

A member of the parish, **Valerie Taylor**, will soon begin a discernment with a contemplative Carmelite Community in Elysburg, Penn. They will receive her on June 24th. This begins her postulancy. After her postulancy (1 year?), she may be received as a novice. After her novitiate (2 years?), she may be allowed to take temporary vows. After temporary vows (4 years?) she may be received for final vows. Entering is not the same as taking final vows. Valerie is going to discern God's will, to test her vocation. If she (or Mother Superior) decides her vocation lies elsewhere, she may return home in a month. Valerie's vocation is being tested, not Valerie. Coming home is not a failure, it is an answer to the discernment: Is my vocation here?

We are excited that Valerie is courageously pursuing 'the better part.' We are happy she's found an attractive community. We're grateful they're willing to open their secret doors to her. She will see and experience rare things! Fantastic. But, if it is not for her, we will joyfully receive her back into the parish, and thank God for the clear answer to her discernment. In the meantime, we pledge our prayers for her, and ask that she pray for us in return. Then we look around for others to follow her good example of openness. Who's next?!

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Novokowsky, FSSP

**Annual Parish Yard Sale—Next Sat.**

The Annual Parish Yard Sale will take place on **Sat. June 13th from 8:00am to 2:00pm.** Food and Baked Goods too! Please come and support this annual fund raiser. Questions? Please call Mike Rowland at 745-7844.

**Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!**

We are glad you came—we are eager to share the treasures of God with you. Please do not hesitate to ask if you need 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 visit our website at [www.stjosephrichmond.org](http://www.stjosephrichmond.org). If you register on the site, you will receive an e-bulletin and important notices from the office.

*“My Flesh is meat indeed and My Blood is drink indeed...”*

(John 6:56-57)



**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH**

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND  
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

**COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES**

<b>Ladies Altar Guild</b> Mary Claire Adams 515-0973	<b>Ushers</b> Patrick Latimer 262-7628	<b>Web Master</b> website@stjosephrichmond.org	<b>Flower Guild</b> Andria Morris 525-0733
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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS	
Sunday June 7	<b>Ext. Solemnity of Corpus Christi (1st Cl.)</b> 8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am Kathleen Rodenburg+
Monday June 8	<b>Feria (4th Cl.)</b> 9:00 am Fr. Robert Novokowsky
Tuesday June 9	<b>Feria (4th Cl.)</b> 9:00 am Patricia Palm
Wednesday June 10	<b>St. Margaret of Scotland (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Alex & Josh Cronheim+ Chapin & Max Cronheim
Thursday June 11	<b>St. Barnabus (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Kathleen Rodenburg+
Friday June 12	<b>Sacred Heart of Jesus (1st Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Graces of Humility & Charity
Saturday June 13	<b>St. Anthony of Padua (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Nancy & Jacques Graybill
Sunday June 14	<b>3rd Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)</b> 8:30 am Terry L. Stacy+ 11:00 am Pro Populo
Monday June 15	<b>Feria (4th Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Kathleen Stells
Tuesday June 16	<b>Feria (4th Cl.)</b> 8:00 am Charles McChesney+
Wednesday June 17	<b>St. Gregory Barbarigo (3rd Cl.)</b> 8:00 am Gabrielle Donlon
Thursday June 18	<b>St. Ephrem of Syria (3rd Cl.)</b> 12:00 pm Zanoni Family
Friday June 19	<b>St. Juliana of Falconieri (3rd Cl.)</b> 12:00 pm Fr. Robert Novokowsky
Saturday June 20	<b>St. Silverius (4th Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Souls in Purgatory 9:00 am Helene Armeno+

**PRAYER LIST**

Sheila, Dave, Matthew & Rachel Smith, Cliff Gerbe, Doug Pearson, Fr. Adrian Harmening, Mike McHugh, Jack Howe, 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.

**Altar Flowers**

Flowers on the Main and Side Altars today were donated by **Mr. & Mrs. Michael Faina** on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary.

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation Certificates**

Please pick up your Certificate, arranged alphabetically, in the Social Room on the table near the Office. Thank You.

