

July 6, 2025

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



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

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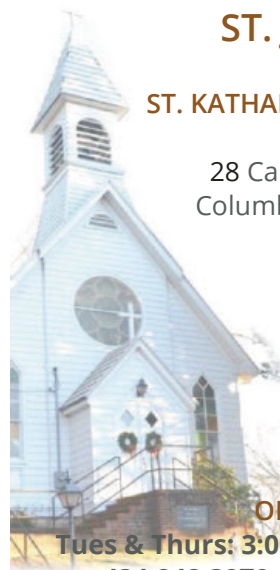
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**OUR VISION**

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.**



**ST. JOSEPH'S**

**SHRINE OF**  
**ST. KATHARINE DREXEL**  
P.O. Box 808  
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**OFFICE HOURS**

**Tues & Thurs: 3:00pm-5:00pm**

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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

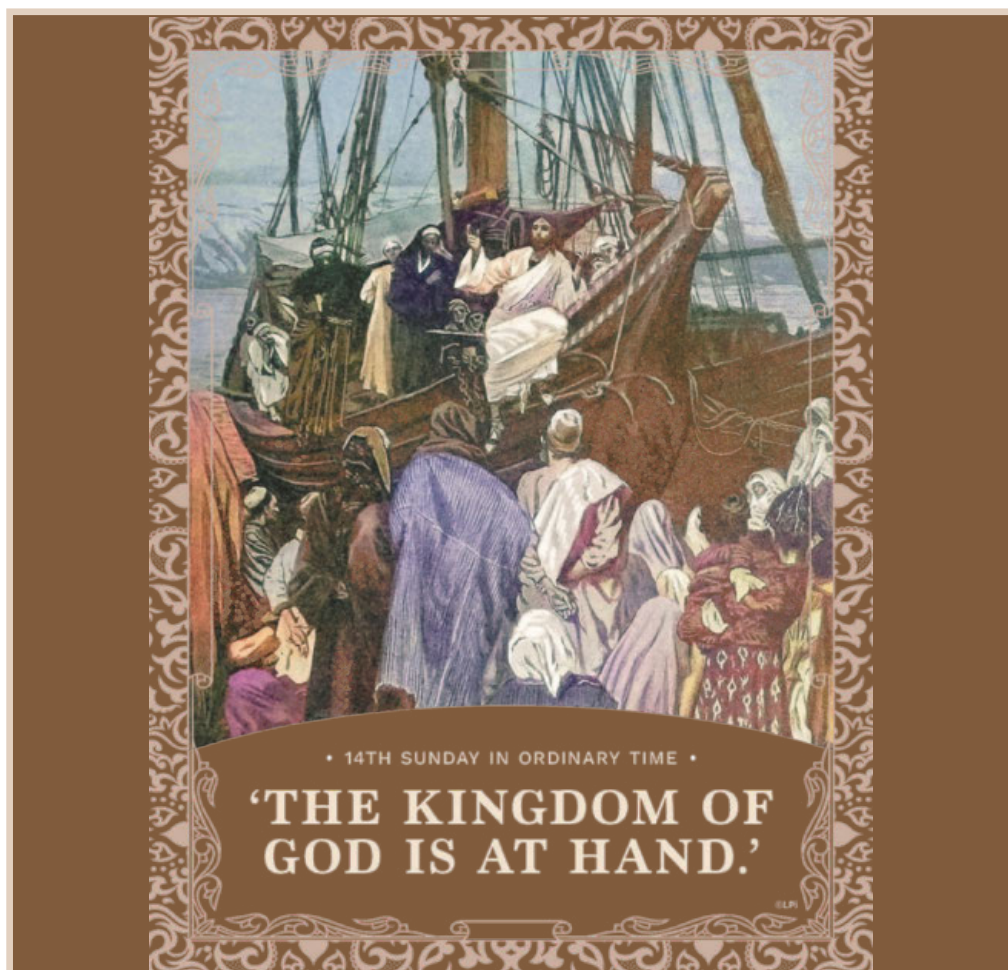
Sunday 8:30am: St. Joseph's

**HOSPITAL VISITS:**

Call Parish Office  
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

**HOMEBOUND:**

Call Parish Office  
to schedule Communion



**EVANGELIZE**

**SANCTIFY**

**SERVE**

# WELCOME



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Wednesdays-1 week in advance of  
bulletin date-in writing to  
[office@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:office@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.

