

# THE RICHMOND CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kathy Akins, Lillian Allen, Clem Andrews, Anne Awad, Ava Blakeslee-Carter, Sandra Buckles, Bill Campbell, Anne Cary, Tom Cary, Kathy Chronowski, Fr. Danny Cogut, Robert Cole, Andrea Coleman-Young, Alan DeNardo, Gloria Ince-Diggs & Joseph Wayne Diggs, Myra Doherty, Beverly Draper, Rick DuFour, Shirley Dunn, Nancy Eckler, Paul Evans, Wayne Ewing, Joan Faison, Stanhope Flournoy, Judy French, Suzanne French, Renee Galiotti, Georgina Gerhardt, Nancy Goodman, David Gragnani, Leonora Gray, Leslie Gray, James Green, Sandy Haddix, Bret Hall, Eileen Hammond, Michael Harley, Marvin Hoke, Peggy Holt, Barbie Jones, Brittney Jones, Chris Jones, Donald Kern, Jeff Korschack, Mare Marshall, Shaun McDowell, Mary Miskimon, Theresa Mosely, Ralph Hyatt, Millie Kennedy, Alison Knickelbine, Rosetta Longo, John LoRe, Sherrie Markow, Marie Martinelli, Rita Mayer, Stokes McCune, Dale McGlynn, Eileen McLaughlin, A.R. Murray, Pat O'Donnell, Dr Paul Ohai, Helen Oliver, Jesse Oliver, Richard Painter, Mildred Parham, Clara Pate, Pat Penhallow, Becky Phillips, Harvey Purcell Jr, Camilla Raimo, Helen Rice, Sterling Robinson, Warren Ross, Mary Margaret Shannon, Dylan Shnowski, John & Peggy Smith, Thomas Smith III, Rachel Snyder, Geraldine Thornton, William Toots, Monique Tucker, Kathy VanPelt, Ed Walker, Mimi Ward, Roger Wayte, Richard Williams, Bob & Maggie Wilkins, Sylvia Winston, Jim & Kathleen Wood, Eileen Zorzi.

**Please email or call the office to add to the prayer list. Please let us know how to pray for your loved ones in an intentional way.**

Click to register in the parish, or see a registration form at the back of the Church.

Haga clic para registrarse en la parroquia, o vea el formulario de registro en la parte posterior de la Iglesia.

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

We have feast days honoring our patrons: **Saint Peter** (Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Saturday, February 22, or alternatively, the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Sunday, June 29); **Saint Patrick** (Monday, March 17). We should start planning for them now. Anyone interested? *So far, folks have asked about hosting a reception at Saint Peter, and a Mass with a procession and fellowship at Saint Patrick.* The earlier we start planning the better! **Who would like to help?**

- Fr. Capuano

#### WITH GRATITUDE

I'm grateful for the time that Deacon Chris Corrigan has committed to our parish communities over the last couple of months. This weekend, he concludes his time in Richmond and anticipates new ministry at St. Ann Catholic Church, Colonial Heights in the coming days. Please pray for Deacon Corrigan; his family, Fr. Bulinda, the pastor of St. Ann, and all the parishioners.

- Fr. Capuano

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Saturday, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul**

**9:00 AM St. Peter Pastoral Council**

4:30 PM Confession, St. John  
 4:30 PM Confession, St. Patrick  
 5:30 PM Mass, +Red Goodman, St. John  
 5:30 PM Mass, *Misa Pro Populo*, St. Patrick  
 7:00 PM Reunión de la Comunidad Carismática, San Juan

**Sunday, January 26, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Mass, +Gordon Tucker, St. Peter  
 9:00 AM Mass, +James Billeter St. John  
 9:30 AM Religious Formation and Fellowship, St. Peter Hall & Parlor  
 9:30 AM Religious Formation, St. Patrick Hall & Basement  
 10:45 AM Mass, +Tucker Conley, St. Peter  
 10:45 AM Mass, +Joan Liebarman & +Ann Brazil, St. Patrick  
 11:45 AM Volunteer Office Meeting, St. Patrick Rectory Basement  
 12:30 PM Misa, +Delfino Roblero Gonzalez, San Juan

