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Sacramental Information

PENANCE: Thursday 7:30pm to 8:30 pm
Saturday 4:00-5:00pm and by appointment;
Sunday En español: 12:15pm—12:45pm

BAPTISM AND MATRIMONY: Please contact the Rectory or go to the website for information. In-class preparation is required. Please call Rectory to register.

ANointing of the SICK: Please contact the Rectory for a priest.

Mass Schedule

PHASE 3 ADJUSTED MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7:00am & 12:05pm
Saturdays: 9:00am;
Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Sundays: 7:00, 9:30am, 12:45pm
en Espanol and 7:30pm
(Contemporary Music)

LIVE-STREAM SCHEDULE

Daily: 12:05pm, Saturday 9:00am
Sunday: 9:30am and 12:45 and 7:30pm
The Rosary: Monday-Friday at 11:40am

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From Our Rector

Why does Jesus spend so much time with these parables about vineyards, unworthy servants and innocent victims? Matthew's audience are Jewish-Christians who would understand his allegories. Jesus has been asked repeatedly about his authority; the Pharisees still, after all this time, cannot see themselves in His teachings. They cannot see how they (and Jesus) are fulfilling scripture even as it is being written. Even the apostles have difficulty grasping their role in Jesus' mission. But Matthew's audience should see and comprehend the message: The Lord God sent his son Jesus to right the path towards salvation.

Today's parable has easily identifiable characters: the host of the wedding feast (salvation) is God. The slaves (prophets) sent to the invited guests (Israelites) are mistreated and often killed. The second group of guests are the Gentiles, some good, some "bad" but those who would answer the invitation. This invitation is a call to salvation.

So what did they do with the King's invitation? Some ignored it; some (in Luke's version) don't even bother making excuses, they just don't show up. Why? What is so difficult about attending a wedding feast? Sounds fun to me. But Jesus' call is a one of mercy, forgiveness, of loving one's enemies, of sacrifice. That does not sound like a feast. It sounds hard.

And the call to discipleship is hard. It is hard looking the other way when people insult you for your beliefs; it is hard to love that annoying neighbor; it's hard to sacrifice your time and your financial blessings to give to others; it's hard being Christ-like to those who test your commitment daily.

It's hard. But not impossible. For as St. Paul reminds us in the second reading, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Saint Paul, like Job, knew "abundance and being in need." Both were tested in their faith and both withstood that test. Believe that God will give you the grace to be humble during the good times and to be strong during the bad times. Pray to be God's servant first, last and always.

There are many things testing us today in our world, our nation and our homes. Pope Francis, in *Fratelli Tutti* spoke to the divisions we are facing and yet asks us to remember Saint Francis: to "spread the love of God." This is an invitation worth answering.

God Bless. Fr. Posey

EXPLORE MORE at THE CATHEDRAL!

WELCOME and thank you for joining us. The Cathedral is the Mother Church of the Diocese, and home to many events throughout the year, as well as an award-winning School. Whether you need to update your contact information, or want to register, the process is easy. Registration forms can be found at the Cathedral entrances or you can go to <https://www.cathedralstm.org/about/registration/>



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Bulletin deadline is two weeks prior to publication date.

**Please go to <https://bit.ly/2YDnyPH>
for bulletin, lector and Cathedral Connection
submissions.**

Today's Readings

First Reading: Is 25:6–10a
 Responsorial: Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6
 Second Reading: Phil 4:12–14, 19–20
 Gospel: Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31 — 5:1;
 Ps 113:1b–5a, 6–7; Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1–6; Ps 119:41, 43–45,
 47–48; Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18–25; Ps 1:1–4, 6;
 Lk 11:42–46

Thursday: Eph 1:1–10; Ps 98:1–6;
 Lk 11:47–54

Friday: Eph 1:11–14; Ps 33:1–2, 4–5,
 12–13; Lk 12:1–7

Saturday: Eph 1:15–23; Ps 8:2–3ab, 4–7;
 Lk 12:8–12

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4–6; Ps 96:1, 3–5, 7–10;
 1 Thes 1:1–5b; Mt 22:15–21

REQUEST A MASS INTENTION

Did you know? The custom of requesting a Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be physically present at the Mass, is a longstanding tradition in the Church. Masses can be offered to celebrate Baptisms, Birthdays, Anniversary, Confirmations, Special Intentions, and/or to commemorate the anniversary of a loved one's death. Please contact the Rectory Office 703-525-1300.

