

October 11, 2015

“ My heart is ready, O God...”

(Ps. 107:2)



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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fear this we lack faith in Jesus Christ. (That said, can a group of bishops vote for a change? Sure—we've had problems among this group since the Last Supper.) Now, unofficially, the divorced and remarried are *already* being given Holy Communion in some places. We should fear the spread of this evil practice. In private conversation it is sold, just like contraception was sold, under a pretence of generosity, mercy, and pastoral sensitivity. Evil teachers will drag the unsuspecting to hell with them. Fear this. Fear being lead astray in a time of weakness, for yourself, and for others. If the unofficial teachings are contrary to the official teachings of the Church, they are contrary to Christ. There are no exceptions. (We are praying extra prayers in October, in part, for the synod. Thank you for joining in with us.)

Wise as serpents. All popes could be heretics, personally. In exercising the Petrine office, however, no pope can lead us astray. He can personally; he can't when exercising his office formally. For our own sakes, we need to make a clear distinction. Our current pope-idolatry is dangerous business. This attitude is bound to lump together what should be separated. If all but one of the cherries is pitted, we could easily break a tooth. We can be disappointed by human limitation and weakness in the papacy. It should not lead us to sin against the virtues of faith or reverence. Being scandalized is being lead into sin; there's the sin of giving scandal, and the sin of taking scandal. Being wise is avoiding both.

Our propensity to want an easy path leads us to assume, ignorantly, other ages in the Church were somehow easier. No age was easy. Among the clergy, other ages have had huge problems: heretical hierarchies, pathetic ignorance, open concubinage or homosexuality, nepotism, simony, lay investiture, secularism, etc. If we are able to identify these problems, without falling into them, we are proof that 'where sin abounds, grace abounds even more.' Deo gratias.

Be faithful, especially when others are not. Have courage, especially when others are faint. Be a saint, especially when it's not appreciated.

God love you, *Fr. R. Novokowsky, fsp.*

Benedictine Vocation Retreat
For men ages 18 to 45 on October 16 to 18. Please contact Fr. John Mary Lugenwa, OSB at 804-708-9653. vocations@richmondmonks.org or www.RichmondMonks.org

St. Gertrude H.S. Open House
Sunday, October 25 between 12pm and 3pm. Students and families welcome. Visit saintgertrude.org or contact Meredith McNamara at 804-822-3955.

Blessed Sacrament Huguenot Catholic H.S. Open House
Tuesday, October 27 from 5:00-6:30 pm in the Anderson Library. Contact Jennifer Bussman, Director of Admissions at 804-598-4211 Ext. 533.

COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

Ladies Altar Guild Mary Claire Adams 515-0973	Ushers Patrick Latimer 262-7628	Web Master website@stjosephrichmond.org	Flower Guild Andria Morris 525-0733
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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. 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 Sonnevill+ 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
Sun. Oct. 18	21st Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am Kathleen E. Butler 4:30 pm Sister Mary Jude O.P.+
Mon. Oct. 19	St. Peter Of Alcantara (3rd Cl.)	7 am James & Blanche Eliasek, Jr.+
Tues. Oct. 20	St. John Cantius (3rd Cl.)	9 am David & Bernadette Woods+
Wed. Oct. 21	Feria (4th Cl.)	6 pm Georgia Hartensteiner+
Thurs. Oct. 22	Feria (4th Cl.)	9 am Andrew Zilios+
Fri. Oct. 23	St. Anthony Mary Claret (3rd Cl.)	7 am James T. McKenna+ 6 pm Zorika Fitzpatrick
Sat. Oct. 24	St. Raphael the Archangel (3rd Cl.)	7 am Mark Cinque 9 am Inez F. Zilli 10 am Confession Hour

PRAYER LIST

Bishop Francis DiLorenzo, Joyce Matte, 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.

Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers today were donated by Michael Rowland in memory of Harold E Rowland, Sr. and Sandra Rowland Loker.

