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would respond again, one week later, again appearing at His feet on Mt. Calvary.

If our catechism makes it seem like our relationship with God is merely two dimensional or binary, on or off, then our catechism is either childish or defective. Some will say, for instance, that if we are in the state of mortal sin, God doesn't hear our prayers. Tell that to Mary Magdalen. If this were true, no one could repent, heaven would be almost empty. God never ceases to listen; never ceases to be our friend.

In the dance with God, some of us are like wall flowers; some of us have two left feet; some of us are whirling around the room in a blue-ribbon performance. Holy Week is a time to make an adequate response to His personal initiation.

God love you,

— Fr. R. Novokowsky, fssp

2019 Annual Parish Yard Sale

Sat. 8 June 2019, 8 am—2 pm. Set up will be at 7:00 the morning of the sale. Tables are \$25 each. Parish organizations receive a free table. Volunteers are always needed and most appreciated. Call Mike Rowland 745-7844 or the Parish Office.

Job Opportunities

Six positions available and needed immediately with the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). See contact info and description on office bulletin board.

COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

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|---|---|--|---|
| Ladies Altar Guild Mary Claire Adams 515-0973 | Parish Pastoral Council Andy Piffat 804-897-4322 | Parish Library Antoinette Cleary 748-3179 antoinettejjj@gmail.com | Safe Environment Committee Mary Poerstel 804-432-5134 |
| Maintenance/Improvements John Hewitt 804-320-4932 | Religious Education Katy Hichborn edu@stjosephrichmond.org | St. Camillus de Lellis Prayer Group Margaret Ansari 716-1086 | Sacristan Antoinette Cleary 748-3179 |
| Savvy Seniors Mary Alice Hoffman 440-1618 maternisericordiae@yahoo.com | Finance Council Bob Stolle finance@stjosephrichmond.org | Volunteer Coordinator Michelle Blake volunteer@stjosephrichmond.org | Apostolate of Mary, Mother of Priests Louise Caouette-Diman 935-3399 |
| Gift Shop Rose Mary Cosby 272-3908 | Knights of Columbus Tom Dennis 804-382-9126 | Flower Guild Andria Morris 525-0733 | Legion of Mary Uni Kemp 804-439-6907 |
| Ushers Patrick Latimer 262-7628 | Web Master website@stjosephrichmond.org | Friday Adoration Bernadette Piccininni 291-8961 | Teen Activity Group Therese & Jeremiah Jr. tag828@protonmail.com |

Room Needed

Quiet, male, Catholic grad student looking for a room to rent beginning 18 May. Contact the office for info.

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Full & part time opportunities for friendly, motivated, detail-oriented applicants to join the team as administrative assistants. Strong computer and communication skills preferred. Call 729-6899 or send resume to: abbateagencymail3@kofc.org

Crisis Pregnancy Help

A 24-hour helpline offers peer counselling and referral to local recourses; operated by Heartbeat International. optionline.org or 800-712-HELP (4357)

Sunday Offertory for March 31, 2019

| | Collection | Budget | Surplus/(Deficit) |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Operations | | | |
| In Pew | \$6,356 | — | — |
| Online | \$2,655 | — | — |
| Total | \$9,011 | \$7,980 | \$1,031 |
| YTD | \$370,441 | \$327,180 | \$43,261 |
| Capital Improvements | | | |
| In Pew | \$1,550 | — | — |
| Online | \$761 | — | — |
| Total | \$2,311 | \$1,250 | \$1,061 |
| YTD | \$90,322 | \$51,250 | \$39,072 |

Thank you for your continued generosity!

“Tell us if Thou be the Christ, the Son of God...”