**Monday, January 27, St. Angela Merici, opt. m.**

11:15 AM Confession, St. Peter  
 12:05 PM Mass, Anthony Dowdy, St. Peter

**Tuesday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas, Memorial**

10:00 AM Council of Women Board Meeting, St. John R.E. Building  
 11:00 AM C.S. Lewis Study, St. Patrick Hall  
 11:15 AM Confession, St. Peter  
 12:05 PM Mass, +Cassie Edwards, St. Peter

**Wednesday, January 29, Feria**

11:15 AM Confession, St. Peter  
 12:05 PM Mass, Protection of the Unborn, St. Peter  
*Mass with Bishops Knestout and Burbidge and Pro-Life Day Participants*  
 5:30 PM CCC Class, St. John R.E. Building

**Thursday, January 30, Feria**

8:30 AM Mass, +Robert Bischoff, St. John  
 10:30 AM Bible Study, St. Patrick  
 11:15 AM Confession, St. Peter  
 12:05 PM Mass, Teddy Flamia, St. Peter

**Friday, January 31, St. John Bosco, Memorial**

**Youth Yard Sale at St. John**

11:15 AM Confession, St. Peter  
 12:05 PM Mass, +Jimmy Middleton, St. Peter

**Saturday, February 1, Feria**

**Youth Yard Sale at St. John**

**St. Blaise Blessing of Throats at all evening Masses**

9:00AM Confession & Adoration, St. Patrick  
 4:30 PM Confession, St. Patrick  
 4:30 PM Confession, St. John  
 5:30 PM Mass, +Joseph Hilterman, St. Patrick  
 5:30 PM Mass, +Catherine Kolakoski, St. John  
 7:00 PM Asamblea Renovación Carismática, San Juan  
 7:00 PM Hora Santa, San Juan

**THE PRO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER**

**Weekend Collection**

**January 19, 2025**

Weekly	Year-to-date
Actual \$4,994.00	Actual \$131,499.76
Budget <u>\$3,058.00</u>	Budget <u>\$97,585.00</u>
(\$1,936)	\$33,914.76

**Weekend Mass Attendance**

8:30 AM	10:45 AM
<b>105</b>	<b>62</b>

**SAINT PATRICK**  
**Weekend Collection**

**January 19, 2025**

Weekly	Year-to-date
Actual \$3,033.12	Actual \$128,071.67
Budget <u>\$4,097.55</u>	Budget <u>\$119,741.00</u>
(\$1064.43)	\$8,330.67

5:30 PM	10:45 AM
<b>29</b>	<b>125</b>

**Weekend Mass Attendance**

**SAINT JOHN/ SAN JUAN**  
**Weekend Collection**

**January 19, 2025**

Weekly	Year-to-date
Actual \$4,394.70	Actual \$175,765.59
Budget <u>\$4,947.00</u>	Budget <u>\$149,002.00</u>
(\$552.30)	\$26,763.59

**Weekend Mass Attendance**

5:30 PM	9:00 AM	12:30 PM
<b>70</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>357</b>

All totals include weekly collection and E-Giving

**Upcoming Events:**  
**Saint Patrick Pastoral Council**  
**Saturday, February 8, 9:00 AM, in the hall**

**Saint John Pastoral Council**  
**Saturday, March 8, 9:00 AM, conference room**

*If you are interested in participating in one of the councils, please email Fr. Capuano, [bcapuano@richmondcluster.org](mailto:bcapuano@richmondcluster.org).*

**Ash Wednesday - March 5th**  
 8:30 AM - Saint John (No music)  
 12:05 PM - Saint Peter  
 6:00 PM - Saint Patrick  
 6:00 PM - Holy Hour - Saint John  
 7:00 PM - San Juan (Español)

**THE PASTOR'S WEEKLY REFLECTION/  
REFLEXIÓN SEMANAL DEL PÁRROCO**

We are all of one body with Christ as the head because we all “drink of the one Spirit,” so says St. Paul.

