

earthly fathers can be disappointing, (as well as mothers, and other authority figures). This is a two-fold call:

1. To FATHERS: we need to realize our inherent dignity, privileges and responsibilities. This vocation is huge. We need to ask the heavenly father to make us more like himself. We need to ask with confidence, for God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called. If we reform our fatherhood, we will reform our families. If we reform our families, we will reform our Church. If we reform our Church, we will reform our world. It all starts at home.

2. All of US: We need to honor fathers (and mothers too), for God's sake, as St. Peter said last week: *"Be ye subject therefore to every human creature for God's sake: whether it be to the king as excelling, or the governors as sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of the good: for so is the will of God, that by doing well you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men,"* (1Pet.2:17).

The philosophy of feminism is a path leading to destruction and unhappiness, in this world and in the next. God's plan leads to happiness forever. It is so good to be part of the family of God!

God love you! — Fr. N.

Trail Life USA: An Introduction.

This presentation is a brief overview of the program and is geared toward current, new and prospective parents of Trailmen. Come find out about the program! All welcome. Sunday May 1st, 9:45 am, in the Board Room.

Keys Lost

A set of maintenance keys went missing. If you borrowed them, or know of their whereabouts, please return them and/or call the office immediately. Thank you!

Rogation Days

April 25th, and the 3 days before Ascension. We will chant the *Litany of the Saints* in order to pray for God's blessing on a good harvest. This will begin at the regular Mass time.

CD of the Week

Please see the Lighthouse Catholic Media rack for an exciting new educational and inspirational opportunity. This week: Marriage and Family by Scott Hahn. In it, Dr. Hahn reveals a serious personal mistake in his marriage, and how God preserved him from the consequences. He shares what he learned in the process. Your copy is waiting now!

*"Alleluia, alleluia.
The right hand of the
Lord..."*

(Ps. 117:16)



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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. 24	Fourth Sunday after Easter (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11 am Stephen Dougherty+ 4:30 pm Jeffrey Roehl+
Mon. Apr. 25	St. Mark (2nd Cl.)	7 am Leslie Militti 9 am Joseph McKinley+
Tues. Apr. 26	Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus (3rd Cl.)	7 am Amanda Shoop 9 am Helen Taleck
Wed. Apr. 27	St. Peter Canisius (3rd Cl.)	7 am Charles McChesney+ 6 pm Gary Buro+
Thurs. Apr. 28	St. Paul of the Cross (3rd Cl.)	7 am Harry Dalton+ 9 am Kathleen Rodenburg+
Fri. Apr. 29	St. Peter of Verona (3rd Cl.)	7 am Nick Heinz 6 pm Special Intention
Sat. Apr. 30	St. Catherine of Siena (3rd Cl.)	7 am Devassy Koola+ 9 am Irineu Virgilio Cota
Sun. May 1	St. Joseph The Workman (1st Cl.)	8:30 am Jack Howe+ 11 am Robert Cochran 4:30 pm Pro Populo
Mon. May 2	St. Athanasius (3rd Cl.)	9 am Giovanni Costantini+
Tues. May 3	Feria (4th Cl.)	9 am Mary Alice Hoffman
Wed. May 4	Vigil of the Ascension (2nd Cl.)	7 am Louis & Mora Maranski 6 pm Gary Buro+
Thurs. May 5	Ascension (1st Cl.)	7 am Harry J. Zilli 10 am Kevin Bauduin+ 6 pm Pro Populo
Fri. May 6	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Maria & Walter Magnelli+ 6 pm Peter Osborne
Sat. May 7	St. Stanislaus (3rd Cl.)	7 am Greg Clay 9 am Marilyn Matt+

PRAYER LIST

Jean Spadaro, Caroline Laing, Ron Crawford, Fr. Jegin Puthenpuraackal, Bob Brann, Margaret Leonard, Peter Osborne Gerard Lajoie, Carol Gentry, Robert Petrella, Betty Faina, 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.

