

May 2, 2021



**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH**

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Palmyra, VA 22963

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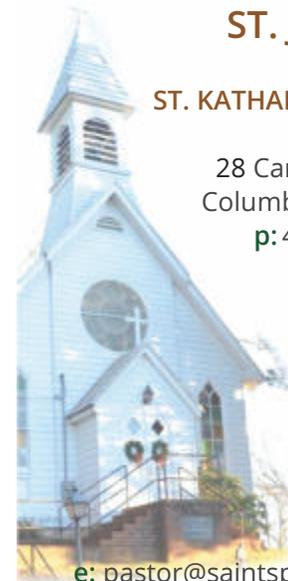
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**VISION STATEMENT**

To expand and strengthen the Christian Community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is demonstrated and fulfilled.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.



**ST. JOSEPH'S**

SHRINE OF  
ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

P.O. Box 808

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Columbia, VA 23038

**p:** 434.842.3970

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekends**

Saturday 5pm: SPP

Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's

11am: SPP

**Weekdays**

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

**Holy Days**

Vigil 7pm: SPP

Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's

Noon: SPP

**Confession**

Saturday 4pm: SPP

Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's  
(or by appointment)

Hospital Visits:

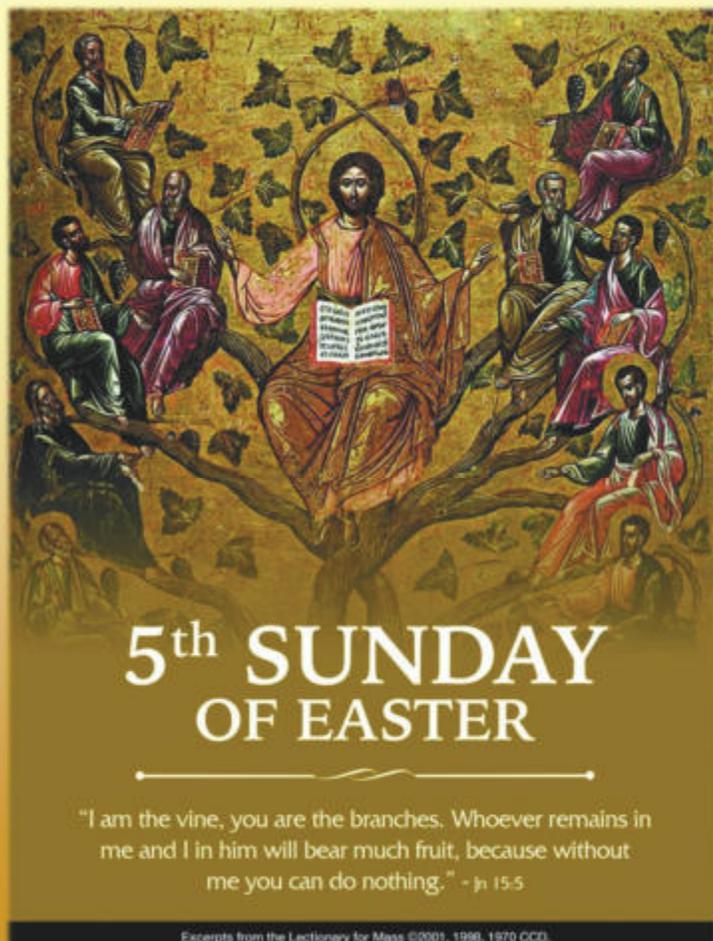
Call Parish Office

Or Rectory: 434.589.5200

Homebound: Call Parish

Office to schedule

Communion



**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**Evangelize**

**Sanctify**

**Serve**

# WELCOME



## Administration

### Pastoral Council Chair

Susan Feliciano, 434.589.7285

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Marlene Weaver, 434.589.2062

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Sid D'Amico, 434.996.4325

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### Lectors

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## Formation & Education

### CCD/RCIA

Rev. Mr. Peter Coleman, 540.250.6716

### Bible Study

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Celeste Shapiola, 434.981.1405

## Supported Ministries

### Cursillo

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### Knights of Columbus

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### Pastor

Rev. David Martin Ssentamu,  
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Rev. Mr. Robert Allen, 434.589.0941  
Rev. Mr. Peter Coleman, 540.250.6716

### Administrative Assistant

Karen Davidson, 434.589.5201

### Receptionist

Marianne Stewart-Carbocci

### Custodian

Patricia Harrison

Whether you are a visitor or new to our parish, interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or an active member of our parish, we are pleased that you have come.

