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in or out of their marriages. 3) It destroyed the single most important building block of your society, (and every society in history), the family. ... Would any society tolerate such a thing? Of course not, unless it was part of the sexual revolution.

"Abortion is the second obvious example [of murder justified in the name of sex] ...

"Every single issue on which there is dissent today in the Church is about sex: feminism, homosexuality, inclusive language, contraception, abortion, fornication, divorce and remarriage -- all dissent is about sexual morality. Every argument I have ever had with a moral relativist has always come down to this issue in the last resort. But no society of moral relativists has ever survived. It is the dictatorship of moral relativism which is the real terrorist threat to our society. And the origin of moral relativism is the sexual revolution.

"What is the answer to this revolution? God has provided it, just as he provided new insights and new creeds for every heresy in history. It is the Theology of the Body of John Paul the Great. Reading that today, is like reading St. Augustine in the 5th century, or St. Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century, or the Council of Trent in the 16th century. It is the big picture: the heavenly truth about sex."

Taken from: "Winning the Culture War" by Dr. Peter Kreeft, a CD by Lighthouse Catholic Media -- now available on the rack.

Trailmen. Come find out about the program! All welcome. Sunday May 1st, 9:45 am, in the Board Room.

Mini-Shakespeare Auditions

Auditions for 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' will be held on Saturday, May 28 at 10 am in the St. Joseph Room. For further information, please contact Reagan McKenna at 804-675-9547 or reagan.mckenna.modg@gmail.com.

Catholic Host Families Needed

Have a new and exciting international experience this summer! Host a student from Spain (ages 14-17) in your home. Students participate in weekly activities. Learn about the culture while the student learns about living in an American family. Form lifelong friendships! A wonderful experience for families with children of all ages! June 30 to July 27. Contact Erin Anthony at [804-426-1606](tel:804-426-1606) or erin.anthony.05@gmail.com Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity! [Chesterfield public schools.]

"Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ is risen, and
hath shone upon
us..."

(Jn. 16:28)



May 1, 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 9 am
Tuesday 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. 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 Celebrant's Intention
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+
Sun. May 8	Sunday after the Ascension (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11 am Ronald Eliasek+ 4:30 pm William Gordon Pierce+
Mon. May 9	St. Gregory Nazianzen (3rd Cl.)	9 am Isabella Piccininni
Tues. May 10	St. Antonius (3rd Cl.)	9 am Cecile Gervais+
Wed. May 11	Ss. Philip & James (2nd Cl.)	7 am Holy Souls in Purgatory 6 pm Dawn Celentano+
Thurs. May 12	Ss. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Helen & James Bowles+
Fri. May 13	St. Robert Bellarmine (3rd Cl.)	7 am Mr. & Mrs. Peter Dresch+ 6 pm Catherine McKenna+
Sat. May 14	Vigil of Pentecost (1st Cl.)	7 am Koola Family 9 am John Noble Family

PRAYER LIST

Kepha Sanctafamilia, Mary Thompson, Sandy Spinos, Jean Spadaro, Caroline Laing, Ron Crawford, Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal, 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.

Please note Mass schedule reverts to the standard on Mondays and Tuesdays starting May 2.

Feast of the Ascension

Thurs. May 5th is a Holy Day, but not of obligation in the diocese of Richmond. Masses: 7am, 10am (High Mass) and 6pm.

Keys Lost

We're still looking for the maintenance keys. Please return them and/or call the office immediately. Thank you!

Religious Education Classes

Offertory Collections

Sunday April 24, 2016	
1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 6,621
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date	\$ 7,406
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 1,168

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Upcoming Events

- May 1** — First Holy Communion at 11am Mass followed by Procession and Reception
- May 1** — Trail Life presentation, Board Rm.
- May 6** — First Friday Adoration 7:45am to 5pm
- May 13** — Swing Dance 7-11pm in the Pavilion
- May 14** — Confirmation Retreat
- May 20** — Altar Boy Practice-Confirmation
- May 21** — Sacrament of Confirmation here
- May 28** — Altar Boy Practice
- May 29** — External Solemnity of Corpus Christi
- June 11** — Annual Yard Sale

Today is the last day for Religious Education classes, except for Mr. Doran's classes. The Confirmation retreat will be Saturday May 14. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered here at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday, May 21.

First Holy Communion today



Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants who are receiving today. They are: Connie Bauduin, Christopher DeSimone, Gabriella DeSimone, Magdalena Doran, Julia Douglas, Andrew Finecy, Beatrice Lothian, Isabel Marie Noble, Joshua Patrowicz, Lucy Robinson, Marian Ireland Schamel, James Taylor and Gunnar Trumbo.

Rogation Days

Monday, May 2nd through Wednesday, May 3rd, 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.

Living Our Mission—Progress Report

We do not disdain the widow's might! This weeks update was not available by press time. Last weeks total: **\$139,113 from 42 pledges**. We are asking every parishioner to prayerfully discern their level of support. Equal sacrifice, not equal gifts! Please see the insert today. As always, thank you very much.

Swing Dance Friday, May 13

The youth group is hosting this from 7-11pm in the pavilion. No experience required; lessons provided. Everyone 14 and older is invited. Please bring a snack to share as well as any guests. Sunday dress requested.

Trail Life USA: An Introduction.

This presentation is a brief overview of the program and is geared toward current, new and prospective parents of

Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,

The greatest enemy our society has, naturally speaking, is bad philosophy. Our society will say: There's no such thing as 'bad' philosophy, only 'different' philosophies. If we agree with this sentiment, we have been infected by the "dictatorship of relativism." Uh oh! In addition, we may feel more anxiety about criminals and terrorists than bad philosophers. True--that's because we pay too much attention to our physical wellbeing, and not enough to our are intellectual and spiritual wellbeing.

The antidote is spending quality time with good philosophers. In this context, I'd like to share with you a long passage by Dr. Peter Kreeft which is worth a revisit. **What is the cause of today's relativism?**

"The origin of the moral relativism that justifies the sexual revolution is not intellectual, it is moral. We are not confused by moral absolutes, we are afraid of them. Our moral relativism is almost wholly sexual. Almost nobody defends nuclear war, or insider trading, or oil spills, or even smoking. But, if it has anything to do with sex, it is justified, sanctified, and glorified. Even if it is murder. Here are two examples of murder, justified in the name of sex.

"Divorce. Divorce is a form of suicide. Suicide is a form of murder. Divorce is a form of suicide because it is the suicide of the 'one flesh' union which was created in marriage. The basic unit of all society is the family. Suppose there was a society in which half the citizens committed suicide. What a desperately sick society! Well, that's us. And the only institution in the world that says 'no' to divorce is the Catholic Church. But, it is all about sex.

"Imagine there was some other practice, not connected to sex, (as divorce is), that had these three very clearly and strongly documented effects: 1) That it violated the most serious oath, the most important promise you ever made in your life, so that it made you into a liar, and cheat and a betrayer. 2) It harmed the innocent children you brought into the world, more deeply than anything else (except direct physical or sexual abuse) scarred them for life, and made it much more difficult for them to be happy and stable persons