

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CATHOLIC CHURCH



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
Journeying as a Catholic community, we embrace the mission of Jesus Christ, striving to live and spread Jesus' message of love, sharing our gifts through discipleship, liturgical celebration, spiritual formation, and outreach.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 23, 2022

XLT

JANUARY 26TH
AT 7PM



XLT (*short for Exalt*) is a night of Eucharistic Adoration. The evening begins with a teen witness talk about their faith journey. The talk is followed by a time of Adoration accompanied with Praise and Worship music.

All parishioners are encouraged to join us for this evening of worship! XLT takes place the last Wednesday of the month and is sponsored by Youth Ministry. Our worship leader is Joe Guardino.



Welcome to **PARISH SOFT'S MY OWN CHURCH** - go to <https://stedchurch.com> and click on the link. Once set up, you may update your contact/family info, view your contributions, and receive end of year statements.

WELCOME TO ST. EDWARD CHURCH!

If you have moved into the area from another Catholic Church or have found St. Edward to be the parish in which you choose to worship, consider registering. Pick up a registration packet at the

- Parish Life Desk in the Commons after any weekend Liturgy,
- Parish Center during office hours, 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday, or
- Go to our website, www.stedchurch.com/ImportantForms.

Questions? Call 272-2948. Not of the Catholic faith? To learn more, call Anita at 864-4712.

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ST. EDWARD CHURCH IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, AND VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS.

Visit our website, <https://stedchurch.com>, and follow the link under **PROTECTING CHILDREN**.

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday.

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES

Call 272-2948 and follow prompts.

***See page 4 for full details concerning Liturgies and Reconciliation ***

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil of Sunday)
Sunday 7:15am, 8:45am, 11:15am, & 5:00pm

Weekday Monday-Friday 9:00am

RECONCILIATION

Monday-Friday 9:30am
Saturday 4:00pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In the Church: Fridays, 9:30am-10:30am
Last Wednesday of every month, 7:00pm

For information, contact Andrew at 864-4715.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In the Healing Chapel after each weekend Liturgy or by appointment.

BAPTISM

To schedule or for parent classes, call Peggy at 864-4714.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

For information, call Peggy at 864-4714.

CONFIRMATION

For information, call Andrew at 864-4715.

ADULT SACRAMENTS

Inquiries about initiation sacraments for adults, call Sherri at 864-4706.

MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners are to contact Pat 864-4701 at least six months prior to setting a date. Pre-marriage formation is required.

PASTORAL CARE

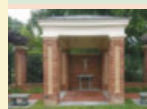
Call Pat at 864-4701 when you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or local care facility, when you need a weekly visit with Communion, or to add someone to our weekend prayer list for the sick or deceased.

◆IN SERVICE TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY◆

Pastor	Rev. Donald H. Lemay	272-2948
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Paul Kkonde	272-2948
Deacon	Rev. Mr. Bob Ewan	379-5920
Deacon	Rev. Mr. James D. Greer	372-6080
Deacon	Rev. Mr. Kevin Hogan	864-4707
Deacon	Rev. Mr. Gregg Whisler	564-2125
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Youth Ministry Coordinator	Andrew McCarthy	864-4715
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Custodian for Church Building	Mac Boneparte	
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Finance Council Chairperson	Robert Kuzemchak	276-0463
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PARISH BULLETIN: Bulletin info should be **submitted two weeks** in advance of publication date and is subject to approval and space availability. Email kathleen.wood@stedwardch.org.



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HEARING LOOP SYSTEM
If your hearing aid or cochlear implant has an activated T-coil, you may access our hearing loop system. Not sure? Ask your audiologist.



AUTOMATIC DOOR
•We have an automatic door on the far left side of the Church.
•Doors on the far right side of Church are open 8:30am-5:00pm, M-F.



Our **PARISH LIBRARY** is open and staffed for 15 minutes following the Sunday morning Masses.