### Bulletin & Announcements Deadline

Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to

[karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org)

## Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/  
1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/  
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/  
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

## Observances for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Monday: Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

## MAY 2021

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

#### BREAD & WINE

Donor  
Diana Mariutto

Memorial  
Fred Mariutto

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

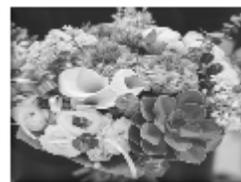
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#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

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Or have a Mass said for a loved one. Contact the office for availability.

# ENCOUNTER



## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

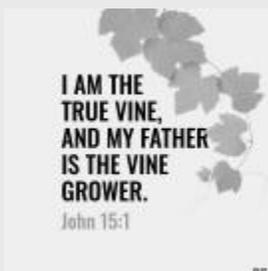
“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest? Love demands truth and action.

Call Father Brian Capuano  
at

804-359-5661

Or write

[vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life.

Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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# PARISH YOUTH



## Join Scouting!

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 6 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign him or her up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:

Cub Scouts (ages 6-10):

**Carrie Diaz Dawson**

[crdiaz034@gmail.com](mailto:crdiaz034@gmail.com)

703-297-2206

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys):

**Chuck Palmer**

[charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com](mailto:charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com)

(571)212-4445

Scouts BSA Troop 1138 (girls):

**Gator Shifflett**

[gator1983@live.com](mailto:gator1983@live.com)

(434) 531-7311

**Scouts BSA- Girl Troop 1138** - Scouts BSA is the traditional Scouting experience for youth in the fifth grade through high school. Troop 1138 is a very active girl troop with trained, dedicated leaders and parent support. A variety of trips are planned and designed by the youth leadership to include camping, zip lining, biking, and hiking.

Service, community engagement and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. Those who have earned the Eagle Scout rank count it among their most treasured achievements.

Our goal is to participate in scouting at all levels-local, regional, and national.

Please contact us if you would like more information, or would like to join this fantastic program!

**Contact for Scouts BSA Girl Troop 1138:**

Natalie Godfrey

[nmgodfrey@gmail.com](mailto:nmgodfrey@gmail.com), 434-270-1996

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Although we prefer traditional classroom instruction we will use an online program for virtual instruction due to Covid. We found an excellent program from My Catholic Faith Delivered. You can see a short video overview of it at:

<https://youtu.be/AM0R-JIYB4>

The cost is \$45 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child.

Registration forms are available at the office or on our website. Please provide a copy of the child(ren)'s baptismal certificate.

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) -

This program provides instruction to non-baptized and non-Catholics who are interested in becoming full members of the Catholic Church. If you, a spouse or a friend is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the office at 434-589-5201 and someone will get in touch with you.

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body.

Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary.

A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.



## GENERATE DONATIONS ALL YEAR WHILE SHOPPING THROUGH AMAZON

Whenever you shop deals at [Smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon will donate a portion of its proceeds to **Sts. Peter and Paul Church**.

Here's how:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1570812>



# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 1 - MAY 9, 2021

\* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

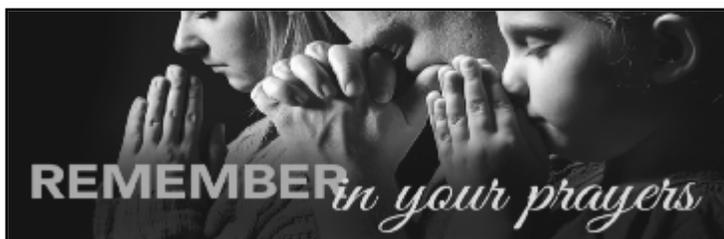
Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
Saturday	5/1	5pm	Bill Markle	D	Michael & Nancy King
Sunday	5/2	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/2	11am	Evelyn Gallagher	D	Mary Rausa
Wednesday	5/5	9am	Janet and George Lechner	D	Hal and Linda Smith
Thursday	5/6	9am	Joanne Harris	D	Nancy Cecil
Friday	5/7	9am	Fred Merkel	D	Richie & Carol Scampoli
Saturday	5/8	5pm	Ramon Arroyo	D	Knights of Columbus
Sunday	5/9	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	5/9	11am	Joan Fint	D	Ed & Kathy Seroskie

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country, particularly . . .

Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, Gerard Holodak, James Fulford, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, Rhett Hartwell, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Christopher McCarthy, Amanda Illig, Katie Marron, Luke Marron, Russ Marron, Zach Marron, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Scott Harrison Jr., Alex Ostrowski, Andrew Thompson, Matthew Reinitz, Michael Bohtelo, Raymond Markle, Taylor Graese and Adam Warren.

Pray God  
keeps them  
in His care.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vic Altieri, Michael Amato,  
Luke Abraham Heymann, Jackie Kraemer,  
Travis Moran, Claire van Nierop,  
and John Sheedy

Please call the office at **434.589.5201** for



*April*

### *Wedding Anniversaries*

Congratulations to the following  
couples who celebrated their wedding  
anniversary in **April**:

**Doug Mullinex and Linda Mangiaracina - 6 Years**

**Joe and Mary Ann Schaefer - 7 Years**

**Dave and Melissa Seal - 22 Years**

**Ronald and Maureen Otten - 33 Years**

**Charles and Anne Nicholson - 36 Years**

**Tom and Lois Kelly - 44 Years**

**Jim and Claire Kraemer - 49 Years**

**Larry and Cynthia McInay - 51 Years**

**Anthony and Patricia Amato - 55 Years**

**Daniel and Mona Schmitt - 64 Years**

**Bob and Janet Sayre - 65 Years**

# EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

## MAY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY 11:00AM

Date	Lector	EM	Date	Lector	EM
<b>1-May</b>			<b>2-May</b>		
	Doug Mullinex	Deacon Peter		Steve Momper	Deacon Peter
<b>8-May</b>			<b>9-May</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>	
	Pat Amato	Deacon Bob		Diana George	Deacon Bob
<b>15-May</b>			<b>16-May</b>		
	June Wimer	Deacon Peter		Diana George	Deacon Peter
<b>22-May</b>			<b>23-May</b>		
	Joanne Miglas	Deacon Bob		Cynthia Aycock	Deacon Bob

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Pew Count	
Sat. - 64   Sun. - 120	<b>April 24-25</b>
First Offering	\$2,944
First Offering: <b>Faith Direct</b>	\$2,109
Total	<b>\$5,053</b>
<b>MTD Debt Reduction \$ 5,899</b>	

The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

**Our DEBT REDUCTION Collection is THIS WEEKEND.**

*God bless you for your continued support .*



Spring is in full bloom - God's glory is all around us! You can help Sts. Peter and Paul Church flourish by making the switch to eGiving. It's a great way to grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can sign up from your computer, smart phone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the brightest days and the darkest storms. You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/VA249](http://faith.direct/VA249) or call toll-free **866.507.8757**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. **God bless.**

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

“That’s a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together.” I’ve never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can’t recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it’s usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don’t usually zero in on one branch. Maybe that’s because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father’s glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That’s all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility. When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that’s true for all of us. We’ve given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we’d really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It’s a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Rejoice! Bible Study

MONDAYS, 1PM-2PM

St. Elizabeth's Room  
in the Parish Center

Topic of Discussion:  
The Book of Genesis

**FACE COVERINGS  
REQUIRED**

For more  
information or to  
register, please call

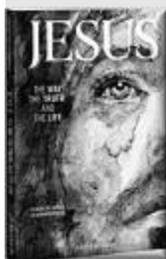
June Wimer at  
(434) 589-2863

ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	8-May	First Holy Communion	11:00a	St. Joseph's
		Confession	4:00p	R
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	9-May	Mother's Day - First Holy Communion		
		Confession	8:30am	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		First Holy Communion	11:00a	Church
		RCIA	6:30p	ZOOM
Mon	10-May	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
		Saved by the Book	7:00p	E
Tues	11-May	Al-Anon Meeting - On-line	7:30p	Zoom.us
Wed	12-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Troop 1138	7:00p	Virtual
Thurs	13-May	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Confession	4:00p	St. Joseph's
		Mass	5:00p	St. Joseph's
		Cursillo	5:00p	Virtual
Fri	14-May	Community Garden	8:30am	E
		Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	15-May	Confession	4:00p	R
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
Sun	16-May	Confession	8:30am	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		Mass with Incense	11:00a	Church
		RCIA	6:30p	ZOOM
<b>Room Ledger:</b> F - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)      R - St. Raphael (Church) E - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)      M - St. Michael (Church) C - Commons (Church)      FB - Facebook				



