

August 10, 2025

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



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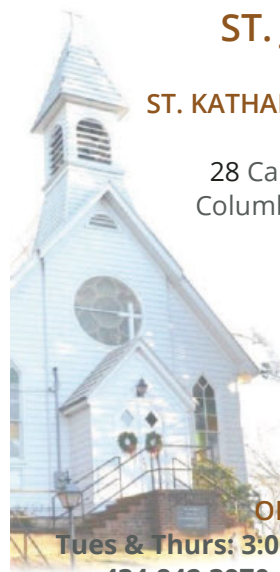
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### OUR VISION

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  
saints and missionaries,  
we commit ourselves to a  
pilgrimage of faith through  
Evangelization,  
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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:

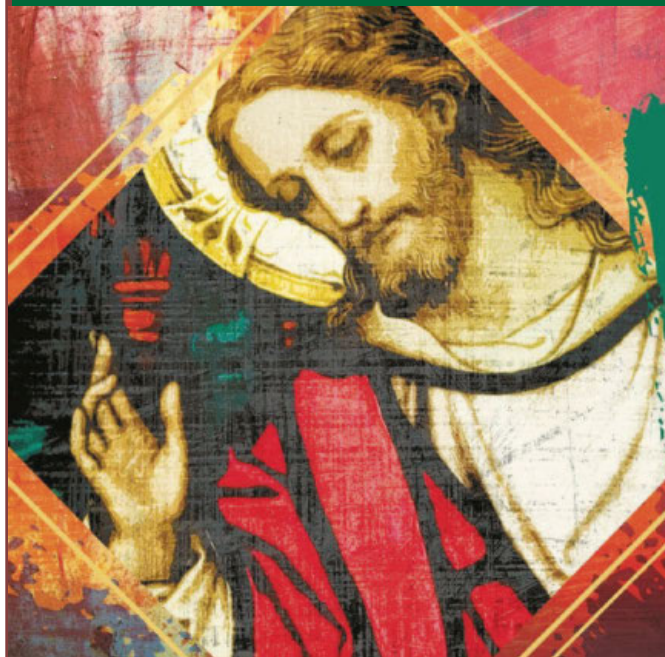
Call Parish Office

or Rectory: 434.589.5200

#### HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office

to schedule Communion



### 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For at an hour you do not  
expect, the Son of Man will  
come." - Lk 12:40

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1995, 1970 CCB, SLP

**EVANGELIZE**

**SANCTIFY**

**SERVE**

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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  
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to miss anything!

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# ENCOUNTER

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**AUGUST 10, 2025**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Luke 12:32-48**

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34). Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can’t find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That’s why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— Father John Muir

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10, 2025

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40  
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20  
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 18:21—19:1  
Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-14/  
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28  
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/  
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15  
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/  
Lk 12:49-53

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10, 2025

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Clare, Virgin  
Tuesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
Wednesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs  
Thursday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr  
Friday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Saturday: St. Stephen of Hungary  
Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

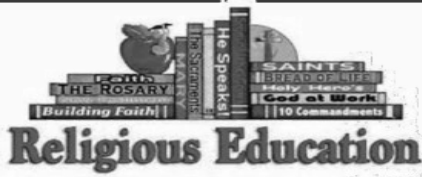
**Hours: M - Th, 6am - 8pm**

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)



# FAITH FORMATION



**CCD every Sunday at 9:30AM, Sts. Peter & Paul. Meet in St. Francis Hall.**  
**CCD every Sunday at 10:30, St. Joseph's. Meet in the parish hall.**

Registration for PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade and OCIA is happening throughout August. You may pick up a form in The Commons at Sts Peter & Paul or in the Parish Hall at St. Joseph's.

Forms are also available at both offices.  
Classes begin September 7, 2025.

## 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's**

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.

## FAITH AND FAMILY FUN DAY

**When:** August 23, 2025 - 9:00-12:00

**Who:** All families and Catechists from Saint Joseph's and Saints Peter and Paul

**Where:** Saints Peter and Paul Parish Hall

**Happenings:** Prayer, family activity, and games

**Please bring a snack to share**

**We look forward to seeing you there**

## COMBINED YOUTH MASS

September 28 with the youth from Saint Joseph's and Saints Peter and Paul. Please plan to attend the 11:00 am Mass on this weekend. There will be a potluck/pizza lunch following Mass.

