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**THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED:**  
**Friday, May 19th at 1:00 pm and will**  
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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ MAY 21, 2023

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### PARISH OFFICE

Monday.....CLOSED

Tuesday–Thursday.....9:00 - 4:00

Friday .....9:00 -1:00

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

### EUCCHARIST

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 Church Office 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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# Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, May 20  
4:30 pm

William P. Tucker †

Sunday, May 21  
8:30 am  
11:00 am

Sr. Laurence Bucher† & Burnelle Bucher †  
The people of St. Paul's

Wednesday, May 23  
8:00 am

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

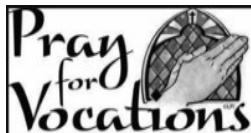
Friday, May 25  
8:00 am

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

*Doris Anthony, Pattie Bevan, Patrick Burke, Haydee Dixon, J.P. Dowdell, Barbara Gavigan, Joyce Goetzinger, Robinyette Goode, Bess Haile, Theresa Harvey, Theresa Ingram, Paul Keller, Beverly Lane, Mary "Midge" Liggan, Bobby Locke, Bernard McCrae, Edith McCrae, Joyce Murray, Mimi Murray, Anne Ring, Margaret Rockecharlie, Frank Solari, Barbara Tomlinson, Michael&Cornelia Waters, Chloe Williams.*

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](mailto:churchoffice@saintpaulscc.com).

*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*



"They received the Holy Spirit." The Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes for your faithfulness to the vocation to which the Spirit is leading you. Do you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



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*There will be a Second Collection at all Masses the weekend of May 21, 2023 to support the mission work in our own Diocese.*


*Please be as generous as you are able to support the work of the Gospel right here in Virginia.*

**TODAY**



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 7, 2023 TWO WEEKS AGO

Actual: \$ 10,667	Budget: \$8,774	The parish is grateful for your contributions.	YTD Actual: \$404,967	YTD Budget: \$394,830
Over: \$1,893	Utilities: \$ 90	This information includes WeShare online giving. Fiscal Year July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023	 DONATE ONLINE WeShare giving is now accessible via the QR code above or by texting "SPCC" to 1-800-950-9952	Over: \$10,137

*Remember, Lord, those who have died and gone before us marked in faith, especially **Herman Bates, Jr.** (brother of Jewel Mitchell). May he, and all who sleep in Christ, find in Your presence light, happiness, and peace.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Herman passed away on May 8, 2023. Please keep Jewel and her family in your prayers.*

*The altar flowers today are given to the glory and honor of God in loving memory of Burnelle Bucher, to mark the occasion of her birthday, by her son, Thomas Bucher.*

**May is the month of Mary.** It is the perfect time to start a Sunday Rosary tradition and Rosary Makers would like to help. Come join us as we pray the Rosary **EVERY SUNDAY** during May, after the 11 AM Mass to honor Mary and celebrate Her love and devotion to us her children.  
Hope to see you there.

### THE ST. PAUL'S LADIES SODALITY

**TODAY**

The Ladies Sodality will meet on **Sunday, May 21st** at 12:30 pm in the Commons. We welcome all ladies of our Parish to attend. If you are not yet a member, please consider attending the meeting to learn more about our organization.



### SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

**TODAY**

St. Paul's Social Justice Committee will meet Sunday, May 21 at 9:30 am in the parlor. A facial mask is optional. Anyone interested in exploring a meaningful ministry are welcome. For more information, please call Kathy McCoy at 804-264-7819, or email her at [kathy\\_mccoy@comcast.net](mailto:kathy_mccoy@comcast.net).

For more information about the many ministries under the Social Justice umbrella, visit our website <https://www.saintpaulscc.org/Social-Justice->



### ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

#### ST. PAUL'S FOOD PANTRY

Canned spaghetti sauce  
cold cereal  
canned beans, carrots, vegetables  
jelly  
peanut butter  
pasta  
soup canned chicken, tuna  
applesauce, canned fruit  
rice  
mac & cheese  
shelf stable milk

The food pantry is a long standing ministry at St. Paul's. Your donations sustain this ministry. Donations may be brought to Mass and placed in the bins in the cloak room between Commons and Church or brought to the parish office weekdays during normal office hours. Feel free to order online for shipment or delivery directly to St. Paul's 909 Rennie Ave. RVA 23227



#### ST. PETER'S SHOWER MINISTRY for men & women –travel and sample size:

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feminine hygiene products



Assembly 3677 of the Knights of Columbus, consisting of Cathedral, Holy Rosary, St. Ann, and St. Paul is collecting travel-size toiletries for St. Peter's ministry to the homeless. St. Peter's serves meals, and provides showers, to the homeless population in downtown Richmond adjacent to the State Capital. There is a bin in the cloak room between Commons and Church or may be brought to the parish office weekdays during normal office hours.

