

**Pastor's Corner Continued**

have a raised sanctuary.

3) Ceiling. The introduction of poly-laminate beams in the mid 20th century, meant that new shapes in buildings were possible. New does not equal improved. The arches of the walls and roofs of historical churches are theological, as well as practical. An arch spans a volume and seems to defeat gravity. At the same time though, the arch is well-grounded by its supporting columns or walls. A grounded solidity gives rise to the flight of transcendence; our nature, planted on earth, is the foundation of our super-nature, which reaches to heaven, beyond the pull of gravity. The movement of the convex arch is up and in. Up to heaven, and in to God who is the center. Our ceiling, on the other hand, is a concave curve. The movement of this "arch" is down, down and out. Rather than defy gravity, it is, as it were, acquiescing to it, and emphasizing the horizontal.

Can we fix these issues? Upon investigation, we discovered that renovating the bones of the building is not very cost-effective, and the *best* result would still be a aesthetical and architectural compromise. Therefore, practically speaking, it's not possible to fix these issues. Now, this decision was not arrived very slowly; I am very confident it is the best one.

For the Master Plan, there's only one option: ultimately we will plan to have a new Catholic church. But, please relax. We can't build a church if the funds don't exist; neither if the bishop doesn't give permission, nor if there's WWII. Much work remains to be done; no decisions will be made flippantly. I know that each decision creates more questions, for instance, the Social Room. Well I'm desperately trying to keep this a 'corner,' and not a 'Pastor's Fold-Out.' I want to inform, without making you anxious. Could you believe me, if I said, there's *nothing* to be anxious about? "Uh oh, now I'm really worried..."

God love you, *Fr. Novokowsky, FSSP*

**2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade**

Saturday, Oct. 10 at 12 noon, at the corner of Buford and Huguenot Roads. Contact Missy Daconti at [dedacon@aol.com](mailto:dedacon@aol.com) or call 804-901-0183.

**Benedictine Vocation Retreat**

For men ages 18 to 45 on October 16 to 18. Please contact Fr. John Mary Lugemwa, OSB at 804-708-9653. [vocations@richmondmonks.org](http://vocations@richmondmonks.org) or [www.RichmondMonks.org](http://www.RichmondMonks.org)

**St. Gertrude H.S. Open House**

Sunday, October 25 between 12pm and 3pm. Students and families welcome. Visit [saintgertrude.org](http://saintgertrude.org) or contact Meredith McNamara at 804-822-3955.

*“ Give glory to the Lord, and call upon His name...”*

*(Ps. 104:1)*



*October 4, 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.

**COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES**

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS		
Sun. Oct. 4	19th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am Stephen Loomis 4:30 pm Private Intention
Mon. Oct. 5	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Private Intention 9 am Frida Nganque+
Tues. Oct. 6	St. Bruno (3rd Cl.)	7 am Francis Bowker+ 9 am Our Lady of Ransom
Wed. Oct. 7	Our Lady of the Rosary (2nd Cl.)	7 am Sophie Franke 6 pm Joseph & Carol Hohos+
Thurs. Oct. 8	St. Bridget of Sweden (3rd Cl.)	7 am Paul Wickland 9 am Fr. Kenneth Walker FSSP+
Fri. Oct. 9	St. John Leonardi (3rd Cl.)	7 am Eric Robert Palm Jr.+ 6 pm Don & Sis Jones
Sat. Oct. 10	St. Francis Borgia (3rd Cl.)	7 am Lizy Kunjipaulo+ 9 am Kathleen Rodenburg+ 10 am Confession Hour
Sun. Oct. 11	20th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Johnston Family Intention 11:00 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Andreas Dahl Jorgensen
Mon. Oct. 12	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Jejo Koola 9 am Thanksgiving to Holy Trinity
Tues. Oct. 13	St. Edward the Confessor (3rd Cl.)	7 am Kathleen Rodenburg+ 9 am Fr. Carlos Casavantes
Wed. Oct. 14	St. Callistus I (3rd Cl.)	7 am Latin Mass Comm. Queens NY 6 pm Onalee McGrew
Thurs. Oct. 15	St. Teresa of Avila (3rd Cl.)	7 am Jonathan Sonnevile+ 9 am Helene Armeno+
Fri. Oct. 16	St. Hedwig (3rd Cl.)	7 am Charles McChesney+ 6 pm Victoria Pedroza
Sat. Oct. 17	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (3rd Cl.)	7 am Fr. Matthew McNeely FSSP 9 am Fr. James Miara 10 am Confession Hour

**PRAYER LIST**

Bishop Francis DiLorenzo, Joyce Matte, Mitchell Shaw, Shirl Wicks, Liz Grapes, Theresa Jones, Mary Greer, Kathleen Stells, Edward Crawford, Caroline Laing, Julie Trexler, Theresa Trexler, Jean Spadaro, Lydia Colberg, Robert Reilhan, Jim O'Reilly, Daniel Doran, Thomas and Dorothy McKinley, Antoinette McLoughlin, Bobby Overman, Dick and Nan Wray, Fr. Adrian Harmening, Jack Howe, 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.

