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## **RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17th**  
**12:00 NOON & 7:00 PM**

Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

*"Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession  
where you will meet Jesus who forgives you" ~Pope Francis*

*All of our Masses & the Rosary are livestreamed.  
Go to our website and click on the blue Facebook logo.  
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## THIRD SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 15, 2024

### STAFF

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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

### ROSARY

Second Sunday of the month following 11:00 a.m. Mass

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Contact: [christianformation@saintpaulscc.com](mailto:christianformation@saintpaulscc.com)

### 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 Commons or by printing it from the St. Paul's website.

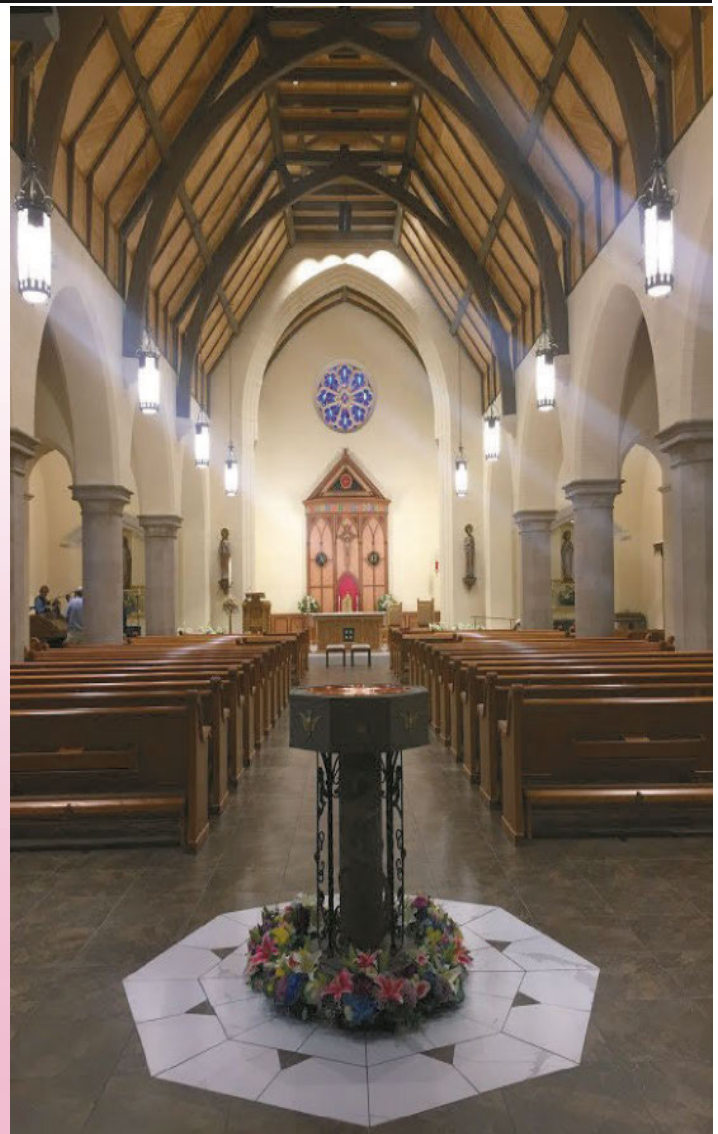
All parishioners, please notify the Parish Office of a change of address or phone, or if leaving the parish.

### 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, December 14 The People of St. Paul's

Sunday, December 15

8:30 am Michael Madigan †  
11:00 am Claudio Faria Santos †

Wednesday, December 18

8:00 am Frank & Anne Wallmeyer †  
Marie Makulik †  
Henry & Theresa Bickerstaff †  
Theresa Cecilia Huang †

Friday, December 20

8:00 am Herman & Rose Beckstoffer †  
Herman Beckstoffer, Jr. †  
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:*

