# St. Paul Catholic Church

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#### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 24, 2022

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#### **PARISH OFFICE**

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday-Thursday	CLOSED 
	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 lowing the parish 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.



#### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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NOT ABLE TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON?? WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US ONLINE!! VIEW ONLINE: GIVE ONLINE: LIVESTREAM ALL OF OUR MASSES CO DONATE ONLINE www.facebook.com/St.PaulRichmondVA https://saintpaulscc.weshareonline.org/

# lass Intentions

Saturday, July 23 4:30 pm

Mary Flynn †

Florence Deeb †

The people of St. Paul's

Sunday, July 24 8:30 am 11:00 am

Wednesday, July 27 8:00 am

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

Friday, July 29 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.



'Give us this day our daily bread." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest? Call the Vocations office to speak with Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or write vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



The City of Richmond has announced that the cost charged to consumers for natural gas will increase by 38%. Here at St. Paul's, the Rectory, the Church, the offices, and Dorsey Hall are all heated by natural gas. We receive three separate bills for these utilities. In the last fiscal year, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, we paid \$12,395 for natural gas alone. With the increase, that would equal \$17,105 for the fiscal year just begun, July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. In addition, we pay three separate bills for water/sewer, and Dominion Energy for electricity. The City's announcement came AFTER our budget was submitted and this unforeseen increase is not included. We were very conscientious in budget preparation and had already trimmed our budget for the coming year. We work diligently to hold down expenses whenever possible. Please prayerfully consider adding whatever extra you can to the "Utilities" envelope or to "Utilities" on WeShare to help St. Paul's meet this unbudgeted, unavoidable expense. Thank you for your generosity.

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: July 10, 2022 TWO WEEKS AGO

Actual: \$11,436	Budget: \$8,774	The parish is grateful for your contributions.	YTD Actual: \$19,767	YTD Budget: \$17,548
Utilities: \$130	Over: \$2,662	This information includes WeShare online giving.	WeShare giving is now access- ible via the QR code above or	Over: \$2,219
		Fiscal Year July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023	by texting "SPCC" to 1-800-950-9952	

#### 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, 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, Bobby Locke, Dennis Marks, Charlie McCarthy, Greg McCoy, Rhonda McCov. Edith McRae. Emmett Miller. Georae Miller. Jovce Murray, 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

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Remember, Lord, those who have died and gone before us marked in faith, especially *Fr. Dan Bond.* May he, and all who sleep in Christ, find in Your presence light, happiness, and peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Bond was a Parochial Vicar here at St. Paul's 1986-1989.



#### September 16th-18th, 2022

Join hundreds of single Catholics from across the country (and beyond!) at the 21st National Conference for Single Catholics at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, VA (DC Metro Area). The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food and more. Register between July 5th and July 25th with this promo code (PARISH22) to get \$100 off the general admission! *Discount limited to the first 50 people nationwide to use this code.* Visit<u>www.NationalCatholicSingles.com</u> for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

**ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL** a diverse Jr-K to grade 8 co-ed parochial school located in Northside, Richmond welcomes applications at all times from qualified candidates for faculty and staff positions. Teaching candidates must have a degree in the field or equivalent. We invite candidates to submit a letter of interest, a resume listing your complete work history, and Diocesan Application (found at: https://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-humanresources/?tab=4&sub=3#central) to smeadows@allsaintsric.org. Our current teaching openings include Middle School Math, Spanish, and part-time Physical Education. More information can be found at www.allsaintsric.org.



# -Not Catholic & have questions about the Catholic Church? -Baptized Catholic but not yet Confirmed? -Looking for a group of believers to travel with on a new faith journey? The RCIA program is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and seeking a greater understanding of our Faith. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which unbaptized persons and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition become a Catholic. People from all sorts of religious backgrounds participate in the RCIA. Some have been baptized in another Christian religion and some have not. Some have been practicing members of a Christian religion for years and some have had little or no religious instruction or support. The RCIA is also appropriate for those who were baptized Catholic but have not completed all

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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** 

The RCIA combines prayer, learning about the Catholic Church and teachings, discussing how these apply to our lives and most importantly, using all of these experiences to build and grow in a relationship with God. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Deacon John Tucker at 804-837-4900 or by email at <u>itucker@saintpaulscc.com</u>.

of the sacraments of initiation (Eucharist and/or Confirmation).

