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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 22, 2022

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday.....CLOSED

Tuesday–Thursday.....9:00 - 4:00

Friday9:00 -1:00

Emergency Only **CALL THIS NUMBER DIRECTLY: 804-254-0313**

EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:30 pm • Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am

Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am

PENANCE

Every Saturday 3:00 pm or by appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Currently virtual & in-home. Contact Marisa Cupps for more information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish community. We encourage you to become an active member of the parish. Please obtain a registration form from the Parish Office or by printing it from the St. Paul's website.

All parishioners, please notify the Parish Office of a change of address or phone, or if leaving the parish.

VISION STATEMENT

The people of St. Paul's Parish are committed to being Christ's bright light and loving embrace to the community we are called to serve.

PLEASE NOTE

The chairs in front of the confessional are designated seating for individuals wearing face masks. All others are kindly asked to refrain from sitting in that area. Thank you.



NOT ABLE TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON?? WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US ONLINE!!

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LIVESTREAM 8:30 & 11:00 MASS

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 21
4:30 pm

William P. Tucker †

Sunday, May 22
8:30 am
11:00 am

Sister Laurence Bucher †
The people of St. Paul's

Wednesday, May 25
8:00 am

Frank & Anne Wallmeyer †
Marie Makulik †
Henry & Theresa Bickerstaff †
Theresa Cecilia Huong †

Friday, May 27
8:00 am

Herman & Rose Beckstoffer †
Reginald & Chris Berry †
Chuck Ajemian †

Please remember all those who are ill or in need of special prayers, so that they may experience comfort and healing:

Larry Alden, Doris Anthony, Mary Bevan, Pattie Bevan, Tory Brown, Patrick Burke, Nancy Coffield, Daniel Coulbourn, Haydee Dixon, J.P. Dowdell, Dennis Dunn, Latara Edison, Thomas Edwards, Zarafa Fakhouri, Barbara Gavigan, Robynette Goode, Jackie Hammond, Beverly Harper, Christina Marie Harrison, Kim Harvey, Roger Harvey, Donald & Terri Higgins, Theresa Ingram, Maruja Jones, Susan Jordan, Shirley Kagan, Paul Keller, Janice Lenich, Don Lewis, Rose Marie Lewis, Mary "Midge" Liggan, , Charlie McCarthy, Greg McCoy, Rhonda McCoy, Edith McRae, Emmett Miller, George Miller, Mimi Murray, Lorraine Pacharde, Mike Porcello, Pamela Puchovich, Hettie Quarles, Anne Ring, Margaret Rockecharlie, Agatha Rosicki, Conner Smith, William Spaulding, Sally Sperberg, Ann Marie Starr, Teresa Stewart, Barbara Tomlinson, Connie Tucker, Molly Tufano, Michael & Cornelia Waters, Lee Wexler, Chloe Williams, David Williams, Fr. George Zahn, Bill Zak

Father Begley, the staff, and parishioners of St. Paul's are privileged to pray for these persons. We are making an effort to keep the prayer list current to the needs of our parish and community. If you are on the prayer list, know someone who is, or requested someone to be added and time has come to remove the name, please call the office at 804-329-0473

Mass Intentions are a longstanding tradition in our Church. Mass Intentions are read at each of our daily and weekend liturgies, and are listed in our weekly bulletin as a reminder of the prayer of the community. If you would like to remember a special person and have a Mass Intention, you can simply call, email, or stop by the church office. 804-329-0473 or churchoffice@saintpaulscc.com.



"Whoever loves me will keep my word." Are you called to bring the word of Christ to his flock? Call the Vocations office to speak with Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or write vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal - Together We Bestow His First Fruits



Jesus lays out quite a challenge in today's Gospel. If you truly love Him, you'll keep His word. But of course, the word of Jesus, his teaching, is so challenging! And we are so weak, fickle and forgetful. How can we be expected to keep His word on our own? It seems like an impossible task.


And in a way it is. But thankfully, we're not asked to keep Christ's word all by ourselves. As Jesus says, He will send "the Advocate," the Holy Spirit, whom "will everything and remind you of all that I told you." In other words, Christ not only gives the task, but He also gives the means for accomplishing it—His very own Spirit, sent by the Father in Christ's name.

Do we rely upon the Spirit in our daily lives, especially in those difficult circumstances when it becomes basically impossible for us to keep Christ's word on our own? There's really no other way! Consider one scenario: supporting our local Church by contributing to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We know God asks us to support His Church, which sometimes may be hard to do. But, how does it change when we ask for His help, through the Holy Spirit? There's only one way to find out: ask the Holy Spirit for help seeing how God is calling you to support the Church, and then ask Him for the strength to follow through.



