

June 22 2025

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



STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

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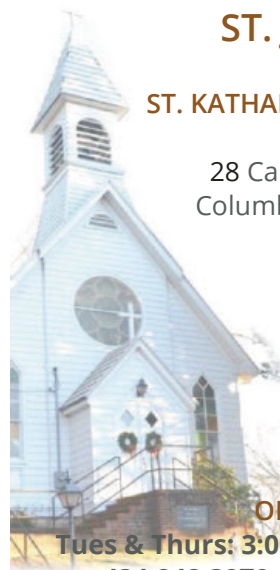
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OUR VISION

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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SHRINE OF
ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

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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



**THE MOST HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

They all ate and were satisfied. - Lk 9:16

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SANCTIFY

SERVE

WELCOME



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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!

CALL:

434.589.5201

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**4309 Thomas Jefferson
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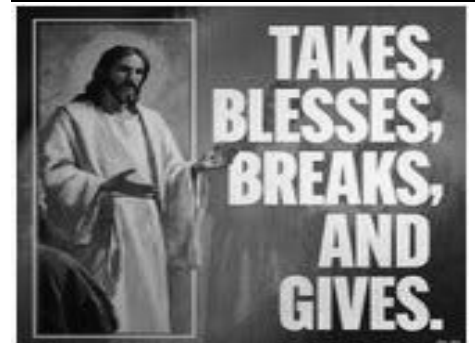
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ENCOUNTER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Luke 9:11-17

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, “The Eucharist is not a noun. It’s a verb.” In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn’t simply Jesus’ bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let’s consider each one.

He takes: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God’s hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He blesses: Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He breaks: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He gives: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.— Father John Muir

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 22, 2025

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/
Lk 9:11b-17

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/
1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/
Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/
Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50, 53, 54-55/ Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 22, 2025

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Tuesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles



SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

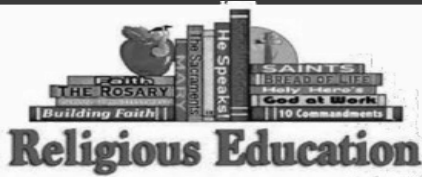
Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm

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



Religious Education

CCD

every Sunday at

9:30AM, Sts Peter

Paul. Meet in

Francis

&
St.

ADULT FOR- MATION CHRIS- TIAN EDUCATION

Includes OCIA, offering
instruction to unbaptized and non-
Catholic persons with an interest in being

CCD and RCIA are on
Summer Break.
Registration will resume in
August. Enjoy the Summer!

EPIC - ONE DAY EVENT FOR 6-8 GRADERS

What is EPIC?

EPIC is a one-day diocesan event for middle school youth (rising grades 6-8). This event is intended to be a high-energy day that is focused on two things: (1) building community & friendships with other Catholic middle school youth, and (2) encouraging zeal for our Catholic faith. Throughout the day, youth will experience everything from inflatables to a service project, relay races to Mass. Keynote sessions will highlight the lives of young saints and emphasize the universal call to holiness – every age, including middle school youth, is called to sainthood! They will also interact with high school teens who attended Discipleship Week in the days prior to EPIC. At the end of the day, middle school youth will walk away feeling excited about their community and their faith. Join us, it is going to be EPIC!

Who should attend EPIC?

EPIC is open to all youth who will be enrolled in grades 6-8 during the 2025-2026 academic year. The registration fee for youth participants and adult chaperones is \$55/person.

All applications need to be turned into Celeste Shapiola by July 8.

Where and when is EPIC?

EPIC will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Saint Joseph's Villa in Richmond, Virginia from 11:00am-7:00pm. The address is 8000 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23227.

Please contact Celeste, religioused@saintapeterpaul.org, 434-589-5201 for more information or an application.

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.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

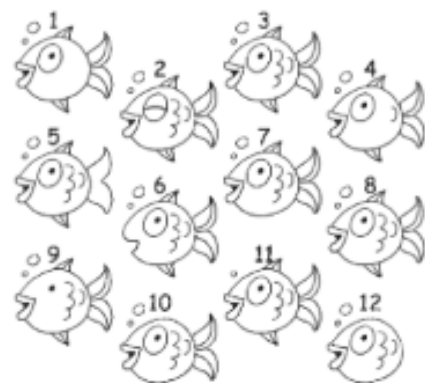
JESUS TOLD HIS FRIENDS TO GIVE A WHOLE CROWD OF PEOPLE SOMETHING TO EAT. ALL THEY HAD WAS A LITTLE FISH AND BREAD. HOW COULD THEY POSSIBLY FEED ALL THOSE PEOPLE WITH SO LITTLE FOOD? **GOD** GAVE THEM WHAT THEY NEEDED TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE. WHEN YOU WANT TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE, TRUST GOD THE GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED.

