



**2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal:  
Building Our Family of Faith**

Last week, many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We hope you will give prayerful consideration to this request.

An important aspect of the Appeal is that all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. This year, the funds returned to our parish will be used to purchase liturgical vestments.

The Appeal not only provides an opportunity for you to support important ministries that impact many programs outside of our parish boundaries, it also supports the services the Diocese provides directly to our parish.

All pledges can be paid in ten monthly installments which makes it easy to support the important ministries of our Diocesan Church while also supporting our parish needs. Thank you in advance for your partnership in the 2018 Appeal.

**Free Dresses & Coats**

Sizes 6-16; from the Estate of Betty Rowland. Call Mike Rowland 745-7844

**Summer Housing Needed**

A student intern is looking for a place to stay from May 21 to July 27. She has provided references. Call the office for info.

*“And His face did shine as the sun, and His garments became white as snow.”*

*(Matt. 17. 2)*



February 25, 2018

# Saint Joseph Parish

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Richmond  
Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter**

<b>Sunday Offertory</b>			
	Collection	Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
<b>Operations</b>			
Sun. 2/18	\$7,526	\$7,700	(\$174)
YTD	\$279,204	\$261,800	\$17,404
<b>Capital Improvements</b>			
Sun. 2/18	\$1,499	\$1,250	\$249
YTD	\$55,218	\$42,500	\$12,718

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES**

<b>Ladies Altar Guild</b> Mary Claire Adams 515-0973	<b>Ushers</b> Patrick Latimer 262-7628	<b>Web Master</b> website@stjosephrichmond.org	<b>Friday Adoration</b> Bernadette Piccininni 291-8961
<b>Kids Social Coordinator</b>	<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> Andy Piffat 804-897-4322	<b>Pot Luck Coordinator</b> Megan Bean 894-2894	<b>Grounds Crew</b> Steve Michniak
<b>Maintenance/Improvements</b> John Hewitt 320-4932	<b>Religious Education</b> Katy Hichborn edu@stjosephrichmond.org	<b>Parish Library</b> Antoinette Cleary 748-3179 antoinettejjj@gmail.com	<b>Building Committee</b> Bob Kaplan
<b>Savvy Seniors</b> Mary Alice Hoffman 440-1618 matermisericordiae@yahoo.com	<b>Finance Council</b> Jay Lagarde 741-3085	<b>St. Camillus de Lellis Prayer Group</b> Margaret Ansari 716-1086	<b>Sacristan</b> Antoinette Cleary 748-3179
<b>Music Director</b> David Pedersen music@stjosephrichmond.org	<b>Knights of Columbus</b> Tom Dennis	<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b> Anne-Marie Beauchesne 714-5135 volunteer@stjosephrichmond.org	<b>Apostolate of Mary, Mother of Priests</b> Louise Caouette-Diman 935-3399
<b>Gift Shop</b> Rose Mary Cosby 272-3908	<b>St. Joseph's Education Guild</b>	<b>Flower Guild</b> Andria Morris 525-0733	<b>Lost &amp; Found</b> Cathy Howe 795-1142

**-Pastor-**  
**Rev. Robert Novokowsky, FSSP**  
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pastor@stjosephrichmond.org

**-Parochial Vicar-**  
**Rev. Terrence Gordon, FSSP**  
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**Parish Office**  
Hours: Mon. - Fri., 9 am — 2 pm  
Beverly Howe, *Admin. Asst.*, ext. 301  
David Pedersen, *Choirmaster*

**Holy Mass Schedule**

Sunday 8:30 am (Low)  
11 am (High)  
4:30 pm (Low)  
Monday 7 am & 9 am  
Tuesday 7 am & 9 am  
Wednesday 7 am & 6 pm  
Thursday 7 am & 9 am  
Friday 7 am & 6 pm  
Saturday 9 am

- ◆ **Sacramental Emergencies: 396-5665**
- ◆ **Confession: ½ hr before all Masses, Saturdays - 10:00 to 12 noon**
- ◆ Novena & Benediction: Wed. evenings.
- ◆ **Holy Days:** look for announcement
- ◆ **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday from 8 am until noon, First Fridays from 8 am until 5 pm.
- ◆ Other Sacraments: please call the office.

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS		
Sun. Feb. 25	Second Sunday of Lent (1st Cl.)	8:30 am Private Intention 11 am Charles LaPaglia † 4:30 pm Pro Populo
Mon. Feb. 26	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Cathy Van Pelt
Tues. Feb. 27	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Carlo & Conner Simoncelli
Wed. Feb. 28	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.)	7 am Private Intention 6 pm Elena Palm †
Thurs. Mar. 1	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.)	7 am Nancy Mann 9 am Private Intention
Fri. Mar. 2	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.)	7 am Robert Barton † 6 pm Margaret Mary Burger Rose †
Sat. Mar. 3	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.)	9 am Kolar Family 11 am New Parishioners of St. Joseph's
Sun. Mar. 4	Third Sunday of Lent (1st Cl.)	8:30 am Souls in Purgatory 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Celebrant's Intention
Mon. Mar. 5	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Madelyn Kronen
Tues. Mar. 6	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am The McAuliff Family
Wed. Mar. 7	St. Thomas Aquinas (2nd Cl.)	7 am Mary Pfab Calugar † 6 pm Karl Schadenfroh †
Thurs. Mar. 8	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.)	7 am Private Intention 9 am Jaya Koola
Fri. Mar. 9	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.)	7 am Anthony & Carmela Celentano † 6 pm Kay & Lawrence Kusterer †
Sat. Mar. 10	Feria of Lent (3rd Cl.)	9 am Robert Rizer †

