

Pastor's Corner Continued...

When we prefer to sleep rather than attend Mass, we are ruled by pleasure. When we lie to puff up our reputation we are ruled by human respect.

Day to day, we might describe sin as a distraction. Distraction is now definitely part of the nature of things. Every sin is a choice to use a creature of God, as a distraction from God. It is the nature of things that we MUST use creation: the choice is whether for good or for ill. Modern man has turbo-charged distractions; we have distractions which can easily hold our rapt attention, literally, until death. We can allow ourselves to be distracted from God unto eternal death. This is scary.

Lent is a time of putting away our distractions. It is a time to reestablish our rule over creation, in accordance with God's plan, and the true nature of things. Our life depends upon it. Come to our **Days of Recollection**, a time to put away some distractions.

Thank you for your prayers and your support.

Fr. Novokowsky, FSSP

Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners

We are glad you came—we are eager to share the treasures of God with you. We will try to help you to be comfortable, so please do not hesitate to ask for assistance. If the Traditional Latin Mass is unfamiliar to you, we have green booklets (in the vestibule) which have a simple format, and are easy to use. To register as a parishioner, please see the green and white forms in the Social Room. Please create an account on our website at www.stjosephrichmond.org. If you create an account, you will receive the parish bulletin by email each week, and the occasional, important email notice from the parish office. Thank you.

Room Needed

I am a Catholic man in need of a room for a few months in Richmond, VA, starting March 1st and ending in September, at which time I will marry a current parishioner. My name is JP Niedzwiecki. I am a quiet young man, eldest of 8 children. I will be working Monday — Friday. I don't need much space, and I'm willing to work around the house. Please contact me:

jpnieczwiecki23@gmail.com or [\(703\) 894-8483](tel:7038948483).

Thank you and God bless!

COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

Lady's Altar Guild Mary Claire Adams 515-0973	Ushers Patrick Latimer 262-7628	Web Master website@stjosephrichmond.org	Flower Guild Andria Morris 893-3547
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“This is my beloved Son ... hear ye him” (Mt 17.9)



March 1, 2015

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Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am (Low)

11 am (High)

Monday 9 am

Tuesday 9 am

Wednesday 7 am & 6 pm

Thursday 7 am & 9 am

Friday 7 am & 6 pm

Saturday 7 am & 9 am

♦ **Sacramental Emergencies: 396-5665**

♦ When one priest is travelling, the earlier weekday Mass is cancelled

♦ **Confession: ½ hr before all Masses**

Saturdays - 10:00 to 11:00 am

♦ Novena & Benediction Wednesday evening

♦ **Holy Days:** look for announcement

♦ **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament: First Fridays from 8 am until 5 pm

♦ Other Sacraments: please call the office

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS	
Sunday March 1	Second Sunday of Lent (1st Cl.) 8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am Joseph & Carol Hohos+
Monday March 2	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) 9:00 am Mary Pfab Calugar+
Tuesday March 3	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) 9:00 am John & Natalie McNiel
Wednesday March 4	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Shannon Lagarde
Thursday March 5	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Connor Harper
Friday March 6	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Mary & Joseph Campanella+
Saturday March 7	St. Thomas Aquinas (2nd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Mary & Joseph Campanella+
Sunday March 8	Third Sunday of Lent (1st Cl.) 8:30 am Welford Bowker+ 11:00 am Pro Populo
Monday March 9	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) 9:00 am Mark R. Finch+
Tuesday March 10	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) 9:00 am Bro. Goretta Zilli
Wednesday March 11	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Souls in Purgatory
Thursday March 12	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Heather Colberg
Friday March 13	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Liberatore Family
Saturday March 7	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Jean Corbett+