PRAYER

Dear God, with your power I can really help other people.

PUZZLE

Find the identical fish!



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MISSION

If God has blessed your family with plenty of food to eat, make sure you also give food to people who are hungry.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: JUNE 21 - 29

*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday -Corpus Christi	6/21	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday-Corpus Christi	6/22	9am	Cynthia Burt	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday-Corpus Christi	6/22	11am*	Benton Lyons Jr.	I	Ben & Jennifer Lyons
Tuesday	6/24	12Noon	Dominique Faust	I	Jamie Hicks
Wednesday	6/25	9am	Michael McAleer	D	The Heffley Family
Thursday	6/26	9am	Mildred Robinson	D	The Heffley Family
Friday	6/27	9am	Helen Thompson	D	The Heffley Family
Saturday-Sts. Peter/Paul	6/28	5pm	Bob and Joan Fint	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday-Sts. Peter/Paul	6/29	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday-Sts. Peter/Paul	6/29	11am	James Cullinan	D	Bob and Muriel Toepfert

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

You now can request Masses for your loves ones, living or deceased for 2026 (as well as the remainder of 2025).

Stop by the Parish Office to request Mass Intentions
Suggested donation - \$10 per Mass



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. Peggy Thomas, 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

BREAD & WINE

Donor:

In Memory of:



FLOWERS

Donor:

In Memory of:



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor:

In Memory of:



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in July and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on August 2nd and 3rd, please notify the office by Friday, July 19, 2025.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sts Peter & Paul Pew Count Sat. - 114 Sun. - 231	06/07 & 06/08
First Offering	\$ 4,228
E-Giving	\$ 2,277
Total	\$ 6,505
Debt Reduction	\$ 720

St. Joseph	06/08
First Offering	\$ 1,196

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

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

JULY 5TH AND 6TH.

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.



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 you have not signed up, you can visit www.givecentral.org or call the Office and we will help you.

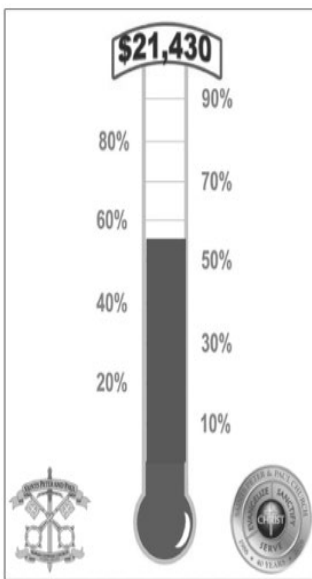
We truly appreciate your commitment to Sts. Peter and Paul.



Father John Nyanzi

Father John will join us as Administrator of our Parish on July 1. He currently is the Parochial Vicar of The Church of the Epiphany in Richmond. Father also is from Uganda and arrived in the US last November from St. Cyprian Ngoma Parish where he has served as Parochial Vicar, Administrator, then Pastor since 2018. He was ordained on August 18, 2018.

Father John is the only son in a family of 12 children. His birthday is on September 29.



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Progress Chart

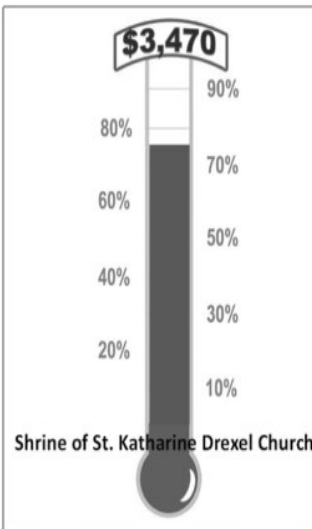
Total Raised

\$ 11,786 (55%)

of donors: 55

As of:

06/5/2025



Saint Joseph's Diocesan Appeal 2025

Progress Chart

Total Raised

\$ 3,496 (100%)

of donors: 16

As of:

