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#### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JUNE 26, 2022

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#### **PARISH OFFICE**

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesdav-Thursdav	9:00 - 4:00
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#### **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.



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Saturday, June 25 4:30 pm

Jerry Wallmeyer †

Sunday, June 26 8:30 am 11:00 am

Michael Beebe †
The people of St. Paul's

Wednesday, June 29

8:00 am

Frank & Anne Wallmeyer †

Marie Makulik †

Henry &Theresa Bickerstaff † Theresa Cecilia Huong †

Friday, July 1 8:00 am

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

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.

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

experience comfort and healing: Larry Alden, Doris Anthony, Mary Bevan, Pattie Bevan, Tory Brown, Burnelle Bucher, Patrick Burke, Nancy Coffield, Daniel Coulbourn, Haydee Dixon, J.P. Dowdell, Dennis Dunn, Latara Edison, Thomas Edwards, Zarafa Fakhouri, Barbara Gavigan, Joyce Goetzinger, Robinyette Goode, Jackie Hammond, Christina Marie Harrison, Kim Harvey, Roger Harvey, Theresa Harvey, Donald & Terri Higgins, Theresa Ingram, Maruja Jones, Susan Jordan, Shirley Kagan, Paul Keller, Beverly Lane, 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



"Serve one another through love." Does a life of prayer and service as a priest attract you? Call the Vocations office to speak with Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or write vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



#### SUMMER IS UPON US!

THE SMELL OF SUNSCREEN IS IN THE AIR AS THE KIDS FINISH SCHOOL AND VACATIONS ARE BEING PLANNED.

WE MISS YOU WHEN YOU'RE AWAY. BEFORE YOU LEAVE TO ENJOY YOUR WELL DESERVED GETA-WAY PLEASE CONSIDER AUTOMATING YOUR GIFTS TO OUR PARISH BY UTILIZING OUR ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM, **WESHARE.** 

WHETHER YOU GIVE ONLINE OR BY THE ENVELOPE, YOU ARE A NECESSARY PART OF OUR FAMILY AND WE THANK GOD FOR YOU. YOUR SUPPORT IS SUCH A BLESSING TO OUR PARISH AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO BUILDING MEMORIES AND SHARING IN GOD'S WORK WITH YOU FOR YEARS TO COME.

IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO ENROLL IN ONLINE GIVING AND WOULD LIKE TO, PLEASE VISIT <a href="https://www.saintpaulscc.org/">https://www.saintpaulscc.org/</a> AND CLICK ON **DONATE NOW** OR **WESHARE ONLINE GIVING**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROGRAM OR WOULD LIKE HELP SETTING UP YOUR ACCOUNT, PLEASE CALL DONOR SUPPORT AT 877-316-0260 (THEY ARE VERY FRIENDLY!)

THANK YOU!



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: June 12, 2022 TWO WEEKS AGO

Actual: \$5,275	Budget: \$9,538	The parish is grateful for your contributions.	YTD Actual: \$447,601	YTD Budget: \$486,462
Under: \$4,293	WeShare was upgraded May 17th. Your login credentials remain the same. Call 877-316-0260 for help.	This information includes WeShare online giving. Fiscal Year July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022	WeShare giving is now access- ible via the QR code above or by texting "SPCC" to 1-800-950-9952	Under: \$38,861

### MEET THE AHMADI FAMILY!







T. PAUL'S has welcomed and is sponsoring a family from Aghanistan who arrived in Richmond earlier this year. Commonwealth Catholic Charities connected us with the Ahmadi family, who fled their country to escape persecution by the Taliban. The Ahmadis are ethnic Hazaras, a group that some consider one of the most persecuted in the world. They left their home with literally the clothes on their backs. We learned that the father and five-year-old were wounded by Taliban gunfire.

The father Ali, works at the Tyson's poultry plant. He and his wife, Jawahir, will welcome their second child in August, and their five year old son, Friadon, will then become a big brother! The father's 17 year old niece Maasuma, and 11 year old nephew Milaad, are also part of the household. They all are native Dari speakers and only Jawahir arrived in the U.S. with the ability to speak very basic English.