Among any number of reflections is this: how are you contributing to the Body to ensure that it is alive and functioning according to its Divine Mission? The Holy Father has now spent years attempting to reflect with the Church that we are to be journeying together, listening together, that we are meant to be a “Synodal Church,” which is to say that we are meant to fraternally collaborate and discern together.

Among the ways we do this is through town halls, staff meetings, pastoral and finance council meetings, and the faithful bringing their needs, desires, and hopes to their pastors.

How are you bringing your personal needs and the needs of our churches to the table? How might I ensure that I am hearing you and being heard by you? Please be assured of my prayers this week.

Todos somos un solo cuerpo con Cristo como cabeza porque todos “bebemos del mismo Espíritu”, como dice San Pablo. Entre las muchas reflexiones que se pueden hacer, está la siguiente: ¿cómo estás contribuyendo al Cuerpo para asegurar que esté vivo y funcionando de acuerdo con su Misión Divina? El Santo Padre ha pasado años intentando reflexionar con la Iglesia sobre el hecho de que debemos caminar juntos, escuchar juntos, que estamos llamados a ser una “Iglesia sinodal”, es decir, que debemos colaborar fraternalmente y discernir juntos.

Entre las formas en que lo hacemos está a través de reuniones públicas, reuniones de personal, reuniones de los consejos pastorales y financieros, y los fieles que llevan sus necesidades, deseos y esperanzas a sus pastores.

¿Cómo estás llevando a la mesa tus necesidades personales y las necesidades de nuestras iglesias? ¿Cómo puedo asegurarme de que te estoy escuchando y de que me escuchas?

Ten la seguridad de que esta semana rezaré por ti.

**The Pro-Cathedral of Saint Peter  
Pastoral Council 2025**

Liz Aldridge, Greg Hannahs, Amy Huesman  
Mike Kachuba, Joe Koch, Linda Shisler  
Vanessa Cubas (Secretary)

The original meeting was scheduled for Saturday, January 11th, but was canceled due to questionable weather. I welcome additional members who are interested in reflecting on parish life and how we might support, form, and grow our community and our various ministries.

Fr. Capuano

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

The first weekend of February (Feb 1-2), the usual Sunday in Ordinary Time is superseded this year by the Feast of the Presentation, also known as Candlemas. Traditionally, the Feast of the Presentation is the conclusion of the Christmas season. Candles are blessed to symbolize Christ as “the light to the revelation of the Gentiles” (Luke 2:32) from the Gospel of the day.

We begin the Mass by blessing candles and then processing into the church. You are welcome to bring candles from your home to be blessed. We'll have tables available in the narthex of each church for you to drop off your candles prior to the beginning of Mass. Please bring candles in a box with your name on them for easy pick up after Mass.

**Saint Blaise Blessing** - On the Feast of Saint Blaise, February 3, there is a traditional blessing of throats. In anticipation, the priests will offer the blessing on Feb 1 & 2 during the recessional following each Mass. The blessing will then be celebrated again at the conclusion of Mass on Monday, Feb. 3.



**VOTIVE MASS OF THE SACRED HEART**

On Friday February 7th at 6:00 PM, we will celebrate a Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart in honor of Servant of God, Frank Parater, at Saint Patrick. February 7th is the day of Frank Parater's death, who had a strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Mass will feature a professional quartet of singers, to assist in the celebration. Please join us for this special Mass as we pray for the intercession of Frank Parater and work to further the cause for his canonization.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

Recently, the Holy Father inaugurated a new Holy Year of Hope. In his comments he offered the following: “during the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind” (*Spes non confundit*, 10). He noted how indulgenced works are linked to certain works of mercy and penance, which bear witness to the conversion undertaken.

The faithful, following the example and mandate of Christ, are encouraged to carry out works of charity or mercy more frequently, especially in the service of those brothers and sisters who are burdened by various needs. More especially, they should rediscover these “corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead” (*Misericordiae vultus*, 15) and rediscover also “the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead” (*ibid.*).

In the midst of our work in the community, don’t forget how your assistance can help purify your own soul and those who have gone before us.

