

Do good; avoid evil. Some issues of morality are intrinsic goods and evils, others extrinsic goods or evils, while others are physical goods or evils. Intrinsic evils are those which are always and everywhere morally wrong in such a way that *no circumstance* can make them good. Murder--the killing of an innocent human being--is one of these. Abortion, a form of murder, contraception, fornication are other examples. Extrinsic evils are human acts which may be good or evil depending on the circumstances. For example: war, capital punishment, or corporal punishment. Other evils are mere physical evils: disease, poverty or death.

Confusion reigns. We must distinguish between these, in order to judge correctly and be prudent. For instance: 1) Abortion is described as a 'tough decision', implying that it can be justified by a tough circumstance. Wrong, it's intrinsically evil. 2) People call for the abolition of all capital punishment, implying that it can never be justified. Wrong, the state has a right and duty to defend itself. (CCC no.2266). 3) People suggest we have a duty to 'solve' the problem of poverty or hunger, as if these are moral evils. Wrong, Christ told us to feed the hungry which is much different. We were commanded to love our neighbors, not 'humanity.'

Sentimentality vs. Justice. If one man murders another, he commits a moral evil, while his victim suffers the ultimate physical evil. Which evil is worse? The sin of murder is an infinitely grave offense against God, but suffering death is part of the human condition. Truly, it is better to be murdered than to murder. Spiritual death is worse than physical death. One mortal sin is greater than all the physical evils of the world put together. Every saint has come to grasp this, like St. Maria Goretti, who gladly chose death over committing a sin.

Conclusion. The murder of defenseless innocents is the *weightiest* of intrinsic evils. Our resistance must be persistent. No compromise is possible. It is a sin to vote for a pro-abortion politician.

Pray early and often. — Fr. N.

Child Care Needed
Parishioners seeking child-care for an infant Monday—Friday during work hours beginning January of 2017. Please call 540-845-1556 or susie.puglisi@gmail.com for more information.

Library Notice
In preparation for our upcoming renovation, please return all books today so that they can be included in the final count and packing of the collection. Thank you!

Apostolate of Mary, Mother of Priests
Every 3rd Saturday of the month this apostolate attends the 9 am Mass and then meets in the small chapel to pray for vocations, priests, and seminarians. For more information call Louise Caouette-Diman (401) 339-5111

“... walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called.”
(Eph. 4.1)



Saint Joseph Parish

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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,

Confusion in the local Church was shown recently when enthusiastic support was given to a 'devout Catholic' politician despite his perfect pro-abortion voting record. His support for abortion was gladly overlooked for the sake of his other accomplishments. After all, we are told, Catholics believe in a 'seamless garment' theology. Do we?!

Seamless Garment. The term was coined by Eileen Egan in '71, and made famous by Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago in '83. This approach is defined as: "*an ideology that opposes abortion, capital punishment, assisted suicide, and euthanasia...unjust war...or opposition to all war,*" (Wikipedia). Egan, who worked for years in war-torn Europe, specifically wanted to challenge anti-abortion advocates in the US to broaden their activism. Therefore, the very origin of the seamless garment approach was to downplay one issue and raise others.

Nature vs. Fashionable Opinion. True and time-honored Catholic morality judges according to the nature of the issue itself, not by any artificial criteria, like public opinion. Imagine if a Catholic politician supported racism instead of abortion. Would they be given a standing ovation? Which evil is worse: killing an ethnic baby in the womb? or being prejudiced? Society does not judge according to the nature of thing. Neither does the 'seamless garment' approach.

Equality vs. Justice. All issues of human dignity are important, but not of equal weight. Therefore, they must not be treated as equal. For, it is just as unjust to treat *unequals* as equal, as it is to treat *equals* as unequal. Justice is giving each his due.

Personal vs. Social Justice. Catholic morality says: the root of all sins lies in the human heart. (CCC, no. 1873). Therefore, justice must exist there first before it can be established in the social order. Justice in the heart is love for God's law. The Sexual Revolution proclaimed a new social order without personal adherence to law. Whirled Peas anyone? In its wake, Catholics in America contracept, abort, fornicate and divorce at the same rate as non-Catholics. While the seamless garment people are unfazed by this, traditional Catholic morality proclaims our whole house is on fire.