### 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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**COME IN M- F, 9:00 - 3:00 PM:**

**4309 Thomas Jefferson  
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This bulletin also is distributed in an  
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# ENCOUNTER

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 6, 2025

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, “Racism is today’s great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it.” I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don’t we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus’ words this week help. He says, “Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love. — Father John Muir

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/  
Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9  
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/  
Mt 9:18-26  
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/  
Mt 9:32-38  
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/  
Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7  
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/  
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15  
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/  
Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23  
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/  
Mt 10:24-33  
Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37/  
Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-3

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 6, 2025

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Martyrs  
Friday: St. Benedict, Abbot  
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm

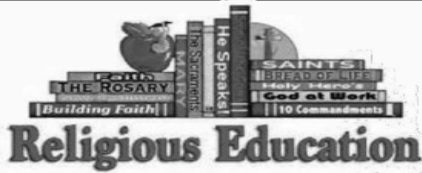
A block schedule for those who want a regular weekly adoration time is posted on the wall in the hall across from the Religious Store.

Contact: Denise Minor -  
[dminor92@gmail.com](mailto:dminor92@gmail.com)



Father

# FAITH FORMATION



CCD

every Sunday at

9:30AM, Sts Peter

Paul. Meet in

Francis

&  
St.

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

## ADULT FOR- MATION CHRIS- TIAN EDUCATION

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

**Expand your Understanding of the Bible.  
Consider joining one of our Bible Study  
Groups.**

### **Celeste's Bible Study Calendar for the 2025-2026 year:**

#### **Tuesdays at St. Joseph starting at 6:30**

August 19 - October 7: Romans

October 21 - November 18: A Biblical Walk Through  
the Mass

January 13 - March 3: Ephesians

March 17 - May 26: James

#### **Wednesdays at Sts. Peter & Paul starting at 4:00**

August 20 - October 8: Romans

October 22 - November 19: A Biblical Walk Through  
the Mass

January 14 - March 4: Ephesians

March 18 - May 27: James

### **Rejoice Bible Study - led by Cynthia Nicholson**

#### **Mondays at 1:00pm at Sts. Peter & Paul**

September 8 - May 18

Christmas Break December 15 - 29

#### **The Maccabean Revolt**

- Maccabees 1 & 2
- Book of Sirach
- Proverbs 21, 22, & 23

Inquiries about the **Sacrament of Baptism**, or any of the Sacraments, should be directed to Celeste at [religioused@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:religioused@saintspeterpaul.org) for registration and prep information.

### **SHARING THE GOSPEL**

JESUS SENT OUT 72 OF HIS FOLLOWERS  
TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT GOD.

THEY WERE NOT BRINGING ANYTHING  
WITH THEM - NO FOOD, NO EXTRA  
CLOTHES OR SHOES, NOT EVEN MONEY TO  
SPEND. THEY WERE TO VISIT STRANGERS  
AND COMPLETELY DEPEND ON GOD TO  
GIVE THEM WHAT THEY NEEDED. THAT  
TOOK A LOT OF FAITH!

### **PRAYER**

*Dear God, please help me remember you will give  
me what I need.*

## PUZZLE

Find the safest way to get to the mountain.



## MISSION

Make a card for one of your neighbors, and tell  
that person, "Jesus loves you!"

# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: JULY 5 - JULY 20

\*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

1st Saturday	7/5	10am	Deceased Murphy Family	D	Maureen Burger
Saturday	7/5	5pm	Dominick Capuano	D	Gerard & Linda Zink
Sunday	7/6	9am*	Helen Baker	D	
Sunday	7/6	11am	Misa Pro Populo		
Tuesday	7/8	12Noon	Erika Lopes	D	The Alba and Engler Family
Wednesday	7/9	9am			
Thursday	7/10	9am			
Friday	7/11	9am			
Saturday	7/12	5pm	Dan Collins	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	7/13	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	7/13	11am	David Garner	D	Murial and Bob 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

**REMEMBER** in your prayers

### 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, Jim Dooley, 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**.

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

<b>Sts Peter &amp; Paul Pew Count Sat. - 147   Sun. - 90</b>	<b>06/21 &amp; 06/22</b>
Offertory	<b>\$ 2,816</b>
E-Giving	<b>\$ 2,277</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,093</b>

<b>St. Joseph's</b>	<b>06/22</b>
Offertory	<b>\$ 874</b>

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ASSISTANCE TEAM (COAT) FISCAL YEAR 2025 UPDATE

Thanks to your generous support of the monthly bake sales and your much-appreciated contributions to the Poor Box and the collection for the Justice & Peace Ministry, you have enabled our Parish and COAT to continue our outreach to our local community.

Since the inception of COAT, as established by Father David in 2023, we have been able to help 72 families overcome financial emergencies with over \$16,400 in assistance.

The types and amounts of assistance provided to date are noted in the table below:

TYPE	AMOUNT
Electricity	\$10,413.88
Food & Assistance	\$750.00
Heating Oil	\$377.49
Rent/Mortgage	\$,4326.00
Water	\$275.00
Other	\$350
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,492.37</b>

Many thanks also to the dedicated Team members who work directly with these families in times of need, providing support and referrals as needed. Please feel free to engage the Team - John Cotter, Catherine Heffley, Rosaleen Johnson, Rose Meyer, Frank Pilk - with any questions.