Thank you... ♥

SEEN but NOT HEARD

To the **amazing** people who are the **Arts and Environment Ministry**: We are so grateful for all the input but especially to the core group who come on weekends, holidays, etc. and work behind the scenes to transform our liturgy space. From the beautiful nativity display to those who water plants each week to those who show up at "the call" -- **thank you from the bottom of our hearts**. May the Lord bless you and keep you.....

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading *Nehemiah 8:8*

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

Psalm *Ps 19*

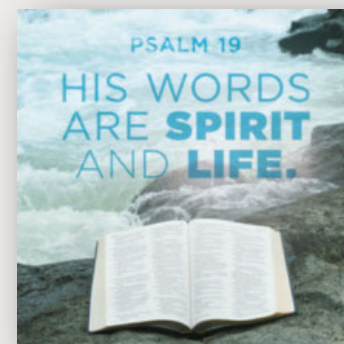
Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12:12*

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel *Luke 1:21*

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture ("the book of the law.") What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?

Second Reading

Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ. In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?

Gospel

Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue? ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then. But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters. But are we mindful — truly? The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in." We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word. So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those associated with our parish who are sick or unable to worship with us, that they experience strength in the Lord's unending compassion and love:

Tabitha Buchanan, Mary Grace Greer, Sandy Vleck, Laurie Wilburn; and all victims of the coronavirus, war, terrorism, violence, and natural disasters.

Lord, hear our continued prayers for those dealing with an on-going illness, may they experience fortitude and peace:

Jamie Aguilar, Cathy Alden, Chris Ballalo, Nanci Bolling, Mike Bonner, Mary Jane Burke, James Butler, Sherry Cart, Cathy Casey, Mary Alice & Ed Christie, Ryan Colavita, Sue Connell, Regina Corcoran, Bobbi Daniello, Mike & Diana Dougherty, Josephine Douglas, Sue Driscoll, Donald Fields, Samantha Finnegan, Nicole Florio, Wayne Frith, Sarah Fyock, Kathy Galligan, Emily Gardener, Verena Goins, Mary Grace Greer, Jeff & Spencer Hamm, Tom Hammerstone, Thomas Hardy, Hartwell Harrison, Neico Hayden, Grover Helsley, Rita Holloman, Grant Ilkani, Graham Jennings, Melissa Jennings, Joseph Jones, Sr., Marlene Kacmar, Amanda Keller, Uni & Robert Kemp, Oliver Khoury, Fr. Dan Klem, Kim Lourenco, Margaret Day Magno, Marg Mayer, Connie Mikuski, Daniel Miller, Lando Mojica, Vera Mulherin, Marie Oliver, Lois Pearn, Resa Pemberton, Brian Pickral, Marian Piracci, Rose Marie Pulleyblank, Dan Raible, Grant Rake, Jean Raugh, Will Rogers, Kaeden Ross, David Russ, Sam Sponeybarger, Mary Serra, Kelly Shanahan, Beau & Suki Simpson, Tony Stanton, Garry Stelmach, Michelle Stelmach, Grace Stivers, Greg Stivers, Laura Sullivan, Barbara Swan, Gregory Toler, Tony Toler, David Turner, Billy Vogelsson, Tracy Waldo, Benjamin Weldon, Marie Wilborn, Ella Wilkinson, Barbara Williams, and Sam Young.

Lord, hear our prayers for all the souls of the faithful departed:

Patricia Pineda; John Flynn, cousin of Sally Haas and Anne McGee; Vasco W. Wilson, father of Susan Morley.

Please pray for the parishioners of Holy Trinity cluster and bless the works of their outreach:

St. Anthony in Norton; Holy Spirit in Jonesville; Sacred Heart in Big Stone Gap; and St. Joseph in Clintwood.