St. Paul's is grateful to all the parishioners who are able and continue to contribute online, including those who have recently converted their offertory to WeShare. We also appreciate everyone who is making the effort to mail in their offertory envelopes. We continue to count and post offertory once a week. The faithfulness and generosity of the St. Paul's family sustains our parish and ministries. **THANK YOU!**

Sunday Offertory: May 15, 2022

Actual: \$8,862	Budget: \$9,538	<i>The parish is grateful for your contributions.</i>	YTD Actual: \$420,178	YTD Budget: \$441,947
Under: \$676	<i>WeShare was upgraded May 17th. Your login credentials remain the same. Call 877-316-0260 for help.</i>	<i>This information includes WeShare online giving.</i> <small>Fiscal Year July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022</small>	 <small>WeShare giving is now accessible via the QR code above or by texting "SPCC" to 1-800-950-9952</small>	Under: \$21,769



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YOU CAN SUPPORT THE MISSION WORK RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN DIOCESE IN THE SECOND COLLECTION ON **MAY 29TH**. THIS GIVING OPPORTUNITY IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON WESHARE. DONATE ONLINE WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY! **THANK YOU!**



ATTENTION ONLINE GIVERS! CHANGES HAVE COME TO WESHARE

WeShare, our online giving provider, was upgraded on May 17. When you login, using your **current email address and password**, you will see the new landing page. Improvements to the platform include:



- Ability to donate to multiple collections at once
- Improved process of updating your payment source information
- Ability for more detailed receipts
- Ability to upload documents
- Easier Account Creation



If you find you need help, you may reach out to the WeShare Support Team at 877-316-0260 option 1, and then option 2 for Donor Support

ST. PAUL'S ROSARY MAKERS will be meeting every **Wednesday at 12:00PM** in the Commons to make and repair Rosaries. Come join us and learn a new skill! Questions? Contact: Marge Crowe 862-703-1988



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER: St. Paul's Social Justice Committee has resumed in-person meetings. We will meet **Sunday, May 22 at 9:30 am** in the Parlor. It is recommended that individuals regardless of their vaccination status wear a mask. Anyone interested in exploring a meaningful ministry are welcome. For more information, please call Kathy McCoy at 804-264-7819, or email at kathy_mccoy@comcast.net.

GO TEAM!!

UPDATE

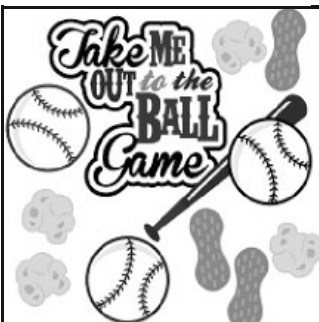
THE ST. PAUL'S MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM is well into its 2022 schedule. All games are now held at **Moody Middle School, 7800 Woodman Road, Richmond 23228**. Come out and support your parish team!

Here is the schedule:

- ◆ May 23 - 6:30 & 7:20 pm
- ◆ June 6 -- 6:30 & 7:20 pm
- ◆ June 13 -- 6:30 & 7:20 pm
- ◆ June 27 -- Playoffs - Times and Fields TBD

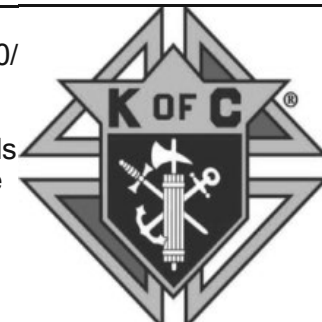


Bubba knocks one out of the park! Beulah and the family cheer for the team!



We are pleased to offer a bus trip to the Atlanta Braves vs. Washington Nationals baseball game on Sat. July 16th. \$100/person includes ticket, bus, & tip for bus driver. Seats are in the shade!. The bus will leave All Saints Catholic School at 12:30 p.m. and return at approximately 10:00 p.m. Full details are on the St. Paul's website—go to the "Ministry" tab on the homepage, then click on "Knights of Columbus".

Contact Deacon John Tucker with questions: jtucker@saintpaulscc.com or 804-837-4900



CONGRATULATIONS to Fr. Jim on 40 years of priesthood!
A good time was had by all!
All thanks and praise to Ladies Sodality & Knights of Columbus!



Billy Coffman enjoys a bite to eat in the kitchen.



Friends from Our Lady of Lourdes joined the festivities.



Bill & Barbara Beckstoffer and Ed Quigley enjoy hot dogs with all the fixin's.



Cheryl Christian and Ashé Friday
This does not count as taking your mom to dinner!



Beautiful smiles!
Pastoral Musician, Jan Dowdell & Jim Long



Doug Harvey, Joe Scalone, Jim Long
Gotta love 'em!



Fr. Jim & Parish Secretary, Marie Williams
chat it up with parishioners.