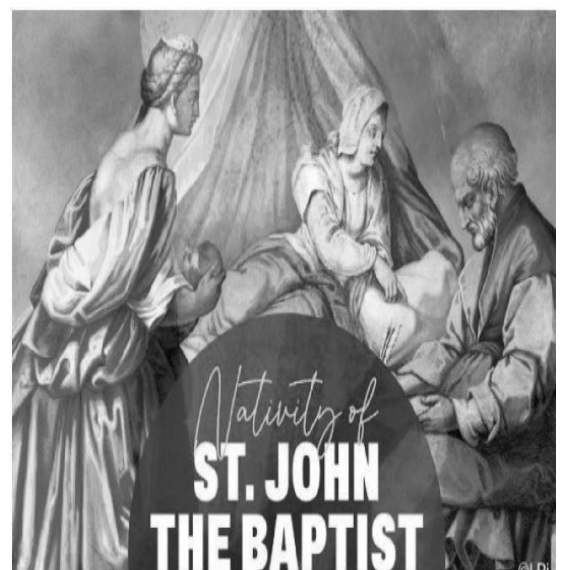
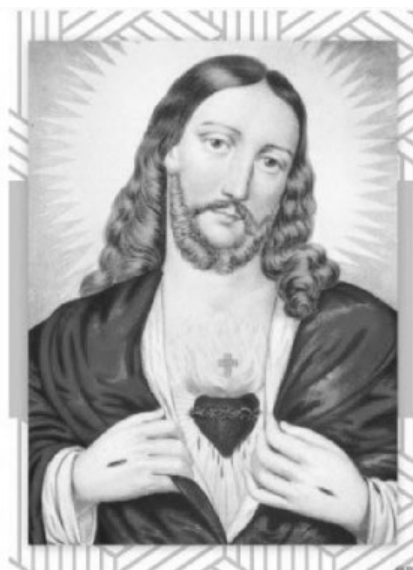
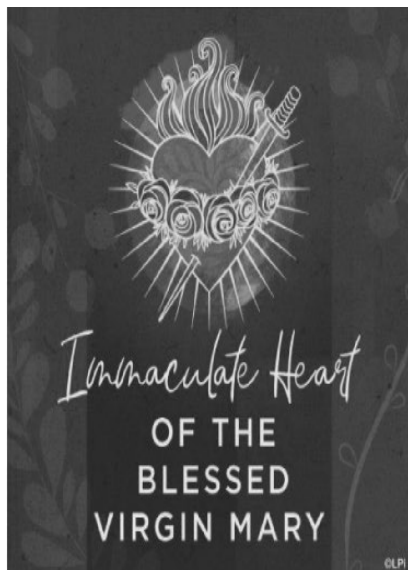
6/5/2025

Sts. Peter and Paul next monthly Bake Sale is **July 5th and 6th** after each Mass.

Donations accepted before Mass.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ROOM SCHEDULE	Sat	21-Jun	Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast	8:00a	E/F
			Confessions	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
	Sun	22-Jun	Mass	9:00	Church
			Confessions	10:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	11:00a	St. Joseph's
			Procession through Columbia	12:00a	Columbia
	Mon	23-Jun			
	Tues	24-Jun	Mass	12:00p	Church
			Al-Anon	7:00p	M
	Wed	25-Jun	Mass	12:00p	Church
			Sr. Coffee Social	10:00	Commons
			Scouts	6:30p	E/F
	Thurs	26-Jun	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Cursillo	6:30p	123
	Fri	27-Jun	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Adoration	9:30p	Church
			Benediction	3:00p	Church
	Sat	28-Jun	Confessions	4:00p	Church
			Mass	5:00	Church
	Sun	29-Jun	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			Youth Mass	11:00a	Church
			Parish Day	12:00p	E/F & Outside
Room Ledger:			<div><div>F - St. Francis (Hall) E - St. Elizabeth (Hall)</div><div>R - St. Raphael (Church) M - St. Michael (Church) C - Commons (Church)</div></div>		



Catholic Q & A

Question:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: “May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart.” In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a highly qualified **Family Services Advisor** to serve at **Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery** in Palmyra, VA.