Please pray for those service men and women who fight for our freedom:

Yasmin Acevedo, A1C; Taylor Armstrong, US Army; 2nd Battalion 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment; Daniel Beirne; Major David Bhatta-US Army; Richard Currie Braun, Air Force; LTJG Ian Burke, USN; Joseph Brandon Butler; Ross Butler; ENS Jimmy Callahan, USN; Lt. Michael Callahan, USN; Capt. Scott P. Campbell; Matthew Coccia, Army; SSGT. John Maxwell Cosper and Unit, US Army Special Forces; Cpt. Mike Curran; Major Spencer D. Curtis, Judge Advocate, National Guard; Col. Seth Enterline; Navy Lt. Coleen Fagan; Capt. Leroy O. Flynn; SSGT Brad Freda, Air Force; Capt. Peter Fritz; PFC Jose Luis Garcia, National Guard; Spec. April Garrett; LCpl Kevin Hackman, Marines; Diana Honings USCG; Matt Horansky; Capt. Katie Hulcher; 2nd Lt. Megan Hulcher, RN; Capt. Thomas Hulcher; Capt. Renee Kane, Army; Major Nathan Kane, Air Force; Lt. Col. David Kaulfers, Army Corps of Engineers; Sgt. A. David Kelly; Staff Sgt. Steven Kelly, US Army; Josh Kozup, Army; Ryan Larson, Army; Grayson Larus, Ensign US Navy; Nicole Lee; Stacey Lee; Clara Mailloux, Navy Airman; Bryan J. McCabe U.S.C.G.; Sean McHugh, Army; Brendan Meadows, Pvt. US Army; Christine Michel; Major T. Alex Mitchell, First Lt. USMC Kevin Morrison; Capt. Quentin Mueller; Wilson Mustian, Army; Adam Peers, Army; Capt. Lerv Remias; Sgt. Jared Roussell; Capt. Javone Seaborn; Jonathan Schulte; Jobon Seaborn, Army; Lt. Curren D. Shorte; Vincent Stransky; Sgt. Christopher Sturtevant; Major Thomas Tombes, Chandra Weatherell; Cpt. Matthew Weisner; Brennan Wilkes, US Navy; Major Justin Wolfe, USAFR; Phillip Wood; and Steve York.

Due to the bulletin's early transmission date of Jan 14, names may not be up-to-date.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

7:15, 8:45, 11:15 am Liturgies.....Church
 10:00 am Outreach in Love (Younger)*FHH Art
 10:00 am Sunday Morning Rel Ed.....School
 1:00 pm FHC Walk through the MassSanctuary
 5:00 pm Eucharistic Liturgy.....Church
 6:30 pm Edge/Life Teen.....School/Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

9:00 am Daily Morning Mass.....Church
 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 329.....Pavilion
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #1893.....Cafeteria
 7:30 pm People of Praise.....Chapel

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 am Daily Morning Mass.....Church
 10:00 am Bible Chicks.....Nursery
 6:30 pm Scripture Study.....Virtual

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00 am Daily Morning Mass.....Church
 5:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal.....Choir Room
 6:00 pm Schola Rehearsal.....Choir Room
 7:00 pm Outreach in Love (Older).....Media Ctr/Library
 7:00 pm XLT/Adoration.....Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 am Daily Morning Mass.....Church
 10:00 am Morning Praise Choir Rehearsal.....Choir Room
 6:00 pm KofC Exemplification Training.....*FHH Music
 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group.....Bosco Center
 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal.....Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

7:00 am Men of St. JosephChapel
 9:00 am Daily Morning Mass.....Church
 9:30 am Friday Adoration.....Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

10:00 am Funeral — John Dwyer.....Church
 4:00 pm Reconciliation.....Healing Chapel
 5:00 pm Eucharistic Liturgy.....Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

7:15, 8:45, 11:15 am Liturgies.....Church
 9:00 am RCIA.....Nursery
 10:00 am Into the Breach*FHH Music
 10:00 am Sunday Morning Rel Ed.....School
 1:00 pm The Bible Timeline.....Community Center/Gym

*FHH = old Fr. Herbert Hall in SEES



Reflection





TODAY'S READINGS SUNDAY, January 23

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us. As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us. Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. @LPi

