

Corner Continued

within yourself. Counting days to see how old your baby would have been. Watching the sunrise without thinking, 'My baby will never experience this.' Looking at other children and wondering, 'What would my baby look like?' Wondering what contributions my baby could have made to our desperate society; wondering if my baby will ever forgive me; wondering if my baby listens when I speak to her; wondering if I'll ever have another chance at motherhood. Who will blackball me? Wondering if God will ever forgive and take me back. Wondering if ever again one can participate in a church service without feeling self-hate and hypocritical. All this deserved hell I faced." *

Parenthood establishes a relationship--one which mirrors our relationship with God the Father. You know that our society tramples on human parenthood. This a sign of its rejection of God's fatherhood. Loving both is the beginning of wisdom.

God love you, —Fr. N.

* "There is life in the Womb" A talk by Venerable Fulton J. Sheen; Lighthouse Catholic Media.

doctor's who are faithful to the church's teaching. Fascinating, powerful, versatile. Based on the measurements taken as part of the Creighton method of charting, many female and fertility problems can be properly diagnosed and solutions discovered -- solutions which are ethical, natural, effective, and as non-invasive as possible. This talk is suitable for all women (teens and up), and all husbands. Sunday May 22, 2016, 1pm in the Social Room.

Parish Annual Yard Sale

This year's Annual Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, June 11th from 8am until 2pm. Tables are \$20 each for the first table and \$15 each for additional tables. Church organizations are given a table free of charge. Set up for the yard sale is 7am the day of the sale. Deadline for table rentals is Monday, June 6th. Volunteers are needed and are most welcome. Please call Mike Rowland at 804-745-7844.

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 erin.anthony.05@gmail.com or at 804-426-1606. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity! [Chesterfield public schools.]

COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

Ladies Altar Guild Mary Claire Adams 515-0973	Ushers Patrick Latimer 262-7628	Volunteer Coordinator	American Heritage Girls Troop 3126 LaPortia Wallace 687-2736
Kids Social Coordinator Victoria Sanctafamilia 592-8055 kids@stjosephrichmond.org	Parish Council	Trail Life USA Troop 828 Shaun Alf troopmaster@stjosephrichmond.org	Grounds Crew Steve Michniak
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Gift Shop Rose Mary Cosby 272-3908	St. Joseph's Education Guild	Flower Guild Andria Morris 525-0733	
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"Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath reigned over all the nations..."
(Ps. 46:9)

May 8, 2016



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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 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.)	7 am <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> 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
Sun. May 15	Pentecost Sunday (1st Cl.)	8:30 am Frank Piccininni+ 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm FSSP
Mon. May 16	Pentecost Monday (1st Cl.)	7 am <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> 9 am Pilar Astruc
Tues. May 17	Pentecost Tuesday (1st Cl.)	9 am Private Intention
Wed. May 18	Pentecost Wednesday (1st Cl.)	7 am Brendon Vickers 6 pm Kevin & Enza Seibert
Thurs. May 19	Pentecost Thursday (1st Cl.)	7 am Jacob Family 9 am Celebrant's Intention
Fri. May 20	Pentecost Friday (1st Cl.)	7 am E. L. Mary+ 6 pm Frs. Novokowsky, Casavantes & Tatman
Sat. May 21	Pentecost Saturday (1st Cl.)	7 am F.S.S.P. 9 am Catherine Setoro+

PRAYER LIST

Elizabeth Scott, Jennifer Stivers, 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 Mr. Duane Hufford who died on Monday, May 2nd. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God 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.

Keys Lost

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

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to First Holy Communicant Addison Zenobia Doran who was inadvertently omitted from last Sunday's list. Our sincere apologies to Addison and her family.

Offertory Collections

Sunday May 1, 2016
 1st Collection (Operations): \$ 7,331
 Avg. Weekly Operating Need: \$ 7,114
 Avg. Weekly Year to Date \$ 7,404
 2nd Collection (Building Fund): \$ 1,691
Thank you for your continued generosity!

Upcoming Events

May 13 — Swing Dance 7-11pm in the Pavilion
May 14 — Confirmation Retreat
May 21 — Sacrament of Confirmation here
May 28 — Mini-Shakespeare Auditions, 10am
 — Altar Boy Practice
May 29 — External Solemnity of Corpus Christi
June 11 — Annual Yard Sale

Sacrament of Confirmation

The RETREAT will be Saturday May 14. We will meet for Mass at 9 am, and spend the day until 3 pm in prayer and study. Lunch will be provided. Be prepared to make a presentation about your patron saint. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered here by Msgr. Lane, on Saturday, May 21. On this day, the candidates will attend Mass at 9am. Afterward, we will have a brief run through of the ceremony, and light snack, and then the ceremony begins at 11 am. It will take about an hour. Msgr. Lane will be available for pictures afterward, and then we will have a catered lunch in the Social Room.

Living Our Mission: Gratitude, Joy, Faith.

The processing time for the pledge cards is greater than usual and so we don't have an update again this week. Therefore, thank you again for all who have sent theirs in, and thank you in advance for those who will do so soon. We are making generic pledge cards available today in the pews for those who may need them.

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.

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.



An Introduction to NaPro Technology by Dr. Zackrisson, MD, CFCMC

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Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,

Wisdom comes from experience. One aphorism puts it this way: "There are only two ways to learn: from our mistakes, or someone else's; and you don't have time to make all the mistakes yourself." The following is a passage of a letter written to Bishop Fulton Sheen by a woman who had had an abortion.

"Please listen to my plea. What I have to say cannot be found in pro-life rallies ... against abortion. What I have to say I hope will be of some value to you ...

"My decision to have an abortion was by no means quick. I knew down deeply that I was wrong, but gave into my selfishness and choose my own well-being to my baby's. I rationalized that I could make it half-right by doing it in my own way. I received a saline shot and went home instead of remaining at the hospital. I wanted to be alone at the moment of my baby's death. I went to a motel and anxiously awaiting for labor to begin. Throughout the labor, I was able to think of nothing but the physical pain at hand. Then, there was a tiny baby girl with me - dead. The shock and hurt of holding your own self-destroyed child is not describable in words. But by choice, I wanted a moment alone with my baby for a chance to say I'm sorry. But when the time came, how inadequate and how foolish the words sounded! The garbage pail wasn't good enough for my baby so I choose a soft bed. Then I was all alone--with all the months of indecision and all the realization the fear of physical and psychological anguish--and my own dead baby. I was torn with the thought of, 'Why didn't I wait three months more? Then my baby would be able to love me back?' All the things I should have thought of before, were only thought of at that moment. I stayed with my dead baby for several days, not able to leave her. Not realizing that the very day that I even doubted having her, I left her, and all I ever stood for. I buried my baby and have been working since then towards redirecting my life--and I hope for some purpose. "As selfish people we tend to react more to what will happen to us in this life and ignore any belief in eternal life. But an everyday hell of mine can now be pointed out. Never hearing a baby cry without crying