## NEW HOMESCHOOL GROUP

This group supports families like yours on your homeschooling journey and offers a variety of opportunities for connection, learning, and fun. Our activities will be held on the second Thursday of the month at St. Joseph's. Our first gathering will be Thursday, September 11 at 9:30am. Father John will offer Mass at 11:00am.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact Celeste Shapiola at [religioused@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:religioused@saintspeterpaul.org).

## THE ST. PHILAMENA GROUP

The group's vision is to be a faith-filled ministry supporting and serving one another, sharing faith and forming lasting bonds in the Catholic community. Being a Catholic parent/guardian is believed to be a beautiful and challenging vocation, and this group is here to provide encouragement and support. We invite all the families (moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, and uncles) of young children: newborn through age 5 (not yet in kindergarten) to join us. Our first meeting will be Thursday September 4, 2025. We will meet at Sts Peter and Paul in the commons at 9:45am. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact Celeste Shapiola at [religioused@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:religioused@saintspeterpaul.org).

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

MARY UNDERSTOOD GOD'S POWER. SHE LOVED AND RESPECTED GOD. EVERYTHING MARY HAD BELONGED TO GOD. HE WAS HAPPY TO SHARE GOOD THINGS WITH HER. GOD DESERVES YOUR RESPECT AND LOVE TOO. WHEN YOU ARE HUMBLE LIKE MARY, GOD WILL DO AMAZING THINGS THROUGH YOU.

## PRAYER

*God, help me to be humble like Mary.*

## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

soul	humble	Mighty
spirit	servant	great
Savior	blessed	holy

sulo	<u>s o u l</u>
Mythig	_____
srevatn	_____
hylo	_____
stirip	_____
belssde	_____
Soivar	_____
hmuleb	_____
gerta	_____

## MISSION

Mary was a humble girl, and God chose her to be Jesus' mother. David was a humble shepherd, and God chose him to be a great king. Name one other humble person in the Bible that God lifted up and used powerfully.



# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: AUGUST 9 - AUGUST 17

\*REPRESENTS ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Saturday	8/9	5pm	Fr. David	I	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	8/10	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	8/10	11am	Lawrence Robers	D	Deacon Bob
Tuesday	8/12	9am	Father David Ssentamu	I	Jamie Hicks
Wednesday	8/13	9am	Mary Lou Jones	D	Marsha Bisgrove
Thursday	8/14	9am	Robert J. Coleman	D	Marsha Bisgrove
Thursday-Assumption**	8/14	7pm	Enid Cervino	D	The Barberio Family
Friday-Assumption**	8/15	9am*	Jan Nilsson	D	Stewart Family
Friday-Assumption**	8/15	Noon	Raymond Arroyo	D	Morris & Arroyo families
Saturday	8/16	5pm	George Polansky	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	8/17	9am*	Civilian Victims of War	I	John Stewart
Sunday	8/17	11am	Misa Pro Populo		

### 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, Carl Alexander Luxhoj, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlrow, 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, 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, Deb DiGeronimo-DiPalo, Jim Dooley, Samuel Dunton, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Frank Feliciano, the Fellins, Patty Frawley, Mary Anne Grimes, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Sue Inghilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Marie Knighting, Jim Kraemer, George Kuhlrow, Judi Kuhlrow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Judie Lancaster, 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, 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

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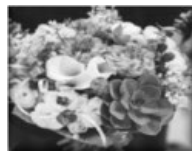
**In Memory of:** William Brown



### FLOWERS

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### SANCTUARY CANDLE

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**In Memory of:** William Brown



# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

<b>Sts Peter &amp; Paul Pew Count Sat. - 131   Sun. - 171</b>	<b>07/27 &amp; 07/28</b>
Offertory	<b>\$ 3,111</b>
E-Giving	<b>\$ 1,900</b>
Justice & Peace	<b>\$ 865</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,876</b>

<b>St. Joseph's</b>	<b>07/27</b>
Offertory	<b>\$ 1,225</b>

## Support CHIU in the Parish Hall

**Saturday, September 13 from 1-4 pm for a Chili Cook-Off!**

**A battle of local churches to see whose chili reigns supreme. Admission will be by donation to benefit health centers in rural Uganda. Come and support a great cause!**

**Also, contact Jamie Hicks (jamiefeather@yahoo.com) if you have a secret family chili recipe and want to represent Sts. Peter & Paul or St. Joseph's in the cook off.**

## St. Clare of Assisi

As a girl in 12th century Italy, Clare heard the legendary St. Francis preaching in the square below her family home. Inspired, Clare snuck away in the middle of the night to join Francis and his followers. Francis cut her hair like the men and gave her a rough tunic and veil to wear. For the sake of propriety, Clare was placed in a Benedictine nun monastery for several years. As more women were drawn to the simple spirituality, a new order was founded, now known as the Poor Clares. Despite requests from the pope himself to relax their vow of poverty, Clare stood firm in following the spirit of St. Francis. Clare's reputation for virtue spread and attracted women -- rich and poor alike -- to the new order that still exists today.