This position is part of the Offices of Cemeteries and is responsible for guiding families through pre-need and at-need cemetery planning using a compassionate “Family First” approach. A practicing Catholic is strongly preferred.

The role includes responsibilities in both community outreach and cemetery operations, including assisting at committal services, presenting memorial design options, and maintaining regular follow-up with families. Attention to detail, knowledge of Microsoft Office, and familiarity with the structure and teachings of the Catholic Church are key requirements.

The position currently is part-time and reports to the Director of Cemeteries.

For questions or to apply, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist/Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Office of Catholic Schools, is seeking applications for the following positions:

Marketing & Social Media Coordinator. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste <https://bit.ly/44cpGQj>

Administrative Assistant for the Office of Real Estate, in Richmond, Virginia. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste <https://bit.ly/3ZfpSws>

Audit Manager for the Office of Finance, in Richmond, Virginia. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste <https://bit.ly/4dfR0kq>

Administrative Assistant for the Office for Evangelization, in Richmond, Virginia. For the full ad and how to apply, please copy and paste <https://bit.ly/3GHLNpq>

For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

Prayer for the True Presence

Jesus,
What a gift we have in your True Presence: the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us. Amen.

Sts. Peter and Paul

40th Anniversary News



40th Anniversary raffle tickets are selling out quickly. Remaining tickets can be purchased after each Mass, online through GiveCentral, or the Church Office.

Sts. Peter and Paul 40th Anniversary Monogrammed shirts can be ordered through our religious gift store.

Submit your favorite recipes now for the Sts. Peter and Paul 40th Anniversary Cookbook. Directions and online submittal forms can be found online in the weekly Blast announcement, and the parish website. Paper forms are located in the parish office.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What does the celebrant say at the conclusion of each Mass?

Answer: “The Mass is ended, go in peace.”

Your Help is Needed: Volunteer Drivers for Good Shepherd Ministry

Extend a hand and make a difference. The Good Shepherd Ministry is seeking kind-hearted individuals to step forward and help in a meaningful way. We need volunteers who can occasionally assist with driving fellow Parishioners, who are unable to drive, to their medical appointments. This small act of service can have a profound impact on someone's life. If you want to learn more and think you can help, please call the office (434-589-5201).

STS. PETER & PAUL *Religious Store*

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SATURDAY

3:30 - 4:30pm

6:00 - 6:45pm

SUNDAY

12:00 - 1:00pm

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for all Occasions



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.



Parish Day - June 29

Charlottesville Catholic School

Now enrolling for the 2025–2026 school year!

Charlottesville Catholic School nurtures students' God-given gifts while fostering acceptance, respect, and compassion. We prepare students in Junior Kindergarten through 8th Grade to become confident leaders, advocates, and stewards who make a difference in the world.

To learn more or apply:

admissions@cvillecatholic.org or
visit www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions.



FUN FACT!

King Solomon was known for his wisdom. Once, in a dream, God told Solomon to ask of Him anything and He would grant it. Solomon humbly asked for wisdom to govern God's people. This pleased God and He not only granted this, but also blessed Solomon with wealth and long life.

CLP

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Sacred Vessels

Have you ever paid attention to the purification of the sacred vessels after Holy Communion? If you haven't, I highly recommend doing so this Sunday. See the care with which the priest handles the chalice and the paten, pouring water into them to cleanse any loose particles of the Body and Blood of Christ. Observe the loving reverence he uses in wiping them dry with a special purificator. It's a ritual unto itself, and a powerful moment for reflection.

These vessels begin as earthly objects. They are made by human hands. There is nothing special about them — not until they go about the work for which they have been created. Until they contain the Body and Blood of Christ, they are only ordinary objects. But after they have carried within them the Eucharist, they are never the same. They will always be special and deserving of special care.

That's why partaking of the Eucharist is, for us, an evangelical undertaking. It is both a transformation and a declaration. When we accept this tremendous gift, we are proclaiming what we believe, and we are accepting the grace to follow through on that commitment.

When we are receiving the Eucharist, it is not possible for us to be passive. We become the vessel. We carry Christ into the world with us.