LITURGY SCHEDULE

 DAY AND READINGS	 TIME AND INTENTIONS
MONDAY, January 24 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10 Mark 3:22-30	9:00 am Eucharistic Liturgy <i>-livestreamed-</i> Doug Oliver †
TUESDAY, January 25 Acts 22:3-16 Mark 16:15-18	9:00 am Eucharistic Liturgy <i>-livestreamed-</i> Bill Webb †
WEDNESDAY, January 26 2 Timothy 1:1-8 Mark 4:1-20	9:00 am Eucharistic Liturgy <i>-livestreamed-</i> Mary Ann Scanlon †
THURSDAY, January 27 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29 Mark 4:21-25	9:00 am Eucharistic Liturgy <i>-livestreamed-</i> Elizabeth Grimaldi †
FRIDAY, January 28 2 Samuel 11:1-10, 13-17 Mark 4:26-34	9:00 am Eucharistic Liturgy <i>-livestreamed-</i> Pauline Mondello †
SATURDAY, January 29 2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17 Mark 4:35-41	5:00 pm Eucharistic Liturgy <i>-livestreamed-</i> Douglas Toler †
SUNDAY, January 30 Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Corinthians 12:31— 13:13 Luke 4:21-30	7:15 am Eucharistic Liturgy Parishioners, Living & Deceased † 8:45 am Eucharistic Liturgy Jim Dempsey † 11:15 am Eucharistic Liturgy <i>-livestreamed-</i> Mary Frances Fischer † 5:00 pm Eucharistic Liturgy Roger Wheeler †



OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

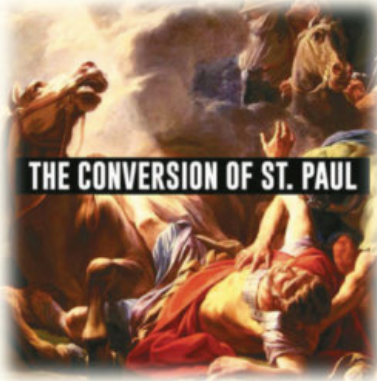
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Month	Budget*	Actual as of	Over<Under>
July-Dec	\$ 920,296	\$1,064,870	\$ 144,574
Jan	\$ 153,636 (1/14)	\$ 72,629	\$ <81,007>

Due to the bulletin's early transmission date of January 14, the totals for the weekend of January 15/16 are not shown.

Note: We show the total budget for the month rather than each week.

A very heartfelt thank you for your generosity!

LITURGY TEAM**Fr. Don Lemay, Pastor 272-2948****Anita McCabe, Coordinator 864-4712 anitam1@stedwardch.org****MINISTRY SCHEDULE - Sherri Gravins 864-4706 sherri.gravins@stedwardch.org****January 25—The Conversion of Saint Paul**

Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior. One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing. From then on, his only work was to

"present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5a). Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new. So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.

Reflection

Paul is undoubtedly hard to understand. His style often reflects the rabbinical style of argument of his day, and often his thought skips on mountaintops while we plod below. But perhaps our problems are accentuated by the fact that so many beautiful jewels have become part of the everyday coin in our Christian language. —Franciscan Media

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NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTION:
JOIN A CHOIR!

Rehearsal Schedule

Youth Choir – 5-6pm Wednesdays
(2nd through 5th grade singers)

Schola 6-7pm Wednesdays

(6th through 12th grade singers)

Morning Praise – 10-11am Thursdays

Adult Choir – 7:30-9pm Thursdays



*All players
welcome!*

HANDBELL CHOIR

Begins on Thursday, 1.27.22

6-7:15pm

Contact Liz.Goodwin@stedwardch.org

OFFICE OF HUMAN CONCERNS, JUSTICE & PEACE, HAITI TWINNING

Jennifer Bousquet 864-4718 jennifer@stedwardch.org

HAITI MINISTRY

The next meeting Haiti Committee meeting will be February 28 at 6:15pm, in person at the parish center and on Zoom.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

What is social sin?

