

vant, you have been faithful to little things [yourself], I now put you in charge of greater [others], enter into the joy of your Lord.

So, the mission of the parish is to serve the spiritual needs of the parishioners. Are your spiritual needs being met? Wait, before you answer, Christ said to judge a tree by its fruits. By this criteria, if this parish is bearing good fruit, then we know its spiritual needs are being met. "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you ... By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another," (Jn13:34,35). Good fruit is the measurement of the good health of the tree. Therefore, let's not confuse the mission with the measure of the mission.

At the end of the **Liturgical Year**, it is fitting to consider the fruit we have produced this year, if any. Let's us be honest and courageous enough to ask God to show us where we've let him down, and how to make some progress down the right track.

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

Christmas Flower Donations

You will soon see an envelope for Christmas flowers. You may dedicate your gift in a loved one's honor. A list is published before Christmas. We appreciate your generosity. N.B.: Any excess funds, more than is needed to decorate, will be folded into the operating account at the end of the fiscal year.

Holiday Festival of Music

Commonwealth Catholic Charities will be hosting its 24th Annual Holiday Festival of Music at the Cathedral, Nov. 30, 7-9 pm. Tickets or sponsorship options: 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! Come see the newest addition to your holiday traditions. Starring Aubrey Manning as "Sister" (Also known as St. Benedict alum: Barbara Binford.) Tickets: \$30. At the Abbey, Sheppard Auditorium. Sun. Dec. 6, 2015, 2:00 pm. Info and tickets online at: www.benedictinecollegeprep.org/abbeyannualevents

COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

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*“Out of the depths
I have cried to
Thee, O Lord.”*

(Ps. 129:1)



November 22, 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.

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24th & Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2015

Pastors' Corner



Dear Parishioners,

Mission Statement: What is our parish's mission statement? These statements were all the rage, unfortunately. I was once forced to participate in composing one. It was even greater balderdash from the inside than it appeared to be from the outside. St. Joseph's does not have one; please let me tell you why.

Mission comes from *missio*, being sent. No one, apart from the mentally ill, can send themselves. Neither can the parish--a legal person in the Church--give itself a mission. Both its existence and mission come from the Church. Since the local bishop has established the parish, and since he is a successor of the apostles, and since the apostles were 'sent' by Christ, the parish is created by Christ himself, and put on a mission. The mission is to serve the spiritual needs of the parishioners. Christ said to Peter: *Feed my lambs, feed my sheep*. Christ's faithful need to be taught, and sanctified and governed. The home for these activities is the parish. Secondly, the parish's mission is to serve the temporal needs of our parishioners, by mutual cooperation of the community. This is the parish's mission.

Now, does this mission seem too self-centered? This accusation is made often and everywhere. It is a function of wisdom to select a thing's beginning. "A good beginning is worth half the whole." If a train starts in the right direction on the right track, it's only a matter of time before achieving its goal. If the train starts on the wrong track, nothing else matters. Wisdom sees the importance of a good beginning. The beginning of parochial life is personal holiness, which is Union with God. If we are going down this track, it's only a matter of time. If we're not, nothing else matters. Without striving after personal holiness, no other lasting good can be accomplished. (Confusingly, *apparent* good can be accomplished—like all manner of busyness.) If the primary mission be accomplished well, good things will be extended to others by way of an overflow. Christ, our commissioner, might say: *Well done, good and faithful ser-*

