

tence." (Par.6).
 3. Jesus proclaimed his own year of mercy: Jesus, on the Sabbath, at the synagogue in Nazareth he read from the Book of Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to those in captivity; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor," (Is 61:1-2). "A "year of the Lord's favor" or "mercy": this is what the Lord proclaimed and this is what we wish to live now." (Par.16).
 4. "It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the *corporal and spiritual works of mercy*. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience ... Let us rediscover these *corporal works of mercy*: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the *spiritual works of mercy*: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead ... We cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged: (cf Mt. 25:31ff.)" (Par.14).

Thank you to all.

—Fr. Rob Novokowsky, FSSP


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Confraternity of St. Peter
 We were gifted with big presents at the entrance ways. These are to receive your enrollment forms for the Confraternity of St. Peter, where we are bonded in a special way spiritually. See the forms for more details. Thank you!

Religious Classes Cancelled
 Classes cancelled today, Dec. 27th & Jan. 3rd. Classes will resume on January 10, 2016.

March for Life 2016
 Please sign up for the bus on the window wall. The March for Life will be on Friday, January 22, 2016 in Washington, D. C.



Love is 'Fruitful'
 We started with one broken down lectern; now we have three, identical, solid oak, works of art: one re-conditioned original and two perfect reproductions. Thank you Larry! We will appreciate your attention to detail for many years.

"Come, O Lord, and do not delay."

December 20, 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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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS		
Sun. Dec. 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent (1st Cl.)	8:30am Carol & Kay Wilson 11:00 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Sr. Mary Jude, OP+
Mon. Dec. 21	St. Thomas (2nd Cl.)	7 am Fr. Kenneth Walker FSSP+ 9 am Jen Stevens
Tues. Dec. 22	Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Cl.)	7 am Private Intention 9 am James Jones
Wed. Dec. 23	Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Cl.)	7 am Sandra Bouchard+ 6 pm Stoop Family
Thurs. Dec. 24	Vigil of Christmas (1st Cl.)	7 am Robert L. Pope, Jr.+ 9 am Kathleen Rodenburg+
Fri. Dec. 25	The Nativity of Our Lord (1st Cl.)	12 am Pro Populo 9 am Holy Souls of Purgatory 11 am Celebrant's Intention
Sat. Dec. 26	St. Stephen (2nd Cl.)	9 am Martha Beck+
Sun. Dec. 27	Sunday within the Octave (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Paul & Catherine Paolini 11:00 am Harold E. Rowland, Sr.+ 4:30 pm Pro Populo
Mon. Dec. 28	Holy Innocents (2nd Cl.)	7 am Tanya Nacey 9 am Tribie Family
Tues. Dec. 29	Day in the Octave of Christmas (2nd Cl.)	7 am Keller Family 9 am Thanksgiving
Wed. Dec. 30	Day in the Octave of Christmas (2nd Cl.)	7 am Burnett Family 6 pm Michele & Tim Mullins
Thurs. Dec. 31	Day in the Octave of Christmas (2nd Cl.)	7 am Arthur & Mary Jane Mc Nerney+ 9 am Robert Leacock+
Fri. Jan. 1	Octave Day of Christmas (1st Cl.)	9 am Aubrey E. Thurston, Sr.+ 11 am Pro Populo
Sat. Jan. 2	Feria in Christmastide (4th Cl.)	9 am Eric Palm, Sr.+ 10 am Confession Hour

PRAYER LIST

Brendan Nobles, Mary Lynn Kenary, Fr. Jegin Puthenpuckaral, Thomas Donato, Annabelle Blankenship, Joseph Gerard Diman, Robert Kelly, Reed Foster, Patricia Willard, Grace & Jennifer Stivers, Justine Madigan, 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.

