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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, JOSEPH AND MARY ~ DECEMBER 29, 2024

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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.

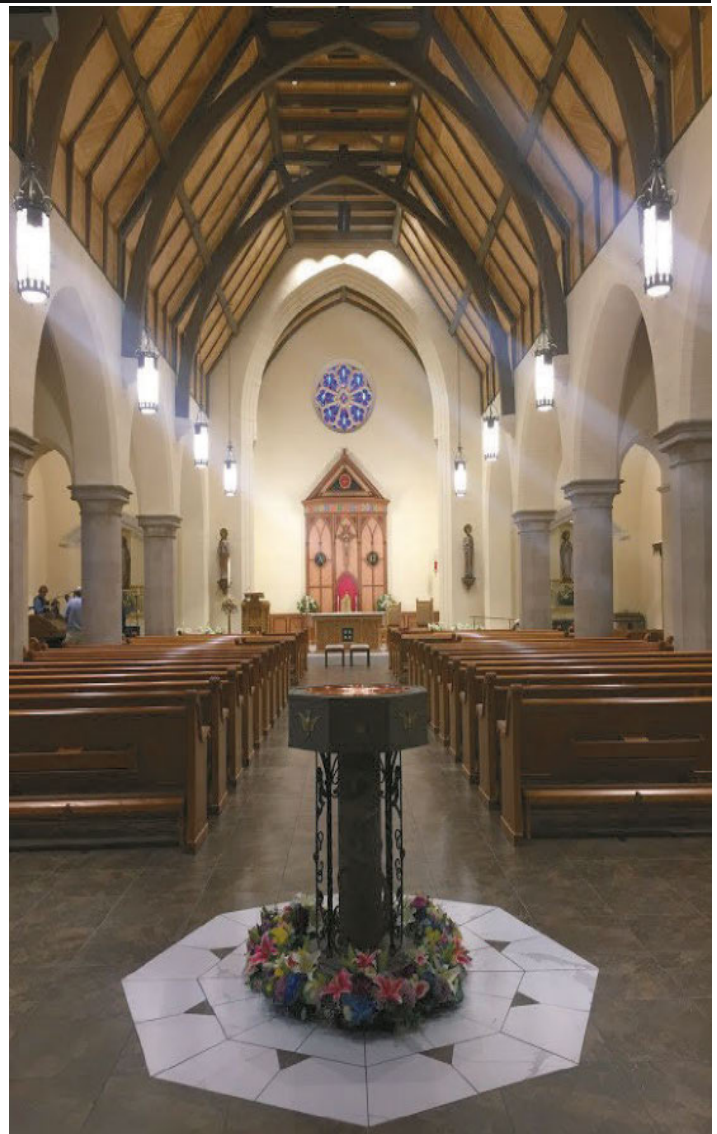
All parishioners, please notify the Parish Office of a change of address or phone, or if leaving the parish.

### 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.



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# Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 28 Mary Lee Palmer †

Sunday, December 29

8:30 am Beatrice E. Burton †  
11:00 am Charlotte Shepherd †

Wednesday, January 1

10:00 am Frank & Anne Wallmeyer †  
Marie Makulik †  
Henry & Theresa Bickerstaff †  
Theresa Cecilia Huang †

Friday, January 3

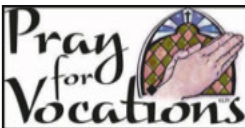
8:00 am Herman & Rose Beckstoffer †  
Herman Beckstoffer, Jr. †  
Reginald & Chris Berry †  
Chuck Ajemian †

*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, A'nitra DeV Vaughn, Haydee Dixon, J.P. Dowdell, Michael Duesing, Maceo Gamble, Barbara Gavigan, Joyce Goetzinger, Robinyette Goode, Ted Grivetti, Bess Haile, Theresa Harvey, Robert & Mary Ann Heretick, Theresa Ingram, Jackie Kaneicki, Paul Keller, Linda McCracken Koebel, Beverly Lane, Michael Lavecchia, 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 Snead, Barbara Tomlinson, Michael & Comelia 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).**



*"Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49)*  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph serves as a model of love, faith, and obedience. Just as Jesus was guided by His Father's will, so too can we be guided in our marriages by God's love. Reflect on how your family life mirrors the faith and devotion of the Holy Family. Strengthen your commitment to each other by nurturing a deeper relationship with God.

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### 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 15, 2024 TWO WEEKS AGO

<b>Actual: \$9,554</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: \$213,597</b>	<b>YTD Budget: \$249,672</b>
<b>Under: \$849</b> <small>Includes Immaculate Conception Masses</small>	<b>Poor &amp; Needy: \$195</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: \$36,075</b>





All are welcome! Invite a new parishioner or friend to join us.



ADULT FORMATION

Saturday, January 11, 2025

9:00–10:30 am

Please join us.

Msgr. Tom Miller

“Where is the Holy Spirit Leading the Church?” Part II

In April 2024, Msgr. Miller led a presentation on the Fall 2023 session of the Synod in Rome. He will now focus on the Fall 2024 session and will explore where the Holy Spirit is leading the Church.

Online givers choose the fund “MEALS @ PARISH EVENTS”



Breakfast will be served.

You can sign up in the Commons or RSVP to [jtucker@saintpaulscc.com](mailto:jtucker@saintpaulscc.com),

which helps us in ordering the breakfast meal.

Free will donations to defray the cost of breakfast are gladly accepted.

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 AS THE YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE.



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.



## Benn

By Edward T. Quigley Jr.  
November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

A boy was born and pushed away,  
No mother's warmth enfolding.  
No home was his or place to stay,  
No gentle hands for holding.

A friendship drew him to a place,  
To a church his heart was drawn,  
Through a guardian angel's GRACE,  
New birth rose as sun to dawn.

His fate was given to colder homes,  
That failed to love and nurture.  
In teen years on streets he roamed,  
Learning darkest human nature.

The boy now a man reached out,  
And smiled for all to see.  
He gifted all with care throughout,  
His days though few to be.

He bounced round European lands,  
Speaking the tongues of many.  
Twists and turns like shifting sands,  
hid the path to his harmony.

He touched each corner of the church.  
All there did his family become.  
They walked with him through the worst,  
With hope the fight would be won.

God moved a couple to adopt the boy.  
Love wrapped all they were giving.  
But troubles of earlier times destroy.  
Lost was the peaceful life he was living.

But Benn the man, knew better than us.  
He told all that he was, "Fine".  
"I'm good", meant, please don't make a fuss.  
"I'm good", was his favorite line.

The young man took his life away,  
To the land of endless dreams.  
He worked and fought day to day,  
As LOVE from heaven streams.

He said more than once, "I'm good, if I die."  
For he knew God in a personal way.  
And "FAMILY" gathered at his passing to cry,  
Walking him home, to his eternal place to stay.

### Did you know that Saint Paul's has a Youth Group, Young Adult Group, & 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](mailto:christianformation@saintpaulscc.com)\*\***

### LITURGY, SONG, AND PRAYER

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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