

rear its ugly head, to the consternation of many.

The Church in America has other difficulties: the image problem, all the lawsuits, all the money lost, all the damaged victims and their families, all the scandalized faithful and public. The Charter, written by lawyers, tries to address these also.

Do you hear anyone calling for conversion to Christ? To that extent, we've learned some humility. Do you suspect we care more about how we look, than how we are? Pride makes us want to look like we are doing God's will (image problem), while we are really trying to do our will. Any 'cover-up' begins on the inside. Christ has something to say about this: *"Hypocrites, well hath Isaias prophesied of you, saying: This people honoureth me with their lips: but their heart is far from me. And in vain do they worship me, teaching doctrines and commandments of men. ... Then came his disciples, and said to him: Dost thou know that the Pharisees, when they heard this word, were scandalized? But he answering, said: Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they are blind, and leaders of the blind,"* (Mt.15:7-14).

God is looking for good hearts, not a good image: *"For from the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false testimonies, blasphemies. These are the things that defile a man. But to eat with unwashed hands doth not defile a man,"* (Mt.15:20).

In this horrible situation, we repeat, "There but for the grace of God go I." Our own daily conversion to Christ is where our focus needs to be. Let not another's sin be a cause, an occasion or an excuse for our own. Let us seek mercy, and we shall obtain it for ourselves, and others too.

God love you, *Fr. Rob Novokowsky, FSSP*

### COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

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### Little Sisters of the Poor Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 14 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Bazaar will feature hand-painted holiday wood crafts and wine bottles, ornaments, wreaths and so much more. Be sure not to miss the delicious frozen entrees, as well as Sr. Theresa's home-made crême puffs. Breakfast and lunch items will also be available. Free admission and free parking in Forest Office lot. All proceeds go toward the care of the elderly poor. Please email [ecrichmond@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:ecrichmond@littlesistersofthepoor.org) or call 804-377-4629.

### Holiday Festival of Music Sacred Heart Cathedral November 30th

Commonwealth Catholic Charities will be hosting its 24th Annual Holiday Festival of Music on November 30th, 7-9 pm. To purchase tickets and/or learn about sponsorship options, please call Morgan at 804-545-5942 or visit [www.cccofva.org](http://www.cccofva.org).

*"The Lord hath reigned, let the earth rejoice..."*

*(Ps. 96:1)*



*November 8, 2015*

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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### Parish Office

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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. Nov. 8	5th(Res.) Sunday after Epiphany (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Richard DeSimone+ 11:00 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Private Intention
Mon. Nov. 9	(Ded.) of Our Holy Savior Archbasilica (2nd Cl.)	7 am St. Benedict Legion of Mary 9 am Bernice Nestor
Tues. Nov. 10	St. Andrew Avellino (3rd Cl.)	7 am Deacon Tom Elliott 9 am Terry Stacy+
Wed. Nov. 11	St. Martin of Tours (3rd Cl.)	7 am Chang Gun Yun & Sun Yi Cha+ 6 pm Bryan Dalykas
Thurs. Nov. 12	St. Martin I (3rd Cl.)	7 am Special Intention 9 am Kajak Balektian+
Fri. Nov. 13	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (3rd Cl.)	7 am Yvon Robichaud+ 6 pm Joseph & Carol Hohos+
Sat. Nov. 14	St. Josaphat (3rd Cl.)	7 am Our Lady of Ransom 9 am Fr. Kenneth Walker, FSSP+ 10 am Confession Hour
Sun. Nov. 15	6th(Res.) Sunday after Epiphany (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Pro Populo+ 11:00 am David Wooten+ 4:30 pm Luis Diaz Mesa+
Mon. Nov. 16	St. Gertrude The Great (3rd Cl.)	7 am Private Intention 9 am Cecile Gervais+
Tues. Nov. 17	St. Gregory (3rd Cl.)	7 am Danius Michel 9 am Dear Souls in Purgatory
Wed. Nov. 18	(Ded.) of SS. Peter & Paul Basilicas (3rd Cl.)	7 am Thanksgiving 6 pm Margaret Devivo+
Thurs. Nov. 19	St. Elizabeth of Hungary (3rd Cl.)	7 am Hannah Bowles 9 am Leonard & Louise Ranch+
Fri. Nov. 20	St. Felix of Valois (3rd Cl.)	7 am Carl & Kay Wilson+ 6 pm Deacon Wayne Snellings
Sat. Nov. 21	Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (3rd Cl.)	7 am Susan Palm 9 am Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bussman 10 am Confession Hour

**PRAYER LIST**

Anne-Marie Beauchesne, Laurie Graham, Grace & Jennifer Stivers, Justine Madigan, Natalie McNiel, Bishop Francis DiLorenzo, Joyce Matte, Mitchel Shaw, Shirl Wicks, Liz Grapes, Theresa Jones, Mary Greer, Kathleen Stells, Edward Crawford, Caroline Laing, Julie Trexler, Theresa Trexler, Jean Spadaro, 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.



