

pleasure greater than to be able to end my existence, to do away with myself like a piece of cloth reduced to ashes, leaving no remnant behind. But I must exist. I must be as I have made myself, bearing the total blame for how I have ended. ... [My mother] never taught me to pray correctly... It is only with deep repugnance and unspeakable disgust that I write words such as pray, Mass, holy water, and church. I profoundly detest those who go to church, along with everyone and everything in general. For us, everything is a torture. Everything we came to understand at death, every recollection of life and of what we knew, is like a burning flame that torments us.

All of these memories only show us the horrible sight of the graces we rejected. How this tortures us now! We do not eat, we do not sleep, we do not walk with human legs as you know. Enchained in spirit, we reprobates stare with terror at our misspent lives, howling and gnashing our teeth, tormented and filled with hatred. Do you hear me? Here we drink hatred as if it were water. We all hate one another. And more than anything else, we hate God. I will try to make you understand how this is. The blessed in Heaven must necessarily love Him, for they constantly behold Him in His awe-inspiring beauty. That makes them indescribably happy. We know this, and that knowledge fills us with fury." Taken from: <http://fatima.ageofmary.com/hell/letter-from-beyond/>

God love you,

Fr. Novokowsky

COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

Ladies Altar Guild Mary Claire Adams 515-0973	Ushers Patrick Latimer 262-7628	Anne-Marie Beauchesne volunteer@stjosephrichmond.org	Troop 3126 LaPortia Wallace 687-2736
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	Volunteer Coordinator	American Heritage Girls	

Mass Intention Requests

The parish will be accepting new requests starting this week. As you are no-doubt aware, there are only 365 days in a year and normally each priest only offers Mass once per day. (We have 320 families in the parish.) For this rather obvious reason, we must limit the Intention Requests in some way. Therefore, we ask that each family limit their requests to 6 per year. If a priest offers more than one Mass, canon is very clear that not more than one stipend may be kept. Each diocese specifies what the extra stipends are used for.

You will see some changes to the envelopes. We ask that you use one envelope per Mass, please. We greatly prefer also that any stipend, which is a gift to the celebrating priest, and a part of your sacrifice, be in cash. We ask for your phone # in case there's a problem to be discussed.

Also, we have reached out to the FSSP and learned that they too are overbooked with Mass requests, as is the Clear Creek Monastery. Unfortunately, therefore, these are not viable alternatives. Thank you for your understanding in these matters.

“... let my enemies be confounded and ashamed, who seek my soul.”

(Ps. 69. 3)



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Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am (Low)
11 am (High)
4:30 pm (Low)

Monday 7am & 9 am
Tuesday 7am & 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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Dear Parishioners,

Did you walk through your house before buying it? Of course! In order to know your house better, you went close-up and examined all the details. However, it is also true to say, that in order to know your house better, you need to back up and look at it from a distance. From a distance you can see the whole; from a distance, you can see its context. The same is true with our life.

In order to see this life clearly, we have to examine the details from close up. However, in order to comprehend it, we have to see it as a whole, and in the context of its surroundings. In order to comprehend our temporal life, we must see it from the distance of eternity. What's important in the big picture? The bird's eye view will tell us.

The following passage is taken from a super-fascinating letter. This letter is at once a discussion of human life, human psychology, the spiritual life, and salvation. I provide the link to the complete letter below. This is a letter from beyond time. If we don't regularly consider the seriousness of the pains of hell or the joys of heaven, we are not comprehending our life correctly. Read this passage; then, follow the link and read the whole letter. (I neither endorse or comment about the site on which the letter is found.)

"Claire! Do not pray for me. I am damned. Do not think that I am telling you this [and certain circumstances and details about my condemnation] as a sign of friendship. Here we no longer love anyone. ... In truth, I would like to see you here where I will remain forever. Do not be surprised that I should say this. We all think the same way here. Our will is hardened in evil—in what you call “evil.” Even when we do something “good,” as I do now in opening your eyes about Hell, it is not with any good intention. How I wish that I had never been born! I wish I could annihilate myself at this moment and escape these torments! There could be no

Upcoming Events
August 7—KOC Business Meeting
August 9—KOC Monthly Social Meeting 7 pm
August 15—Low Masses at 7 am & 6 pm,
 High Mass at 11 am

Religious Education
 There will be an informational meeting for all religious education teachers on Sunday, August 14th at 9:45 am in the Board Room.