“Social sins constitute, by their very object, a direct assault on one’s neighbor. Social sin is every sin committed against the justice due in relations between individuals, between the individual and the community, and between the community and the individual.” (*Compendium*, p 118)

Examples:

- Sins against human rights
- Violence against others
- Violations of another’s legitimate freedoms
- Sins against the common good
- Marring the dignity and honor of others

“The actions and attitudes opposed to the will of God and the good of neighbor, as well as the structures arising from such behavior, appear to fall into two categories today:

- On the one hand, the all-consuming desire for profit,
 - And on the other, the thirst for power, with the intention of imposing one’s will upon others.” (*Compendium*, p 119)

“Watch this page for more tidbits about Catholic Social Teaching and excerpts from the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*.”

Please remember to bring food including the following staples to our food pantry: canned meat/tuna, rice, beans, jelly, peanut butter, and pasta sauce, and also these sometimes forgotten items: deodorant, toothpaste, laundry detergent, soap, and shampoo. Thank you to everyone who donates throughout the year!

January is Poverty Awareness Month



During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor.

Visit <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development/poverty-awareness-month> for resources such as a calendar and reflections. You can also sign up to have the daily reflections emailed to you during Poverty Awareness Month.

*"I want a Church
which is poor
and for the poor."*

-Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

DEFENDING LIFE DAY

The Diocese of Richmond is collaborating with the Virginia Catholic Conference, Diocese of Arlington, and Virginia Society for Human Life for Defending Life Day on February 9th, 2022.

On this day, Virginians will come together in Richmond for prayer – led by Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout – and to meet with their legislators to urge them to defend life. Our goal is to assemble advocates from every district in the Commonwealth – and we need you. Talking points, legislative updates, and tips for effective advocacy will be provided to make your constituent meetings easy and successful.

Visit VAProLifeDay.org to sign up and learn more.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

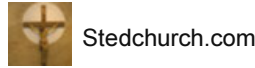
@Pontifex 1/13/22

“We are living in a difficult time, many people are facing difficulties and suffering. In a time like this, we need someone who can encourage us, help us, inspire us. St Joseph is a bright witness in dark times.”

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION OF YOUTH & YOUNG FAMILIES

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SACRAMENTS

SUNDAYS 10-11AM

Grades Pre-K through 5th, in person Religious Ed. To view our full schedule, visit our parish website at www.stedchurch.com. Click on Ministries, then Evangelization.

Outreach in Love is religious education for children and adults with special needs. For info, email Candace.Aud@stedwardch.org. Classes meet in the School

Class schedule:

- Sunday, Jan. 23 Younger group in person at 10am
• Wednesday, Jan. 26 Older group Zoom at 7pm
• Wednesday, Feb. 2 Older group in person at 7pm
• Wednesday, Feb. 9 Older group Zoom at 7pm

TEENS



SUNDAYS 6:30-8PM

Life Teen (High School) and Edge (Middle School) are the catechetical programs offered for our teens. The full schedule is posted on our website, www.stedchurch.com. Click on Ministries, then Evangelization to view the dates.

Service | Prayer | Community | Fun
Youth Activities @ St. Edward

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8:00PM
9th grade-recently graduated seniors

January 26 Youth Group
February 2 Youth Group

NEW Rosary Group:
Wednesday nights before youth group, we will be saying the rosary starting at 6:00 in the columbarium.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP SAVE THE DATES!

June 18-24 Diocesan Work Camp
July 7-10 Steubenville Youth Conference (Atlanta)
July 24-30 Life Teen Camp Covecrest!

Baptism

See our website, www.stedchurch.com for our complete schedule. Click on Sacraments, then Baptism. Contact peggy.byers@stedwardch.org to schedule or for info.

First Penance and First Holy Communion

Our First Penance Services are complete. Our next class in January 23 or 31. Look for a reminder email the week of January 16.

