

symbol. For example: being late for school, eating on the sly, asking permission to go one place and really going to another, etc. Some will retort that house rules are not the commands of God. I answer that it is a sin against the 4th Commandment to break house rules. Thorns become nails, just as liberties with venial sins can become mortal sins. Scentless or decayed flowers were good works done while in a state of sin, or good works motivated by selfish concerns like ambition. These flowers are without merit.

At the end of the scene, St. John saw that the boys who had offered acceptable gifts were themselves crowned with a crown of the most beautiful heaven-grown roses. The angel said to them: "It was Our Lady's wish that you be crowned today ... humility, obedience, and chastity will safeguard [the flowers] for you. With these three virtues you will always find favor with Mary and one day receive a crown infinitely more beautiful than that you wear today." (Forty Dreams of St. John Bosco, TAN, pp.71-72).

The Queen of Heaven is not impressed with mere outward displays. She is impressed with real virtue, real good works, real repentance: the interior reality. What kind of gifts are we going to give her? Let us prepare to offer her our best bouquet yet! She will crown us in return. God love you! —Fr. N.



Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly Social Meeting on Tuesday, April 12th at 7 pm in the Social Room.

Don't Forget the Unborn

Parishioners are reminded to join fellow pro-life Catholics each first and third Saturday at 9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary at the abortion mill at Boulevard and Grove in Richmond. This is an important witness to the sanctity of human life and can often convince a mother to preserve the life of her child. Those parishioners who have been there can testify to the efficaciousness of their prayer. For additional information, call Patrick Latimer at 262-7628.

"Alleluia. I am the good Shepherd..."

(Jn. 10:14)



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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. Apr. 10	Second Sunday after Easter (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11 am Franke Family 4:30 pm Robert J. Zilli+
Mon. Apr. 11	St. Leo (3rd Cl.)	7 am Special Intention 9 am Edward R. Ettner, Jr.+
Tues. Apr. 12	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Stephen Sullivan+ 9 am Georgette Cote
Wed. Apr. 13	St. Hermenegild (3rd Cl.)	7 am Holy Souls in Purgatory 6 pm Louis & Mora Maranski
Thurs. Apr. 14	St. Justin (3rd Cl.)	7 am Caterina Smith+ 9 am To Honor the Infant Jesus
Fri. Apr. 15	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am John Palm 6 pm Michael Howerton+
Sat. Apr. 16	Saturday of Our Lady (4th Cl.)	7 am F.S.S.P. 9 am Fr. William J. Klapps+
Sun. Apr. 17	Third Sunday after Easter (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Cecil Gervais+ 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Edmund & Lillian Rovnak+
Mon. Apr. 18	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Frank Birkhead+ 9 am Mr. & Mrs. R. Paolini+
Tues. Apr. 19	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Douglas Payne 9 am Therese Marie Sanctafamilia
Wed. Apr. 20	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Charles McChesney+ 6 pm Jacob & DeAnna Seward
Thurs. Apr. 21	St. Anselm (3rd Cl.)	7 am Albert Fairclough+ 9 am Edward R. Ettner, Sr.
Fri. Apr. 22	Ss. Soter & Calus (3rd Cl.)	7 am Alukal Family 6 pm Mark, Mike & Chris McCarthy+
Sat. Apr. 23	Saturday of Our Lady (4th Cl.)	7 am Domiciano Barios 9 am Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

PRAYER LIST

Caroline Laing, Ron Crawford, Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal, Bob Brann, Margaret Leonard, Peter Osborne, Ryan Cullison, Gerard Lajoie, LaPortia 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.

Please note: due to a heavy backlog of Mass intention requests, we need to temporarily suspend any new requests. Thank you for your patience.

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.

Congratulations

Madeleine Deighan and Peter Zinman received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, April 2nd here at St. Joseph's Church. We offer congratulations and pray for God's blessings upon Mr. and Mrs. Zinman.

Offertory Collections

Sunday April 3, 2016

1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 7,420
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date	\$ 7,442
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 7,111

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Upcoming Events

- Apr. 16** — Altar Boy Practice 10am - 1:30pm
— Father-Daughter Sweetheart Ball 7-9pm
- Apr. 30** — 1st Holy Communion Retreat 9 to noon
- May 1** — First Holy Communion at 11am Mass followed by Rosary Procession
- May 21** — Confirmation at St. Joseph's Church
- June 11** — Annual Yard Sale

Religious Education Classes

Classes resume today at 9:45am for Pre-K through 12th Grade in their respective classrooms.

1st Holy Communion Schedule

Today, April 10th, classes continue for First Communicants. The last two classes will be held on April 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.

Note from Father Tatman

As you know, I have been associated with Fraternity of St. Peter for the last couple of years. It has been mutually agreed upon by myself and Fr. Berg to end this association. I will return to my Diocese of Venice, Florida. I do thank Fr. Berg for this wonderful opportunity to serve those various communities in Oklahoma and recently here in Virginia along with my brother priests of the FSSP. I offer you my humble prayers for your continued growth in faith and service to our Lord. I ask your prayers for my priestly ministry in the service of God's call to shepherd His people. I will be departing at the end of April. Thank you again for your dedication to this beloved parish community as we both venture forward under the watchful protection of God's providence. May our Blessed Mother, the Ever Virgin Mary and St. Joseph continue the divine intercession for the care of our souls. God's blessings be with you always. Respectfully in Christ,

Fr. Robert Tatman

Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,
May 1st we will have a very special day. Liturgically it is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Some little ones will be receiving their 1st Holy Communion. In addition, this day we will have a rosary procession in honor of Our Lady's Month. At the end of the procession, we encourage all to give a gift of a flower to the Blessed Mother. This can be done by men and women, young and old. A few words about this small but meaningful gesture of devotion.

Interestingly, St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesians, had a vivid dream about his boy's school residents doing this very activity: they were in a long procession each bearing a gift for the Virgin Mary. An angel would receive their gifts. The first boy offered a gorgeous bouquet, which the angel took in silence and placed on the altar. Others presented bouquets which included some scentless flowers, which the angel asked them to pick out and remove before receiving their bouquets. Other bouquets had some thorns or nails, which likewise had to be purged before being accepted. One boy tried to offer a pig's head. The angel said to him: *"How dare you offer this to Our Lady? Don't you know that this animal symbolizes the ugly vice of impurity? Mary Most Pure cannot tolerate such a sin. Step aside. You are not worthy to stand in her presence."* Another boy tried to offer a cat, prompting this response from the angel: *"A cat represents theft, and you try to offer it to Mary? Those who take what does not belong to them, those who steal food from the house, tear their cloths out of spite, or waste their parent's money by not studying as they ought, are nothing but thieves!"* Another boy attempted to offer a toad, to which the angel said: *"Toads symbolize the shameful sin of scandal, and dare you offer them to Our Lady? Step aside. Join the unworthy ones."* Some lads came up with knives protruding from their chests, a symbol of sacrilege: *"Don't you realize that there is death in your soul? If it were not for God's mercy, you would be lost forever. For heaven's sake, have that knife removed from your heart."*

St. John Bosco comments on his dream: I noticed that every bouquet had at least some thorns in it. I concluded that these were acts of disobedience in