

us that He identifies with all those who suffer, in whichever way. In Matthew 25, He says: as long as you did it to the least of my brethren, you did it to Me, for I was thirsty, etc. All suffering, of all people, for all time? Do we really believe this?

We must serve Him who suffers. In doing so, we conquer the disease of sin. The garden of paradise is recreated in the heart of man, even in the midst of the Gethsemane which remains. In this garden: love conquers; peace reigns; envy is stamped out; selflessness leads to joy; the fear of death and separation are tempered by a strong hope in eternal life.

Therefore, both the disease and the symptoms can be taken away from the heart of man, by the grace of the crucified savior, Jesus Christ. The world however, will continue to swirl around us, embroiled in sin. These are now seen however, as an opportunity to serve the suffering Christ, which is turn is a means of this salvation.

**It takes faith.** Our physical eyes will not see Christ in the sufferings of others. As our Lord said to those he healed from various maladies, "Thy faith has saved thee," so he says to us: if you want My saving power, if you want to be healed of your disease of sin, you must live by faith. Faith in the heart of a man creates a garden paradise where a man lives, resurrected from his sin, with Christ--The Resurrection and the Life.

Happy Easter! The joy of Christ be yours! -Fr. N.

**Ball Room Dance**

Professional dancers Gordon and Kate Bratt will be hosting a Ballroom Dance and Workshop for all comers 6 years old and up, Easter Monday, March 28th, from 7 to 9 pm. Bring a snack/beverage to share.

**Calling all Men!**

Come with the Legion of St. Michael to pray outside "Club Rouge" in Richmond. We will be meeting at St. Peter's downtown (800 E Grace St, Richmond, VA 23219) on Friday, April 8th at 8pm to hear a talk and will walk to Club Rouge and pray there from 9:30 to 10:30pm. We will walk back and be finished by 11pm. The event is free. Please RSVP to Lance Johnson at [lancejohnson728@gmail.com](mailto:lancejohnson728@gmail.com) or (804) 475-5807.

*" Alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Pasch is  
sacrificed."*

(1 Cor. 5:7)

March 27, 2016



**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH**

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND  
SERVED BY THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER

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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. Mar. 27	Easter Sunday (1st Cl.)	9 am Leslie Militti 11 am Ligia de Mejia+
Mon. Mar. 28	Easter Monday (1st Cl.)	7 am Mary Green 9 am Honor of St. Joseph
Tues. Mar.	Easter Tuesday	7 am Douglas Payne 9 am Helen & James Bowles+
Wed. Mar. 30	Easter Wednesday (1st Cl.)	7 am Ben Seward 6 pm Catherine McKenna+
Thurs. Mar.	Easter Thursday	7 am Johnson Koola 9 am Raymond Settducati
Fri. Apr. 1	Easter Friday (1st Cl.)	7 am Charles McChesney+ 6 pm William Gordon Pierce+
Sat. Apr. 2	Easter Saturday (1st Cl.)	7 am Michelle Mullins 9 am Edith Nicolas+
Sun. Apr. 3	Divine Mercy Sunday (1st Cl.)	8:30 am Iriney Vergilio Cota 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Mary Lynn & Paul Kenary
Mon. Apr. 4	Annunciation of the B.V.M. (1st Cl.)	7 am Sonjia Nicole Baldwin+ 9 am Connen Motley
Tues. Apr. 5	St. Vincent Ferrer (3rd Cl.)	7 am Janet Marie Stepp+ 9 am Mary Louise Kunzingen
Wed. Apr. 6	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Mrs. Lizy Kunjipaulo+ 6 pm Claudette Gervais+
Thurs. Apr. 7	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Holy Souls 9 am Maria Palm+
Fri. Apr. 8	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Edmund & Lillian Rovnak 6 pm Yvon Robichaud+
Sat. Apr. 9	Our Lady on Saturday (4th Cl.)	7 am Guardian Angels 9 am Jack Garza Howe+

**PRAYER LIST**

Caroline Laing, Ron Crawford, Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal, Bob Brann, Margaret Leonard, Peter Osborne, Ryan Cullison, Gerard Lajoie, LaPortisia Wallace, Lisa Bane Atkinson, Don Atkinson, Jeff Bane, Jane Bane, Justine Madigan, Carol Gentry, Robert Petrella, Claiborne Hammond, Betty Faina, Fr. Novokowsky's sister Maureen and brother John, Brendan Nobles, Mitchel Shaw, Shirl Wicks, Liz Grapes, Kathleen Stells, Julie Trexler, Theresa Trexler, Antoinette McLoughlin, Bobby Overman, Dick and Nan Wray, Fr. Adrian Harmening, 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.

