

— Pastor's Corner Cont'd

the truth that all good things--every grain of wheat, apple or onion--is a gift from God. All evils--blights, worms or hail storms--are within his power to control, if we ask Him, and if He wills.

This year we will do the "Lesser Litanies" during the 3 days leading up to the Ascension. The theme of the prayers is safety for the fields, the harvest, and ourselves. There is however, no actually "blessing" as such.

Are these processions only for those who have nothing to do?! Only for the pious? Only for--let's be honest--women? Those who accept the wisdom of the Church are wise. These practices are for those who wish to be wise. Now, if, for instance, the store shelves do go bare, who will be cursing and complaining the loudest? It will not be the wise.

God love you, *Fr. Novokowsky, FSSP*

**Religious Education**

Religious Education classes will resume in the Fall. Thank you to teachers Megan Bean, Alessandro Cota, Mike Deighan, Bill Doran, Ginny Lysinger, Tracy Patrowicz, Bob Kaplan and Jeremiah Sanctafamilia for their unfailing dedication. Thank you also to parents for ensuring your children learn their Catholic Faith.



**Annual Parish Yard Sale**

The Annual Parish Yard Sale will take place on **Sat. June 13th from 8:00am to 2:00pm.** Setup will be at 7:00am. Tables are \$20 each for the first table; additional tables are \$15 each. Parish organizations receive a free table. Checks should be made payable to *St. Joseph's Church*. Food and Baked Goods will also be sold at the Yard Sale.

A sincere thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Padre Pio Sodality, St. Camillus Prayer Group, Mike McHugh, Gene Patterson, Paul Paolini, Renate Piffat, Nick Balducci, David Pedersen, LaPortsia Wallace, Rose Mary Cosby, Marlene Lazor, Lorraine Hewitt, the Cassidy Family and Sandy Ondishko for all their help at last year's very successful Yard Sale. Volunteers are always needed and most appreciated. For further information and to reserve a space, call Mike Rowland at 745-7844.

*"Christ is risen, and hath shown upon us.."*

**(John 16:28)**



*May 10, 2015*

**ST. JOSEPH**

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

SERVED BY THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER

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**Parish Office**

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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 May 10	<b>Fifth Sunday after Easter (2nd Cl.)</b> 8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am Kathleen Rodenburg+
Monday May 11	<b>Rogation Mass (2nd Cl.)</b> 9:00 am Louise Fredericks+
Tuesday May 12	<b>Rogation Mass (2nd Cl.)</b> 9:00 am Ali & Tommy Kettmer
Wednesday May 13	<b>Vigil of the Ascension (2nd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Fr. Kenneth Walker, FSSP+ <b>Rogation Mass (2nd Cl.)</b> 6:00 pm Fr. Don Lemay
Thursday May 14	<b>Ascension of Our Lord (1st Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Maria Liberatore 9:00 am Fr. Santana J. Fanucci + 6:00 pm Richard Desimone+
Friday May 15	<b>St. John Baptist de la Salle (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Ron Collins+ 6:00 pm Bill Bergamini, Jr.
Saturday May 16	<b>St. Ubalduis (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Joseph & Carol Holos+ 9:00 am Jay & Shannon Lagarde
Sunday May 17	<b>Sunday after the Ascension (2nd Cl.)</b> 8:30 am Louise Fahed+ 11:00 am Pro Populo
Monday May 18	<b>St. Venantius (3rd Cl.)</b> 9:00 am Suki Simpson
Tuesday May 19	<b>St. Peter Celestine (3rd Cl.)</b> 9:00 am Kamga Paul Flaubert+
Wednesday May 20	<b>St. Bernardine of Siena (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Thanksgiving
Thursday May 21	<b>Feria after Ascension (4th Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Theodore Kozar+
Friday May 22	<b>Feria after Ascension (4th Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Sanctafamilia Family
Saturday May 23	<b>Vigil of Pentecost (1st Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Church in Red China



Indicates a change to the normal Mass schedule

**PRAYER LIST**

Dawn Celentano, Abigail Maria Alvey, John Dickson, Alan Craig, Richard Liberatore, Mary Zacharias, Casey Stalvey, Edward Horgan, Jr., Joe Guerrero, Bill Campbell, Cathy Dickson, Richard Baker, Brendan McGuire, Nora Dogoptoglon, Suki & Beau Simpson, Maryann McLaughlin, John Osborne, Ann Horgan, James Eliasek IV, 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.