But do we act like it? Do we treat ourselves — our bodies, our souls — with the same respect as the priest cleansing the chalice? Do we treat one another with the reverence we would reserve for a sacred object? When we look at another person with anger or irritation or envy, do we acknowledge the change that we have willingly undergone by receiving Christ's Body and Blood into ourselves?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 22, 2025

*"He spoke to them about the
kingdom of God, and he healed
those who needed to be cured."*

(Like 9:11b)

Jesus Christ ministered to the needs of those around him, you may be called to bring spiritual healing and proclaim God's kingdom to His people. Are you being invited to follow in Jesus' footsteps by serving the Church as a Priest?

Talk to your priest or reach out to:

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**

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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BIBLE STUDY (ON SUMMER BREAK)

**STS PETER AND PAUL
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WEDNESDAYS 4:00-5:00**

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



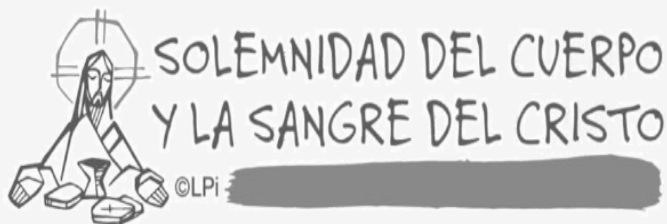
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22 de junio de 2025

El Cuerpo y la Sangre de Christo

Como Jesús nos conoce, él sabía y sabe que nos gusta comer. Jesús, multiplica la comida; él sacia el hambre de aquella gente que lo buscaba por sus enseñanzas y por sus milagros. ¿Por qué buscas a Jesús? ¿Qué tipo de hambre sacia en tu vida? En el sacramento de la Eucaristía, Jesús nos dejó su presencia real para poder alimentarnos espiritualmente.

“El culto que se da a la Eucaristía fuera de la Misa es un valor inestimable en la vida de la Iglesia. Dicho culto está estrechamente unido a la celebración del sacrificio eucarístico. La presencia de Cristo bajo las sagradas especies que se conservan después de la Misa---presencia que dura mientras subsistan las especies del pan y del vino, deriva de la celebración del Sacrificio y tiende a la comunidad sacramental y espiritual. Corresponde a los Pastores animar, incluso con el testimonio personal, el culto eucarístico, particularmente la exposición del Santísimo sacramento y la adoración de Cristo presente bajo las especies eucarísticas. Es hermoso estar con él y, reclinados sobre su pecho como el discípulo predilecto (ver Juan 13:25), palpar el amor infinito de su corazón” (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, en el número 25, san Juan Pablo II). ¿Cómo es nuestra participación en la Eucaristía? Estamos llamados a ser fuente de vida y pan compartido para los demás. “El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, permanece en mí y yo en él, dice el Señor” (Juan 6:56).



**¡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.

Todas las donaciones para la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones deben entregarse antes de 8 de junio.

ÉPICO

EVENTO DE UN DÍA PARA ESTUDIANTES DE 6-8 GRADOS

¿Qué es EPIC?

EPIC es un evento diocesano de un día para jóvenes de secundaria (grados 6-8). Este evento pretende ser un día de alta energía que se centra en dos cosas: (1) construir comunidad y amistades con otros jóvenes católicos de secundaria, y (2) fomentar el celo por nuestra fe católica. A lo largo del día, los jóvenes experimentarán de todo, desde inflables hasta un proyecto de servicio, carreras de relevos hasta Misa. Las sesiones magistrales destacarán la vida de los jóvenes santos y enfatizarán el llamado universal a la santidad: ¡cada edad, incluida la juventud de la escuela media, está llamada a la santidad! También interactuarán con adolescentes de secundaria que asistieron a la Semana del Discipulado en los días previos a EPIC. Al final del día, los jóvenes de secundaria se irán entusiasmados con su comunidad y su fe. Únete a nosotros, ¡va a ser ÉPICO!

¿Quién debería asistir a EPIC?

EPIC está abierto a todos los jóvenes que estarán matriculados en los grados 6-8 durante el año académico 2025-2026. La cuota de inscripción para jóvenes participantes y acompañantes adultos es de 55 \$/persona.

Todas las solicitudes deben convertirse en Celeste Shapiola antes del 8 de julio.

¿Dónde y cuándo es EPIC?

EPIC se llevará a cabo el sábado 9 de agosto de 2025 en Saint Joseph's Villa en Richmond, Virginia, de 11:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. La dirección es 8000 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23227.

Póngase en contacto con Celeste,

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