## Sts. Peter and Paul Debt Reduction

collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

**Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is**

**SEPTEMBER 6 & 7.**

*Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.*



If you have not yet switched over to Give Central, 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 & Paul Knights of Columbus "100 Club" July Winners

Date	Winner	Lucky Number
7/02	Open	82
7/09	Betty Arleth	11
7/15	Mary Rausa	09
7/23	Eddie Hill	49
7/30	Open	64

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

**If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in August and wish to be part of the marriage blessing at Mass on September 6 & 7, please notify the office by Friday, August 22, 2025.**

**Sts. Peter and Paul next monthly Bake Sale is September 6 & 7 after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

ROOM SCHEDULE	Sat	9-Aug	Sick/Home Ministry Mass & Reflection	10:00a	Church
			Garcia Quinceanara	3:00p	E/F
			Confessions	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		10-Aug	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			Mass	11:00a	Church
	Mon	11-Aug	KoC Meeting	6:00p	E/F
	Tues	12-Aug	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Al-Anon	7:00p	St. Michael
	Wed	13-Aug	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Senior Coffee Social	10:00a	Commons
			Scouts	6:30p	E/F
	Thurs	14-Aug	Mass	9:00a	Church
			Cursillo	6:00p	123
			Assumption - Vigil Mass	7:00p	Church
	Fri	15-Aug	Assumption - Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
			Adoration	9:00a	Church
			Benediction	11:30a	Church
			Assumption - Mass	12:00p	Church
	Sat	16-Aug	Confessions	4:00p	Church
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
	Sun	17-Aug	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)		

The next **Men's Cursillo Weekend** will be held **Thursday, September 11th (7:00pm) through Sunday, September 14th (5:00pm), 2025**, at the Blessings Lodge on the campus of Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA.

The Theme of the Weekend is "Here I Am, Lord". A Cursillo is a 3-day encounter to enrich your Spirituality and raise awareness of Christ in every moment of your life. Pope Francis made a Cursillo and recognizes how "Cursillos help people encounter Jesus, helping them understand that living in the Grace of God is beautiful." Cursillo recognizes we aren't meant to walk this journey of life alone. Come walk this journey alongside other Catholic men of all ages and be filled with the JOY Christ offers each one of us.

Our own Russ Jennings will lead the weekend as Rector. Applications and more about Cursillo are available at [www.valleycursillo.com](http://www.valleycursillo.com) or Contact Ellie Henrietta for more information and applications at (434) 981-3551. Application deadline is August 21st .

# Catholic Q & A

## Parish Registration

### Question:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

### Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Are You Talking To Me?

Last summer I was at the National Eucharistic Congress when Fr. Mike Schmitz delivered an impassioned call to repentance in his keynote address during an evening revival session. The crowd received his message with great enthusiasm. Their applause and the cheers shook the Lucas Oil Stadium.

The next night, Sr. Josephine Garrett took the stage and, in her address, got into the nitty-gritty of what it means to be a disciple, what it means to live repentance — or, as she so beautifully put it, to embrace the hunger.

And in doing so, she called back to the previous night's thunderous approval of Fr. Mike's message.

"When I heard you clapping when Father said we need repentance, I was worried you thought he was talking about your neighbor's repentance," she said. "He is not."

In other words: he's talking about your repentance.

We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love when a priest or a nun or any Catholic with a microphone gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud.

And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else. You know...the others. The ones who need to hear it. The ones who aren't being vigilant.

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "Is this parable [of the absent master] meant for us, or for everyone?" (Luke 12:41). And Jesus answers him with a question. In so many words, he says this: "Do you want it to *be for you*? Are you ready to hear it?"

Whoever we are. Wherever we're from. Whatever our life looks like. However we pray. He's talking to us.

Are we ready to hear him?