Your offering can be mailed or done online at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA326>

Please pray for those serving our country:

Captain Timothy P. Blaine, USMC; Louis Crishock; FSO, Pvt. F.C. Dylan Cate, USA; 2Lt. Robert P. Coffin, USMC; Major Anthony Colella, USAF; Major Justin M. Coons, USMC; COL Richard Creed, USA; 1st Lt. James Law, USMC; LCpl Joseph A. Patrick, USMC; Pvt. Killian Smet, ARNG; Nick Tengtio; SSG Ryan Wagner, USAF; Major Thomas J. Wissler, USMC; Capt. Evan J. Wright, USAF

Daily Mass Intention

Saturday, Oct. 10

5:30pm

Margie Timbreza (D)

Sunday, Oct 11

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

7:00am

Parishioners

9:30am

Bartholomew Whelan

12:45pm

Luis Coronel (A)

7:30pm

Michael Meredith

Monday, Oct. 12

Columbus Day;

Canadian Thanksgiving Day

7:00am

Joan Hartzell

12:05pm

Carmen Jaramillo (D)

Tuesday, Oct. 13

7:00am

George Waringo (D)

12:05pm

Christopher M. Cassidy, Jr.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

St. Callistus I

7:00am

Winston Blackman (D)

12:05pm

Henry Chanderbhan (D)

Thursday, Oct. 15

St. Teresa of Jesus

7:00am

Larry Melby (A)

12:05pm

Loretta Fleming

Friday, Oct. 16

St. Hedwig;

**St. Margaret Mary Alacoque;
 National Boss's Day**

7:00am

George Tuck (D)

12:05pm

Raymond Fioramonti (D)

Saturday, Oct. 17

9:00am

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Gloria Preshaw (D)



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Join the STM Divine Mercy Group to pray the Chaplet on weekdays 15 minutes after the conclusion of the 12:05pm Daily Mass.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish

especially: Lourdes Batol, Jim Fitzwater, John Ford, Joan Janaro, Owen Keel, Karen Kelly, Andrew Pinella, James Saunders, Josephine Whibley. Please call the Rectory to submit prayer requests for the sick, and also to remove a name from the list.

Around the Cathedral

Stewardship:

***Today's Second Collection is for Parish Maintenance.
Thank you for being good stewards of our Cathedral.***

Race for Seminarians

Join our Cathedral parish Team to **Run + Pray + Donate** to Support our Seminarians! We're looking for runners to raise money and vocation awareness. We have a 10K course (safely spaced) that starts and ends at the Cathedral on Saturday Oct. 24 after the 9am Mass. We're also looking for prayer warriors and cheerleaders! To find out more about participating, contact Michele Bueno at mkcasey06@gmail.com or Sarah Reidy at sarah.m.reidy@live.com to join our parish team!

October is Holy Rosary Month

Join our Cathedral community every Tuesday at 7:00pm during October to pray the Rosary. Become closer to Our Lady, and her son, Jesus, through this beautiful prayer. Go to <https://bit.ly/33xQdcv> for information on how to call in.

All Souls Day Candlelit Service and Mass November 2 at 7:00pm Come and join us in prayer to remember all those who have passed away. Their names will be in a program and on special candles. To include your loved ones in the Mass, please go to <https://bit.ly/3jBcJqF> to submit their name(s) by October 29. Please call the Office with questions: 703-525-1300.

Our Knights of Columbus was recognized as a Star Council, the international organization's top award for local councils.

The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities.

