

over another. But this not the intention or fault of the Catholic Church. These are matters that most Americans once agreed on and are now matters that have divided out along political lines ... I... will vigorously and confidently refute the charge of 'being political' when we teach on these non-negotiable truths."

The principles must be applied to everyday life. Not-doing-something is easy to apply; doing-something requires decisions of how, how much, when, where, to whom, to what extent, etc. These decision requires a great deal of prudence; the Church doesn't teach about particular cases. Msgr. Pope: "To exhibit care for the poor is a critical moral issue that is very important to God ... However, the best way to care for the poor is debatable. Should it be a work of government? If so, at what level, federal, state or local? Or is private and personal care for the poor more in line with the biblical mandate? ... The issue is how, and by whom, and what methods are best."

Our enemies are not of flesh and blood. But we must wage our battle on every front.

God love you.

Fr. Novokowsky

1. <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/msgr-pope/vote-as-a-catholic-with-a-catholic-moral-vision>

2016 Red Mass

The Most Rev. Francis X. DiLorenzo, Bishop of Richmond, and The Saint Thomas More Society invite everyone in the Richmond Diocese to join in worship and fellowship at the 33rd Annual Red Mass and Dinner on Thursday, November 10. Rev. Msgr. R. Francis Muench, J.C.L., Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Richmond will celebrate the Red Mass at 6 pm at Mary, Mother of the Church Abbey, 12829 River Road, Goochland. The dinner will follow in the Benedictine College Prep Dining Hall. The keynote address will be given by Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of Arlington. Fr. Scalia is the son of former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Tickets for the dinner are \$65 each. The Saint Thomas More Society is an education, fraternal, and service organization of Catholic lawyers. For more information contact Society President, James Schliessmann, jeschliessmann@hotmail.com or 804-873-1035.

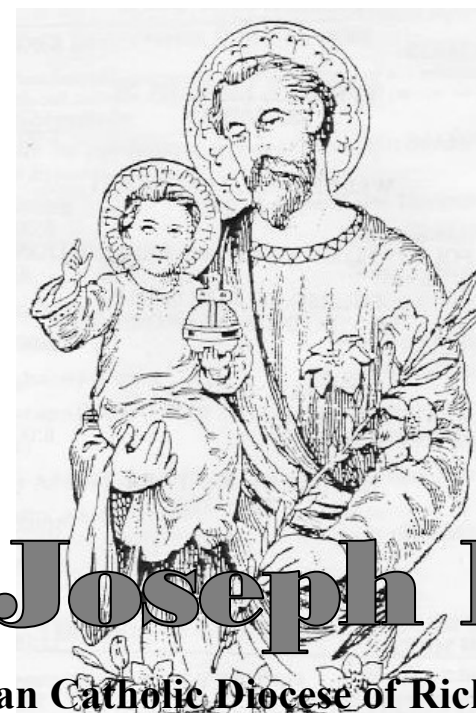
Saint Gertrude High School

Students and families are welcome to attend the Fall Open House any time between 1 pm and 3 pm to meet faculty, talk with students, and explore the school. SGHS is an all-girls Catholic high school: 3215 Stuart Ave., Richmond, VA 23221. For more information: saintgertrude.org or Meredith McNamara: 804-822-3955, admissions@saintgertrude.org

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*"... shouldst not thou then have had compassion also on thy fellow servant, even as I had compassion on thee?"
(Matt. 18. 33)*



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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,

The devil has convinced us to treat politics as a religion, and to treat religion as politics. The following illustrate the confusion: a) The 10 Commandments don't belong in a secular court room. b) All wars are caused by religion. c) Jesus died on the cross in order to save America. Please allow me to quote several passages from an article in the National Catholic Register, by Msgr. Charles Pope.[1] He puts it this way: "Satan is no idiot. He has successfully convinced most Catholics that moral issues are political issues. And in so doing he has successfully shut down a huge amount of moral exhortation."

The moral life and our political life are two important facets of human life; as such, they are intertwined but separate. Good governance of a polity will never contradict any true moral principle. In that sense, good morality determines what is good politics. But, not every political issue is a moral issue. Therefore, governance has its own sphere. A good moral theologian isn't necessarily the best chief of police. That said, the chief isn't a good moral theologian just because he's chief. The U.S. Supreme Court has claimed this right.

