping needed.

Questions? Please call Larry Boice, 434-510-7677



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Which pope served the shortest pontificate at only 13 days?

Answer: Pope Urban VIII

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HOURS:

SATURDAY

3:30 - 4:30pm

6:00 - 6:45pm

SUNDAY

12:00 - 1:00pm



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POTLUCK LUNCHEONS

Sts. Peter & Paul will be hosting potluck lunches following the Youth Masses on the last Sunday of the month-- bring a lunch dish to share. There is 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.



MAY 25

We need a coordinator for this popular event - involves mostly set-up and clean up. Please reach out to Doug Mullinex to volunteer so we are able to continue these lunches

Get ready for the Church Yard Sale, June 13 and 14!

Start cleaning out your closets, sheds and garage and bring any items for the sale starting on June 8. We need volunteers to help from June 8th through the 12th to sort and set up and on June 13 and 14 to work the yard sale. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and we need your help to make it a success.

Talent Show for Uganda—Fundraiser for the next Medical Mission

Postponed - Updates coming soon

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.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

We Don't Follow Strangers

I get a little crazy when it comes to my kids' safety. We've probably had a few too many conversations that could be entitled "What to Do If Mommy Loses You At the State Fair" or "Don't Trust People Just Because They Smile At You." Am I making them paranoid? Possibly. But that's something they can sort out later with their therapists.

Because here's the bottom line of it all — I don't want to instill a fear of strangers into my kids, but I do want them to understand that you can't always trust people you don't know (heck, you can't always trust the people you do know, but that's another therapy-provoking conversation we can have when they're older).

If someone says, "Hey, follow me," and we don't know them, it's not always a great idea to comply. First, we have to ask questions. "Where are you taking me? Why are we going? Who else will be there?"

But if someone we know and love and trust says, "Hey, follow me," we don't even think twice, and we don't need to ask any questions. We know wherever we're going is a safe place for us because we have a relationship with the person doing the leading. We feel comfortable putting ourselves in their care.

That's why it's so important to Christ that we know him. That we have a relationship with him. That we trust him.

Because we don't follow strangers, do we?

I don't have all the answers to the questions I would love to ask Christ. "Why is this happening? Where are you taking me?" But the beautiful thing is, I don't actually need those answers. I know him. He's got my hand. Wherever we're going is where I want to be.



**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 11, 2025
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR
VOCATIONS**

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:7)

Let's unite as a Church to ask the Lord to inspire our hearts to hear his call and to follow Him in the priesthood and consecrated life. Trust that He knows each of us by name and will lead the right hearts to their vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations 804.359.5661

Or via email:
vocations@richmonddiocese.org



SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL



**2ND & Last
Wednesday
of the month
10:00 am, Commons**

BIBLE STUDY

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

**ST. JOSEPH
TUESDAYS 6:30-7:30**

JOIN SCOUTING!

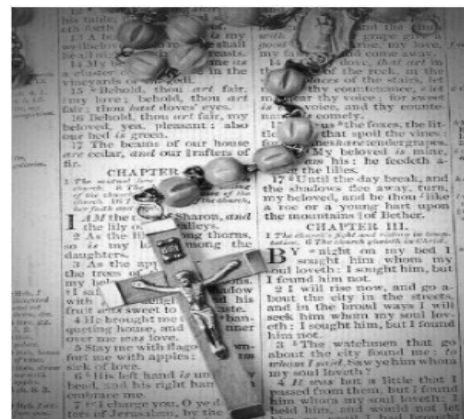
Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 11 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign him or her up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:

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IV Domingo de Pascua

Hoy Jesús nos revela que formamos parte de su rebaño. Son muchas ovejas, pero el Pastor trata con especial cariño a cada una de ellas, las conoce, cuida y protege del enemigo. Nunca olvida a ninguna de ellas, las ama y trasmite su amor. “Nuestra vida está totalmente segura en las manos de Jesús y del Padre, que son una sola cosa: un único amor, una única misericordia, reveladas de una vez y para siempre en el sacrificio de la cruz. Él es nuestro guía, nuestro maestro, nuestro amigo, nuestro modelo, pero sobre todo nuestro salvador. A veces Jesús nos llama, nos invita a seguirle, pero tal vez sucede que no nos damos cuenta de que es Él” (Papa Francisco).

¿Te das cuenta de cuándo Jesús te ha llamado? ¿Escuchas su voz o te haces el sordo? En la sociedad actual, vale la pena reflexionar sobre lo siguiente: ¿Qué voces nos dan confianza? ¿Cuáles nos hacen sentir seguros? Sobre todo, los niños y los jóvenes están muchas veces tan confundidos al escuchar voces que los llaman solo para perderlos, atacándolos con falsas promesas. Sin embargo, hay voces buenas que llaman a la unidad y a la paz, como el Papa Francisco, además de muchos padres y madres de familia, profesores y amigos buenos, que guían e instruyen para crecer en el bien y andar por el buen camino. Es un reto muy grande, pero no imposible de llevar a cabo. Dios te ama. ¡Grábatelo en el corazón!

El **domingo 18 de mayo** habrá una bendición especial en Misa para los jóvenes que se gradúen de la escuela secundaria o la universidad esta primavera. Graduados y sus Familias que asisten a la misa ese domingo en Saints Peter & Paul o St. Joseph recibirá una bendición y luego tendrá un pastel de celebración con café/limonada Después de la misa.

Si su familia planea asistir a esta misa, envíe el nombre del graduado a Celeste (religioused@saintspeterpaul.org) o llame al Oficina, para que podamos tener los nombres para la bendición del Padre.

¡Ha llegado la hora para la Escuela

Bíblica de Vacaciones (EBV)!

Lugar: Saint Joseph

Fecha y Hora: June 9-14

6:00-8:00

Una Cena Ligera a 6:00 y el programa comienza a 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.

Actividades Juveniles de Mayo

11 de mayo	CCD
16 de mayo	Grupo de jóvenes - St. Joseph 6:30-8:00: Art Extravaganza
18 de mayo	CCD (Bendición de los graduados durante Mass.)
31 de mayo	Recaudación de fondos de lavado de coches del grupo juvenil 9:00-12:00 Sts Peter y Paul. Los voluntarios necesitaban ayuda.

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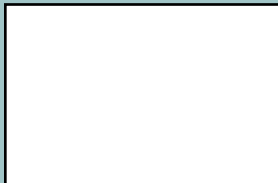
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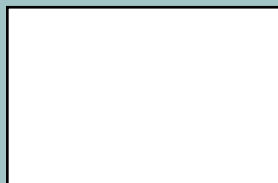
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