

— *Pastor's Corner Cont'd*

'being in the world' and not knowing where to find peace and happiness."

"It is Jesus Christ who quiets the radical anguish that is in us. . . ." But Jesus Christ cannot do this unless He is living and real to us, as present to us in our faith as He was to the widow of Naim in the Gospel. It is impossible to imagine such a real presence apart from the Mass and the sacraments. Here above all He works in and upon us. But we must be open to His compassion and pity, as that grieving mother was. And we must know our sad condition: "Incline your ear, O Lord; answer me; save your servant, O my God, who trusts in you. Have pity on me, O lord, for to you I call all the day."

Here He speaks to us and we to Him. Here He restores us to life from the depths of despair, here He saves us more and more from ourselves. "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Believe this with all your minds and heart, and then you will say, "A great prophet has risen among us, and God has visited his people."

In Their Hearts,  
Fr. Casavantes, FSSP

**Fr Novokowsky Away**

Fr. Novokowsky will be away for the first two weeks of September. Please pray for his safe return. Thank you.

**COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES**

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|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Ladies Altar Guild</b><br>Mary Claire Adams<br>515-0973                                     | <b>Ushers</b><br>Patrick Latimer 262-7628                                     | <b>Web Master</b><br>website@stjosephrichmond.org   | <b>Flower Guild</b><br>Andria Morris 525-0733                           |
| <b>Kids Social Coordinator</b><br>Victoria Sanctafamilia 592-8055<br>kids@stjosephrichmond.org | <b>Parish Council</b><br>Greg Hice 320-6011                                   | <b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>  | <b>First Friday Adoration</b><br>Andria Morris 525-0733                 |
| <b>Maintenance/Improvements</b><br>John Hewitt 330-0896  | <b>Religious Education</b><br>Bill Doran 288-4598<br>edu@stjosephrichmond.org | <b>Trail Life USA Troop 828</b><br>David Leonard 571-438-1524<br>troopmaster@stjosephrichmond.org | <b>American Heritage Girls Troop 3126</b><br>LaPortsia Wallace 687-2736 |
| <b>Padre Pio Sodality</b><br>Caroline Pfab 560-9133<br>Carol Gentry 270-5536                   | <b>Finance Council</b><br>Jay Lagarde 741-3085                                | <b>Pot Luck Coordinator</b><br>Megan Bean 894-2894  | <b>Grounds Crew</b><br>Steve Michniak                                   |
| <b>Music Director</b><br>David Pedersen<br>320-4932, ext. 303<br>music@stjosephrichmond.org    | <b>Knights of Columbus</b><br>Tom Dennis 598-9126                             | <b>Parish Library</b><br>Antoinette Cleary 748-3179   | <b>Building Committee</b><br>Bob Kaplan                                 |
| <b>Gift Shop</b><br>Rose Mary Cosby 272-3908   | <b>St. Joseph's Education Guild</b>   | <b>St. Camillus de Lellis Prayer Group</b><br>Margaret Ansari 716-1086                            | <b>Sacristan</b><br>Antoinette Cleary 748-3179                          |

**Support Group for Widowed Men and Women**

A new support group for widowed men and women will begin this fall for those widowed between a few months and several years. Monday evenings from 7-9 for 9 consecutive weeks at The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer at 2341 Winterfield Road in Midlothian, easily accessible via VA-288. Topics: normal behaviors and feelings, loss of identity, changed roles, and how to move forward. Small group setting. Limited enrollment. \$25 registration fee. For more information contact Belinda Early ([belinda.early@gmail.com](mailto:belinda.early@gmail.com) or 513 5772), by 9/15.

**American Heritage Girls**

Open registration now for ages 5 through 18 years for the 2015-2016 year. Please contact Laportsia Wallace at 804-687-2736 or by email at [laportsia@yahoo.com](mailto:laportsia@yahoo.com) to register or for more information.

**Altar Boy Camp**

Altar Boy Camp will begin on **Friday, Oct. 2 and end on Sunday, Oct. 4** - *the External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary*— after the High Mass and Procession. Registration begins on Friday at 4:30pm. Registration forms are available online; a hardcopy is available in the Social Room.