## Sts. Peter and Paul

### 40th Anniversary News



Important 40th Anniversary upcoming dates:

- High Tea Social/Fundraiser - September 6. Tickets are limited to 48 guests (\$20 each or sponsor a table for \$120) and will go on sale after all Masses starting on July 26.
- Fall Fest/Trunk or treat - October 24
- Lessons & Carols/Live Nativity - December 13

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).

Volunteers are needed to help with laundering and repairing vestments for the Church. This would include washing, pressing and mending cassocks, surplices and other items as needed.

Please call, text, or email Linda Mangiaracina if you can help. (434)989-2667 or [LMANGIARACINA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LMANGIARACINA@GMAIL.COM)

## 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

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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.



## August 31

### "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

### Caught in the Rising Action

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I'm not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I'm talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go "Hmmm."

I'm willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 10, 2025**

*"You must be prepared, for at an hour  
you do not expect, the Son of Man will  
come."*

**(Luke 12:40)**

The call to serve can come unexpectedly. Be open to the ways God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life.

Talk to your priest or reach out to:

Office of Vocations  
804.359.5661

Or via email:  
[vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto: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:

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys):  
Chuck Palmer

[charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com](mailto:charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com) 571.212.4445

### 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

10 de agosto de 2025

### XIX Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Todos tenemos algo bajo nuestro cuidado: la familia, un enfermo, los padres, los niños. Incluso el lugar en que vivimos, nuestra casa común, nuestro planeta. Dios cuenta con nosotros para dar respuesta al Evangelio de hoy. "Estén preparados", nos dice. "Tengan puesta la ropa de trabajo y sus lámparas encendidas" (Lucas 12:33). Nos pide estar siempre en vela, alertas, preparados para su llegada. Por lo tanto, debemos estar atentos, trabajando en todo lo que nos acerca a Él. Ser fieles a su Palabra implica responsabilidad, implica avivar el fuego de Dios en el corazón de cada persona.

Pedro, como siempre, se anima a preguntar: "Señor, esta parábola que has contado, ¿es sólo para nosotros o es para todos?". Gracias, Pedro, por preguntar. Así, el Señor Jesús afirma que el trabajo y la fidelidad son para todos sin excepción: "Afortunado ese servidor si, al llegar su señor, lo encuentra cumpliendo su deber" (Lucas 12:43). Esta respuesta es una invitación a cooperar en el crecimiento del Reino de Dios, a entusiasmarlos en los proyectos comunitarios que llevan al bien común. "El amor a la sociedad y el compromiso por el bien común son una forma excelente de la caridad, que no solo afecta a las relaciones entre los individuos, sino a las macro relaciones, como las relaciones sociales, económicas y políticas" (Papa Francisco, Laudato Si', 231, septiembre 21, 2023).



LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA - RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

### Planifica Sabiamente

¿Qué pasaría si te enteraras ahora mismo de que unos parientes tuyos van a venir a la ciudad el día de mañana y esperan quedarse contigo? Puedes decirles que no pueden quedarse contigo, o puedes comenzar de inmediato un proceso furioso de limpieza, arreglos y compra de comestibles en anticipación a la llegada de tus invitados. Si tu no tienes que hacer nada para prepararte porque tu casa es perfecta, limpia y completamente equipada, tal vez no vivas en tu casa o seas un obsesivo compulsivo. ¡Sospecho que la mayoría de las personas que leen esto entrarían en un estado de pánico!

Pasamos mucho tiempo aplazando las cosas para después. Luego, cuando sucede algo inesperado, nos ponemos en acción para enfrentarlo o prepararnos para sus efectos. Habríamos actuado de manera diferente si supiéramos lo que se avecinaba en el camino.

¿Cómo luce tu estilo de vida de corresponsable? ¿Estás viviendo como si tuvieras para siempre, o estás viviendo como si Jesús pudiera regresar en cualquier momento y tu vida aquí en la tierra pudiera terminar mañana? El regalo del tiempo a menudo se subestima. Si vivimos más conscientes de este regalo, desperdiciamos menos de él y maximizamos los momentos en que nos encontramos. Nos entregamos a nosotros mismos de maneras más significativas y productivas. El regalo del mañana no se te está prometido, pero el regalo de hoy ya se te ha dado. Usa este día con sabiduría porque quién sabe lo que el mañana puede traer. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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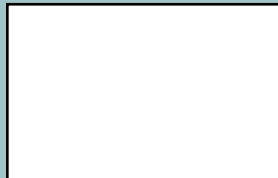
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