Sundays via ZOOM  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



**SAVED BY THE BOOK**

**BIBLE STUDY**

**Mondays, 7pm, Room E**

**SUBJECT: HEBREWS  
(MARCH 15 - MAY 17)**

ONLINE SELF-STUDY ALSO  
AVAILABLE ON ASCENSION PRESS

Prayerfully consider joining us.  
All are welcome.

Contact: Celeste Shapiola

(434-981-1405)  
cshapiola@yahoo.com

### ADOPT A PLOT

Do you like working in the garden? We are looking for volunteers to ADOPT A PLOT on the church grounds to pull weeds, spread mulch and, at the same time, help Building & Grounds beautify our church property. Maintenance would be needed at least once a month around curbs and trees. This could be a great community service project for families. Please contact Scott or Pat Harrison at 434.964.6916 for details.

**Thank you very much for your consideration!**

## MAY IS FOSTER CARE MONTH. MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There are children and teens right here in our community who need temporary care from safe and loving families. HopeTree Family Services is looking for people to consider long-term or short-term foster care for young people in our community. HopeTree provides the training and support you need to be the parents that they need. To hear more about this opportunity, please attend one of the **Online Information Sessions**:

May 13th, 6:30pm-7:30pm  
May 20th, 12:00pm-1:00pm  
May 27th, 6:30pm-7:30pm  
  
June 10th, 6:30pm-7:30pm  
June 17th, 12:00pm-1:00pm  
June 24th, 6:30pm-7:30pm

For more information or to RSVP contact Abigail Lee at [AbigailS@HopeTreeFS.org](mailto:AbigailS@HopeTreeFS.org) or visit our website [www.HopeTreeFosterCare.org](http://www.HopeTreeFosterCare.org).



Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on

**Jul 16 - 18, 2021 in Beaufort, SC and**

**Aug 27 - 29, 2021 in Hickory, NC**

Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at:

<https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>

*Save the date:*

## SAINTS PETER & PAUL Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER\*

**Date:** Sunday, AUGUST 29, 2021  
**GOLF:**  
**Time:** 12 pm Registration & Practice  
1 pm SHOTGUN (18 holes)  
**Place:** LAKE MONTICELLO GOLF COURSE



**\*DINNER:** Depending upon any COVID-19 directives in effect on 8/29/21 following golf at Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Francis Hall

*Dinner guests (non playing golfers) invited for an additional fee.*

Further details to follow in the upcoming months. For questions and information: contact Jim Cullinan 434.589.4551 or 434.996.9592

- ◆ Open to All - golfers, family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.
- ◆ Plan now for a day of fun!
- ◆ Tee-hole signs are available for both personal and business information.
- ◆ All profits benefit Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Question:

**Is gossip a mortal sin?**

### Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny" which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477). In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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It has been a long-standing Catholic tradition to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in May. In most churches, and even in many Catholic homes, a “May Altar” is erected with a statue or picture of Mary, flowers, and perhaps candles. The altar stands from May 1 to 31 as a reminder of Mary’s importance in the life of the Church and in our own lives as well.

Additionally, many Catholic churches and families hold a “May Crowning,” presenting Mary with a crown made of blossoms or other hand-crafted materials to signify her queenship as the mother of Christ, the King. Why May?

The tradition dates back to the ancient Greeks who dedicated the month of May to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. Romans also claimed May to honor Flora, the goddess of bloom or blossoms. They celebrated “floral games” at the end of April and petitioned Flora’s intercession for all that blooms. In medieval times, a tradition arose of expelling winter at this time of year, since May 1 was considered the start of new growth.

It was during the Middle Ages (11th century) that the idea of giving the month of May to Mary began with an old tradition, the “30-Day Devotion to Mary”, which was originally held August 15 to September 14. During the month, special devotions to Mary were organized, and this custom, which began in Italy eventually spread elsewhere.