Confirmation

Student sessions have begun! All registered families should have received an email. Contact andrew.mccarthy@stedwardch.org for information.

Youth Ministry Bake Sale Super Bowl Sunday weekend after all Masses! You have 1 month to lose your Christmas weight so you can support Youth Ministry programs by buying some delicious treats!



Middle School Youth Activities
6th-8th graders

Youth Group meets on Thursday, January 27 6:30pm in the Bosco Center. Watch your email for details. Not getting emails? Contact rachael.mattio@stedwardch.org.

Summer Save the Dates

Middle School Mission Week June 20-23
Edge Camp Hidden Lakes (GA) July 17-24

Look for information on sign ups in your Middle School email.

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St. Francis de Sales—January 24

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success. At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar." Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world." In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

Reflection

Francis de Sales took seriously the words of Christ, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." As he said himself, it took him 20 years to conquer his quick temper, but no one ever suspected he had such a problem, so overflowing with good nature and kindness was his usual manner of acting. His perennial meekness and sunny disposition won for him the title of "Gentleman Saint."

Saint Francis de Sales is the Patron Saint of: Authors, Deafness, Journalists, and Writers. -Franciscan Media

SS. Timothy and Titus—January 26

What we know from the New Testament of Timothy's life makes it sound like that of a modern harried bishop. He had the honor of being a fellow apostle with Paul, both sharing the privilege of preaching the gospel and suffering for it. Timothy had a Greek father and a Jewish mother named Eunice. Being the product of a "mixed" marriage, he was considered illegitimate by the Jews. It was his grandmother, Lois, who first became Christian. Timothy was a convert of Paul around the year 47 and later joined him in his apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. During the 15 years he worked with Paul, he became one of his most faithful and trusted friends. He was sent on difficult missions by Paul—often in the face of great disturbance in local churches which Paul had founded. Timothy was with Paul in Rome during the latter's house arrest. At some period Timothy himself was in prison (Hebrews 13:23). Paul installed him as his representative at the Church of Ephesus. Timothy was comparatively young for the work he was doing. Several references seem to indicate that he was timid. And one of Paul's most frequently quoted lines was addressed to him: "Stop drinking only water, but have a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent illnesses" (1 Timothy 5:23). Titus has the distinction of being a close friend and disciple of Paul as well as a fellow missionary. He was Greek, apparently from Antioch. Even though Titus was a Gentile, Paul would not let him be forced to undergo circumcision at Jerusalem. Titus is seen as a peacemaker, administrator, great friend. Paul's second letter to Corinth affords an insight into the depth of his friendship with Titus, and the great fellowship they had in preaching the gospel. When Paul was having trouble with the community at Corinth, Titus was the bearer of Paul's severe letter and was successful in smoothing things out. Paul writes he was strengthened not only by the arrival of Titus but also "by the encouragement with which he was encouraged in regard to you, as he told us of your yearning, your lament, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.... And his heart goes out to you all the more, as he remembers the obedience of all of you, when you received him with fear and trembling" (2 Corinthians 7:7a, 15). The "Letter to Titus" addresses him as the administrator of the Christian community on the island of Crete, charged with organizing it, correcting abuses, and appointing presbyter-bishops.

Reflections

In Titus we get another glimpse of life in the early Church: great zeal in the apostolate, great communion in Christ, great friendship. Yet always there is the problem of human nature and the unglamorous details of daily life: the need for charity and patience in "quarrels with others, fears within myself," as Paul says. Through it all, the love of Christ sustained them. At the end of the Letter to Titus, Paul says that when the temporary substitute comes, "hurry to me."

Saints Timothy and Titus are the Patron Saints of: Relief from Stomach Disorders. -Franciscan Media



St. Thomas Aquinas—January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today. ©LPI

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Date Night

What: Date Night 2021-22 is a marriage enrichment community building program. Invite couple friends from the parish, your neighborhood and other parishes.

