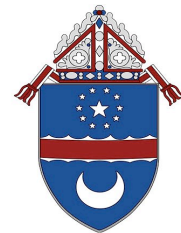




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*“Do not be afraid.
Do not be satisfied with mediocrity.
Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”*

*St. John Paul II
Feast Day
October 22nd*

October 19, 2025 ~ Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pastor: Rev. Keith O'Hare
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Rev. Gregory Thompson
Rev. Luke Poczatek

Sunday Mass

7:30am

8:45am *Children's Mass*

10:30am *Traditional Ad Orientem*

12:30pm *Traditional Ad Orientem*

5:15pm *Quiet Traditional*

Saturday Mass

8:45am 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Monday-Friday Mass

8:45am

Confessions

Mon-Sat: 7:45am-8:15am

Wednesday: 6:00pm

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am-9:15am

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Confesiones: Dom. 2:15pm-3:00pm

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7:00am (Gregorian chant)

Sunday Devotions

Eucharistic Exposition

8:00am - 4:00pm

Rosary 4:00pm

Benediction 4:30pm



Pro Deo et Pro Patria

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

One thousand three hundred and thirty-eight beatifications; four hundred and eighty-two canonizations - these are the stats from the papacy of Pope Saint John Paul II. JP II completely broke all previous records for Popes when it came to recognizing and formally declaring real-life holiness through the beatification and canonization process!

John Paul II canonized young people, lay people, working people, professors, missionaries, ordinary parish priests, religious sisters, athletes, musicians, artists, poor, rich, educated, illiterate, martyrs, farmers, and so many more. He didn't do this merely to show the Church's tremendous diversity across every nation and culture. Rather he did this to show that a life of holiness is within reach of all who believe in Jesus Christ.

Today's second reading declares: *"All Scripture is inspired by God...so that one who belongs to God may be competent and equipped for every good work."* (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Saint Paul excludes no one in this declaration. As disciples of Jesus Christ who listen to the Word of God every Sunday we are all equipped for "every good work." We are all called - and equipped by faith, the sacraments, and God's Word - to live a holy life. It may lead to an eventual posthumous canonization - or it may not - but the truth remains the same that the best version of you is the holy version of you!

Be inspired by the life and teachings of Pope St. John Paul II, whose feast day is this week (October 22nd). Let his record-breaking number of beatifications and canonizations encourage you to live life to the full by living a holy life as a disciple of Jesus Christ in the Church that He founded.

"True holiness does not mean a flight from the world;
rather, it lies in the effort to incarnate the Gospel in everyday life,
in the family, at school and at work, and in social and political involvement."
Pope Saint John Paul II

Your Pastor,



Father O'Hare



Blessing
of the
animals

Oct.
5th



Congratulations to Father O'Hare and Father Luke who became 4th Degree members of the Knights of Columbus! (Pictured with Bishop Loverde, Maurice Chau (PGK), and Rodney Chambers (GK).



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Proposed Constitutional Amendments: Be Vigilant!



Proposed Amendments to Virginia's Constitution would:



Create a radical
“fundamental right”
to abortion
(Opposed by VCC)



Remove Virginia's
“union between one
man and one woman”
definition of marriage
(Opposed by VCC)



Restore voting rights
(Supported by VCC)

These three proposals were **initially approved** by the General Assembly earlier this year. If they pass the legislature again in 2026 – and are then approved by Virginia voters on a ballot – they would become law.

The legislators we elect this November will decide whether the proposed amendments are advanced or stopped.



Extreme, Radical and Deadly Abortion Amendment

This proposed amendment would enshrine virtually unlimited abortion at any stage of pregnancy as a “fundamental right” in Virginia's constitution.

In addition to the paramount problem of not recognizing the child's life, the amendment:

- Does not include any age restriction
- Does not include any safety standards
- Jeopardizes Virginia's parental consent law
- Jeopardizes Virginia's conscience protections for healthcare providers
- Expands Virginia's already permissive abortion laws
- And has numerous other problems!

Abortion is a fundamental tragedy, not a “fundamental right”.

Ending a life is not a right and does not belong in the constitution.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments:



Amendment Rejecting the Truth about Marriage

This proposed amendment would remove Virginia's constitutional definition of marriage as the "union between one man and one woman." It would add language recognizing "any lawful marriage between two adult persons" instead.