*“ For the Lord is a great God...”*

*(Ps. 94:3)*



*September 6, 2015*

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**Holy Mass Schedule**

Sunday 8:30 am (Low)  
11 am (High)  
4:30 pm (Low)

Monday 7 am & 9 am  
Tuesday 7 am & 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**
- ◆ **Confession: ½ hr before all Masses, Saturdays - 10:00 to 11:00 am.**
- ◆ Novena & Benediction: Wed. evenings.
- ◆ **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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# Pastor's Corner

## Dear Parishioners,

Easter is past and life goes on. Here we are in church today. What is our condition? What are we thinking? Perhaps St. Paul in the Epistle can help us to understand ourselves. He certainly presents an ideal to us – one that brings our Easter death and resurrection into our very lives. We are to live by the Spirit, which means bearing one another's burdens, being completely dependent on God for everything, being humble and sincere. Then there is the problem of our body and our fallen human nature. "Make no mistake about it: God is not made a fool of! A man will surely reap whatever he sows. If he sows in the field of flesh, he will reap from it a harvest of corruption. But if his seed-ground is the spirit, from the spirit he will reap life everlasting. Let us not grow weary of doing good."

Such a high ideal puts us to shame. And it makes us face up once more to the tragedy and the tension of our life as Christ's followers. There is constant tension between hope and despair in most of us. Most live lives of quiet despair, said Thoreau. This is the stuff of which literature is made. Every serious author has to probe this problem, and so too every priest who preaches to his people.

One author, Francois Mauriac, came back to this difficulty time and again. In his book "The Anguish and Joy of the Christian Life," he writes: "Today, in the evening of my life, I know the final answer. It is Jesus Christ alone who quiets the radical anguish that is in us – an anguish which is so consubstantial with the human condition that it is cruelly manifest from childhood to the grave. The torment of loneliness, the vacillating shadows of those we love as they leave us in the horrible mysteries of death, the limitless gratification of our ego, the unhappiness of being a man who loves but is not loved or who is loved but does not love, the trials of old age and the gradual deterioration of strength, the declines of the mind and the approach of ineluctable dissolution—if these do not constitute an anguish, a radical anguish in the human heart, there is still the metaphysical anguish of

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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

|                 |  |   |
|-----------------|--|---|
| Sun. Sept. 6    | 15th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)  | 8:30 am Jansen Family<br>11:00 am Pro Populo<br>4:30 pm Charles McChesney+  |
| Mon. Sept. 7    | Feria (4th Cl.)                        | 7 am Private Intention<br>9 am Vincenzo Ranidazzo+                          |
| Tues. Sept. 8   | Nativity of the B.V.M. (2nd Cl.)       | 7 am Edward Selby<br>9 am Joyce Sherman+                                    |
| Wed. Sept. 9    | St. Peter Claver (3rd Cl.)             | 7 am Mr. & Mrs. Wes Partin<br>6 pm To Honor the Infant Jesus                |
| Thurs. Sept. 10 | St. Nicholas of Tolentino (3rd Cl.)    | 7 am Jacques Graybill<br>9 am Eric Broughton                                |
| Fri. Sept. 11   | Feria (4th Cl.)                        | 7 am Special Intention<br>6 pm The Zilli Family                             |
| Sat. Sept. 12   | Most Holy Name of Mary (3rd Cl.)       | 7 am Mark R. Finch+<br>9 am Thomas McDonald+<br>10 am Confession Hour       |
| Sun. Sept. 13   | 16th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)  | 8:30 am Kathleen Rodenberg+<br>11:00 am Pro Populo<br>4:30 pm Janice Starr+ |
| Mon. Sept. 14   | Exaltation of the Holy Cross (2nd Cl.) | 7 am Harriet & John McGuire<br>9 am R.M.                                    |
| Tues. Sept. 15  | Seven Sorrows of B.V.M. (2nd Cl.)      | 7 am Malcolm Slovik<br>9 am Private Intention                               |
| Wed. Sept. 16   | SS. Cornelius & Cyprian (3rd Cl.)      | 7 am Charles McChesney+<br>6 pm Christine Hemphill                          |
| Thurs. Sept. 17 | Feria (4th Cl.)                        | 7 am Msgr. Michael Smith<br>9 am Margaret Abernathy                         |
| Fri. Sept. 18   | St. Joseph of Cupertino (3rd Cl.)      | 7 am Fred Fadill+<br>6 pm Special Intention                                 |
| Sat. Sept. 19   | St. Januarius & Companions (3rd Cl.)   | 7 am Robert Constantine+<br>9 am Jay Lagarde<br>10 am Confession Hour       |