The Catholic Church is *the* teacher of morality. Why? Because the Church has been entrusted with the Revelation of Jesus Christ, and instructed to teach all nations. This includes what we believe, and how to live. In addition, we have a lot of human wisdom, built upon 2 millennia of experience. That said, it's too bad that we're all sinners.

Some moral issues are crystal clear. Msgr. Pope [the emphasis is his]: "**Among the moral issues that have been most politicized are non-negotiable issues for any Catholic:** abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, and same sex 'marriage.' These are non-negotiable issues because there is no room for nuance or degree of support ... They are outright forbidden by Church teaching ... This precedes politics, party loyalties, political leanings or any such thing."

The Church's positions are true anytime, anywhere. Do they have political consequences today? Yes. Is the Church 'being political'? No! Msgr. Pope: "**The Catholic position on these matters currently coincides with one political party's platform**

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Upcoming Events

- October 10**—Renovations begin
- October 15**—Abortion Clinic Rosary
- October 25**—Rosary Making 11 am in SS. Peter & Paul Room
- October 31**—All Saints' Eve Festivities

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Beginning this Friday we will have Adoration from 8 am to 12 noon with Benediction at 11:45 am every Friday *except* First Fridays, which will continue as normal. Thank you to all those who have signed up as committed adorers. We are always open for more as we have much to pray for. See you there.

With Lots of Gratitude

A *huge* thank you to all the volunteers who worked so tirelessly last week to relocate the offices, kitchen, classrooms, storage areas, etc. in anticipation of the demolition starting tomorrow. We will only see the fruits of our labor when the project is completed; however, we should know that God has bestowed many graces upon St. Joseph Parish for the effort and dedication of our parishioners. Thank you and God bless you!

Temporary Changes

- Today the gift shop will be closed. Rose Mary will reopen next Sunday, October 16th in the St. Anne room.
- Beginning today, there will be no bagels or lemonade available after Mass. Coffee and water will be provided. We will not have access to the small kitchen or to the social room during renovations.
- Beginning Monday morning, the parish offices will be located in the St. Joseph Room in the back of the building until our new offices are completed.
- Please be aware that from time to time, certain exits will be unavailable for use as construction moves forward.

Mass Schedule Change

The 7 am Mass on Saturdays has been removed from the schedule.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Terri & Marc Schessel, Gene Franco, Rob Hamrick, Thomas Drury, 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, 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.

Marriage Course

Due to the renovations and the resulting upheaval within the building, we are cancelling the Fall 2016 session and hoping to reschedule for Spring 2017.

All Saints' Eve Festivities

Get your saints, angels, and Bible character costumes ready and bring a friend! Our parish celebration for All Saints' will be on October 31st. More details coming soon . . .

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the main altar were donated by Michael Rowland in loving memory of his father and sister, Harold E. Rowland, Sr. and Sandra Rowland Loker.

Offertory Collections

Sunday October 2, 2016

1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 7,658
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date	\$ 7,276
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 1,210

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sun. Oct. 9	21st Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am To Honor O.L. of Ransom 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Angela Villanueva Rios +
Mon. Oct. 10	St. Francis Borgia (3rd Cl.)	9 am Celebrant's Intention
Tues. Oct. 11	Maternity of The B.V.M. (2nd Cl.)	9 am Elaine Celentano +
Wed. Oct. 12	Feria (4th Cl.)	6 pm Elwood Brown, Jr.
Thurs. Oct. 13	St. Edward the Confessor (3rd Cl.)	9 am Jean Thorpe +
Fri. Oct. 14	St. Callistus I (3rd Cl.)	6 pm Stanley J. Miara +
Sat. Oct. 15	St. Teresa of Avila (3rd Cl.)	9 am Joseph J. Reardon, Jr. +
Sun. Oct. 16	22nd Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11 am Private Intention 4:30 pm Sang Nam Kim
Mon. Oct. 17	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am To Honor O.L. of Ransom
Tues. Oct. 18	St. Luke the Evangelist (2nd Cl.)	9 am Celebrant's Intention
Wed. Oct. 19	St. Peter of Alcantara (3rd Cl.)	6 pm Brendan Vickers
Thurs. Oct. 20	St. John Cantius (3rd Cl.)	9 am Ralph Thorpe +
Fri. Oct. 21	St. Isidore the Farmer (3rd Cl.)	7 am Karl Lothian 6 pm Private Intention
Sat. Oct. 22	Saturday of Our Lady (4th Cl.)	9 am Paul Joseph Bordelon