Despite the rule that only one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day (cf. *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, IV ed., norm. 18, § 1), the faithful who have carried out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in Purgatory, if they receive Holy Communion a second time that day, can obtain the plenary indulgence twice on the same day, applicable only to the deceased (this must take place within a Eucharistic celebration; see can. 917 and the Pontifical Commission for the authentic interpretation of the CIC, *Responsa ad dubia*, 1, 11 July 1984). Through this double act, a praiseworthy exercise of supernatural charity is carried out, through that bond by which the faithful still journeying on this earth are united in the mystical Body of Christ, with those who have already completed their journey, by virtue of the fact that “the Jubilee indulgence, thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy” (*Spes non confundit*, 22) (Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025, III).

### Annual Saint Patrick Festival

As many know, the annual Saint Patrick Festival is held every year *near* the Feast Day. The Festival supports Saint Patrick parish and a host of other churches and entities throughout the Richmond area, to include her sister parishes of the Pro-Cathedral of Saint Peter and Saint John.

This year, the Festival will be held the weekend of **Saturday-Sunday, March 15-16**. Last year, we had generous volunteer participation from parishioners from all three parishes, that prompted generous contributions from the proceeds of the Festival to all three communities.

This year, we would love to have additional participation from all three parishes to make this year’s festival a resounding success.

**Please join on Sundays after the 10:45 AM Mass at Saint Patrick for our volunteer meetings in the kitchen.**

Fr. Capuano

Recientemente, el Santo Padre inauguró un nuevo Año Santo de la Esperanza. En sus comentarios, ofreció lo siguiente: “durante el Año Santo, estamos llamados a ser signos tangibles de esperanza para aquellos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas que experimentan dificultades de cualquier tipo” (*Spes non confundit*, 10). Señaló cómo las obras con indulgencia están vinculadas a ciertas obras de misericordia y penitencia, las cuales dan testimonio de la conversión emprendida.

Los fieles, siguiendo el ejemplo y mandato de Cristo, son alentados a realizar obras de caridad o misericordia con mayor frecuencia, especialmente al servicio de aquellos hermanos y hermanas que están agobiados por diversas necesidades. Más especialmente, deberían redescubrir estas “obras corporales de misericordia: dar de comer al hambriento, dar de beber al sediento, vestir al desnudo, acoger al extranjero, curar a los enfermos, visitar a los presos y enterrar a los muertos” (*Misericordiae vultus*, 15) y redescubrir también “las obras espirituales de misericordia: aconsejar a los que tienen dudas, instruir a los ignorantes, amonestar a los pecadores, consolar a los afligidos, perdonar las ofensas, sufrir con paciencia los males que nos hagan, y orar por los vivos y los muertos” (*ibid.*).

En medio de nuestro trabajo en la comunidad, no olvidemos cómo nuestra asistencia puede ayudar a purificar nuestra propia alma y las de aquellos que nos precedieron.

A pesar de la norma que establece que solo se puede obtener una indulgencia plenaria por día (cf. *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, IV ed., norm. 18, § 1), los fieles que hayan realizado un acto de caridad en favor de las almas del Purgatorio, si reciben la Santa Comunión una segunda vez ese día, pueden obtener la indulgencia plenaria dos veces en el mismo día, aplicable únicamente a los difuntos (esto debe ocurrir dentro de una celebración eucarística; véase can. 917 y la Comisión Pontificia para la interpretación auténtica del CIC, *Responsa ad dubia*, 1, 11 de julio de 1984). A través de este doble acto, se realiza un ejercicio loable de caridad sobrenatural, mediante ese vínculo por el cual los fieles que aún peregrinan en esta tierra se unen en el Cuerpo Místico de Cristo con aquellos que ya han completado su camino, en virtud de que “la indulgencia jubilar, gracias al poder de la oración, está destinada de manera particular a aquellos que nos han precedido, para que puedan obtener la misericordia plena” (*Spes non confundit*, 22) (Decreto sobre la concesión de la indulgencia durante el Año Jubilar Ordinario 2025, III).

