

There's a conflict of interest here. We don't have real philosophers, we have psychologist-philosophers, astrophysicist-philosophers, meteorologist-philosophers, politician-philosophers. We don't recognize that they are doing philosophy, we mistakenly believe they are just doing their own science. But who's directing from above? Who has the wise view of the whole? Nobody. Anyone who tries is blasted with vehemence, because "there is no whole" and "there is no truth."

Our culture is fragmented, disjointed and tortured because our philosophy teaches exactly these things about reality. And the devil loves it, because he knows how destructive it is, and he's been a liar and murderer from the beginning. Ever wonder why the devil never commits armed robbery? He doesn't waste his time with petty things; he's far more concerned about the original weapon of mass destruction: bad philosophy.

The Church should be a leading force here, but we gave up our philosophical patrimony, which preceded the fire-sale of our theological, liturgical, and artistic patrimony. We need to reclaim all these things. This is a long-term project; it necessitates long hours and low pay, but its good work if you can get it!

The foregoing is just a preface to say this: I want to thank everyone who came to hear our guest speaker, Camille Pauley last Sunday. It was a privilege to have someone share her 25 years experience with us. She is evangelizing with the ideas and writings of Fr. Robert Spitzer SJ. Did you know there are 4 levels of happiness? Neither did I! We have neither seen the end of this teaching, and, Deo volente, Mrs. Pauley.

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

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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.

Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold

Give yourself and your family an early Christmas Treat! It's not "The Nutcracker". And it's not "A Christmas Carol". It's the newest addition to your holiday traditions. Starring Aubrey Manning as "Sister" (Also known as St. Benedict alum: Barbara Binford.) Tickets: \$30. Where: Mary Mother Church of the Abbey Sheppard Auditorium. When: St. Nick's Feast Day, Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Info and tickets online at:

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

(Ps. 96:1)



November 15, 2015

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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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Sixth Resumed Sunday after Epiphany

November 15, 2015

Pastors' Corner



Dear Parishioners,
 What does the word "philosophy" mean to you? I'm afraid it has too many negative connotations. Do you think, for instance, of the grey pony-tails in the local university philosophy department who haven't figured out yet the Marxist-Leninist experiment is a miserable failure? These professionals have mangled what's supposed to be a "love of wisdom" into something which denies the very existence of wisdom. Good grief, Charlie Brown.

We need to take back what belongs to us. Philosophy is the very air we breathe; it's either beneficial or poisonous. Real and good philosophy is indispensable to Catholic life. We can't have theology without it. Wisdom is living in accordance with the truth; philosophy is seeking to know that truth. The higher the truth, the higher the wisdom. Philosophy is a "science" where "science" means any branch of knowledge. Each science focuses on one object. Not all the sciences are equal, some are higher than others. (This may rankle our egalitarian brain-washing--oh well.) One branch of knowledge is the highest--this is philosophy. It arranges and directs all the others. Philosophy governs all the sciences; it tells each science where to begin, for, the beginning of any science is not properly a part of that science. Philosophy studies truth as a whole.

Philosophy is like the coach of a football team. If the coach never touches the ball, why do we give him credit for winning the game. Because he arranges all the parts of the team as a whole. We look for the players to be strong or quick or creative--these are the sciences--but we look for the coach to be wise. Since wisdom comes with experience, and experience comes with age, coaches are always older. Now, the quarterback may be the most important player; but if the quarter back is doing a lousy job, who benches him? The coach, who's more important than the quarter back.

Our philosophers say the truth can't be known with certainty--this is relativism. This is like a coach saying the football game can't be won or even played. We've fired these coaches. Since the game must be played, and there must be some coaching, we've ended-up with an amateur arrangement: a player-coach. We have a quarterback who acts as a coach too. But when this player needs to be benched, will he bench himself?

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS		
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
Sun. Nov. 22	24th & Last Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Greg Mc Nerney+ 11:00 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Chris Patton+
Mon. Nov. 23	St. Clement I (3rd Cl.)	7 am Fr. Robert Nvokowsky 9 am Kenneth L. Archer+
Tues. Nov. 24	St. John of the Cross (3rd Cl.)	7 am Fr. Simon Zarita, FSSP 9 am Kenneth L. Archer+
Wed. Nov. 25	St. Catherine of Alexandria (3rd Cl.)	7 am Fr. Simon Zarita, FSSP 6 pm Special Intention
Thurs. Nov. 26	St. Sylvester (3rd Cl.)	8 am Michele & Tim Mullins 10 am Robert Leacock+
Fri. Nov. 27	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Christine Michel 6 pm Leslie Militti
Sat. Nov. 28	Saturday of Our Lady (4th Cl.)	7 am Hali Yun 9 am Our Lady of Ransom 10 am Confession Hour

PRAYER LIST

Patricia Willard, Anne-Marie Beauchesne, 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.

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.

Please remember John & Bethany Noble and their children who have suffered the loss of their son Thomas Benedict.

St. Elisabeth Convent, Belarus

The Sisters are back at St. Joseph next 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.

Offertory Collections

Sunday November 8, 2015

1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 6,513
All Souls Day	\$ 1,261
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date:	\$ 6,655
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 1,120

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Upcoming Events

- 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 Day of Recollection for Women
- Dec. 12 Day of Recollection for Men

**The Book of Galatians, by Jeff Cavins
 Continues this week—Session 8**

This week is the last session of the course. Wed. at 7 pm, and Thurs. at 10 am.

Healing the Culture

Sharing message from Camille Pauley :

“I just wanted to reach out again to thank you so very much for allowing me to address your parish with our pro-life education. I was deeply moved by the number of people who attended, and by the sincere interest so many of them showed in engaging the culture at a deeper level. I hope your flock continues to dialogue, and that the meeting bears much fruit for your pro-life activities and evangelization.

“Your parishioners were very generous. We received a total of \$358 in cash donations from the “pass the hat” can. I have turned over this money to our administrative department to be used in training priests and parishes. Please thank your parishioners for me.”

Knights of Columbus

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting our delicious spaghetti lunch last Sunday, especially Pat Valerio, Rob Balducci and Tom Dennis.

Advent Preparation

The holidays are a busy time of year. Remember feeling like Jesus got left out? Take time out — no one will give it to you. Recollections for men and women on Sat. Dec. 5 and Sat. Dec. 12 respectively. 8:30 am to 3 pm. What are you waiting for Christmas?