Please turn over

Upcoming Events

September 11—Final Day of Rel. Ed. Registration
September 13—St. Francis Hospital Rosary 3 pm
September 17—Rosary for priestly vocations
September 18—First Day of Rel. Ed. Classes
September 25—St. Joseph's Volunteer Fair

Emergency Flood Relief

The USCCB's president has called for a collection on September 18th to assist victims of the recent flooding in Louisiana, to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA, and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted Catholic dioceses. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish and indicate Louisiana in the memo line.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

The Appeal is moving from the fall of 2016 to the first quarter of 2017 and will coincide with Lent. This schedule will continue in subsequent years. We appreciate your accommodation.

St. Joseph Youth Schola

All children in grades 2 through 8 are invited to sing in the St. Joseph Youth Schola. We will meet weekly on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the choir room, beginning September 27. Participants will study proper singing techniques, music notation, music history and music theory in the context of sacred choral music. For more information, please contact David Pedersen at the parish office.

Singers Needed for Adult Choir

We are always looking for new singers to join the Adult Choir, which sings at the 11 am High Mass and other feast days. Rehearsals will be held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the choir room, beginning September 7. If you enjoy singing, please consider participating in this fulfilling ministry. No prior experience is necessary. Please contact David Pedersen at the parish office for more information.

Living Our Mission Capital Campaign

Our current total is \$385,631.47 which we have achieved with 3 new gifts! Thank you to all. It's never too late to participate!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Barbara Reith, Andrew Weeks, Diane Hayes, Scott Dorsett, Bob Bailey, Patricia Fredrich, Patricia Willard, Sarah Crawford, Sarita Remouns, Miesha Vargas, Larry Cochran, Brayden Berberich, Tracy Patrowicz, Marc Schessel, Jeff Stivers, Bob Rice, Pat Nobel, Betty Proffitt, Danny Doran, Sam Sponeybarger, James Jones, Theresa Jones, Andria Morris, Michael Rowland, Jean Spadaro, Caroline Laing, Ron Crawford, Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal, Gerard Lajoie, Carol Gentry, Robert Petrella, Betty Faina, Mitchel Shaw, Liz Grapes, Kathleen Stells, Julie Trexler, Theresa Trexler, Antoinette McLaughlin, 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, Karin Haley.

In your charity, please remember all the souls of the faithfully departed. May they rest in peace.

Volunteer Fair

Sunday, September 25th between Masses in the Social Room. Come have coffee with us, talk with volunteers, learn about different volunteer opportunities at St. Joseph's. Get involved, meet other parishioners, enjoy their friendship while performing important tasks necessary to keep St. Joseph's vibrant. Questions? Email volunteer@stjosephrichmond.org

Altar Flower Guild

We are in desperate need of more volunteers to coordinate and arrange the flowers for our altars. If you have any interest, please: volunteer@stjosephrichmond.org.

Offertory Collections

Sunday September 4, 2016	
1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 13,604
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date	\$ 7,415
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 1,941

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sun. Sept. 11	17th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Adler Cate Dudley 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Zilli Family
Mon. Sept. 12	Most Holy Name of Mary (3rd Cl.)	7am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Cécil Gervais +
Tues. Sept. 13	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Kathleen Rodenburg +
Wed. Sept. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross (2nd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 6 pm Christopher & Terrence McCrudden +
Thurs. Sept. 15	Seven Sorrows of the B.V.M. (2nd Cl.)	7 am S.R.L. 9 am Vernita Thorpe +
Fri. Sept. 16	Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 6 pm John C. Willard, Sr.
Sat. Sept. 17	Saturday of Our Lady (4th Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am FSSP
Sun. Sept. 18	18th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11 am Private Intention 4:30 pm Liz Hardin
Mon. Sept. 19	St. Januarius & Companions (3rd Cl.)	9 am Gordon Streicher +
Tues. Sept. 20	Feria (4th Cl.)	9 am Celebrant's Intention
Wed. Sept. 21	St. Matthew (2nd Cl.)	6 pm Harry J. Zilli +
Thurs. Sept. 22	St. Thomas of Villanova (3rd Cl.)	9 am E. Obreta Burnett +
Fri. Sept. 23	Ember Friday (2nd Cl.)	6 pm Joseph Schadenfroh +
Sat. Sept. 24	Ember Saturday (2nd Cl.)	9 am E. Obreta Burnett +