When: Feb 19, March 19 and April 23
 We end with a Parish Wide Marriage Celebration Event on May 28, 2022.

Who: married & engaged couples

Cost: There is a \$10 charge per couple for the "Couples Guide" book

Registration: To register, please email Dan and Janis Riegel at dancva98@gmail.com.
 If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Kevin Hogan khogan@richmonddiocese.org.

Details: We meet for a meal that you bring for yourself, prior to the program @the Pavilion right after 5pm Saturday night Mass. We then proceed to SEES Cafeteria for the program; after dinner the program "Better Together" from **Dynamic Catholic** will be presented.

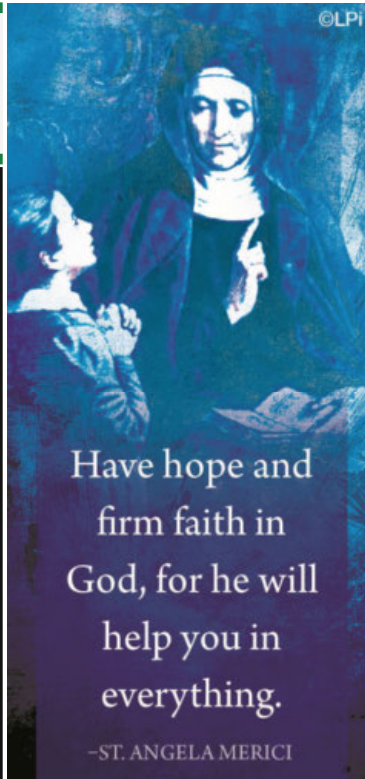
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Christian Men!
 Join us on Sunday mornings to pray, discuss, meditate on Scripture, & work on an action plan for the following week.

We meet from 10a-11a in the Music Room in the school building.

Our remaining sessions are January 23 and 30, 2022.

To register, email Deacon Kevin Hogan at khogan@richmonddiocese.org



Catholic Trivia—Just for Fun!
 Answer: St. Anthony of Padua
 WHO IS THE PATRON SAINT OF LOST THINGS?

Annual Statements For 2021

We are *not* bulk mailing statements.

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Call the office at 804-272-2948 to request your statement emailed or mailed to you. If possible, have your envelope # ready!



"Put the Family in the Hands of the Father"
 The **Men of St. Joseph** meet weekly Friday mornings, 7am-8am, and host a communion prayer service the First Friday of each month. The Magnificat is used as the main source for the daily readings and Sunday gospel discussed during the one hour prayer meetings. If you are interested in learning more about the MOSJ group, please contact: Deacon Kevin Hogan (khogan@richmonddiocese.org), Carl Tarantino (nuccarl@comcast.net) or Phil Sido (phil.sido@gmail.com) or just show up Friday morning.

LOCAL EVENTS

Cardinal Newman Academy is proud to present: Father John David Ramsey, Pastor of St. Benedict Catholic Church in Richmond, speaking on "Patience and Optimism: Practical Tips for Forming the Parent-Child Relationship in the Teen Years". The presentation will be at 7 PM on January 25, in the Cardinal Newman St. Michael Auditorium, located at 8706 Quaker Ln., Richmond (use the McRae Rd. entrance). Drinks and hors d'oeuvres provided. For more information, or to RSVP, email info@cardinalnewmanacademy.org

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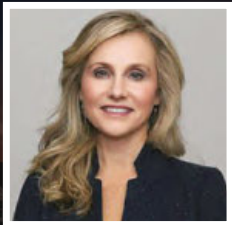


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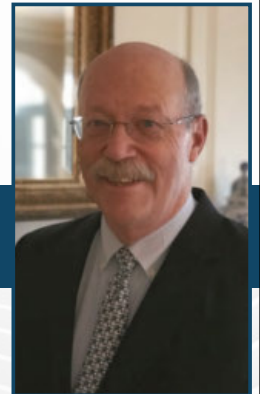
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