

Living Wills. The medical establishment encourages its clients to have a "living will" or an "advanced directive" or some such document. These documents attempt to specify what the client's wishes are, ahead of time, should the client become incapacitated. The service providers say they want to respect the client's wishes. Why not make them clear, in black and white?! It seems like a good idea, until this principle is enunciated: a document's meaning is determined by the one who has the authority of interpreting the document. Case in point: according to 5 powerful people, the Constitution of the U.S. enshrines gay marriage. They say it's the black and white meaning of the document; and, for better or worse, they've been given the final say. So the question is: **Who has the legal authority to interpret your directive?** In any "advanced directive" you are handing over that legal authority of interpretation to your service provider. If your family disputes the doctor's interpretation, they will have no recourse, because you've voluntarily given the doctor final say.

How bad can it be? Unbelievably bad; sometimes, the difference between life and death. Asking the service provider, a for-profit business, to mind the best interest of you, the customer,

especially when you are incapacitated, is putting them in a serious conflict-of-interest.

Put a person in charge. And be careful of what you sign; the hospital triage nurse may slip an advanced directive under your nose. Specify only your next-of-kin, putting them in charge of your decision making in case of necessity. Select as your next-of-kin someone who knows the teachings of the Church, and who can apply them prudently, and who will seek good council if a difficult situation arise. If you have no kin of this description, you'll have to go buy some, or socialize more after Mass, perhaps.

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
Fr. R. Novokowsky, FSSP

Don't forget the Unborn

Join fellow pro-life Catholics each first and third Saturday 9:00am to 10:00am to pray the Rosary at the abortion mill at Boulevard and Grove in Richmond. For additional information, please call Patrick Latimer at 804-262-7628.

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*"O clap your hands,
all ye nations; shout
unto God with the
voice of joy."*

(Ps. 46:2)



July 12, 2015

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Holy Mass Schedule

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| 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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| 7:00 AM MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS | |
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| Sunday July 12 | 7th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.) 8:30 am Amanda & Justin Braydon 11:00 am Pro Populo |
| Monday July 13 | Feria (4th Cl.) 9:00 am Larry Lemay |
| Tuesday July 14 | St. Bonaventure (3rd Cl.) 9:00 am Loretta Mayer |
| Wednesday July 15 | St. Henry the Emperor (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Private Intention 6:00 pm Honor of the Guardian Angels |
| Thursday July 16 | Our Lady of Mount Carmel (4th Cl.) 7:00 am Richard Michael Human+ 9:00 am Lisa Doran |
| Friday July 17 | Feria (4th Cl.) 7:00 am Thomas & Helen McKenna 6:00 pm Our Lady of Ransom |
| Saturday July 18 | St. Camillus de Lellis (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Karen Jennings+ 9:00 am Albert Beauchesne+ |
| Sunday July 19 | 8th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.) 8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am David Palm |
| Monday July 20 | St. Jerome Emiliani (3rd Cl.) 9:00 am James Beck+ |
| Tuesday July 21 | St. Laurence of Brindisi (3rd Cl.) 9:00 am Andria Morris |
| Wednesday July 22 | St. Mary Magdalene (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Terry Stacy+ 6:00 pm Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter |
| Thursday July 23 | St. Apollinaris (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Joseph Anstett 9:00 am Sandra Bouchard+ |
| Friday July 24 | Feria (4th Cl.) 7:00 am Charles McChesney+ 6:00 pm Calvine Kamga |
| Saturday July 25 | St. James the Greater (2nd Cl.) 7:00 am Trevor Nacey 9:00 am Walter & Maria Magnelli+ |

PRAYER LIST

Bobby Overman, Jimmy & Theresa Trexler, Jules Trexler, Jim Grumblatt, Dick and Nan Wray, Missy D'Aconti, Mark Davison, Sheila, Dave, Matthew & Rachel Smith, Fr. Adrian Harmening, Mike McHugh, Jack Howe, Dawn Celentano, Abigail Maria Alvey, John Dickson, Alan Craig, Richard Liberatore, Mary Zacharias, Casey Stalvey, 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.

Fr. Novokowsky Away

Fr. Novokowsky will be visiting Canada from July 15th thru 30th.

Offertory Collections

Sunday July 5, 2015
 1st Collection (Operations): \$ 7,810
 Avg. Weekly Operating Need: \$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date: \$ 7,810
 2nd Collection (Building Fund): \$ 1,346

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Upcoming Events

July 12 Enrollment in the Brown Scapular
August 1 First Saturday Devotions
August 2 First Sunday with 3 Masses scheduled
 8:30am Low; 11:00am High; 4:30pm Low
August 7 First Friday Adoration of the Blessed



TODAY, Enrollment in the Brown Scapular

Today, Sunday, July 12th, which is the Sunday prior to the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on July 16th, there will be Enrollment in the Brown Scapular after both Masses.

Prayer to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

“O most beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. Amen.”

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. If you register on the site, you will receive an e-bulletin and important notices from the office.



Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are enjoying an awfully good summer. Thank you (in advance) for your prayers for a safe return from the Great White North. You will remain in mine.

A New Mass Time! Yes, as of August 2nd, 2015 we will have three Masses each Sunday. We are adding an afternoon Mass at 4:30 pm. We will try it until Christmas and see how it goes. We hope this will catch a few sleepy heads, the sick, travelers, the snow-bound, workers or the hung-over. To attend this Mass, you will not have to specify which category you're in. We will rely on God's providence to supply Mass servers and ushers. Thank you for spreading the word.

New "Average Weekly Need" You may notice in the Weekly Offering Box in this bulletin, that the weekly need for this fiscal year, just begun, is a larger number than last fiscal year just ended. This number is calculated by the Finance Council, based on our parish's annual budget. Unlike the government, we are not allowed to budget a loss. If we match this number, we are on target to meet our annual expenses. Thank you for your understanding, patience and generosity. Let's move on to a more cheery topic.

Euthanasia. Our 'Culture of Death' is pushing hard for euthanasia and assisted suicide. The argument FOR euthanasia is as simple as it is brutal. Those who are sick cannot do any good, this means they are 'useless.' Those who are useless, do not have value. Things without value *can* be discarded. Things without value, which, at the same time, have to be maintained, *should* be discarded. Therefore, in this view, euthanasia is more than just a moral possibility, it is an imperative. We've already discussed the evil of this utilitarian philosophy, which *reduces* the value of things (not excluding people) to their mere usefulness. Margaret Sanger is a modern day 'patron saint' of this evil thinking. This brings us to a practical consideration. *Continued on back >*

 Indicates a change to the normal Mass schedule