The KOC support Cathedral and many Diocesan events: Oktoberfest, Fall & Winter Food Drives, March for Life, and the monthly Pancake Breakfast. They also serve in many of the parish ministries and help facilitate every major religious event at the Cathedral. Over the past three years of Grand Knight Ed Coleman's leadership, the Council has raised more than \$25,000 to support Parish Projects like the refurbishing of the Christ the King Statue, new patens and ciboria for Mass and winter coats for children in need. For information on joining the Knights contact local Membership Director Darek Kitlinski at djkitlinski@icloud.com or visit <http://www.koc6790.org/membership/>

Pro Life Corner

40 Days for Life Reflection:

That those tempted to abort may understand that their child is already present, already a real person. We've all heard a pregnant woman described as "expecting". Now if one is expecting a package, the package has not arrived. That is not the case of the pregnant mother. Her gift is already there. The pregnant mother does not have a child "on the way", but has a child, already present and in full possession of his or her human rights, starting with the right to life. Pray for the end of abortion.

New Contemporary Mass Sunday Evenings

Join us at 7:30pm as we "sing a new song" at the Cathedral. Do you have a musical talent you'd like to share? Contact the rectory at 703-525-1300 if you'd like to join the new Contemporary Choir. We are also looking for liturgical ministers.

RCIA Mondays from 7:00-8:00pm

If you, or someone you know, wishes to further their faith formation, contact Fr. Kevin Dansereau at 703-525-1300. Inquiry sessions are ongoing.



The Knights of Columbus Council is hosting a public virtual retirement planning webinar with Tom Hegna, a retirement planning expert, on Tuesday 10/27 at 7:00pm. During the webinar Tom will share his 7 steps to a secure retirement. To RSVP please visit <http://bit.ly/KofCOctFBN> or hover over the QR Code below with your phone. Space is limited so RSVP today!

Join us in supporting So Others Might Eat (SOME) for SOCKTOBER. Please consider donating new adult socks to help the homeless. We'll have boxes at the rectory, at the main entrance to the Cathedral, and at the School.

Diocesan High School Virtual Open Houses in October

St. John Paul II the Great Live from October 25 to November 7. Reserve your spot at: admissions@jpthegreat.org
Bishop Ireton will post Virtual Tour and presentations on or around October 18 <https://www.bishopireton.org/admissions/welcome>
Watch PVI's Virtual Visit here: <https://vimeo.com/429257133>

STM SCHOOL "You were Designed for MORE"

Mrs. Kelly Polsinelli
First Grade Teacher, 1-18



Where were you born, what high school and college did you attend?

I was born in Indiana, PA and attended Marion Center High School. I received my undergrad degree from Clarion University and Masters in School Counseling from Liberty University.

Have you always wanted to be a teacher?

Yes, my mom was a teacher at my elementary school growing up. I always went to school with my mom. I helped set her classroom up and did things to help her from the time I was very young.

Why do you love to teach?

I love children and seeing how they are like sponges soaking up things when you make learning fun for them. I love seeing the excitement in their eyes. I enjoy reading them good children's books with expression and in fun, different ways.

What do you love about STM?

The loving, caring and sincere environment of staff and families combined with great quality of education and religion.

What are your hopes for your classroom?

I love seeing growth of each individual child in the classroom from the beginning to the end of the year. They truly grow so much as an individual physically, academically and socially.

Who is your mentor or inspiration?

My mother, she is a retired teacher. She has always been my mentor, supports and believes in me.

Check Out our New Teacher Spotlight!

We are so blessed with our amazing faculty; and we are excited to welcome new faces to our STM family.

Don't forget to read this week's Cathedral Connection which will have important information on how you can support our students through the **Race for Education!**

Religious Education/Educación Religiosa

In light of the coronavirus pandemic, the Religious Education Office will be offering some in-person & mostly virtual classes during the 2020-2021 year. We hope to offer classes that are easily accessible and engaging for children and parents. For more information on registration and classes go to:

<https://www.cathedralstm.org/religious-education/k-12-religious-education/>

Debido a la pandemia por el coronavirus, la oficina de Educación Religiosa ofrecerá para el año 2020-2021 algunas clases en persona y el resto de manera virtual. Nuestra esperanza es ofrecer clases que sean accesibles e interesantes para los niños y para los padres. Para más información sobre las clases y como registrarse vaya al sitio de internet:

<https://www.cathedralstm.org/religious-education/k-12-religious-education/>

Around the Diocese



Bishop Burbidge Podcasts: <https://bit.ly/2SyPjWO>. Bishop Burbidge discusses the Presidential debate, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, meeting with refugees, and more!

Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life

Sunday, October 11 at 11:00am

Join us in thanking God for the gift of life and praying for its protection at all its stages. Bishop Michael Burbidge will celebrate Mass to at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gainesville, VA. All are welcome!

In recognition of October as **Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month**, Divine Mercy Care and Tepeyac OB/GYN will host an interdenominational memorial service on October 17 at 7pm at Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax VA. The event will also be available by live stream. To RSVP or for more information, please email memorialservice@tepeyacobgyn.com

Post-Abortion Healing Retreats for Women

October 17, 2020 in both English and Spanish. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Retiro de Sanación Posterior al aborto para Mujeres 17 de octubre del 2020. Venga a comenzar su viaje de curación y experimente la esperanza y la misericordia de Dios. No está sola. Hay esperanza. Hay curación. Para obtener más información y registro confidencial, comuníquese con el Ministerio de Proyecto Raquel al 888-456-HOPE (4673) o info@helpafterabortion.org

For **Election Resources** and to read a letter from Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout of Richmond, go to: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2020-presidential-election-resources/>

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, October 11

12:15—12:45pm	Confesiones en Espanol	Cathedral
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Monday, October 12

Columbus Day; Rectory Office & School Closed

Tuesday, October 13

7:00pm	STM Community Rosary	Virtual
7:00pm	Walking With Purpose	Virtual
7:00pm	English Legion of Mary	Virtual

Wednesday, October 14

10:00am	Pro-Life Committee Meeting	Burke Hall
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Thursday, October 15

12:30—8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Cathedral
7:30-8:00pm	Confessions	Cathedral

Friday, October 16

Saturday, October 17

4:00-5:00pm	Confessions	Cathedral
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Nueva Misa contemporánea en la Catedral de St. Tomas More. Comenzando septiembre 27 será la última Misa ofrecida por una parroquia de la Diocese.

Carrera por los Seminaristas

Únase a nuestro grupo de la Catedral para Correr + Rezar + y Donar en apoyo a nuestros Seminaristas! Nosotros estamos buscando personas que quieran correr para recaudar fondos y conciencia vocacional. Haremos un recorrido de 10k (a distancia) que comienza y termina en la Catedral el sábado 24 de Octubre después de la Misa de las 9 am. Nosotros estamos buscando gerreros de la oración y cheerleaders! Para más detalles de como participar y unirse a el grupo de nuestra parroquia, póngase en contacto con Michele Bueno al correo electrónico mkcasey06@gmail.com o Sarah Reidy: sarah.m.reidy@live.com.

Visitas virtuales a las Escuelas Secundarias Diocesanas durante Octubre

St John the Great ofrecerá visitas virtuales desde Octubre 25-Noviembre 7. Reserve su lugar en el sitio: admissions@jpthegreat.org.

Bishop Ireton tendrá un tour virtual y presentaciones el o alrededor del día 18 de octubre en; <https://www.bishopireton.org/admissions/welcome>.

Mire la visita virtual del high school Paul VI aqui: <https://vimeo.com/429257133>.

Recordatorios masivos importantes

- Recuerde que se requieren máscaras en la Catedral.
- Utilice desinfectante de manos al entrar y antes de recibir la comunión.
- Practique el distanciamiento social, permaneciendo a 6 pies de distancia

Gracias por su paciencia y comprensión mientras nos cuidamos unos a otros.

Pope Francis October Prayer Intention

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Recemos para que en virtud del bautismo los fieles laicos, en especial las mujeres, participen más en las instancias de responsabilidad de la Iglesia.

INTENCIONES DE ORACIÓN DEL SANTO PADRE Octubre

La misión de los laicos en la Iglesia