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

The Patrowicz Family, Betty Proffitt, Zachary Tanner, Virginia Craig, Anne-Marie Beauchesne, Ray McCoy, Justine Madigan, Joe Bush, Natalie McNiel, Margaret Latimer, Joe Guerrero, Bosco Sanctafamilia, Charles Furlough, Angela Rhys-Sonnenschein, Ed Peters, Karen Evans, Bob Martin, Patricia Willard, Elizabeth Storm, Jeanette LaPaglia, Cathy Van Pelt, Barbara Reith, Diane Hayes, Andria Morris, Gerard Lajoie, Betty Faina, Kathleen Stells, Julie Trexler, Theresa Trexler, Bobby Overman, Dick and Nan Wray, Mary Zacharias, Casey Bouchard, Suki & Beau Simpson, Maryann McLaughlin, John Osborne, Ann Horgan.

*In your charity, please remember the repose of the soul of Carol Sue Froehlich, mother of Tracy Patrowicz, and the souls of all the faithfully departed. May they rest in peace.*

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday evening during Lent at 7 pm in the Main Church.

**A Parish Mission with Fr. James Buckley, FSSP**

We are excited to announce that Fr. Buckley is coming. What's the purpose of a parish mission? A mission is designed to encourage personal spiritual growth. Come hear a fresh perspective in the confessional.

Fr. Buckley will preach at the Masses on Sun., March 11th. The Mission is Mon. through Fri., March 12-16. The Mission consists of a talk (or two) beginning at 7 pm. Fr. Buckley will hear confessions before and after his talks, from 6:30—7 pm and roughly 8 pm and following. For your convenience, an evening Mass will be offered also at 6 pm each day. **Please plan on coming, and bring a friend too.** (If you don't drive at night, ask a friend who does.) Thank you.

**TODAY—Altar Boy Camp Meeting**

Sun., Feb. 25, 9:45-10:15 am, St. Anne Room. Dads of altar servers are invited to meet with Fr. Gordon to discuss the status of the camp. Bring your ideas!

**Upcoming Events**

**Mar. 11-16—Parish Mission**

**Mar. 17—Mary, Mother of Priests Apostolate**

**Easter Flowers**

Those who contribute online and would like their loved ones remembered in the bulletin on may submit a list of names to the office.

**Volunteer Openings**

Decorating Committee members to assist with Easter, Christmas, and other special events. Also needed are cleaners and money counters. Please submit a completed Application to the Parish Office or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@stjosephrichmond.org](mailto:volunteer@stjosephrichmond.org)

**VIRTUS Training!**

Sat., March 3, 10 am, only; in the St. Peter Room. The class scheduled for Wed., March 11, 10 am has been cancelled. All Current volunteers are encouraged to attend. Sign-up sheets are posted on the Bulletin Boards.

**New Parishioner Mass & Luncheon**

Sat., March 3, Mass at 11 am followed by luncheon for all new parishioners since May 3, 2017. You should have received a written invitation by post. If not, please call the office. RSVP by Mon., Feb. 26.

**Savvy Seniors Activity**

Sat., Feb. 24, 2 pm, Mary, Mother of the Church Abbey Shroud of Turin Center at 12829 River Road, Richmond, VA 23238 Anyone 55+ is invited to a 90 minute presentation specifically for us with Q&A afterward. Good will offering for ongoing research.

**New Lighthouse Media Book**

“The Case for Jesus: The biblical and historical evidence for Christ” by Brant Pitre is now available on the rack for a suggested donation of \$5.

**Pastor's Corner**



Dear Parishioners,  
Last week I advised you to a) pray for final perseverance and tell others you want a priest to be called when your seriously ill, b) appoint a health care agent (Durable Power of Attorney for health care), and to sign NO other portion of any “advanced” directive, and c) to discuss your wishes with your agent so they understand the teachings of the Church and your personal wishes. (Please note that my advice was not “legal” advice – but moral advice.)

Until we ban abortion, euthanasia is a current reality here. Defenseless persons are in danger of legalized abuse.

Can a Catholic receive the ‘Last Rites,’ if he has decided to commit physician-assisted suicide? No! Because there is a manifest disposition of mind, in the public forum, obstinately persisted in, which would make reception of the sacraments *sacrilegious*. If the patient has fallen unconscious, but not yet deceased, can they *then* receive the sacraments? No, for the same reason. Is this harsh? Suicide exposes us to much worse reality. (Sentimentality is an enemy of true religion.)

Can a victim of PAS receive public funeral rites of the Church? While the Church refuses no one her prayers, public prayers are different than private prayers. Public prayers manifest a certain approbation by the Church. (Some bishops, for instance, have had the courage to refuse public funerals for high ranking members of organized crime.) In order to avoid a mixed message in so important an area, the Church may well refuse public funeral rites for the person who engages in PAS. Please expect this.

Suicide is a sin against the Holy Spirit which cannot be forgiven. Our Lord says, “There is no one who blasphemes against the Son of Man but may find forgiveness; but for him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit there is no forgiveness, either in this world or in the world to come.” (Mt 12:32). Why? because the opportunity to repent is removed by the sin itself. The Church, a lover of souls and of salvation, warns us of this grave danger. If all Catholics knew with certainty, that they will be refused public funeral rites after PAS, it is a tangible sign that they themselves are cutting themselves off from the body of the Church forever. That said, we never presume to judge anyone's salvation. God love you, *Fr. Novokowsky, fssp*