

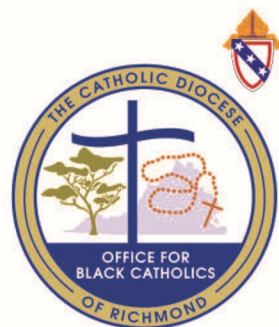
**March 15,  
2024  
6PM-8PM**

# Cultural Awareness

## DISCUSSING CULTURE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE SYNODAL PRINCIPLES.

The evening will commence with a brief reflection and followed by group discussions on how the synodal principles of communion, participation, and mission helps us manage the challenges of diversity.

**Pastoral Center  
7800 Carousel Ln. Richmond, VA 23294**



### PLEASE GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK

Pope Francis is preparing for the final session of the Synod Assembly in October of 2024, which may result in significant reforms to Church structures and organization.

He is asking Catholics all over the world to answer two questions:

- Where have you seen or experienced successes within the Church structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
- How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?



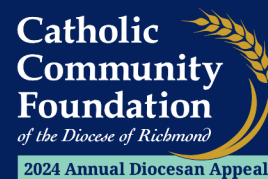
Please give feedback on these questions to Deacon Chris at [cbarrett@stelizcc.org](mailto:cbarrett@stelizcc.org) or at 804-266-3596 (no texts) by Thursday, March 21.



### St. Patrick Catholic Church invites you to the Annual Irish Festival, March 16 & 17, 2024, 25th & Broad Street., in Historic Church Hill.

Plenty of food, refreshments, bagpipe bands and musical entertainment on 3 stages, children's play area with games and face painting, 50+ Irish-themed vendors offer their crafts and food specialties! The Hill Topper 5K returns on Saturday at 9:00 am; the shortest parade in Irish history will march down Broad St. on Sunday at 10:00 am. Proceeds benefit many local non-profit and neighborhood causes. Free parking at 16th & Broad Sts. \$5 donation at the gate. A great true Irish event to support those in need in our Community! Hope to see everyone there! We kindly ask that you leave all pets at home.

Link: [Churchhillirishfestival.com](http://Churchhillirishfestival.com). Follow us on Facebook.



### 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our 2024 Annual Appeal through your generous donations and prayers.

Update as of 3/7/24:

We have collected \$12, 126.00 of our goal of \$14,910.00. We are 81% of the way to our goal. We have \$2,784.00 left to reach our goal.

Scan here to donate to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal



Thank you to the 42 donors that have contributed to our Annual Appeal.

If you have yet to make your contribution to our appeal goal, please scan this QR code or use the link in our E-Bulletin to give online. Extra envelopes for the appeal can be gotten from an usher after any Mass on weekends or throughout the week or by visiting the Parish Office.

For questions about your gift please call GiveCentral (833) 716-2612



**RICHMONDERS INVOLVED TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES**

RISC's members and nonmembers are urged to attend the annual NEHEMIAH ACTION on TUESDAY, MARCH 19th, 6:30pm at St. Paul's Baptist Church, 4247 Creighton Rd. 23223. This is the most important RISC gathering of the year! This is when they hold specific local officials accountable for their specific actions in serving justice in our communities.

Richmonders Involved to Strengthen Our Communities is an organization made up of congregations throughout Richmond, Henrico and Chesterfield. Founded in 2002, they use the power of large numbers of organized people to solve critical community problems. they are not a direct service provider, they are grass roots, direct action, multi-issue organization.

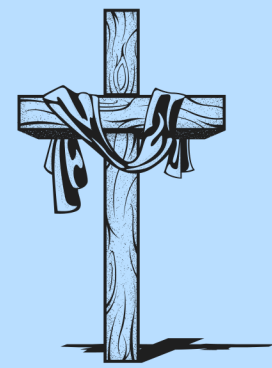
What is RISC currently working on?

- Affordable Housing
- Gun Violence
- Healthy Homes

What has RISC accomplished in recent years?

- 935 units of affordable housing were developed or preserved between 2015 and 2021.
- Almost 3,000 families have been able to stay in their homes, as a result of the making of the emergency rental assistance allocation.
- Approximately 500 families a year receive financial assistance and counseling through the Eviction Diversion Program.
- Hundreds of low-income, job seekers have completed the VCU Pathways Program that started in 2018. This is a pipeline to demand healthcare workers with work readiness and mentorship components.

For more details on RISC's work, goals, and partners please see the flyer in our E-Bulletin or visit their website: [www.risrichmond.org](http://www.risrichmond.org)



You are invited to join several community churches this Good Friday, March 29, on an yearly pilgrimage through Church Hill. They will assemble 11:45-12:00 at Patrick Henry Park across from St. John's Church on E. Broad. They have a few words and gathering prayer and proceed on our journey, stopping at specified sites for brief but poignant meditations and finishing about 3:00pm at St. John's. This has always been a profound experience for all participants - we can certainly use it again this year. This has been a tradition co-sponsored by Pax Christi-Richmond, Richmond Hill and several Church Hill Churches since the mid-70's. There will be mobile transportation for those unable to walk along with the group.



**ST. ELIZABETH MINISTRIES**

Are you interested in becoming more active in the church either during or outside of Sunday Mass? If you would like to join one of our ministries, please visit [www.stelizcc.org/parish-ministries-2022/](http://www.stelizcc.org/parish-ministries-2022/) to learn more and to find out how to contact our ministry leaders.

Community Life - Help with the kitchen and serving food during church events such as coffee and doughnuts, retreats, fellowships after services, and more. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, please contact our Office Manager, Eva, [evabalkarli@stelizcc.org](mailto:evabalkarli@stelizcc.org).

Religious Education - Assist with youth formation as a catechist or adult helper on Sundays after Mass or on Saturday afternoons. We must have adult volunteers to be able to hold faith formation per Diocese Safe Environment Regulations. Currently we have only a handful of volunteers each weekend, and they need more hands-on deck. If you are interested in helping on one or both days, please contact [religioused@stelizcc.org](mailto:religioused@stelizcc.org).

**For our Church events and formation to happen, we must have volunteers to keep things running. Please consider helping in these or any of our ministries, to assist in the life of our Church.**



# Lenten Retreat with St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

Join us for a Lenten retreat led by Sr. Anns James on Saturday, March 23rd, from 10am to 12pm. You will explore the theme of "Four Stations of the Heart": how to embrace the paschal mystery through:

- Station 1: Bringing home "the Gospel of Creation"
- Station 2: Meditating, journaling, and sharing
- Station 3: Receiving and offering hope
- Station 4: Adoring and being present

Please bring your own Bible and a copy of Laudato Si, if possible. If you don't have them, let Sr. Anns know so she can arrange them for you. To register, email Sr. Anns at [anns@stelizcc.org](mailto:anns@stelizcc.org) and let her know how many materials you need.

## Communal Reconciliation Service

March 23rd, 2024

12pm-1pm

In the church.

Please join us for a Communal Reconciliation Service

There will be five priests from around the Diocese of Richmond here to hear Confessions.

A light meal will be provided in the Parish Hall afterwards.