### Upcoming Fellowship & Study Opportunity:

Do you want to learn more about salvation history as it unfolds in the Old and New Testaments? Join us for food, fellowship, and discussion as Amy Huesman (St. Peter’s) leads us in a nine-week study of John Bergsma’s Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History. There is nothing basic about Bergsma’s fresh approach to the covenants of the Old Testament that point to Jesus Christ and the Wedding Feast of the Lamb to come! A light meal and dessert will be provided. (NOTE: Following along with the book at home is optional. It is available on-line for free at [archive.org](http://archive.org).)

**When: Thursdays, beginning February 6, 5:30 – 7:00 PM**

**Where: Pro-Cathedral of St. Peter Fellowship Hall**

**THE PRO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER**

<b>Entrance</b>	<b>O Christ the Great Foundation</b>	<b>#618</b>
<b>Psalms</b>	<b>Your words, Lord, are spirit and life</b>	<b>#873</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Where Temple Offerings are Made</b>	<b>#622</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord</b>	<b>#732</b>
<b>Recessional</b>	<b>Alleluia Sing to Jesus</b>	<b>#737</b>

**Social Ministry:** This week, we fed over **248** guests a hot meal, **16** guests utilized the showers, **21** guests utilized the clothing closet, **12** bags of groceries plus **20** snack bags were given out to those in need.

**Wish List:** men's jeans, men's boxer brief underwear & white t-shirts all sizes.

**Virginia Pro-life Day**

On **Wednesday, January 29th**, the Dioceses of Richmond and Arlington will be participating in the newly formed Virginia Pro-life Day, which is an offshoot of what had been the National Pro-life March in Washington DC.

To conclude events and festivities in the Richmond area, **Bishop Knestout** and Bishop Burbidge (Diocese of Arlington) will celebrate Mass **at the Pro-Cathedral of Saint Peter at the regularly scheduled 12:05 PM Mass**. This Mass will be involve those participating in earlier events of the day.

**Please note: this Mass will have music and will be longer than usual daily Mass at St. Peter.**

Fr. Capuano

**SAINT PATRICK**

**Please note:** The boiler cracked during the last storm. It will be at least a month before we can replace it. Space heaters have been purchased to warm the Church during the current winter season. Thank you for your flexibility. A word of immense gratitude goes out to Eddie Baird for keeping an eye out on the parish and helping maintain our beautiful little church.

**Choir Loft:** Please note, outside of the rare moments when we are maxed out in the church, **the choir loft is off limits to those not in the choir**, to allow the organist & choir the opportunity to focus and be attentive to the needs of the Sacred Liturgy.

Fr. Capuano

**February 1 & 2 is Sharing Sunday Weekend.** Please drop off your non-perishable food and clothes donations at Saint Patrick Parish Hall before or after Mass on Saturday or Sunday. Your monthly donations are collected each 1st weekend of the month at Saint Patrick Church to support the food pantry and clothes closet at the Pro-Cathedral of Saint Peter in Richmond.

**Feast Day Celebrations:** The Ancient Order of Hibernians will be hosting a Saint Patrick Feast Day celebration at **9:00 AM** on Monday, March 17th. Their members will be gathering for a breakfast social in the hall following the Mass. Fr. Jim Arsenault from Saint Elizabeth will be the celebrant.

The parish will hold a second Mass in the evening at **6:00 PM on Monday, March 17th**, with a procession and fellowship to follow.

**Volunteers are needed to assist, please see Fr. Capuano.**

**MUSIC AT SAINT PATRICK & SAINT JOHN**

This weekend at St. Patrick's, the communion motet is a soprano duet titled "Peace to You," a citation from St. John's Gospel [20:21-22].