**Offertory Collections**

Sunday May 31, 2015  
 1st Collection (Operations): \$ 5,832  
 Avg. Weekly Operating Need: \$ 6,500  
**Avg. Weekly Year to Date: \$ 6,525**  
 2nd Collection (Building Fund): \$ 1,015

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Upcoming Events**

- June 7** Corpus Christi Procession & Party
- June 13** Annual Yard Sale
- June 24** Fr. David Franco, 1st Mass 6 pm
- June 26,27** Altar Boy Camp, Details TBA

**Corpus Christi - TODAY**



Please plan on participating in our Corpus Christi Procession which will follow the 11 am Mass today. Afterwards, the Knights of Columbus will be grilling up burgers and dogs, with all the fixin's. Food and games! Bring lawn chairs, sun hats, and your soft ball glove.

**Congratulations 2015 Graduates**

We would like to honor those who have graduated this year, and for whom the Mass was offered at Saturday's Baccalaureate Mass. They are: Valerie Taylor, daughter of Jason and Cary, who completed high school at home; Joseph McMurtry, son of Alex and Denise, who finished at St. Christopher's; Bella DiFacio, daughter of Alice, who finished public school; Jameson Madere, son of Whit and Kathy, who finished at James River; Susannah Tombes, daughter of Jonathan and Gretchen, who finished at St. Gertrude's; and Muriel Wankep-Kamga, who finished her nursing program at Reynolds College. Congratulations to all. Not to us, Lord, but to you give the glory! Thanks be to God, and to the generosity of others, for all the gifts we have received.

**Recent Sacraments**

The parish would like to congratulate the following happy couples who were united in the bond of Holy Matrimony in the past two months: Michael and Jennifer Bussman, Greg and Meredith Perry, Michael and Susie Puglisi, Jamie and Annie Hill.

Congratulations also to Lucas Alexander Cota, son of Alessandro and Isabela, and Scarlett Mary Rita Seeley, daughter of Joseph and Lauren, who were baptized into the Mystical Body of Christ.

**Dear Parishioners,**

We discussed the priestly vocation. The Fraternity will ordain a total of 14 this year. *Deo gratias*. Thank you for your help in this important work; this harvest was a minimum 7 years in the making.

Now let's discuss the **contemplative vocation**. These are the professionals: they focus all their time and effort on adoration of God. The alternative is an "active" vocation, whose primary work remains prayer, but who also have other activities. To make their life possible, contemplatives typically live in the seclusion of a cloister. In this country, confusingly, most monks and nuns are active. Two contemplative communities in this diocese are the Visitation Sisters and the Poor Clares.

The contemplative vocation is naturally difficult to understand. It is motivated by an invisible, supernatural end. It's the call to be a friend/spouse of the God-man, Jesus Christ. Dedicating one's life to the service of an "invisible" friend seems madness to an outsider. Like a stained-glass window: the *most ugly* window from the outside, is actually the *most beautiful* from the inside. When a contemplative leaves the world, they die to world. Friends and family can be left feeling rejected and bewildered. From the inside however, surprisingly, a contemplative vocation is all about love, life, and joy. In America we value the *can-do* attitude and the things it can accomplish. There's a subtle danger here. The danger is this evil idea: a thing's value lies in its usefulness, so that if a thing has no discernible usefulness, it's deemed to have no value. We see this applied--horribly--even to people. Catholics have not escaped the taint of this utilitarianism, and so the contemplative vocation, in my opinion, has suffered. We are tempted to think: since contemplation is not useful, it is not valuable. We wouldn't be the first: King Henry VIII disbanded the monasteries in England because they were "useless." The French government did the same in France after the Revolution of 1789. Communists do the same everywhere they take power, for the same reason.

The popes call contemplatives the heart of the Church. Rather than a "drain," they are its lifeblood. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the model of all contemplatives. Mary Magdalene's sister Martha was the first naysayer: tell her to help me, as in, tell her to make herself useful. Being 'useless' at the feet of Jesus was not only acceptable, it was the "better part." The contemplative vocation is good in itself: a dedication to adoration of God. It is not good because of its usefulness to something else. That said, because it exists as part of the Mystical Body, it is, in fact, useful, greatly so. Henry VIII was shocked that, months after he dissolved the monasteries, London filled up with the homeless poor. He didn't get it. However, the usefulness is only a secondary consideration.

 Indicates a change to the normal Mass schedule