Classes will start in September.

a journey in faith Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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#### THE FOOD PANTRY HAS CONTINUAL NEED OF: ielly\*\* rice \*\* canned spaghetti sauce \*\* cold cereal mac & cheese \*\* peanut butter canned beans \*\* shelf stable milk \*\* pasta soup\*\* canned carrots canned tuna canned peas canned chicken 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.

## AHMADI FAMILY BABY "SHOWER" !!



As you know from our introduction of the Ahmadi family in the bulletin June 26th, Mrs. Ahmadi - Jawahir - is expecting their second child at the end of August. The family fled Afghanistan with only the clothes on their back.... So no hand-me-downs saved for this baby. <u>YOU</u> can definitely help the family prepare for the precious new arrival. There is a display in the Commons with <u>SPECIFICS</u> on many typical baby items. <u>Please take a tag, make</u> your purchase, return the item back to the Commons. The Sponsor Committee is happy to transport everything to the family. Thank you for your generosity!

Questions can be directed to: Ed Gerardo: edward.f.gerardo@gmail.com, 8 0 4 - 7 9 4 - 0 0 1 8 Dan Lawrence: danielclawrence@aol.com o r Yvette Conte: contearchitect@gmail.com 804-647-5289

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*FOR SAFETY'S SAKE, ONLY NEW, SPECIFIED ITEMS MAY BE DONATED. THIS WILL INCLUDE GIFT CARDS TO PARTICULAR STORES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE FAMILY. OTHER GIFT CARDS, CASH, OR CHECKS CANNOT BE DONATED AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU!\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### <u>COMING SOON</u>

#### Youth GROUP: (6TH - RISING 12TH GRADERS)

AUGUST 12: FREE TRIP TO MOTON MUSEUM IN FARMVILLE. ONLY 15 SPOTS AVAILABLE; PARENTS & SIBLINGS WELCOME.MEET AT CHURCH 10:00 AM. RETURN APPROX. 5:30 PM. SIGN UP: https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/9040E4DACAA29A6FA7-moton CONTACT DEACON JOHN AT jtucker@saintpaulscc.com or 804-837-4900 for more information

YOUNG ADULTS: (AGES 18-39)

AUGUST 6: TUBING ON THE JAMES RIVER. DETAILS TO FOLLOW CONTACT DEACON JOHN AT jtucker@saintpaulscc.com or 804-837-4900 for more information

#### COMING LATER

ADULT EDUCATION: SEPTEMBER 10: DEACON FRANK NELSON, LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER, WILL DISCUSS THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC ON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. 9:00–10:30 AM IN THE COMMONS. BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED. MORE INFORMATION AND A SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE IN THE COMMONS AS THE DATE APPROACHES. THIS IS THE FIRST OF RECURRING ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL BE OFFERED EVERY 2ND SATURDAY. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED!

#### RETIREES CLUB:

SEPTEMBER 22: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. THE INAUGURAL GATHERING OF THE ST. PAUL'S RETIREES CLUB! LUNCH WILL BE SERVED. FREE OF CHARGE. DONATIONS TO DEFRAY THE COST ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED. MORE INFORMATION AND A SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE IN THE COMMONS AS THE DATE APPROACHES.

This is the first of recurring gatherings that will take place every 4th Thursday . We will keep you posted!

### July 24, 2022

# Today's Reflection

#### First Reading

*Genesis 18:20-32* Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 138:1-3,6-8* Lord, on the day I cried for help, you answered me.

Second Reading

Colossians 2:12-14

You were buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with him.

#### Gospel Reading

*Luke 11:1-13* Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.



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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,* <u>*CALL*</u> 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.



# PODCAST RESOURCES

#### **EVERYONE**

All Things Catholic with Dr. Edward Sri

Ask Father Josh

Ave Spotlight

Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmidt

Godsplaining Podcast

The Jeff Cavins Show

Gotta Be Saints

The Being Human Podcast

The Jeff Cavins Show

The Liturgy Guys

The Vici Mundum Show

YOUNG ADULT

Abiding Together

Aquinas 101

Catholic Stuff You Should Know

**Discerning Marriage** 

Pints with Aquinas

The Big Tree

The Catholic Feminist

The Catholic Guy show

The Catholic Hipster

The Vigil Project

Word on Fire Show

#### MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Ask Christopher West Podcast

Ave Explores

**Beloved and Blessed** 

**Discerning Marriage** 

Hole in My Heart

Saint Dymphna's Playbook



https://evangelizerichmond.org/resources/podcast-suggestions/

Source: Catholic Diocese of Richmond Office of Evangelization



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