*Peace to you, my peace be with you. As the Father sent me, now I send you.  
Receive the Holy Spirit. My peace I give to you, now and forever. Amen.*

This modern composition, scored for two sopranos, is a meditation on the Gospel account of Jesus appearing to His disciples. Through the calm and clarifying harmonies, this soprano duet paints a pastoral picture of the peace of Christ. Towards the end, the piece reaches its zenith on the most satisfying and consonant harmony at the word "peace," and from there, begins its descent to a restful end. Consider the commentary on this passage of Jesus appearing after the resurrection to his disciples, by Catholic author Pierre-Marie Dumont: "The Lord begins by restoring peace to the frightened hearts of his Apostles: 'Peace be with you!'—the traditional Jewish greeting, Shalom alekhem. Yet, in the mouth of the Risen Jesus, this is not just a kindly salutation; it is an immediately effective word: peace is literally given to the Apostles. Jesus had said as much in his farewell discourse: 'My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives it do I give it to you' (Jn 14:27). The peace of Jesus is a divine gift: it is his presence—dwelling forever among his own—that gives it."

In the proceeding verse [23], Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Confession, "whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity concludes, let us pray that all Christians may find true peace in the presence of Christ.

**SAINT JOHN**

**Eastern Henrico FISH, Inc.** depends on the help of local churches and charitable organizations. It provides clothes, food, and financial assistance for people with short term emergencies. **January item: Brunswick Stew.**

**A heartfelt thank you to our incredible "Busy Bees"** for their relentless dedication and hard work, ensuring we have beautiful seasonal crafts and delicious goodies throughout the year! Thanks to your support in purchasing their creations and baked goods, the Busy Bees were able to donate \$2,836 to St. John's last calendar year. We truly appreciate everything you do, Busy Bees, and a big thank you to the St. John's community for continuing to support their efforts. Let's keep this wonderful momentum going!

**St. John's Youth Yard Sale & Food Sale**

Hello, parishioners! We've got something exciting coming your way—our **St. John's Youth Group** is hosting a **Yard Sale and Food Sale next weekend**, and we'd love for you to be part of it! It's all to help send our youth to the **Diocesan Youth Convention**, so your support will really make a difference.

**When:**

- Friday, Feb 31 from 4 PM to 7 PM
- Saturday & Sunday, Mar 1 & 2 from 7 AM to 3 PM

Do you have gently used items to donate? We'd be so grateful! Drop them off at the Social Hall starting Sunday, Feb 26, and we'll be collecting them all week. This is a great chance to score some amazing deals and enjoy tasty food—all while supporting a fantastic cause! Spread the word, bring your family and friends, and let's make this event a huge success! We can't wait to see you there!

**Outreach Schedule at  
The Pro-Cathedral of Saint Peter**

- Tuesday Lunch – 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- Tuesday Clothes Closet – 12:30 – 3:00 PM
- Tuesday Pantry Bags – 12:00 PM
- Tuesday Shower – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Wednesday Dinner – 4:30 – 5:30 PM

*What else can we be doing to reach out?*

**Interested in assisting?/ ¿Interesado en ayudar?**

[outreachstpeter@richmondcluster.org](mailto:outreachstpeter@richmondcluster.org).

**SAN JUAN**

**El primer fin de semana de febrero** (1 y 2 de febrero), el domingo habitual del Tiempo Ordinario, se sustituye este año por la Fiesta de la Presentación, también conocida como la Candelaria. Tradicionalmente, la Fiesta de la Presentación es la conclusión de la temporada navideña. Las velas se bendicen para simbolizar a Cristo como “luz para la revelación de los gentiles” (Lucas 2:32), según el Evangelio del día.

Comenzamos la Misa bendiciendo las velas y luego entramos en procesión a la iglesia. Puedes traer velas de tu casa para que sean bendecidas. Tendremos mesas disponibles en el nártex de cada iglesia para que dejes tus velas antes del comienzo de la misa. Trae las velas en una caja con tu nombre para que sea más fácil recogerlas después de la Misa.

**Bendición de San Blas** - El 3 de febrero, día de San Blas, se celebra la tradicional bendición de gargantas. Como anticipo, los sacerdotes ofrecerán la bendición el 2 de febrero durante la misa de recesión posterior.