First Grade Teacher Needed
 If you are interested in volunteering to teach first grade religious education, please contact Bill Doran.

Girls Group Needs Immediate Help
 The American Heritage Girls have been a part of the parish for the past three years, but they are in danger of not continuing. The girls have done many community activities like cleaning the church, collecting money for the Chesterfield Pregnancy Center, making caps for the Children's Hospital, Christmas Caroling at the Little Sister's of the Poor, visiting the Veterans home, and collecting and delivering dental supplies to those in need. The girls of the parish have greatly enjoyed participating in AHG, but in order to continue, the troop needs adult volunteers to help run the program. From etiquette to horsemanship. If you would like to keep this great program going, please reach out to LaPortsia Wallace at [804-687-2736](tel:804-687-2736) or laportsia@yahoo.com.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS		
Sun. August 7	12th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Holy Guardian Angels 11 am David & Bernadette Woods + 4:30 pm Pro Populo
Mon. August 8	St. John Mary Vianney (3rd Cl.)	7 am Yvon Robichaud + 9 am In Honor of O.L. of Ransom
Tues. August 9	Vigil of St. Lawrence (3rd Cl.)	7 am Louis & Moira Maranski 9 am Nicholas Piccininni
Wed. August 10	St. Lawrence (2nd Cl.)	7 am Jejo Koola 6 pm Mary Palm Schlangen +
Thurs. August 11	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Mary Matur & Family 9 am Pearl Nacey
Fri. August 12	St. Clare (3rd Cl.)	7 am FSSP 6 pm Jack Howe +
Sat. August 13	Saturday of Our Lady (4th Cl.)	7 am Gervais & Robichaud Family 9 am Elizabeth Storm
Sun. August 14	13th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Cécile Gervais + 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Private Intention
Mon. August 15	Assumption of the B.V.M. (1st Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 11 am Pro Populo 6 pm Lydia Joyce Colberg
Tues. August 16	St. Joachim (2nd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Jim Thorpe +
Wed. August 17	St. Hyacinth (3rd Cl.)	7 am FSSP 6 pm Jonathan Veldhuyzen +
Thurs. August 18	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Harry Jacob + 9 am James & Adelaid Eliasek +
Fri. August 19	St. John Eudes (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 6 pm George & Michelle Evans
Sat. August 20	St. Bernard of Clairvaux (3rd Cl.)	7 am Charles & Mary Willard Family 9 am Christopher J. Ryder +

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Danny Doran, Heidi Hoffman, Sam Sponeybarger, James Jones, Theresa Jones, Andria Morris, Michael Rowland, Theresa & Joseph Barrera, Joe Guerrero, Sophie Lothian, Patricia Willard, Bill Colberg, Charlie Adams, Jeremiah Sanctafamilia, Sr., Mary Pearl Nacey, Elizabeth Scott, Jennifer Stivers, Jean Spadaro, Caroline Laing, Ron Crawford, Fr. Jergin Puthenpurackal, Gerard Lajoie, Carol Gentry, Robert Petrella, Betty Faina, 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 faithfully departed. May they rest in peace.

Two Anonymous Gifts!

We received three new donations to the Living Our Mission Capital Campaign, two of which were anonymous. These generous gifts bring our totals to \$379,321 and 178 participating families! It's not too late to add your own contribution, and NOW, 2/3 of your gift comes back to the parish, and 1/3 is used by the diocesan priorities. Thank you.

Swing Dance!

There will be a swing dance in the pavilion on Friday, August 12th at 7 pm. Put on your classy dancing clothes, and bring a snack and all your “non-dancing” friends and family. No experience necessary!

Offertory Collections	
Sunday July 31, 2016	
1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 6,629
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date	\$ 6,800
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 1,365
<i>Thank you for your continued generosity!</i>	