*Pattie Bevan, Patrick Burke, Audrey Claravall, Nancy Coffield, Haydee Dixon, J.P. Dowdell, Michael Duesing, Maceo Gamble, Barbara Gavigan, Joyce Goetzinger, Robynette Goode, Ted Grivetti, Bess Haile, Theresa Harvey, Robert & Mary Ann Heretick, Theresa Ingram, Jackie Kaneicki, Paul Keller, Linda McCracken Koebel, Beverly Lane, Mary "Midge" Liggan, Beth Lewis, Robert Losteter, Imani Luck, Vonyetta Marable, Dyvonne Mars, Edith McRae, Bob & Kay Morrow, Joyce Murray, Mimi Murray, Anne Ring, Margaret Rockecharlie, Myriam Sigler, Hugh Sneed, Barbara Tomlinson, Michael & Cornelia Waters, Lee Wexler, Chloe Williams, Christie Wiltshire, Michael Yohe, Jr.*

*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 or email the church office.*

**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).



*"Rejoice in the Lord always."* (Philippians 4:4)  
Are you filled with joy at the Lord's invitation to serve Him in priesthood or consecrated life? This deep sense of joy is a sign that God may be calling you to share His love with others in a special way. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)

**Qualified CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS**

Today 2024

Pay to the order of *St. Paul's Catholic Church*  
*Gift from my IRA*

*Faithful Parishioner*

## QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

As we near the end of the calendar year, many of us start thinking about our tax liability and making charitable contributions. An efficient option that can offer more benefits than donating cash: Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). These distributions are a straightforward and advantageous way for those 70.5 years of age or older, or those planning future philanthropic endeavors, to donate while also excluding the amount donated from your taxable income. You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to St. Paul's. If you are 73 years of age or older, this type of gift can satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year while also excluding the amount donated from your taxable income. Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA.

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: December 1, 2024 TWO WEEKS AGO

<b>Actual: \$9,367</b>	<b>Budget: \$10,403</b> <small>This reflects the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; a weekly increase of \$818 over last year.</small>	<i>The parish is grateful for your contributions.</i>	<b>YTD Actual: \$190,822</b>	<b>YTD Budget: \$228,866</b>
<b>Under: \$1,036</b>	<b>Poor &amp; Needy: \$300</b> <small>This fund, as well as your donations of groceries and paper grocery bags, is the main support of our FOOD PANTRY. Thank You!</small>	<i>This information includes WeShare online giving.</i> <small>Fiscal Year July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025</small>	<b>DONATE ONLINE</b> <small>WeShare giving is accessible via the QR code above or by texting "SPCC" to 1-800-950-9952</small>	<b>Under: \$38,044</b>



Remember, Lord, those who have died and gone before us marked in faith,  
 especially *Madeline Netherland* and *Ann Marie Ols*.  
 May they, and all who sleep in Christ, find in Your presence light, happiness, and peace.  
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Madeline passed away November 15th. Ann Marie passed away on November 24, 2024 Please keep their loved ones in your prayers.*

**COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**BABY CLOSET**

St. Paul's conducts a quarterly drive to assist the Baby Closet at Commonwealth Catholic Charities. The Baby Closet is open free of charge to all in need, located at CCC 1601 Rolling Hills Drive, RVA 23229.

*THE BABY CLOSET NO LONGER ACCEPTS CLOTHES, BLANKETS, OR OTHER BABY ITEMS. THE COLLECTIONS ARE ACCEPTING ONLY DIAPERS & WIPES, PERMANENTLY.*

*Thank you!*

A PLAY PEN IS SET UP IN THE COMMONS TO ACCEPT DONATIONS OF DIAPERS AND WIPES FOR THE MONTH OF **DECEMBER**.

\*\*\*diapers sizes 4-6 are especially needed\*\*\*



**BE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS ANGEL!**

Thank you for taking tags from the Angel Tree to help needy people have a happier Christmas. If you have purchased a specific gift, please wrap the gift and attach the Angel Tag securely. If you are providing a gift card, please place the card in an envelope with the Angel Tag taped to the envelope. Leave your gift by the Angel Tree **T O D A Y December 15**

**Thank you for your kindness!**



Please join us in thanking the **Ladies Sodality** for their generous contribution to cover the cost of the beautiful work of Chasen & Son to restore the exterior doors of the church. The work included one interior door between the Commons and rear vestibule, which some may recall, was once an exterior door. *In supporting the activities of Sodality throughout the year, you support the parish in this and many other ways.*



*Gracias!*

*Merci!*

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY AND SHOWER MINISTRY IN YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING !!**

**St. Paul's Food Pantry** has frequently been serving 70—80 clients per week, a 100% increase from three years ago. We have increased the amount we spend on our FEEDMORE account from \$1500 to \$3000 every six weeks. Your donations of groceries and contributions to Poor & Needy are vital to sustaining this ministry. Your New Year's resolution to 'give back' could be fulfilled by volunteering for the Food Pantry.