**Gifts of Altar Flowers**

Please make your request in the notebook (Social Room near Office door.) May we suggest: Main Altar \$45, Side Altars \$25. Envelopes are provided for your use.

Flowers today on the Main Altar were donated by **Mr. & Mrs. Greg Perry** on the occasion of their wedding.

**Rogation Days**

**Monday, May 11:** the Litany of the Saints begins 9am, followed by the Rogation Mass.

**Tuesday, May 12:** the Litany of the Saints begins 9am, followed by the Rogation Mass.

**Wed., May 13.:** 7 am Mass will be the Vigil of the Ascension; in the evening, Litany of the Saints begins 6pm, followed by the Rogation Mass, followed by the Novena Prayers.

**Upcoming Events**

- May 14** Feast of the Ascension
- May 24** Pentecost Sunday
- June 5** First Friday Adoration
- June 6** Baccalaureate Mass, 9:00 am
- June 7** Corpus Christi
- June 13** Annual Yard Sale

**Baccalaureate Mass**

There will be a graduation "Baccalaureate" Mass on **Sat. June 6th at 9:00am.** This 9 am Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for those graduating from school this year. To be included, the graduates need to attend, and to help the celebration. It is obvious that homeschoolers, who have no "school" ceremony, are the main purpose, but we will quite happily include anyone. Please call the office. Following the Mass will be our regular 1st Saturday rosary and 15 minute meditation time. Thank you

**Corpus Christi Sunday**

**June 7th**

This celebration is meant to be a *city-wide* celebration, as it is in Rome, going from one church to another. This might be too ambitious for us this year. Let us make it, at least, a parish-wide event. Our personal faith needs to be edified by the faith of others--unless we have a hermit's vocation. In addition, we need to help others by edifying them too. Please plan on participating in our Corpus Christi Procession. In addition, we will have a great party afterwards.

**Offertory Collections**

Sunday May 3, 2015

1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 8,109
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 6,500
<b>Avg. Weekly Year to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 6,518</b>
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 1,441

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Dear Parishioners,**

I would like to offer my hearty appreciation to those who helped make our 1st Holy Comm. and May Crowning last Sunday an edifying celebration. Thank you to the parents who have raised such beautiful children—you are not taken for granted! Secondly, thank you to Mr. Sanctafamilia who taught the kids all year long. Thirdly, thank you to anyone who prayed for them—your reward is great in heaven. Fr. C gave a nice sermon. Thank you to Carol, Andria, Lorraine, Antoinette who dressed up our Fatima Shrine outside, and our altar inside. Steve and Jim mowed and trimmed the grounds. Richard carried the speaker during the whole procession. Thank you to anyone who walked, prayed, sang, and/or offered our Lady a flower this day. Megan who put the pot-luck posters together; and to anyone who actually signed up! Carol and her helpers decorated the hall. Renate, Kenny and Gail picked up the fried chicken. Linda who coordinated the volunteers, and was the first to arrive, and the last to leave. Thank you to all the helper volunteers, all the people who brought drinks and sides, all the people who came to celebrate with us. As a corporate body--we are either healthy together, or not -- thank you for doing your part.

**Question:** God is required for our spiritual well-being--we all accept this--but what about our physical well being? Can we be okay *without* God? For instance, could store shelves be BARE without God?

The days preceding Ascension Thursday are called the Rogation Days or the Lesser Litanies. These events in the Church's Calendar, and the names we call them, are sometimes confusing because they are not directly related to the life of Christ. They are, however, related to the life of the Church -- and flow out of her acquired wisdom.

A rogation procession is a penitential act in which a bodily act is added to a mindful prayer. You may recall Padre Pio that he made a penitential procession through the fruit orchard to solve an infestation of caterpillars. You may recall that St. Jean de Brebeuf conducted 9 days of processions to end the drought in the summer of 1638. It rained on the 9th day; starvation was avoided. So often these prayerful acts are so effective that the Church, over time, encouraged everyone to imitate the example. In her wisdom, the Church lives out *Continued on back* →