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

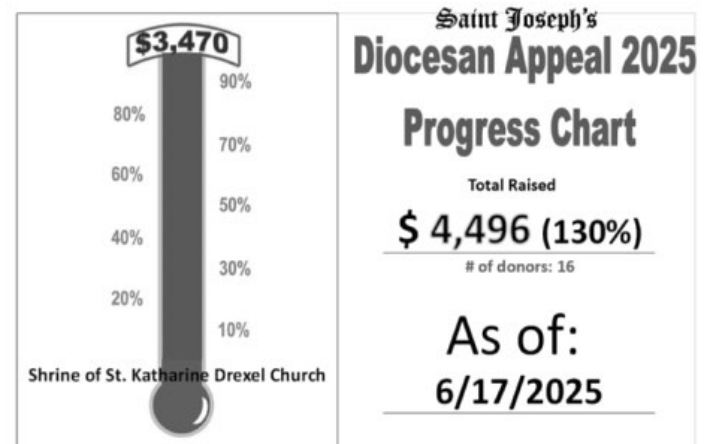
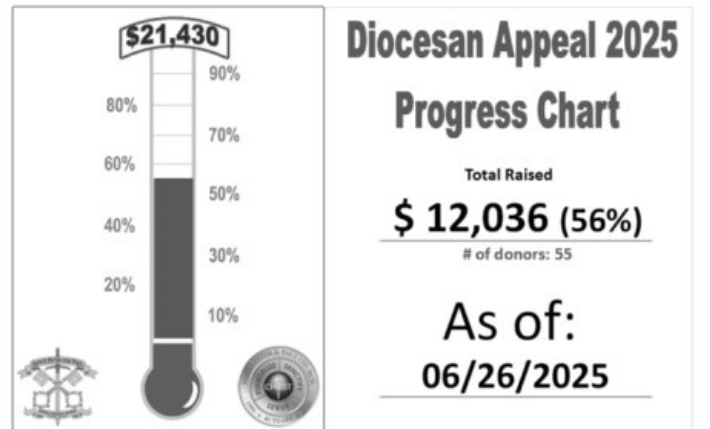
**Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is  
THIS WEEKEND.**

*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](http://www.givecentral.org) or call the Office and we will help you.

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



Sts. Peter and Paul next monthly Bake Sale is this weekend after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

ROOM SCHEDULE	Sat	5-Jul	Confessions	9:00a	Church
			1st Saturday Mass & Rosary	10:00a	Church
			Confessions	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
			Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	Commons
		6-Jul	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	11:00a	Church
			Bake Sale After Mass	12:00p	Commons
	Mon	7-Jul	KoC Officers	7:00p	E/F
	Tues	8-Jul	Mass	12:00p	Church
			Al-Anon	7:00p	St. Michael
	Wed	9-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Scouts	6:30p	E/F
	Thurs	10-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Cursillo	6:00p	123
	Fri	11-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Adoration	9:30a	Church
			Benediction	3:00p	Church
			Youth Group	6:30p	St. Joseph's
	Sat	12-Jul	Confessions	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
	Sun	13-Jul	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	11:00a	Church
	Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall) E - St. Elizabeth (Hall) R - St. Raphael (Church) M - St. Michael (Church) C - Commons (Church)		

## SAVE THE DATE -- JULY 26

The Knights of Columbus are holding a 30th Anniversary Council Dinner on July 26th to honor the five original members who still are parishioners here of the original 30 who formed the Council in 1995. This also will be the KoC annual awards dinner and the entire parish is invited.

The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children under 12. Sign-up sheets are in The Commons after every Mass.

**Join us for the celebration with these five special members.**



# Catholic Q & A

## Question:

As Catholics, we talk a lot about “redemptive suffering” and “carrying your cross.” What does that mean practically in daily life?

## Answer:

When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. “*Pick up your cross daily and follow me.*” At the time, Jesus hadn’t yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument. “Pick up the thing that tortures you the most,” Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn’t to seek out new sufferings in our life. It’s to accept the life we have.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment ... but you need the paycheck to pay the bills. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross — to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and do our best to be present to God’s grace in the moment. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time.

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](mailto:jobs@richmonddiocese.org).