**St. Peter's Shower Ministry** provides hot showers for the street people and un-housed population in downtown Richmond. The basement of St. Peter's was converted to a shower/locker room specifically for this ministry. Donations of travel and sample size toiletries are especially welcome, as the program needs hundreds of these per month.

**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 308 Rennie Ave. RVA 23227*

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

- soap
- shampoo & conditioner
- toothbrushes & toothpaste
- deodorant
- lip balm/chapstick
- lotion
- moist towelettes
- disposable razors & shaving cream
- hand warmers
- 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.*

**LADIES SODALITY**

**Annual Katydid Candy and Poinsettia Sale before and after each Mass**

**TODAY**

*Perfect for last minute stocking stuffers and decorating!*

**Katydid Candy**  
8 oz. tin  
**\$15 EACH**

**Red Poinsettia in 6-inch pot**  
**\$20 EACH**



**RETIRES CLUB**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCHEON**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH**  
**11:30-1:30**  
**IN THE COMMONS**  
**BRING A DISH TO SHARE**

**GAMES, PRIZES, CAROLING!**  
**AND IF YOU'RE GOOD...SANTA!**

**SIGN UP IN THE COMMONS**  
**OR EMAIL**  
**[jtucker@saintpaulscc.com](mailto:jtucker@saintpaulscc.com)**



**SECURITY SYSTEM**

A project planned for the Capital Campaign is underway. You may notice interior & exterior security cameras have been installed. The I T work is still underway, but soon the entire project will be complete and St. Paul's will have a fully functional security system. Once that is in place, a series of meetings will be held to instruct all persons with keys on the operation of the alarm system. PLEASE hold your questions until then. We PROMISE not to arm the system until everyone is up to speed! *STAY TUNED!*

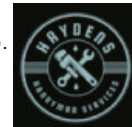


*Please thank Mike Wade & JT Tucker for their hard work on this project!*



**DO THE SPEED BUMPS ANNOY YOU??**

We recently installed speed bumps in the parking lot and this may understandably be inconvenient to parishioners. During the week dozens of cars use our parking lot as a short cut from Chamberlayne Ave. to Hawthorne Ave and vice versa. Most often they are driving very fast to beat traffic lights. On Tuesdays this is dangerous to Food Pantry clients in line at Dorsey. Mornings and afternoons it is dangerous for high schoolers from Cristo Rey, as this is their school bus hub. At all times it is dangerous for pedestrians who may just be strolling, walking the dog, or exercising. It became a necessity to install the speed bumps for safety's sake. Ever wonder where to buy speed bumps? – Amazon.com—of course! Many thanks to David Hayden for the installation.



**LITURGY, SONG, AND PRAYER**

- December 14th: Saturday *Advent Retreat* in the Commons 9:00-10:30 w/ Deacon Chris Malone breakfast served; sign up in the Commons
- December 15th: *Third Sunday of Advent* Sat: Reconciliation @ 3:00, Mass @ 4:30; Sun: Mass @ 8:30 & 11:00
- December 17th: Tuesday *Advent Reconciliation Services* 12:00 NOON and 7:00 p.m. Several priests available to hear confessions
- December 22nd: *Fourth Sunday of Advent* Sat: Reconciliation @ 3:00, Mass @ 4:30; Sun: Mass @ 8:30 & 11:00
- December 24th: *The Nativity of the Lord* ~ *Christmas Eve* • 4:00 p.m. choir concert • 4:30 p.m. Children's Mass • 7:00 p.m. Evening Mass
- December 25th: *The Nativity of the Lord* ~ *Christmas Day* Morning Mass @ 10:00 a.m
- December 29th: *Feast of the Holy Family* Sat: Reconciliation @ 3:00, Mass @ 4:30; Sun: Mass @ 8:30 & 11:00
- January 1st: Wednesday *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, A Holy Day of Obligation* Mass @ 10:00 a.m.





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