Ali's background is in tile-work. He has been taking beginning ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, through Henrico County and CCC.

Jawahir taught elementary school and was attending nursing classes in the evenings in Afghanistan. She is also enrolled in ESL classes. She passed her Learner's Permit test and cannot wait to learn to drive, something she was forbidden from doing in Afghanistan.

Friadon is a sweet boy who loves cars, watching shows on the iPad, Paw Patrol, and Lay's potato chips. He is picking up English from TV and books, and calls out "Let's go!" from his car seat when we are stopped too long at a traffic light! He will attend kindergarten in the fall.

Masuuma is enrolled at Tucker High School. She wants to be an airplane pilot. Like her aunt, she is excited about learning to drive. Milaad is a student at Longan Elementary. He loves pizza. He and his sister both enjoy watching WWE Wrestling on YouTube!

A cohort of nine parishioners has been instrumental in finding medical and dental care, transporting family members to appointments and grocery stores, helping understand budgeting, and finding out about obtaining Asylum in the U.S.

The parish community has been very supportive with financial and material donations. The Ahmadi's are very grateful. The family's most pressing needs at the moment are for a working vehicle and assistance with the Asylum process. In the near future, parishioners will have the opportunity to help with items for the Ahmadi's baby girl, due in August, and with school supplies for the kids in the fall.

If you would like more information on how to help, please contact: **Ed Gerardo**: edward.f.gerardo@gmail.com, 804-784-0018 or **Dan Lawrence**: danielclawrence@aol.com or **Yvette Conte**: contearchitect@gmail.com 804-647-5289







#### THE FOOD PANTRY HAS CONTINUAL NEED OF:

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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.











You are cordially invited to a book signing event in Richmond Sunday, June 26th from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Dale Brumfield, author of *Closing the Slaughterhouse: The Inside Story of Death Penalty Abolition in Virginia*, will be available to speak with you and to personally sign

your copy of the book.

Here is a brief overview of the book:

"For over 400 years Virginia's death penalty embraced a 'finality over fairness' philosophy, ensnaring many innocent and undeserving victims under the bogus pretexts of 'offering closure' or being 'tough on crime.'

"Death was the Virginia way. Now, thanks to five decades of diligent work by dozens of abolitionists, advocates, capital defense attorneys, faith leaders, and more, it's over.

"Combining almost 50 interviews and hundreds of sources, Closing the Slaughterhouse is the true, inside story of death penalty abolition in Virginia."

To learn more about *Closing the Slaughterhouse*, visit: <a href="https://www.dalebrumfield.net/closing-the-slaughterhouse">https://www.dalebrumfield.net/closing-the-slaughterhouse</a>

### A limited number of books will be available for sale at the June 26th event.

Or you can purchase your copy of the book at <a href="https://www.amazon.com/Closing-Slaughterhouse-Penalty-Abolition-Virginia/dp/0578286866/">https://www.amazon.com/Closing-Slaughterhouse-Penalty-Abolition-Virginia/dp/0578286866/</a>



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER: St. Paul's Social Justice Committee has resumed in-person

meetings. We will meet **TODAY** Sunday, June 26th 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 kathy mccoy@comcast.net.



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!



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 <a href="https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/general/#va\_mileage\_choice.asp.">https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/general/#va\_mileage\_choice.asp.</a>

## Today's Reflection

First Reading

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21 Elijah anoints Elisha as his successor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11 I set the Lord ever before me.

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1,13-18
Christ has set us free.

**Gospel Reading** 

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.

Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.

Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshiped on Mount Gerazim and Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as he began his ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And he will be rejected for the last time when he reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that he must undergo violence himself before he can enter his glory.

The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plow you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back.



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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.

#### 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.



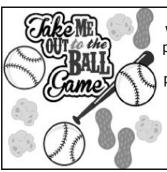


# CONGRATULATIONS AND HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY

To

### Thomas Brown!

Your St. Paul's family rejoices with you and wishes you many happy returns of the day!



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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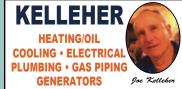
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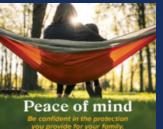
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