**Christian Refugee Relief**

The Knights of Columbus, Council 12525, wish to thank everyone for the overwhelming support to their persecuted fellow Catholic and Orthodox brethren in need. They were (almost) able to match dollar for dollar.

Parish contributions: \$2,391.75  
Knights matching: \$2,335.00  
Total: \$4,726.75

These monies will be forwarded to the Supreme Council, who have good contacts among Iraqi Christians. Thank you!

**Offertory Collections**

Sunday November 1, 2015

1st Collection (Operations): \$ 7,539  
Avg. Weekly Operating Need: \$ 7,114  
**Avg. Weekly Year to Date: \$ 6,593**  
2nd Collection (Building Fund): \$ 757

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Upcoming Events**

Nov. 8 Healing the Culture Talk, Sunday, 1pm  
Nov. 21 Rosary - Abortion Clinic. 9 to 10am  
Nov. 21 Altar Boy Practice 10—1:30pm  
Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day  
Masses at 8am & 10am  
Dec. 5 Parish Day of Recollection for Advent

**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—Session 7**

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.

**Healing the Culture—TODAY**

Today at 1pm, the President of Healing the Culture, Camille Pauley, will speak about the commonsense philosophy of the culture of life. A Spaghetti Lunch will be available after the High Mass in the Social Room (thanks to the K of C). You will learn that philosophy is vitally important, and it doesn't have to be for the elite. A free will offering will be taken up to support the organization's work.

**Mothers and the Unborn**

Join fellow pro-life Catholics each first and third Saturday from 9:00 to 10:00am to pray the Rosary at the abortion mill at Boulevard and Grove in Richmond. For info call Patrick Latimer at 262-7628.

**St. Elisabeth Convent, Belarus**

The Sisters are back at St. Joseph on Sunday, November 22nd after all masses with crafts for sale to support their charitable projects. Pottery, painted boxes, Russian dolls, small wooden and leather crosses are just some of the items that will be on display and for sale.

**Pastors' Corner**



Dear Parishioners,  
There's a new Hollywood movie coming out about the exposition in 2002 of clergy criminal activity in the diocese of Boston. Are you sitting down? Allegedly, the evil involves 250 perpetrators, over 5 decades, and thousands of victims. Lord, have mercy. Christ commented on this situation: *"But he that shall scandalize one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of scandals. For it must needs be that scandals come: but nevertheless woe to that man by whom the scandal cometh,"* (Mt.18:6,7). Deep sorrow is more than appropriate.

In response to this catastrophe, the bishops of America got together and passed the highly publicized Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. It's policies are stringent. It's the advent of the *Virtus* program, etc. Is the Charter a good solution? It's something. In Boston, the Church really had a three-fold problem of wrong-doing: 1) the moral problem of the abusers, 2) inadequate oversight by the leadership, and 3) a cover-up by the leadership of both failures. We know that pride is the foundation of all sin. The same pride which allows a man to sin against another person, might be the same pride which prevents a genuine repentance. A cover-up however, is a new level of pride, whereby the private sin, having become public, is publically denied, effectively re-victimizing the victim.

Does the Dallas charter address these three? It attempts to but some gaps remain. Firstly, the charter has insufficient protections for the accused. Understandably, in the climate of 2002, any discussion of 'false accusations' immediately smells like a continued cover-up. However, if justice is a good to be obtained, it doesn't help one group if another is excluded. Secondly, and more importantly, the charter fails to name the real moral disease of the abusers. If a disease is misdiagnosed, can it be treated effectively? If the real moral degradation is soft peddled, is it adequately addressed? If an alcoholic says he has a 'quantity problem' is he honest? I'm afraid the arrogance continues, but deeper underground. What-ever is buried in this way, is buried alive. Case in point, the recent Synod of bishops saw this same degradation to