

Above all, let us beg for that true humility which will place us in the lowest place in our own estimation. "Incline your ear, O Lord; answer me, for I am afflicted and poor."

In Their Hearts,  
Fr. Casavantes, FSSP

### 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

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.

### 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.

### Benedictine College Preparatory

Benedictine College Preparatory will be holding an Open House on Sunday, September 27th at 2:30 pm. This is an excellent opportunity for prospective students and their families to tour the school and ask questions of faculty, students, parents and alumni. The school is located at 12829 River Road. For more information, please contact their admission office at 708-9504/9514 or visit their website at [www.benedictinecollegeprep.org](http://www.benedictinecollegeprep.org)

*Benedictine will form Christian men of Conscience, Discipline and Achievement.*

“Sing ye to the Lord...”

(Ps. 97:1)



September 13, 2015

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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Hours: Mon. - Fri., 9 am — 2 pm  
Sandy Ondishko, *Admin. Asst.*, ext. 301  
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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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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS		
Sun. Sept. 13	16th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Kathleen Rodenberg+ 11:00 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Janice Starr+
Mon. Sept. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross (2nd Cl.)	7 am Harriet & John McGuire 9 am R.M.
Tues. Sept. 15	Seven Sorrows of B.V.M. (2nd Cl.)	7 am Malcolm Slovik 9 am Private Intention
Wed. Sept. 16	SS. Cornelius & Cyprian (3rd Cl.)	7 am Charles McChesney+ 6 pm Christine Hemphill
Thurs. Sept. 17	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Msgr. Michael Smith 9 am Margaret Abernathy
Fri. Sept. 18	St. Joseph of Cupertino (3rd Cl.)	7 am Fred Fadill+ 6 pm Special Intention
Sat. Sept. 19	St. Januarius & Companions (3rd Cl.)	7 am Robert Constantine+ 9 am Jay Lagarde 10 am Confession Hour
Sun. Sept. 20	17th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am Thomas Noble 4:30 pm Janice Starr+
Mon. Sept. 21	St. Matthew (2nd Cl.)	7 am Tom Osborne 9 am Harry J. Zilli+
Tues. Sept. 22	St. Thomas of Villanova. (3rd Cl.)	7 am Barbara Reardon+ 9 am Sandy Ondishko
Wed. Sept. 23	Ember Wednesday (2nd Cl.)	7 am Dr. Brendan McGuire 6 pm Fr. Carlos S. Casavantes
Thurs. Sept. 24	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Jinu Koola 9 am Kathleen Rodenburg+
Fri. Sept. 25	Ember Friday (2nd Cl.)	7 am Latin Mass Community in Queens, NY 6 pm Edward E. Phillips, Jr.+
Sat. Sept. 26	Ember Saturday (2nd Cl.)	7 am Trevor Nacey 9 am Lucie Lagarde 10 am Confession Hour

**PRAYER LIST**

Julie Trexler, Theresa Trexler, Jean Spadara, 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.

**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.

**Offertory Collections**

Sunday August 30, 2015

1st Collection (Operations): \$ 8,243  
Avg. Weekly Operating Need: \$ 7,114  
**Avg. Weekly Year to Date: \$ 6,604**  
2nd Collection (Building Fund): \$ 1,347

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Upcoming Events**

- 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).

**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, weather permitting. More details to follow.

**Pastor's Corner**



**Dear Parishioners,**

Today Christ asks us: "Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath or not?" There can be no doubt about our answer, since we know that the ones He wants to heal are we ourselves. "Deign, O Lord, to rescue me," is our plea, one and all. Our dropsy might be sickness of mind, sickness of body, sickness of soul. But the dropsy from which He wants to rescue us today may be our own particular brand of Phariseeism. We must not think that He was speaking only to the Pharisees.

We make fun of the Pharisees, but we are often much like them. It is not unheard of for Catholics to change Christ's doctrine and to twist it to their own liking, often make it harder than He did. We have our own kind of legalism. There are some who would never dream of missing Mass on Sunday or eating meat on Friday, but who do not hesitate to practice discrimination. There are others who contribute well to the support of the parish, but who reject Christ's demands for active love of neighbor and for the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

He also wants to teach us a sense of our true place in His presence. We are to take the lowest place, recognizing ourselves for what we are – sinners all, but sinners who are loved and forgiven. How well does Christ know men and all their petty weaknesses and ambitions! It would seem that feeding one's vanity is more important than feeding the body. But that's the way we are, all of us (not just the Pharisees), despite Christ's word and example and the truth of His word which we so often learn by sad experience.

Today's Gospel takes place at a meal. As a matter of fact, the main purpose of this and every Gospel is to prepare us to enter into a blessed meal and to take advantage of it. The Pharisees in no way benefitted from eating with Jesus. The man with dropsy did.

Let us take our place at this meal in true awareness of our sickness and weakness, fully aware of the need for Him, crying out to Him for relief. He will hear us.

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