## WELCOME ABOARD!

I am pleased to announce that John T. Tucker, IV, known as "JT," will join the parish staff on June 26 as our new Pastoral Associate. JT is a lifelong member of St. Paul's. He is the son of Deacon John and Lynn Tucker. JT is a 2012 graduate of Bridgewater College and has taught in Catholic schools for six years. As Pastoral Associate, JT will immediately coordinate religious education and liturgy, and will gradually take over responsibilities coordinating facilities management and social media. JT's wife, Makenna entered the Church at this year's Easter Vigil. JT and Makenna are the proud parents of one year old Finley Marie.

We will be sure to publish JT's contact information, etc. as everything falls into place.

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming JT to the staff.

*Fr. Jim*



## RETIREES CLUB THURSDAY, MAY 25TH 11:30-1:00

The St. Paul' Retirees Club will meet on Thursday, May 25, in the Commons. We'll enjoy lunch and play BINGO!

Please sign up in the Commons or email Deacon John at [jtucker@saintpaulscc.com](mailto:jtucker@saintpaulscc.com) to help us in ordering the meal.

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is like Spring-time. It's a weekend away with your spouse, the rebirth of romance for the two of you, and a chance at new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is—come check it out! Weekends are limited to 25 couples, so register early! For more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or [mstang1987@aol.com](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) with any questions.

Here are the local experiences for 2023:

June 2-4 2023 (Spanish) - Warrenton VA, please call Fidel & Edis Granados (301-252-2946)

Sept. 22-24 2023 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon VA

Nov. 17-19 2023 - Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach VA



Many Christians highly value community, and for some Christian seniors, finding a senior care facility and community that understands their faith and provides an environment consistent with their values is essential.

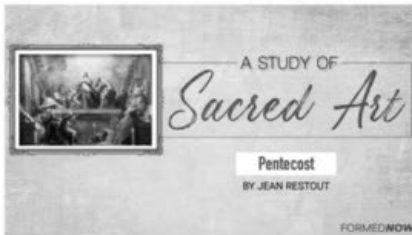
To help seniors find a Christian senior living facility and community, there is created a free resource that provides information on faith-based communities, including commonly provided services, what residents can expect, and financial resources.

You can view it here: <https://www.caring.com/caregivers/guide-to-christian-and-catholic-senior-living/>.



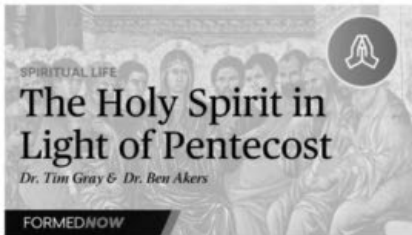
# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

## Week of May 21, 2023



### Pentecost | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to enhance your prayer and expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode, they discuss Jean Restout's depiction of Pentecost.



### The Holy Spirit in Light of Pentecost

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit in this monumental event. After watching, you'll recognize the meaning of Pentecost for our lives today.



### The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity by Fr. Shannon Collins

In this captivating presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and his role in salvation history. Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers. Listeners are sure to come to a better appreciation of this "sweet guest of our soul" who seeks to bring us closer to divine life.

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**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.*

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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

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Aquinas 101

Catholic Stuff You Should  
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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  
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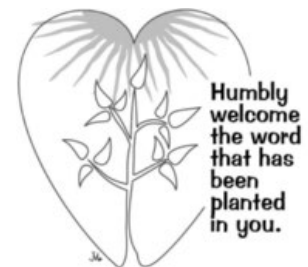
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Beloved and Blessed

Discerning Marriage

Hole in My Heart

Saint Dymphna's Playbook



Source: Catholic Diocese of Richmond Office of Evangelization

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

For a reflection on today's readings, visit <https://www.usccb.org/>, click on READINGS, then VIEW VIDEOS



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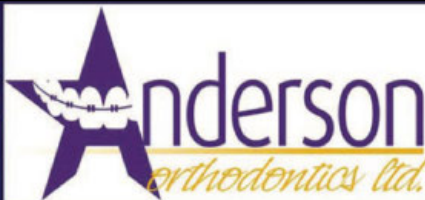
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