**James: Pearls for Wise Living
by Jeff Cavins**

This is a ten-week course which will be offered **January 13th to March 17th**. Sessions offered twice: Wed. at 7 pm, and Thurs. at 10 am. Classes led by Frs. Casavantes and Tatman. Sign-up sheet in the Social Room or the Parish Office. Cost: \$10 registration fee plus \$20 for the workbook.

2015 Liturgical Wall Calendars

Calendars have arrived and will be for sale in the Gift Shop. Please help support the Fraternity by adding one to your home and also giving as gifts.

Offertory Collections

Sunday December 13, 2015

1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 8,088
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,708
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date:	\$ 6,858
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 928

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Upcoming Events

Christmastide Schedule published separately

Dec. 22 — Crèche set up in the church.

Dec. 23 — Church decorating.

Dec. 25 — Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) 12 mid., 9 am and 11 am.

Jan. 1st — Circumcision of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) 9 am and 11 am.

Jan. 3rd — Christmas Party

Parish Christmas Party

Sun. Jan. 3, 2016, 12:30 pm. After the High Mass, Pot-luck, please sign up on the window wall.

Talent Show: Creativity flourishes under a restrictions. Our restriction is too much talent and too little time. The Talent Show will be a maximum of 70 minutes. The number of acts is limited, but the number of performers isn't! Priority will be given to acts of 2 or more participants. While maintaining some flexibility, each group act should be 3 minutes or less. Individuals 2 minutes or less. All acts will be screened. To audition write Meghan Doran and Jessica Pedersen: bdoraniv@gmail.com. Be creative!

St. Nicholas Card Delivery to the Elderly

We will be carpooling over to the Little Sisters of the Poor nursing home on Sunday, December 27th and meeting there at 1:30 pm. Father Tatman will be joining us as we greet the elderly, sing and give them the St. Nicholas cards. All are welcome to join us!

Mystic Monk Coffee

Real good monks; real good coffee. Please order your Carmelite roasted beans from our parish website. If you do, the Trail Life Troop will receive a generous percentage from Mystic Monk. Go to "Groups", select "Trail Life" and click the link to order your favorite products.

The Marriage Course

A new course will begin Jan. 15th and runs for 7 weeks. Please see the info sheets, and registration forms on the window wall. Please return the registration to the parish office.

Fr. Casavantes Away

Fr. Casavantes will be away until Dec. 27th.

Pastors' Corner



Dear Parishioners,

A Jubilee Year was mandated by God every 49/50 years (7 Sabbaths of years) when debts were forgiven, slaves released, and the mercies of the Lord made manifest. The Church's Holy Years continue the tradition in a spiritual way, which commemorate the greatest mercy of the Lord: the death and resurrection of Jesus. Popes have often called extra ones; Francis has called his own extraordinary one, a Jubilee of Mercy (Dec. 8 to Nov. 20, 2016).

It's easy to be cynical:

"Bah humbug: all this talk about 'mercy' is just another way to over-emphasize social justice programs." Gladly, we don't have to go there. The motto for this jubilee is beautiful: "Merciful like the Father." It comes from this passage of St. Luke, which certainly deserves our full attention, as it contains strict instructions for authentic Christianity:

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you; bless those who

curse you, and pray for those who treat you insultingly ... As you would have men treat you, you are to treat them; no otherwise ... What credit is it to you, if you do good to those who do good to you? Even sinners do as much ... No, it is your enemies you must love, and do them good, and lend to them, without any hope of return; then your reward will be a rich one, and you will be true sons of the most High, generous like him towards the thankless and unjust. Be merciful, then, as your Father is merciful," (Lk 6:27-36, Knox translation).

Pope Francis inducts this Holy Year in the document called "*Misericordiae Vultus*". I encourage you to find it and read it. I'd like to highlight some excellent reminders given by Pope Francis:

1. This Jubilee of Mercy is "a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective," (Par.3).

2. St. Thomas Aquinas says: "It is proper to God to exercise mercy, and he manifests his omnipotence particularly in this way." These words "show that God's mercy, rather than a sign of weakness, is the mark of his omnipo-