**Miércoles de Ceniza - 5 de marzo**  
**6:00 PM - Hora Santa**  
**7:00 PM - San Juan**

Un sincero agradecimiento a nuestras increíbles "Busy Bees (Abejas Trabajadoras)" por su dedicación incansable y arduo trabajo, asegurándose de que tengamos hermosas manualidades y deliciosos postres y dulces durante todo el año. ¡Gracias a su apoyo al comprar sus creaciones y productos horneados, las Abejas Trabajadoras pudieron donar \$2,306 a San Juan durante el año pasado! Realmente apreciamos todo lo que hacen nuestras Abejas Trabajadoras, y un enorme agradecimiento a la comunidad de San Juan por seguir apoyando sus esfuerzos. ¡Sigamos manteniendo este maravilloso impulso!

**Venta de Patio y Venta de Comida del Grupo Juvenil de San Juan**

¡Hola, feligreses! Tenemos algo emocionante para ustedes: ¡el Grupo Juvenil de San Juan organizará una Venta de Patio y Venta de Comida el próximo fin de semana, y nos encantaría que fueran parte de ello! Todo es para ayudar a enviar a nuestros jóvenes a la Convención Diocesana de Jóvenes, así que su apoyo realmente marcará la diferencia.

**Cuándo:** Viernes, 31 de febrero de 4:00 PM a 7:00 PM  
Sábado y Domingo, 1 y 2 de marzo de 7:00 AM a 3:00 PM  
¿Tienes artículos ligeramente usados para donar? ¡Estaríamos muy agradecidos! Puedes dejarlos en el Salón Social a partir del domingo 26 de febrero, y los estaremos recolectando durante toda la semana.

¡Esta es una excelente oportunidad para conseguir ofertas increíbles y disfrutar de comida deliciosa, todo mientras apoyas una causa fantástica! Corre la voz, trae a tu familia y amigos, ¡y hagamos de este evento un gran éxito!

¡Esperamos verte allí!

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal:**

*Sharing His Love with Others*

The 2025 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Empowering the Next Generation, Providing for Those in Need, and Strengthening Catholic Communities.

In addition, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected. This year, the funds returned will be used to highlight specific parish projects that will be addressed with 2025 ADA rebate funds.

In complement to the funds returned to our parish through the parish sharing formula, the 2025 Appeal also benefits us through the following ministries and programs. Our parishes benefit directly from the Fuel and Hunger fund to support our social ministries, the parish sharing program in support of Saint John, the ministry of our retired clergy, and of course various initiatives connected to youth and young adult ministry, and seminarian formation.

**Campaña Diocesana Anual 2025:**

*Compartiendo Su amor con los demás*

La Campaña 2025 proporcionará fondos críticos para tres áreas clave de nuestra Iglesia Diocesana: Empoderar a la próxima generación, Proveer a los necesitados y Fortalecer las comunidades católicas.

Además, nuestra parroquia recibe de vuelta una parte de los fondos recaudados. Este año, los fondos devueltos se utilizarán para destacar proyectos parroquiales específicos que se abordarán con los fondos de reembolso de la ADA de 2025.

Como complemento a los fondos devueltos a nuestra parroquia a través de la fórmula de participación parroquial, la Campaña 2025 también nos beneficia a través de los siguientes ministerios y programas. Nuestras parroquias se benefician directamente del fondo Fuel and Hunger para apoyar nuestros ministerios sociales, el programa de participación parroquial en apoyo de Saint John, el ministerio de nuestro clero jubilado y, por supuesto, varias iniciativas relacionadas con el ministerio de jóvenes y adultos jóvenes y la formación de seminaristas.

**RESOURCES FOR DEEPER DISCIPLESHIP**



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A CATHOLIC APPROACH TO THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF RACE BIAS

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Please ask for his intercession and send favors granted to: [chancellor@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:chancellor@richmonddiocese.org).

*If you would like to help financially support the creation of a statue of Frank to help support devotion, please email the Chancellor's office.*

**PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SERVANT OF GOD FRANK PARTER**

Loving Father, your servant Frank Parater sought perfection as a student, scout and seminarian. He offered himself to you completely through the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Through his intercession, may young people answer your call to follow Jesus as priests, deacons and religious. Grant, as well, the favors I seek, so that your Church will recognize his holiness and proclaim him Blessed. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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