

the Prince of Peace. How do we handle that? Allow me to answer with a quotation from the Pope Emeritus: "Christmas is now at hand. The Lord God did not counter the threats of history with external power, as we human beings would expect according to the prospects of our world. His weapon is goodness. He revealed himself as a child, born in a stable. This is precisely how he counters with his power, completely different from the destructive powers of violence. In this very way he saves us. In this very way he shows us what saves. In these days of Christmas, let us go to meet him full of trust, like the shepherds, like the Wise Men of the East. Let us ask Mary to lead us to the Lord. Let us ask him himself to make his face shine upon us. Let us ask him also to defeat the violence in the world and to make us experience the power of his goodness." (Pope Benedict XVI, Dec. 22, 2005).

May you allow yourself to be saved by the savior, through Mary, his mother and ours. May your spirit rejoice in God your savior!

On behalf of Frs. Casavantes and Tatman, I wish to thank you for your tremendous generosity and support throughout this past year 2015. With the assurance of my prayers every day, I remain,
Your humble servant in Christ,


—Fr. Rob Novokowsky, FSSP

Fr. Novokowsky Away
Fr. Novokowsky will be away from Dec.28-Jan. 2nd.

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 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.



COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

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"The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty..."
(Ps. :92:1)

December 25-27, 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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Nativity of Our Lord

| MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS | | |
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| Fri. Dec. 25 | Nativity of Our Lord (1st Cl.) | 12 am Pro Populo 9:00 am Holy Souls of Purgatory 11:00 am Celebrant's Intention |
| Sat. Dec. 26 | St. Stephen (2nd Cl.) | 9 am Martha Beck+ (No confessions at 10 am.) |
| 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 6 pm Tribie Family |
| Tues. Dec. 29 | Day within the Octave (2nd Cl.) | 7 am Keller Family 9 am Thanksgiving |
| Wed. Dec. 30 | Day in the Octave (2nd Cl.) | 7am Burnett Family 6 pm Michele & Tim Mullins |
| Thurs.. Dec. 31 | Day in the Octave (2nd Cl.) | 7 am Arthur & Mary Jane Mc Nerney 9am Robert Leacock+ |
| Fri. Jan. 1 | Octave Day of Christmas (1st Cl.) | 9 am Aubrey E. Thurston, Sr. 11:00 am Pro Populo (No adoration this day.) |
| Sat. Jan. 2 | Saturday of Our Lady (4th Cl.) | 9 am Eric Palm, Sr.+ 10 am Confession Hour (Holy Hour 10 am to 11 am) |
| Sun. Jan. 3 | Holy Name of Jesus (2nd Cl.) | 8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am Leslie Militti 4:30 pm Carol & Kay Wilson |
| Mon. Jan. 4 | Feria in Christmastide (4th Cl.) | 7 am Catherine Mazzaresse 9am Leonard & Louise Rauch+ |
| Tues. Jan. 5 | Feria in Christmastide (4th Cl.) | 7 am Henry Verdini 9 am James Donlon |
| Wed. Jan. 6 | Epiphany of the Lord (1st Cl.) | 7 am Shaw Family 10 am Celebrant's Intention 6 pm Violet Cassett |
| Thurs. Jan. 7 | Feria after Epiphany (4th Cl.) | 7 am Roanne Carbugo 9 am Paul Buzas |

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PRAYER LIST

Orene Walton, 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, 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 on the window wall. Cost: \$10 registration fee plus \$20 for the workbook. Payment can be made on the first day of class or in the office.

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

Offertory Collections

Sunday December 20, 2015

1st Collection (Operations): \$ 6,885
Avg. Weekly Operating Need: \$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date: \$ 6,859
2nd Collection (Building Fund): \$ 2,705

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Upcoming Events

Christmastide Schedule published separately. Please note the special Mass times.

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

Jan. 6th — Epiphany, Masses 7am, 10am & 6pm

also giving as gifts.

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.

Pastors' Corner



Dear Parishioners,

Momentous human events--when we are faced with them --elicit an immediate introspection. What is the meaning of this? and how do I relate to it? Momentous is the birth of our God and creator. We struggle to assemble these words, let alone the meaning they signify. Our creator, who has no beginning, has chosen to have a beginning; who is greater than the cosmos, is now a tiny part in it. How can this be? What does it mean about Him? What does it mean about me?

Our Lady, a sweet, innocent young girl, was asked to play a pivotal role. She made her own introspection. Her response is a model for us too: she adores God, she is joyful, she is thankful, she is praises him, she recalls his wondrous deeds. Listen: *"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has regarded the humility of his handmaid. For behold, from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty has done great things to me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is from generation to generation to those who fear him. He has showed the might of his arm, he has scattered the proud in the conceit of their hearts,"* (Lk.1:47ff).

While accepting her low estate, she does not downplay the greatness of God's work in her. She is also a prophet: *"all generations shall call me blessed."* Our Lady's role is unique; but every life is unique; to everyone has God done great things.

This brings us to the mercy of God, which is *"to those who fear him."* Is there a condition on God's mercy? Is God's love unconditional? or conditional? The answer is both, because receiving God's mercy is a graduated process.

God always initiates this process. This initiation is without condition. Always. He wasn't born in Bethlehem because we deserved it, but because, like any lover, he initiates a union with his beloved. Its proper we respond to this initiation--because that's what lovers do. Our response becomes the condition for the next initiation he makes. If we receive God's magnificent condescension, this proof of love, we naturally fear to offend that love freely given: "His mercy is ... to those who fear him." We are open to the next level of mercy.

Our world rejects these overtures of love from