**Easter Egg Hunt!**

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt **today** after the 9 am Mass.

**Religious Education Classes**

The 1st Holy Communion Class (only) will be held **today**. Regular classes resume Sunday, April 10 at 9:45am.

**Bible Study Classes**

Mar. 30, 31—#9; Apr. 6, 7—#10.

**Office will be closed tomorrow (Monday).**

**Offertory Collections**

Sunday March 20, 2016

1st Collection (Operations): \$ 7,966  
 Avg. Weekly Operating Need: \$ 7,114  
**Avg. Weekly Year to Date \$ 7,220**  
 2nd Collection (Building Fund): \$ 1,156

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Upcoming Events**

**Mar. 28**— Ball Room Family Dance, lessons 7 pm  
**Apr. 1** — 1st Friday: Adoration only until 4:15pm  
**Apr. 3** — Lourdes: a Story of Healing 9:45 am  
 — Divine Mercy Holy Hour 1—3pm  
**Apr. 16** — Father-Daughter Sweetheart Ball 7-9pm  
**Apr. 30** — 1st Holy Communion Retreat 9 to noon  
**May 1** — First Holy Communion at 11 am Mass followed by Rosary Procession

**Banns of Marriage**

**3rd Notice:** Promise of marriage between Madeleine Deighan of our parish and Peter Zinman of Utah. If anyone knows of a reason why this marriage should not take place, please see a parish priest.

**"The 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy."**

See the Lighthouse CD rack for the Book of the Week, a good read in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. *"All of creation is an act of mercy! ... Every other devotion in the Church, every ritual, every activity, every teaching is under that umbrella."* --Vinny Flynn

**Megan Bean—My Lourdes Story**

Mrs. Bean will share her story of healing with a slide show on Sunday April 3rd, at 9:45 am in the Social Room. (The only Rel. Ed. Class this day is 1st Holy Communion.) All welcome.

**1st Holy Communion Schedule**

There will be a class for the candidates for 1st Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd. (The other classes are cancelled today). The last four classes, therefore, are on April 3, 10, 17, and 24th. On the 24th, the children will also rehearse sitting in the front pew with their teacher during the High Mass. The Retreat Day is Saturday Apr. 30, 9 am to 12 noon. This is also the day for their testing, and their 1st Holy Confession. First Holy Communion will be Sunday May 1st at the 11 am Mass. After Mass we will have our May Day Rosary Procession. Any questions please see Mr. Jeremiah Sanctafamilia at 804-727-9303.

**N.B. Confirmation will be Saturday May 21st.**

**Pastor's Corner**



Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week is a tale of two gardens. The Garden of Gethsemane is a garden of sin. Here, unity between friends is destroyed by sleep and cowardice. Here, a sign of love is used in mockery as a means of betrayal. Here, joy is ruined by fear and sorrow, even unto death. Here, an innocent man is arrested and treated like a criminal by crowds of others. Here, political envy controls the drama of the day. This isn't a pleasant garden; we hate this garden.

What we want is a garden with everything the way it's supposed to be. We are supposed to have leisure, not a sweaty grind. We are supposed to be secure in wealth, shelter, food, clothes, water, etc. We are supposed to be healthy, happy, young, beautiful. The innocent should never suffer. And, since the worst thing is death and the greatest thing is love, we never want to see death, and love is to be everywhere. What we desire is the Garden of Paradise. We want a savior who can bring us back.

Our lord, as a good creator, respects the nature of all that He has made. Sin causes death. He warns of that beforehand. But, like any child, we are upset with our punishment. Listen: *"Cursed is the earth in thy work; with labor and toil shall thou eat thereof all the days of thy life. Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herbs of the earth. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return to the earth, out of which thou wast taken: for dust thou art, and into dust thou shalt return,"* (Gen.3:17-19). We might summarize it this way: financial insecurity, failure, separation, disharmony, death, and then corruption. Ouch.

Why do we call Christ a savior, if he doesn't save us from this punishment? Like a good parent, God will not go back on His word. The punishment remains. Like any good doctor, He is more concerned with the disease than the mere symptoms. Sin is the disease. Instead of undoing the punishment, our savior has taken upon Himself the punishment.

The cross is the punishment for sin. But, now He takes on our punishment for all time. He told