

who pours the water need not be Catholic; minimally, their intention must be 'to do what the Church intends'. That said, an emergency baptism is only for the danger of death. (No, Grandma, you're not allowed to slip a little baptism into bath time just because the parents are resisting.)

Timing: We want to avoid the extremes of anxiety and unnecessary delays. Canon law says the baby should be baptized "within the first few weeks." Weeks, not months. Take a week or two to recover from the birth, then baptize! For this reason, this sacrament is not done in a communal setting at St. Joseph's, but at the earliest convenience for the family. The ceremony is a standalone ceremony, which typically takes less than 30 minutes. Sometimes people chose to delay until out-of-town family can visit, or for the sake of a fancier party. Don't let these tails wag the dog.

Some Particulars: Most parishioners choose either Saturday or Sunday for the convenience of their invitees. Any day is fine. On Sunday, the earliest we can schedule one is 1pm. This ends up being the most popular day and time. The social room is often used for an informal reception that you might put on for your guests, anything from cake and coffee to a full buffet. Check the office for the hall availability. There's no fee for the sacrament or for the use of the hall. Normally, however, an honorarium is offered to the baptizing priest.

Godparents: The role of the godparent is to assist the parents in raising the child as a Catholic. On a practical level, the godparent's role is to pray for their godchildren. Therefore, godparents must be practicing Catholics. Avoid the trap of seeing the role as honorific--this is secular nonsense. Choose someone who will actually pray. Getting to heaven is more serious than a heart attack. Obviously, this duty is greatly aided by a friendship with the parents, but not required. During a traditional ceremony, the sponsors--not the parents--hold the child and make the responses. Only one sponsor is necessary. Another person can accompany them as an "official witness" and would be recorded as such.

God love you,

Fr. Novokowsky

* Nine ways of being an accessory to another's sin: commanding, consenting, provoking, advising, ignoring, partaking, concealing, praising, or defending.

*"In Thee, O Lord,
have I hoped: I
said, Thou art my
God, my times are
in Thy hands."
(Ps. 30. 15, 16)*



Saint Joseph Parish

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Richmond
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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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Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,

We are babies galore, *Deo gratias*. St. Joseph's is pro-life! We sometimes equate "pro-life" activities with anti-abortion activities, with good reason. Since there's nothing as anti-life as murdering a defenseless, innocent child, pro-life activity stands in contradiction. This protest is good for two reasons: 1) our personal duty to work for the common good, and 2) this public stance matches the public nature of legalized abortion. We protest the evil which others do, and (an evil government beside) we make it clear we are not a willing accessory to this evil. (Can you name the 9 ways of being an accessory to another's sin?*)

But there are two parts to the moral imperative: "Do good and avoid evil." When we "admonish the sinner," or "instruct the ignorant" we are helping others avoid evil. Great. Does the pro-life movement have a positive half? Having babies (and raising them well) is the pinnacle of positive pro-life work. It's life, and it's work! Good work, if you can get it! We all need to help. But in addition, there's "pro-life" work between procreation and abortion. "Religion clean and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows, in their tribulation; and to keep one's self unspotted from the world," (James 1:27). All this is part of the culture of life too.

A Few Notes On Baptism: Baptism is "necessary for salvation" and extremely important. As Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven," (Jn.3:12). Baptism is that rebirth. The Kingdom of Heaven is the Mystical Body of Christ, called the Catholic Church.

In case of emergency: In danger of death, it is important to remember that anyone can baptize: Taking ordinary water, the same person pours the water on the forehead of the child and says: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The person

Upcoming Events
August 15— The Assumption of the B.V.M.
 Low Masses at 7 am & 6 pm,
 High Mass at 11 am
August 20— Rosary for Priests Apostolate
 after 9 am Mass

Religious Education

There will be an organizational meeting for all religious education teachers **today** at 9:45 am in the Board Room

Stress In Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille, which simply means "rediscovery," is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation. This program has helped many couples experiencing such difficulties. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on September 16th call 800-470-2230 or email retrouvaille@mnsn.com or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org

Separated & Divorced Support Group

Let others help you across this bridge of difficult times. St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 2480 Batterson Rd., Powhatan. Meeting for ten weeks on Thursdays from 7 pm to 8:30 pm beginning September 8th. For information or to register, call 804-598-3754 or email S.DLee@outlook.com and a support team facilitator will return your call or email. Please provide a \$15 donation for materials.

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. Cash is very much preferred. If you need to write a check, please make it payable to St. Joseph's.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Betty Proffitt, Danny Doran, Heidi Hoffman, Sam Sponeybarger, James Jones, Theresa Jones, Andria Morris, Michael Rowland, Theresa & Joseph Barrera, Joe Guerrero, Sophie Lothian, 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, Karen Haley.

In your charity, please remember E. Obreta Burnett, Bernice Nestor, and all the souls of the faithfully departed. May they rest in peace.

Mrs. Bernice Nestor, Rest In Peace

There will be a Requiem Funeral Mass for Bernice Nestor on Wednesday, August 17, at 10 am, preceded by a Rosary at 9:30 am. There will be a reception for all immediately following the Mass in the social room. She was a founding member of St. Joseph's whose amazing talent was used in many areas.

The Feast of the Assumption

By decision of the United States Conference of Bishops and confirmation by the Holy See, whenever the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

Offertory Collections

Sunday August 7, 2016
 1st Collection (Operations): \$ 7,355
 Avg. Weekly Operating Need: \$ 7,114
 Avg. Weekly Year to Date \$ 6,893
 2nd Collection (Building Fund): \$ 1,291

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

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 +
Sun. August 21	14th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11 am CianMarie Kettmer 4:30 pm Irineu Vergilio Cota
Mon. August 22	Immaculate Heart of Mary (2nd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Victoria L. Sanctafamilia
Tues. August 23	St. Philip Benizi (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Margaret Chipiwalt +
Wed. August 24	St. Bartholomew (2nd Cl.)	7 am Brendan Vickers 6 pm Celebrant's Intention
Thurs. August 25	St. Louis IX (3rd Cl.)	7 am S.R.L. 9 am Nancy Anne Graybill
Fri. August 26	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Helen Willard 6 pm Albert Fairclough +
Sat. August 27	St. Joseph Calasance (3rd Cl.)	7 am Richard Clark + 9 am Celebrant's Intention