Deacon John fixes a plate for Bubba



Two Tuckers and a Bragg
John Tucker, Sidney Bragg, Lynn Tucker

THE FOOD PANTRY HAS CONTINUAL NEED OF:

- canned spaghetti sauce**
- canned beans
- canned carrots
- canned peas
- rice
- mac & cheese**
- cold cereal
- shelf stable milk**
- canned tuna
- canned fruit
- canned mixed vegetables
- applesauce
- ** critical need this week

* Shelf stable milk may be difficult to find in retail stores. Feel free to order it on Amazon.com or WalMart.com and ship directly to St. Paul's 909 Rennie Ave. Richmond, VA 23227 *

The Food Pantry is a long standing ministry at St. Paul's. More and more clients are coming each week, as eviction moratoriums are lifted and gasoline prices climb. Please be as generous as you are able. Donations may be brought to Mass and placed in the bins in the cloak room between Commons and Church. Donations may also be dropped off weekdays during normal office hours: Tues.-Thurs. 9-3:30, Fri. 9-12:30.

Today's Reflection

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29

The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8

A prayer that all the nations sing praise to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

The vision of the splendor of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.

Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

THE ST. PAUL'S PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON **MONDAYS**.

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS ARE: TUESDAY–THURSDAY 9:00 AM–4:00 PM AND FRIDAY 9:00 AM–1:00 PM.

THE OFFICE MAY ALSO BE UNAVOIDABLY CLOSED AT UNSCHEDULED TIMES.

IF YOU CALL OR COME BY AND GET NO RESPONSE, PLEASE BE PATIENT AND TRY AGAIN ANOTHER DAY.

AS ALWAYS, IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY REQUIRING THE PRESENCE OF A PRIEST,
CALL 804-254-0313

What Are Acts of Spiritual Communion?

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire
to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*



The Holy Father has convoked a
Synod on Synodality, from **October 2021 to October 2023**.
The theme is, *For a Synodal Church: Communion,
Participation, and Mission*. This is a three year Synodal
process embracing the entire Universal Church.

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong
path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, for-
ever and ever. Amen.**

As we take next steps in opening the doors of our parishes to the faithful and the wider community, let us implore the Holy Spirit to grant us the grace to be effective witnesses to the beauty of the Faith for a world that is in desperate need of the saving graces extended through the life of the Church.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

**To you, O blessed Joseph,
do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we
confidently invoke your patronage also.**

Through that charity which bound you
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love with which you embraced the
Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the
inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in
our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
and from heaven assist us in our struggle
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so
now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the
enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by
your constant protection, so that, supported by your exam-
ple and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in
holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



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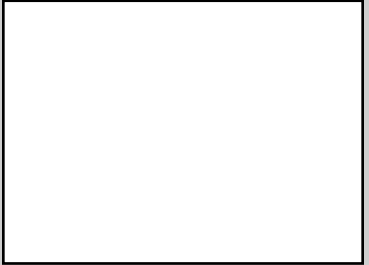
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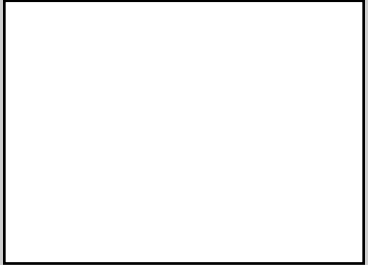
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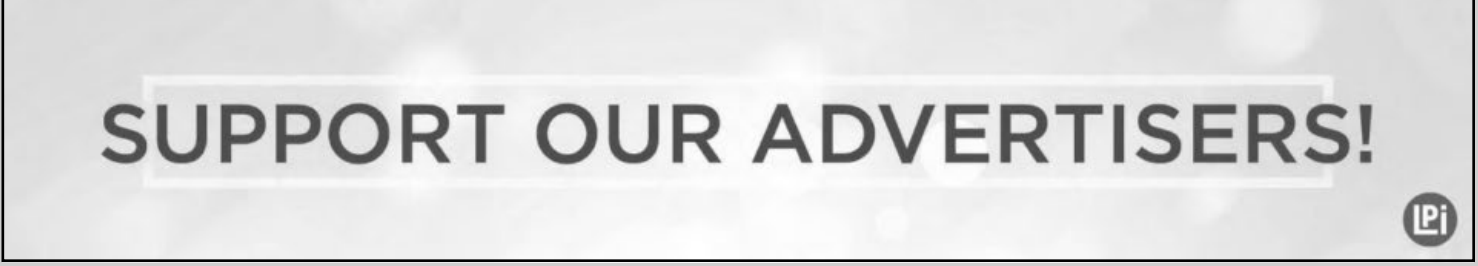



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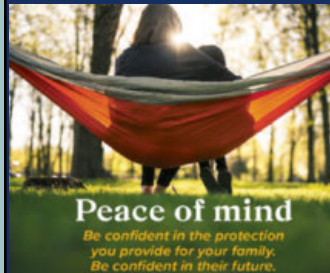


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