## PRAYER LIST

Lydia Colberg, Robert Reilhan, Jim O'Reilly, Daniel Doran, Thomas and Dorothy McKinley, Antoinette McLoughlin, Edith Nicolas, Bill Colberg, Sherry & Ron Crawford, Bobby Overman, Dick and Nan Wray, Fr. Adrian Harmening, Jack Howe, Dawn Celentano, Abigail Maria Alvey, Mary Zacharias, Casey Stalvey, Suki & Beau Simpson, Maryann McLaughlin, John Osborne, Ann Horgan, 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.

## Welcome Visitors

We are glad you came—we are eager to share the treasures of God with you. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance. We have green booklets (in the vestibule) for beginners. We also have RED Latin/English booklets, and BEIGE Latin/Spanish booklets. To register as a parishioner, please see the green and white forms in the Social Room. Register on our website [www.stjosephrichmond.org](http://www.stjosephrichmond.org) and you will receive an e-bulletin each week, as well as important notices from the office.

## American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls will be selling candy bars after each Mass on Sunday morning. Thank you as always for your support.

### Offertory Collections

Sunday August 30, 2015

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1st Collection (Operations):     | \$ 5,642        |
| Avg. Weekly Operating Need:      | \$ 7,114        |
| <b>Avg. Weekly Year to Date:</b> | <b>\$ 6,422</b> |
| 2nd Collection (Building Fund):  | \$ 905          |

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## Upcoming Events

- Sept 6 Knights of Columbus Meeting**
- Sept 7 Labor Day - Office closed**
- Sept 20 Religious Education begins**
- Sept 30 Bible Study begins**
- Oct. 2 1st Friday Adoration 8 am to 5 pm**
- Oct. 2-4 Altar Boy Camp**
- Oct. 3 1st Saturday Devotion**
- Oct. 4 Fall Family Pot Luck & Square Dance**
- Oct. 9 Marriage Course begins**

## Religious Education

Religious Education begins **Sunday, Sept. 20 from 9:45am to 10:30am**. Parents, please fill out a Registration Form. Hard copies are available in the Social Room or at 'MY ACCOUNT' on [www.stjosephrichmond.org](http://www.stjosephrichmond.org). There will be a Classroom **Clean-up Day on Saturday Sept. 12 at 10:00am** for anyone who would be willing to help.

## Our Bible Study Continues!

### A Study on the Book of Galatians by Jeff Cavins.

This is an eight-week course which will be offered **Sept. 30 to Nov. 19th, 2015**. Each week the same session will be offered twice, Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, and Thursday mornings at 10 am. The classes will be lead by Fathers Casavantes and Tatman. Please sign up for a work book at the Gift Shop or the Parish Office. The cost will be \$20 plus a registration fee of \$10. Books must be ordered by Sept. 15th.

## The Marriage Course

This is a 6-week course, offered between **Friday, Oct. 9th to Friday, Nov. 20 from 6:45pm until 9:00pm**. Couples married two years or more will greatly benefit from this course which gives refined teaching about natural virtues that are proper to the spousal relationship. It is not a replacement for marriage counseling, psychological therapy or spiritual direction. The cost is \$45 per couple which includes the workbooks and refreshments. Registration forms are available in the Social Room.

## Fall Family Square Dance

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, Oct. 4th**. Following the high Mass we will lunch pot-luck style, and then *do-si-do* to the calling of Larry Winegard! Picnic pavilion, whether permitting. More details to follow.