

Financial Matters. The Catholic Virginian has a nice article about Fr. Adrian Harmening OSB this week. Speaking of the Virginian, I need to tell you that every parish is charged a fee to keep the paper free to its readership. (Don't shoot the messenger. Frocked lives matter.) The parish pays \$415 per month, almost \$5k per year. Last year we only received only 1/5 of this amount, the remainder must come out of the operating fund. The envelopes which you receive once per quarter say "\$4". (I don't control this either.) If we consider the this \$4 to be monthly, not quarterly, we will be well on our way of meeting the goal.

In addition you may notice from the "Offertory Collections" box in this bulletin that we are not often meeting our "average weekly operating need." The first Sundays of the month are typically very exciting. The rest of the Sundays, not so much. May God reward your generosity. And thank you.

To Sunny Nebraska. Fr. Tatman and I will be travelling to the Fraternity convocation this week. Part of our convocation will be dedicating a new FSSP cemetery at the seminary. The only two Fraternity priests who have died in North America will be reinterred in this ceremony. You will recall Fr. Kenneth Walker. The meeting is usually in November, but they moved it to October so there'd be less chance the ground would be frozen. So, now we know where our final resting place will be!

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

Thank You

The parish wishes to thank...Nikki - for sharing his statues of Our Lady, and for the magnificent display of candles, roses and lilies; Amparo - for her monthly gift of flowers for the main altar; Maria - for the flowers in the vestibule and chapel; and our anonymous donor - for weekly white rose arrangements.

May God and Our Lady bless them.

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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Chocolate Chip Cookie Deadline today

Thank you to all who baked cookies and/or donated for the Kairos Prison Ministry at the Greensville Correctional Center.

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.

“When Israel went out of Egypt...”

(Ps. 113:1)



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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. 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
Sun. Oct. 25	Christ the King (1st Cl.)	8:30 am Thomas A. McKinley+ 11:00 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Private Intention
Mon. Oct. 26	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Therese Lagarde 9 am Daniel Loomis
Tues. Oct. 27	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Ronald E. Elisek+ 9 am Stewart & Didi Lagarde
Wed. Oct. 28	SS. Simon & Jude (2nd Cl.)	7 am Charles McChesney+ 6 pm Fr. Tim Meares
Thurs. Oct. 29	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Julie Trexler 9 am Alan Craig
Fri. Oct. 30	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter 6 pm James McKenna+
Sat. Oct. 31	Saturday of Our Lady (4th Cl.)	7 am Priests in Purgatory 9 am Irene McGee+ 10 am Confession Hour

PRAYER LIST

Justine Madigan, Natalie McNeil, 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

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.

Priests Travelling

Frs. Novokowsky and Tatman will be away this week. Please keep them in your prayers for a successful Retreat. Note Mass time changes in grey boxes on the Mass Schedule.

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 roseinbloom92@gmail.com.

Offertory Collections

Sunday October 11, 2015

1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 7,311
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date:	\$ 6,640
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 878

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Upcoming Events

Oct. 24 Youth Group event after 9am Mass
Oct. 25 Christ the King
Nov. 1 All Saints Day Celebration after 11am Mass, Parish Potluck

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"* **today at 1 pm** in the St. Joseph Room. All welcome.

Religious Education

Classes continue today between Masses for students Pre-K through 12th Grade in their respective classrooms.

**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.



Christian Refugee Relief

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting contributions **today** after all Masses for the displaced Christians of Iraq and Syria. There will be a donation box in the Social Room. Please donate generously to our persecuted brethren. Our St. Joseph Council will match any donations up to \$1,000. Please make checks payable to 'Knights of Columbus 12525'.

The Knights of Columbus will also sell Raffle tickets **today** to raise funds for the children's playground. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or donating, please see a Knight or the Gift Shop.

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.

Pastors' Corner



The Saints. We honor the saints for being holy. Quite right. Whose best at honoring the saints? Other saints. So, we need to imitate them. However, there's a pitfall to be avoided. Our devotion to the saints should not contain the tacit idea that we will not be saints ourselves. If we say, 'we will not be saints,' then we do not desire sanctification. Honoring the saints should be for the purpose of imitating them. They became holy. How? They became holy because they desired it. They desired it greatly. This great desire lead them to pray earnestly for holiness. This desire lead them to work for holiness.

Tomorrow or today? Putting off the project of growing in holiness until tomorrow is the same as saying no, except it's less honest. Why not today? There's no good reason. If an angel appeared to us and reveled that this was our last day on earth, how would we spend this last day? What would we do? After all, we will indeed all have a last day on earth. The only question is, Will we be prepared for eternity? St. Vincent Palloti makes this excellent suggestion: "Consider every day as the first say of your conversion, and as the last day of your pilgrim life upon this earth." If we treat every day as the last day, we will definitely be prepared, because we will always be prepared. For instance, would we bring a petty grudge into eternity? or forgive all of our debtors deeply, so we don't risk missing heaven? Would we tell our loved ones how much they mean to us? We only have today. Let us take full advantage.

What's a church? A parish church should be a monument to prayer, in the sense that it represents the prayers already happening. At the same time, it is an encouragement to prayer. Does God want churches to be built? Aren't they all a waste of money, that could be used for better purposes, like feeding the poor? Remember, in response to the "waste" of Mary's expensive spike-nard, our Lord said, "The poor you have always with you." God decided to be incarnate. A physical church is one way in which we have the privilege of having God in our midst. God is beautiful, a church must be so. God is truth, a church must be a sermon in 'stone.' God is goodness, a church must be well ordered and welcoming to its guests. God created us and redeemed us in his blood, the church must evoke a pious response, and encourage us to pray. While redemption is free, churches are not! Free or no, they are a privilege and a blessing.