Calling All Bakers—Deadline Oct. 18

The brother of a parishioner is part of a Kairos Prison Ministry (Google-it for more info). He needs to bring 130 dozen chocolate chip cookies to the Greensville Correctional Center on Oct. 22-25. Bring the chocolate chip cookies, packaged by the dozen in quart-sized bags, to the Tombes' house or the Social Room. Please also pray for the success of this mission. If you would like to contribute, please call or text Gretchen Tombes: (804) 212-4226.

Offertory Collections

Sunday October 4, 2015

1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 9,164
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date:	\$ 6,601
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 1,709

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 11** Religious Education between Masses
- Oct. 17** Altar Boy Practice 10am—1:30pm.
- Oct. 24** Youth Group event after 9am Mass
- Nov. 1** All Saints Day Celebration after 11am Mass, Parish Potluck

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

This is an eight-week course now being offered **through Nov. 19th, 2015**. Identical sessions offered twice: Wed. at 7 pm, and Thurs. at 10 am.

All Saints Day Celebration

Kids! Come dressed as your favorite Saint on Sunday, Nov. 1st. High Mass will be followed by Parish Potluck, and a Parade of Saints in the Social Room. Fun games with candy and prizes in the back of the building. For the 'Parade' all children should present their saint: 30 seconds for the kids 10 and under, 60 seconds for 11 and up.

Calling all Youth

It's time to do good and have fun doing it. If you are 14 through 25, you are invited. Come to the parish this Saturday, Oct. 24th for our inaugural youth group outing. Mass at 9am, then we will pray and give witness with the 40 Days for Life program. Then we will have lunch together. For more details, write Rose McKenna at rosein-bloom92@gmail.com.

Priests Travelling

Fr. Casavantes is away this week. Frs. N and T will be away next week. Please note the grey boxes on the Mass Schedule, which indicate a change.

Confused? Have questions?

A warm welcome to our new parishioners. Getting used to the ancient liturgy is not easy at first. We will have a class on "How to use a hand missal" on Sunday Oct. 18, at 1 pm, in the St. Joseph Room. All welcome.

Annual Financial Report

Please note the insert in today's bulletin which summarizes the last fiscal year of the parish. Thank you.

Altar Boy Practice?!

Let us pray that we can have a practice on Saturday Oct. 17th from 10 am to 1:30pm. Bring disaster preparedness equipment and/or sports clothes.

Pastors' Corner



Dear Parishioners,

Is the Synod on the Family something to be frightened of? Yes and no. The synod is a group of bishops, representatives from around the world, called together by the pope, to discuss a topic of his choosing, in order to give him advice. It is not a legislative or juridical body, let alone an Ecumenical Council. Unfortunately, the media is treating it like one. In addition, Pope Francis has become a contributor to the body that is supposed to be helping him. Some of his actions, as well as some of his statements, are confusing. While it's clear the synod has no official authority to make canon law, moral law, liturgical law, or Church discipline, the synod could acquire unofficial authority and persuasive power in the minds of men.

For example: statistics show that in the 21st century, Catholic and non-Catholic couples of child-bearing age use artificial contraception at the same rate. But the Church's condemnation of this is explicit and uninterrupted at least from the time of St. Ireneaus (d. 202), and renewed as recently as 1968 in a papal encyclical. How did Catholic practice change when the official teaching did not? Widespread disobedience? Another answer is more instructive: the unofficial teaching of the Church changed. Contraception was quietly given a green light by priests in the confessionals; the topic received thunderous silence in the pulpit; bishops never instructed their priests otherwise; no call to conversion was ever given. When contraception had to be mentioned, it was passed over quickly, and with embarrassment. Officially, it is still a grave sin; unofficially, it is no sin at all.

Simple as doves. Where's our security? In our Lord's promise, 'the gates of hell shall not prevail,' we can discern two aspects: 1) the Church will prevail, and 2) it will very-much seem as if she won't. We live in difficult times--our Lord never promised otherwise. What he did promise was this: Seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you. If any man seeks the truth, and *wants* to be saved, he will be saved. However, if any man does not *really want* to find the truth, he won't.

Are you afraid the synod will change the official Church teaching regarding the divorced and remarried? The official teaching can never change. Never. If we