

St. Paul Catholic Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 22, 2024

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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*

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

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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LIVESTREAM ALL OF OUR MASSES & THE ROSARY

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21 Mary J Bucher †
 Sunday, December 22
 8:30 am Joseph Flynn †
 11:00 am The People of St. Paul's
 Tuesday, December 24
 4:30 pm Edward Gibbons †
 7:00 pm Emma Gaddy †
 Wednesday, December 25
 10:00 am Frank Solari †
 Friday, December 27
 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.

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.

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.



"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Luke 1:45)
 Like Mary, you are called to trust in God's plan for your life. If you feel that God is asking you to serve as a priest or religious brother or sister, believe in His promise and follow with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 or via email: 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 8, 2024 TWO WEEKS AGO

Actual: \$13,215	Budget: \$10,403 <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>	YTD Actual: \$204,034	YTD Budget: \$239,269
Over: \$2,812	Poor & Needy: \$410 <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>	 DONATE ONLINE <small>WeShare giving is accessible via the QR code above or by texting "SPCC" to 1-800-950-9952</small>	Under: \$35,235



Since 1923, Commonwealth Catholic Charities has provided life-changing human services to vulnerable individuals and families throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. CCC offers quality and compassionate human services to all people, especially the most vulnerable, regardless of faith. You can help by donating diapers and wipes to the Baby Closet Drive and by giving to the Second Collection at all the Masses of Christmas. This giving opportunity is available on WeShare, by scanning the QR code in the bulletin, in the pews, or in the worship aid of the Christmas Masses. There will be designated envelopes in the pews at the Christmas Masses and in the envelope packets mailed to parishioners.

For it is in giving that we receive ~ St. Francis of Assisi



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

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

St. Paul's Food Pantry has been consistently 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 3009 Flannie 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.



Welcome to St. Paul's!

Please welcome to St. Paul's our part-time Parochial Vicar, Father James Glass. (What?? ANOTHER Fr. Jim??) 😊

Fr. Jim will be living in the Rectory and providing pastoral care and presiding at some of our Masses.

Take a moment to give Fr. Jim a warm St. Paul's welcome and introduce yourself.

We are happy to have you with us, Fr. Jim!

Did you know that Saint Paul's has a Youth Group, Young Adult Group, and a Young Families Group?!?

- **Youth Group: 6th thru 12th graders**
 - **Young Adult Group: Adults ages 18-40s**
 - **Young Families Group: Families with kids ages 5 and under**
- Each group meets once every 1-2 months and the main focus is centered around fellowship, church community, and building friendships with one another!

****If you are interested in learning more about any of these groups, contact J.T. Tucker in the church office at christianformation@saintpaulscc.com****

LITURGY, SONG, AND PRAYER

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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