Although we do not see Mary as a goddess of any sort – Catholics do not worship Mary, we honor, or venerate, her as Jesus’ mother – we have adapted the early Greek and Roman customs of honoring important women in their religions by honoring the most important woman in our religion: Mary. Fine. That is why Catholics in general honor Mary during May. Here are five reasons why it makes sense to honor her this month.

1. Mary is Jesus’ mother. She is the instrument of the Incarnation and her yes, or fiat, made it possible for our Lord to become the God-Man who was Crucified for our salvation.
2. She is the first and most perfect disciple. Mary was the first to hear the Good News, and the first to follow Christ. Her entire life was devoted to him and assisting him, in whatever way she could, to carry on his mission. Unaffected by Original Sin, she was able to perfectly open herself to God’s will.
3. She is our mother. To put it simply, she’s our mother because we are all members of the Body of Christ. Since she gave birth to that Body, then she’s our mother, too. At the moment she gave her fiat, she became our mother in the order of grace. She may not have given birth to us physically, but she certainly has given birth to us spiritually.
4. She loves you more than you can ever imagine. If she did not, would she have endured the horror of seeing her Son tortured, scourged, crowned with thorns, carry the Cross to Calvary, and die a gruesome death on it? She did it for you, for all of us, because she understood that Jesus’ Passion and Crucifixion was the only way to your (our) salvation. She loves you like no human mother ever could.
5. Mary is advocate, helper, benefactress and mediatrix. Her job began at the moment she conceived Jesus in her womb and continues until this day. What is more, it will continue for all eternity. As the first and most perfect disciple, she is devoted to accompanying him and continuing her saving office by interceding for us so that we may receive the gifts of eternal salvation. She is at work 24/7/365/forever, for whatever we need, whenever we need it.

For all these reasons and more, Mary deserves honor, not only during the month of May, but always.

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## Prayer to St. Joseph



*Oh, Saint Joseph, foster-father of Jesus, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for us daily to the same Jesus, the Son of God, that we, being defended by the power of His grace and striving faithfully in life, may be crowned by Him at the hour of death. Amen.*



## Changing lives, one meal at a time.

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***Fluvanna Meals on Wheels is here to help its neighbors one meal at a time.***

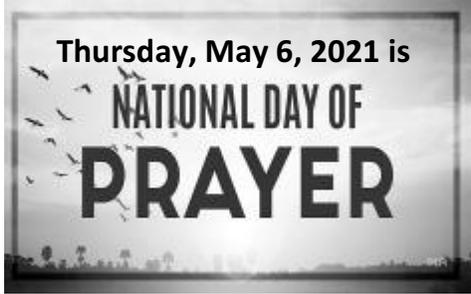


St. Katharine Drexel

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Thursday, May 6, 2021 is  
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\*Info is unavailable at this time.

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If you would like to honor a loved one by having a Mass said for them, contact the office at Sts. Peter and Paul at 434.589.5201 to arrange an available date.

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

Do you want to pass the faith on to the next generation? Do you want to share how God works in your life? Do you want others to know how much God loves them? Then prayerfully consider becoming a CCD volunteer. No teaching experience is needed. Any questions or to sign up, contact Celeste at [cshapiola@yahoo.com](mailto:cshapiola@yahoo.com) or 434-981-1405

**SHARING THE GOSPEL**

Put a brand new light bulb in a lamp. Turn the lamp on. It shines brightly. Now, unplug the lamp. The lamp goes dark. It might be a nice lamp. It might have a new light bulb. Yet, without being plugged in to electricity, the lamp cannot shine. In today's Gospel, Jesus is the vine and you are a branch. As long as you are attached to Jesus, your faith can grow fruit like love, kindness and gentleness. If you break away from Jesus, your faith will die, and you will not grow any fruit. Stay plugged in to Jesus so you can shine. Stay connected to Jesus so your faith can grow fruit.

**PRAYER**

God, help me to stay connected to Jesus.

If you have pictures or ministry information to add to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at: [kenneymg@gmail.com](mailto:kenneymg@gmail.com)



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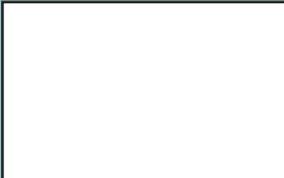


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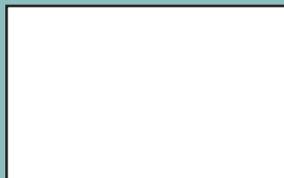
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