Marriage was created by God as the union of a man and a woman. God's design and purpose for marriage existed before any nation, religion or law.

The family – based on marriage between a man and a woman – is the fundamental unit of society and is integral to the common good.

**Marriage – as created by God – is essential to the common good.
Each of us is called to preserve God's design.**

Amendment Restoring Voting Rights

This proposed amendment would restore voting rights to all people who have completed their prison sentences.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate...in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person.... As far as possible, citizens should take an active part in *public life*" (nos. 1913-1915).

Enabling individuals, upon release, to resume taking an active part in voting decisions affirms their dignity and provides them a second chance to fulfill their duty to participate in promoting the common good. It enables them to have a say in decisions that affect them, their families and their communities.

As the U.S. Catholic Bishops have noted, restoring voting rights is an important aspect of reintegration:

"[W]e must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible, and support their right to vote."

- *Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2000.

Join the Virginia Catholic Conference's advocacy network and see all of our Election 2025 resources at:
vacatholic.org/Election2025



FELLOWSHIP

Mothers' Group

- The St. Louis Mothers' Group meets every Wednesday from 10:15am to noon - feel free to drop-in for any length of time. All mothers are invited and all children are welcome! We host discussions, social time, meetups for field trips and park days, as well as brunch gatherings and events around the liturgical calendar.

THIS WEEK - PARK DAY - This Wednesday, Oct 22nd, we will meet at the Jones Point Park Playground at 10:30AM for a park day! Feel free to bring bikes and scooters as some of the kids like to move under the bridge to bike after some play time. (This has been rescheduled to this week due to rain)

CONTACT: For more information or to join our email list or Facebook page, please contact Theresa Talavera at (571)331-8441 or tatalavera@yahoo.com

Are You Grieving?

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Come to a monthly opportunity for prayer and conversation led by Fr. O'Hare. The next session of "Grief and Grace" will be in the Little Way Café on Wednesday, November 19, from 12:30pm-1:30pm.



RALLY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

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Have an Upcoming Wedding Anniversary?

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Keep in touch.

Sign up on
the website



Flocknote



Bake Sale/ Used Uniform Sale

Jumper too short? Polos outgrown? Need a snack after Mass? We've got you covered with the Used Uniform and Bake Sale on **October 18th-19th!**

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ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our Open House for prospective families on Sunday, October 19th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Families interested in our school community are welcome to attend. St. Louis Catholic School offers admissions for students from Preschool through 8th grade. Please RSVP using the QR code below. Applications for the 2026–2027 school year will be accepted beginning November 1st.

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
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LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, October 20

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Clay Family
8:45am, +Arthur A. Dulaney, Jr.

Tuesday, October 21

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of David Skoczlas
8:45am, Intentions of Michael Weldon

Wednesday, October 22

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Mary Brigid Cahill
8:45am, +James M. Moreland

Thursday, October 23

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Lawson Family
8:45am, +Marvin & Velma Cuddy

Friday, October 24

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Carolyn Brown
8:45am, Intentions of Daniel Burnham

Saturday, October 25

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Kristi Rogers

8:45am, +Alex Castillo

5:30pm, +Ruth Marie Battistone

Sunday, October 26

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Ramon Carag, Sr.

7:30am, Intentions of Alex Bonsu

8:45am, +Br. Didacus R. Wilson, TOR

10:30am, *Pro Populo*

12:30pm, Intentions of People of Venezuela

3:00pm, +Rigoberto Bonilla

5:15pm, Intentions of Rose Wiegel

**Eternal Rest
Grant Unto
Them,
O Lord!**

Jeffrey Thomas Quick
Elizabeth M. Kirk
Lou Ella Kaskey
Ann Elizabeth Phillips



Prayer for the Homebound

Lord, you have a special love for those who are weak, infirm, and dependent. Bless the homebound parishioners of our parish as they carry their daily crosses. May our prayers bring them strength and consolation, and the Sacraments sanctify and inspire them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week we pray especially for the following homebound parishioners:

Carol Canada, James Carroll, Andrew Corrigan,
Ethel Cumming, and Suki Cuning.



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