**Calling All Bakers**

Good going gang: half down — half way to go! The brother of a parishioner is part of a Kairos Prison Ministry (Google-it for more info). They're going to the Greensville Correctional Center Oct. 22-25. He needs to bring 130 dozen chocolate chip cookies. If you would like to contribute, please call or text Gretchen Tombes: (804) 212-4226. Bring the chocolate chip cookies, packaged by the dozen in quart-sized bags, to the Tombes' house or the Social Room. The last Sunday for drop off will be Oct. 18. Please also pray for the success of this mission. Thank you.

**Offertory Collections**

Sunday September 27, 2015

1st Collection (Operations): \$ 5,156  
 Avg. Weekly Operating Need: \$ 7,114  
**Avg. Weekly Year to Date: \$ 6,404**  
 2nd Collection (Building Fund): \$ 645

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Upcoming Events**

- Oct. 4 Rosary Procession, Pot Luck & Square Dance (rained out)
- Oct. 4 Childrens' Religious Education
- Oct. 7,8 Continuing Education Book of Galatians
- Oct. 9 Marriage Course begins.

**The Book of Galatians, by Jeff Cavins  
Continues this week**

This is an eight-week course which will be offered **through Nov. 19th, 2015**. Sessions offered twice: Wed. at 7 pm, and Thurs. at 10 am. Classes led by Frs. Casavantes and Tatman. If you have not already obtained your workbook or paid for the course, please do so on Sundays at the Gift Shop or Monday thru Friday at the Parish Office. Cost: \$20, plus a registration fee of \$10.

**The Marriage Course**

This is a 7-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. The cost is \$45 per couple. Registration forms are in the Social Room.

**Rosary Congress, Oct. 9 and 10**

Mary Mother of the Church Abbey at 12829 River Road, Goochland will host the 20th Annual Rosary Congress on Friday, Oct 9: 6pm Video in Abbey Auditorium: POPE FRANCIS—WITNESS TO JOY; 7pm Mass; all night adoration. Saturday, Oct 10: 9am Rosary, 9:30am Mass **THEME: THE NEVER ENDING MERCY OF GOD**. Talks throughout the day. Admission is free. Optional lunch available for \$10. To reserve lunch, please call 804-708-9654

**Rosary Procession, Pot-Luck, & Square Dance**  
 Well, thank you to all who organized and volunteered to help the event which wasn't! The award-winning pulled-pork will have to wait till next time. Stay tuned for a possible rain date.

**Pastors' Corner**



**Dear Parishioners,**

Dear Parishioners,  
 A while ago you participated in a survey of our building and grounds. The members of the Building Committee and I appreciated your input. One of the most frequently occurring responses was regarding a rectory. We are actively investigating the possibilities for one, and will share with you as soon as a definite plan is achieved. It's a work in progress. I could share with you the whole decision-making process, but it would seriously test your fortitude. For instance: most people like a good sausage, not many need to see one being made.

We are being careful to have a rectory fit into an overall, long-term plan, which we are calling the Master Plan. The Building Committee has been working on this plan in the best way, that is slowly. I have made one decision, with the help of the committee, which I'd like to share with you today.

You know that our church--the structure of it, the bones, as it were--was built by Pentecostals for Pentecostal worship. It was never intended to be a Catholic Church, and so it isn't. Perhaps this thought never crossed your mind; that's because Fr. Adrian and his team did a very good job making it as Catholic as possible. It has served us well for 13 years; many visitors comment on how beautiful it is. However, when considering a Master Plan, something closer to ideal is called for.

Why are the bones of our church not ideal? In my estimation, there are three significant deficiencies. 1) Length vs. width: The body of a church as you may know is called a "nave," coming from the Latin "navis" for boat. Boats are always streamlined in the direction of their travel. Our nave is either an octagon, or, if you include the wings, wider than it is long. This is the opposite of streamlined; no boats are shaped like this; no traditional churches are shaped like this either. Ever tried to paddle an octagonal boat? Our nave isn't going where it should be going.

2) Height. The nave is traversing the sea of life towards heaven. Heaven is represented but the sanctuary. Heaven is where God dwells. Since heaven is up--Jesus "raised his eyes to heaven"--the sanctuary must also be "up." But, we can't raise our sanctuary higher because our ceiling is low. All historical purpose-built churches