PRAYER LIST

Joe Guerrero, Bill Campbell, Cathy Dickson, Brendan McGuire, Richard Baker, Nora Dogoptoglon, Harriet & John McGuire, Sarah Crawford, Sandra Buckles, Beau Simpson, Dawn Celentano, Maryann McLaughlin, Marie Cates, Jeanne Scott, Heather Tempel, James Eliasek IV, Jack Howe, Tina Towe, Hali Yum, Warne Borden, John Osborne, Ann Horgan, Victoria Sanctafamilia, Daniel Doran, Suki Simpson, Dale Matanic, Louise Giovannetti, Siena Tatum, Ray Smith, Barbara Cahill, Fr. Carlos Casavantes, Bernice Nestor, Karen Haley, Thomas Benedict Noble

In your charity, please remember all the souls of the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Envelopes are located outside the parish office door in the Social Room. Masses are generally offered in the order received. A Mass stipend is a gift for the celebrating priest and forms part of your participation in the sacrifice. The Diocese of Richmond suggests a stipend of \$10.00 per Mass. While a stipend is *not* a donation, for our convenience, please make checks payable to *St. Joseph's*.



Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time starts next Sunday, March 8th. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour.

Offertory Collections

Sunday February 22, 2015

1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 5,411
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 6,500
Ash Wednesday	\$ 877
Health Wagon	\$ 1,892
Avg. Weekly Year to Date:	\$ 6,449
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 519
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

Upcoming Events

- March 6 First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8am to 5pm**
- March 7 First Saturday Devotion**
- March 14 Recollection for Men**
- March 21 Recollection for Women**
- March 28 Altar Boy Practice (not March 21st)**

Days of Recollection

Come spend some Quality Time with Your Creator and Redeemer!

“The Fruit of Silence is Prayer”

For Men Only: Sat. March 14

For Women Only: Sat. March 21

4 Life-changing Spiritual Talks, Meditation & Confession times

Day begins with Mass at 9 am, and concludes with Holy Hour from 2—3pm.

**See the Sign-up sheets on the Window Wall
Free breakfast and Lunch provided**

We will need some volunteer labor to make the days very nice for the participants. Ideally, some women will work the Men's Day, and some nice men will work the Woman's Day. Please sign up on the window wall.

Acts of the Apostles

Our make up class for the Thursday snow day will be an extra class added on to the end of the schedule. Until then, the classes will be out of sink. Sorry for this inconvenience.

Stations of the Cross

Will be prayed after the evening Mass on Friday during Lent. In addition, please keep in mind your obligations and encouragements regarding the days of fast and abstinence. Details can be found on our website.

Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,
Is Distraction a Sin? The choices *modern* man must make are the same as those all through history. Broadly speaking, we can choose to accept the nature of things, or choose to reject it. God has established this nature of things: He is the Creator; everything else is His creation; of which, we are the pinnacle and ruler. When Eve ate of the forbidden fruit, she was swayed by the empty promise that *she* would be like God. By attempting to be something she was not, she was rejecting her own nature as *creature*. What follows from this? She was also rejecting the author of her nature. And by rejecting Him, she rejected His whole order. She made herself (with Adam) dead to God's whole plan; so that also was their punishment: "On the day you eat of it, you shall surely die."

Given the above, we might see the world in these broad terms: knowledge is what is true about the nature of things; wisdom is understanding the nature of things; virtue is acting in accordance with the nature of things; happiness is always living in accordance with the nature of things; holiness is accepting the nature of things as an expression of God; and sin is a rejection of any part of the nature of things.

One part of God's plan is that we are to rule over creation. What did He mean? Good governance is an extension of God's governance. That means His order, His plan, not ours. Creation is to be used as a means to an end, the end being God. Creation is to be used by us as a means to know, love and serve God. This is governing according to God's plan.

One opposite to ruling is *being ruled*. For instance, a family told me once about their holiday cottage on the lake: it was enjoyable at first but eventually they couldn't wait to sell it. The property's demands started to control their lives. They felt owned and ruled. So they corrected the situation by selling. For this family, this was more practicality than morality.

Anytime we use creation as an end in itself, we are being ruled, and we are rejecting God's order. Mixing up the means and the end can be disastrous in its consequences. If we use wine to get drunk we are ruled by it. When we steal another's money we are ruled by our desire for it.

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