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sun. Nov. 22	24th & Last Sunday after Pentecost	8:30 am Greg Mc Nerney+ 11:00 am Pro Popiulo 4:30 pm Chris Patton+
Mon. Nov. 23	St. Clement I (3rd Cl.)	7 am Fr. Robert Novokowsky 9 am Kenneth L. Archer+
Tues. Nov. 24	St. John of the Cross (3rd Cl.)	7 am Fr. Simon Zarita FSSP 9 am Special Intention
Wed. Nov. 25	St. Catherine of Alexandria (3rd Cl.)	7 am Michele & Tim Mullins 6 pm Robert Leacock+
Thurs. Nov. 26	St. Sylvester (3rd Cl.)	8 am Thanksgiving 10 am Samuel Mazzaresse
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
Sun. Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent (1st Cl.)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am Susan Palm 4:30 pm Johnston Family Inten-
Mon. Nov. 30	St. Andrew (2nd Cl.)	7 am American Lawyers Assoc. 9 am Johnson Koola
Tues. Dec. 1	Feria of Advent (3rd Cl.)	7 am Annabelle Seeley 9 am Sr. Mary Jude, OP+
Wed. Dec. 2	St. Vivian (3rd Cl.)	7 am Robert McKinley+ 6 pm James T. McKenna+
Thurs. Dec. 3	St. Francis Xavier (3rd Cl.)	7 am Fr. Kenneth Walker, FSSP+ 9 am Private Intention
Fri. Dec. 4	St. Peter Chrysologus (3rd Cl.)	7 am Kathleen Rodenburg+ 6 pm Joseph & Carol Hohos+
Sat. Dec. 5	Feria of Advent (3rd Cl.)	7 am Mary Claire Adams 9 am Martine Blot Michel 10 am Confession Hour

PRAYER LIST

Reed Foster, Patricia Willard, Anne-Marie Beauchesne, Grace & Jennifer Stivers, Justine Madigan, Natalie McNeil, 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.

Thanksgiving

Come give thanks at 8 and 10 am. The office will be closed Thurs. & Friday.

Fr. Novokowsky will be away the week of Nov. 30 for his canonical retreat.

St. Elisabeth Convent, Belarus

The Sisters are here at St. Joseph this Sunday, November 22nd after all masses with crafts for sale to support their charitable projects. Come see their great items for sale.

Congratulations!

Thomas Lothian, son of Brice and Sophie, receiving his 1st Holy Communion today!

Offertory Collections

Sunday November 15, 2015

1st Collection (Operations): \$ 6,521
Avg. Weekly Operating Need: \$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date: \$ 6,648
2nd Collection (Building Fund): \$ 1,232

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Upcoming Events

Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day, Masses 8a & 10a
Nov. 29 *No Religious Ed Classes*
Dec. 4 1st Friday Adoration 8 to 5p
Dec. 5 Day of Recollection for Women
Dec. 6 St. Nicholas Day Activities Raffle Drawing
Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception 7a, 10a, 6p
Dec. 12 Day of Recollection for Men

Advent Days of Recollection

The holidays are a busy time of year. Remember feeling like Jesus got left out, again? Can we honestly sing "Veni, veni, Emmanuel" if we haven't made some space? Advent is a time to take back our priorities.

Recollection for women — Sat. Dec. 5

Recollection for men — Sat. Dec. 12.

Schedule is a very easy 8:30 am to 3 pm. Breakfast and Lunch included. Sign-up on the window wall; last-minute arrivals very welcome too. Invite your friends.

Great Chance Raffle!

The K of C Council 12525 is conducting a raffle, the drawing will be Dec. 6th. The grand prize is a very popular rifle. The benefit of the raffle is a new kids **playground** for the kids. Tickets after Mass today.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tues. Dec. 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation, a 1st Cl. Feast on the Universal Calendar, and the patronal feast of the U.S. We need this patron! Masses at: 7am (Low), 10 am (High Mass), and 6pm (Low).

St. Nicholas Feast Day

Please see today's insert for all the details of a fun and informative party, presentation and activities for Sunday Dec. 6th. Contact into is on this sheet.

On-Line Giving Program

We will launch our new and improved program next Sun, Nov. 29th.

Parish Christmas Party

Please begin your preparation for our fun get-together to celebrate the season. Pot-luck, and talent show. **Sun. Jan. 3, 2016, 12:30 pm.** Details to follow.