Farewell For Fr. Robert Tatman

Come between the Masses to the Social Room for cake and coffee to say goodbye to Father and thank him for his kind work here.

Please note Mass schedule changes for Mondays and Tuesdays starting May 2.

Altar Flowers Today

Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Balducci in memory of Mary Geraldine Balducci.

Offertory Collections

Sunday April 17, 2016	
1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 7,093
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date	\$ 7,425
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 1,737
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

Upcoming Events

Apr. 30 — 1st Holy Communion Retreat 9 to noon
May 1 — First Holy Communion at 11am Mass followed by Procession and Reception
May 1 — Trail Life presentation, Board Rm.
May 21 — Sacrament of Confirmation here
May 28 — Altar Boy Practice
May 29 — External Solemnity of Corpus Christi
June 11 — Annual Yard Sale

Religious Education Classes

Kindergarten class ends today. Other classes end May 1st. Mr. Doran's goes until Saturday May 21. The confirmation retreat will be Saturday May 14.

1st Holy Communion Schedule

Today is the last class for Holy Communicants. The children will rehearse processing and sitting in the front pew during the High Mass.

Congratulations to Mercy Grapes, daughter of Jesse and Liz, who is receiving her 1st Confession and 1st Holy Communion today!

Retreat Day: Sat. Apr. 30, 9 am to 12 noon.

This is the day for testing and 1st Holy Confession. First Holy Communion: Sun. May 1, 11 am Mass. After Mass, we will have our May Day Rosary Procession. Questions: Mr. Jeremiah Sanctafamilia at 804-727-9303.

The Pot Luck, May 1st, Cancelled

Thank you for your understanding. After the rosary procession, we will let the families go home and celebrate with their guests.

Living Our Mission—Progress Report

Our current total: \$139,113 from 42 pledges. Wow. We will soon be asking others to prayerfully discern their level of support too. Equal sacrifice, not equal gifts! As always, thank you very much.

Swing Dance Friday, May 13

The youth group is hosting a swing dance Friday, May 13th, from 7-11pm in the pavilion. No dancing experience required, there will be a short lesson. Everyone 14 and older is invited. Please bring a snack to share as well as any guests. Sunday dress requested.

Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,

The word 'patriarchy' has now been given a pejorative connotation: a patriarchy, we might be convinced, is a society in which the patriarch lives for his own self-ish gain, and all others, especially females, play second fiddle. This is a smear campaign. In the cross-hairs is fatherhood, fathers and masculinity in general. Also being smeared is motherhood and femininity.

Feminism is part of the philosophy *de jour*. Feminists claim to be protecting women, but they reject the Christian understanding of women. By doing this, they tear down what they claim to champion. Therefore, as Peter Kreeft says: "Calling feminists 'feminists' is like calling cannibals 'chefs'."

The nature of men and women have been created by a loving God in his image and likeness. All fatherhood gets its name from God the Father. In turn, God established motherhood as the zenith of His creation. (Mothers, after all, can produce something of more value than the whole universe put together: a human being.) God's creation is good--all of it: fatherhood, motherhood, personhood. The value of all is denigrated.

As any smear campaign, the basic tactic is to barrage the audience with lies. (And the bigger the lie, the better.) Have we absorbed any of these lies? Let's double-check.

What is fatherhood? With God, it is awesome! He is strong and powerful, yet kind and gentle. He provides for all of our needs. He is able to protect us. He is able to fix anything. He serves us. He loves our mother deeply. If siblings fight, He resolves it with justice. He likes to surprise us with gifts. He teaches us to love whatever is good, and hate whatever is evil, and to distinguish them. He will correct us with love; He allows us to be children, but not childish. He has the courage to be unpopular. He loves us, even to the point of death. The Patriarchy of the God is a family where love, peace and justice reign.

This awesome Father, created this world to be a reflection of Himself. Christ says: "*If you who are evil, know how to give good things to your children, how much more will your heavenly father give to those who ask,*" (Mt.7:11). In contrast to God,