## KoC 100 Club Winners

### June

6/04/225	#44 Joe Arleth
6/11/25	#57 Open
6/18/25	#06 John Condon
6/25/25	#75 Steve Momper

## June Wedding Anniversaries

**Congratulations to all couples who celebrated their wedding anniversary in the month of June, especially:**

*Frank & Susan  
Feliciano.* **32 years**

*Mark & Helen Clowes* **33 years**

*John & Cathy Konoza* **40 years**

*Jerry & Linda Zink* **41 years**

*Patrick & Donna  
McCarthy* **53 years**

*Bob & Sue Scott.* **58 years**

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** Where is St. Peter buried

**Answer:** St. Peter’s Basilica.



## 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.

### 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).

### 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](mailto:admissions@cvillecatholic.org) or  
visit [www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions](http://www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions).

## STS. PETER & PAUL *Religious Store*

[religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org)

### HOURS:

#### SATURDAY

3:30 - 4:30pm

6:00 - 6:45pm

#### SUNDAY

12:00 - 1:00pm

Large selection of Religious Cards  
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.



## July 27

### "I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER". (Pope Saint John Paul II)

Your honeymoon was a special time. Wherever you went, the things you saw and did were secondary. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. Upcoming experiences are noted below:

- September 12-14, 2025 - Richmond VA
- October 24-26, 2025 - Jessup MD
- November 7-9, 2025 - Rehoboth Beach DE
- February 13-15, 2026 - Waynesboro VA
- March 6-8, 2026 - Hampton VA

For more information please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: “Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business.”

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said “I love you” expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. “Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest...Carry no money...Eat what is set before you...Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand...Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven.”

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn’t always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 6, 2025

*“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.”*

*(Luke 10:2)*

God’s vineyard is overflowing with opportunities, and there is a heartfelt need for dedicated laborers. Could Christ be inviting you to join this vital work? Take a moment to consider a vocation to the priesthood, or consecrated life. Your unique gifts could make a profound difference!

Talk to your priest or reach out to:

Office of Vocations  
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### 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

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### BIBLE STUDY

(ON SUMMER BREAK)

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

**6 de julio de 2025**

### **XIV Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

La finalidad de este domingo es anunciar el Reino de Dios. Por ello, Dios envía a los discípulos de dos en dos. De esa forma es como se forma una comunidad misionera. Jesús los entrena para la misión, para ir, para salir fuera y mirar a los hermanos y hermanas en la periferia. ¿Qué necesitan? ¿Cómo viven? Es urgente que nos demos cuenta para participar en esta misión encomendada. La cosecha es abundante y los misioneros, pocos. “Rueguen, pues, al dueño de la cosecha que envíe obreros a su cosecha” (Lucas 10:2).

Esta petición de Jesús sigue en pie y nos invita a orar por nuestros sacerdotes, seminaristas, religiosos y religiosas que día a día trabajan para que el Reino de Dios crezca y reine la paz en sus comunidades. También tengamos presente en nuestra oración a los misioneros y misioneras laicos que luchan en silencio por esparcir la semilla del Evangelio entre los suyos. “Siempre debemos orar al dueño de la mies, que es Dios Padre, para que envíe obreros a trabajar en su campo, que es el mundo. Y cada uno de nosotros lo debe hacer con el corazón abierto, con una actitud misionera; nuestra oración no debe limitarse solo a nuestras peticiones, a nuestras necesidades: una oración es verdaderamente cristiana si también tiene una dimensión universal” (Papa Francisco). Nosotros, como bautizados, formamos parte de ese grupo misionero de Jesús. ¡Atrévete a ser un misionero comprometido!



### **LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA - RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS**

Si tuvieras \$100 para regalar, ¿a quién se lo darías? Tal vez elegirías a alguien que amas. ¿Qué tal alguien en la calle en un semáforo de la esquina? Realmente podrías hacerle el día a alguien si se lo dieras como propina después de una comida a un precio modesto. Hay muchas posibilidades. No importa a quién le des los \$100, indudablemente estás siendo generoso. Nadie puede debatir eso.

Digamos que lo has reducido a dos personas diferentes. Conoces a estas dos personas, y sospechas que cada persona estaría igualmente agradecida. ¿Hace una diferencia a quién le des el dinero al final? ¿Qué pasaría si te dijera que una de las personas acaba de recibir un gran aumento en el trabajo y que la otra persona corre el riesgo de que le corten el agua porque se ha demorado en pagar la factura? ¿Hace una diferencia ahora?

El discernimiento siempre debe ser una parte importante de la forma de vida de cualquier buen corresponsable. Si damos por el simple hecho de dar, puede que no siempre sea el mejor uso de nuestros dones. Para obtener la mayor cantidad de frutos de las semillas que plantamos, debemos plantar sabiamente. Todo lo que se nos ha dado tiene valor, y debemos ser buenos cuidadores de todo esto. Si alguna vez te encuentras con \$100 de sobra, asegúrate de considerar cuidadosamente todas las opciones y hacer la elección más inteligente. Mientras tanto, ora por sabiduría y reflexiona sobre cómo usar mejor todo lo que se te ha dado por el bien del Reino de Dios.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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