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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ MAY 29, 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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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 28
4:30 pm

Kim Clark †

Sunday, May 29
8:30 am
11:00 am

Henry E. Tucker, Jr. †
The people of St. Paul's

Wednesday, June 1
8:00 am

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

Friday, June 3
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, Joyce Goetzinger, 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.



"Go and teach all nations, says the Lord." Do you feel a calling to be a teacher of the Word as a priest or consecrated religious? Call the Vocations office to speak with Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661

2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal - Together We Bestow His First Fruits



"You are witnesses of these things." That's part of Christ's parting message to the early Church, and therefore, to us. The truth of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection, and His salvation of the world, can only be communicated to the world through His witnesses. Through us, the Church.


It's a pretty incredible responsibility. But it's also one that Christ equips us for: "behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you." Even so, it's one that we need respond to. If the Church doesn't witness to Christ, then no one will.

Obviously, a significant part of our responsibility to be Christ's witnesses is to individually tell about Jesus and the Good News with those around us—in our families, friend groups, and workplaces. But another part of this mission of evangelization is to support the Church, the community of witnesses. We're currently in the midst of our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Donate today, and support this vital mission.



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 22, 2022

Actual: \$ <small>Due to the WeShare upgrade, offertory figures were not available in time for publication.</small>	Budget: \$9,538	<i>The parish is grateful for your contributions.</i>	YTD Actual: \$	YTD Budget: \$451,485
Under: \$	<small>WeShare was upgraded May 17th. Your login credentials remain the same. Call 877-316-0260 for help.</small>	<small>This information includes WeShare online giving. Fiscal Year July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022</small>	 DONATE ONLINE <small>WeShare giving is now accessible via the QR code above or by texting "SPCC" to 1-800-950-9952</small>	Under: \$



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!

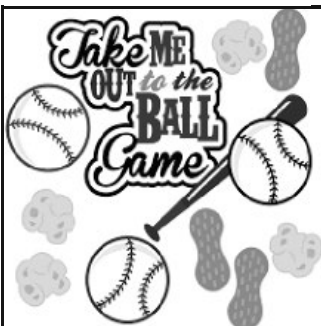
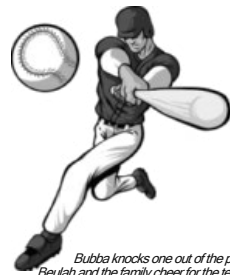
ATTENTION ONLINE GIVERS! CHANGES HAVE COME TO WESHARE WeShare, our online giving provider, was upgraded on May 17. When you login, using your current email address and password, you will see the new landing page. Improvements to the platform include: Ability to donate to multiple collections at once, 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 or Sally Harrison 804-241-6654. All are welcome!



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER: Save on Highway Use Fee. Virginia DMV will start the new Mileage Choice Program on July 1. The program is an option for drivers of electric, hybrid or fuel-efficient vehicles who pay the highway use fee. The current fee is based on the average number of miles driven in a year, which is set at 11,600 miles. Enrolled drivers, who drive less than that, will pay for only their actual number of miles driven, and, therefore, will pay less. Payment of the highway use fee will be spread throughout the year rather than paid in one lump sum annually. Drivers may enroll in the program when it is time to renew their vehicle registration and must sign up prior to their renewal. For more information and details about the program, go to the DMV website at https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/general/#va_mileage_choice.asp.

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: 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



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** 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.

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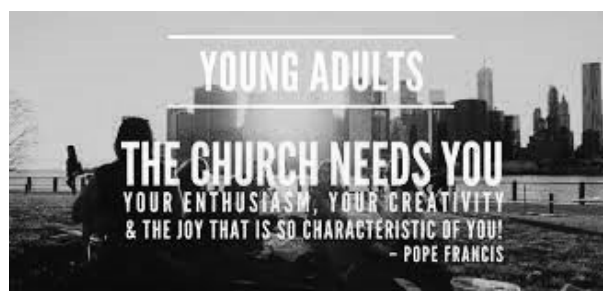
HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Light Refreshments after mass

ST. PAUL'S newly forming group of adults 18-40 will hold the inaugural dinner on Saturday, June 18th, after the 4:30 pm Mass (5:45 pm) in the Commons. Dinner will be served and all young adults and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Please RSVP to Deacon John Tucker
jtucker@saintpaulscc.com
or call/text 804-837-4900

COME ON! IT WILL BE FUN!



C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

Angie Cash has received the Catholic Diocese of Richmond Award for Excellence in Catholic Education. Angie has been teaching at All Saints Catholic School for 21 years and we are very proud to call her one of our own.



The altar flowers to day are given to the glory and honor of God in loving memory of Amanda Lue Thompson Brooks on the 5th anniversary of her passing, by her son, Christopher Brooks.

Today's Reflection

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the Apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47:2-3,6-9

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus is taken to heaven and the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit.

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.



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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 example 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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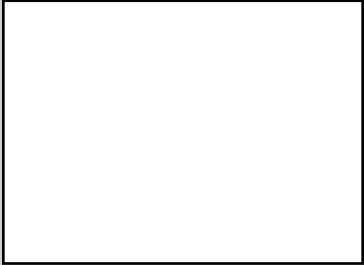
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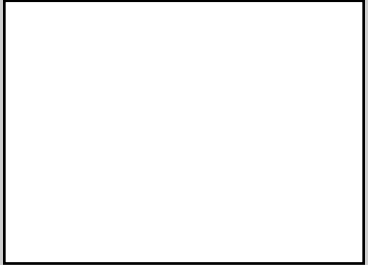
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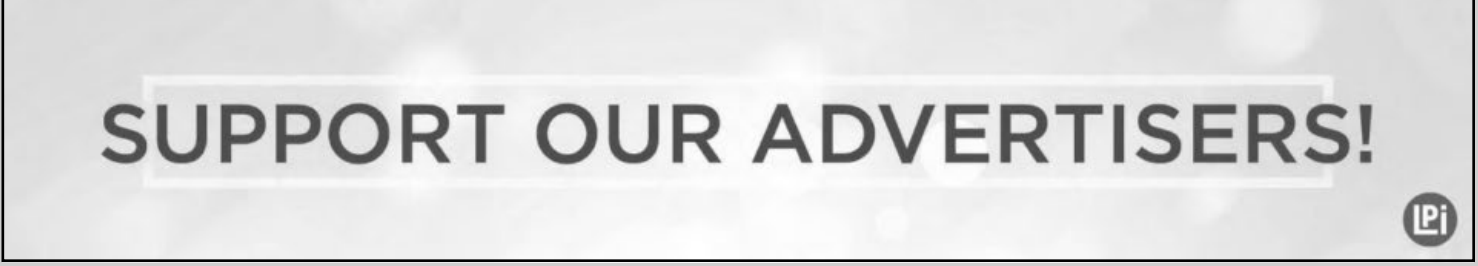



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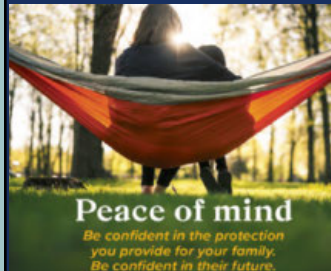
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