(Matt. 26:63)



April 14, 2019

Saint Joseph Parish

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Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

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Schedule for Holy Mass

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| 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 |

Holy Days of Obligation: see calendar
Confession: ½ hour before all Masses,
Saturdays - 10 am to 12 noon

Devotions:
- 1st Sat. Rosary & Meditation after Mass
- Miraculous Medal Novena after Wednesday evening Mass
- Adoration: Wednesday 7 pm-9 pm
1st Friday 8 am-5 pm
Other Fridays 8 am-12 noon

| MASS SCHEDULE — INTENTIONS — REQUESTED BY | | |
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| Sun. April 14 Palm Sunday (1st Cl.) | 8:30 am Heather Colberg 10:30 am Leonard Super, Jr. 4:30 pm Pro Populo | WC JP — |
| Mon. April 15 Monday of Holy Week (1st Cl.) | 7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Lutgardo & Helen Villarroel | — DV |
| Tues. April 16 Tuesday of Holy Week (1st Cl.) | 7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Tom Stacy † | — KS |
| Wed. April 17 Wednesday of Holy Week (1st Cl.) | 7 am Justin Liberatore & Chelsey Hicks 6 pm Celebrant's Intention | ML — |
| Thurs. April 18 Holy Thursday (1st Cl.) | 7 pm Commemoration of the Lord's Supper | |
| Fri. April 19 Good Friday (1st Cl.) | 12 pm Stations of the Cross 3 pm Solemn Liturgy | |
| Sat. April 20 Holy Saturday (1st Cl.) | 9:30 pm Vigil of Easter begins with fire | |
| Sun. April 21 Easter Sunday (1st Cl.) | 9 am Irmagard Reckholder † 11 am Celebrant's Intention <i>There is no afternoon Mass.</i> | MP — |
| Mon. April 22 Easter Monday (1st Cl.) | 9 am Mark, Mike & Chris McCarthy † | MB |
| Tues. April 23 Easter Tuesday (1st Cl.) | 9 am Joseph Ryan † | KCK |
| Wed. April 24 Easter Wednesday (1st Cl.) | 6 pm Richard & Rebecca Hickman | JH |
| Thurs. April 25 Easter Thursday (1st Cl.) | 9 am Raymond Martin † | PJO |
| Fri. April 26 Easter Friday (1st Cl.) | 7 am The McMurtrie Family <i>Adoration from 8 am—12 noon</i> 6 pm Celebrant's Intention | SF — |
| Sat. April 27 Easter Saturday (1st Cl.) | 9 am Fr. James Miara | PP |

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sebastian Sanctafamilia, Renu Brennan, Don & Gwen Hipp, Peter Osborne, Lisa Kovatch, Judy Burneston, David Jansen, The D'Aconti Family, Diana Liberatore, Toni Liberatore, Jane Dembner-Osborne, DJ Wanting, Darryl Church, George Rodenburg, Annabelle Seeley, Clarence Proffitt Jr., Doug Van Ness, Lynn Markham, Justine Madigan, Tom Osborne, Margaret Stacy, Andrew Priddy, Dorothy McKinley, The Patrowicz Family, Joe Bush, Natalie McNiel, Charles Furlough, Ed Peters, Angela Rhys-Sonnenschein, Bob Martin, Patricia Willard, Elizabeth Storm, Jeanette LaPaglia, Cathy Van Pelt, Barbara Reith, Diane Hayes, Gerard Lajoie, Kathleen Stells, Julie Trexler, Theresa Trexler, Dick and Nan Wray, Mary Zacharias, Suki & Beau Simpson, Maryann McLaughlin, Ann Horgan.

In your charity, please remember the repose of the soul of Judi Evans and the souls of all the faithful departed. Requiescant in pace.

The full Holy Week Schedule is available on a separate sheet and our website.

Mass Schedule Changes

Fr. Novokowsky will be away. Please note the schedule changes marked in grey.

Easter Flower Donations Intentions

Those who donate online can email the office a list. The white "Supplemental Envelopes," clearly marked "Easter Flowers" may also be used.

Apostolate of Mary, Mother of Priests
Cancelled in April. Will resume in May.

Religious Education Schedule Reminder
There are NO classes April 14 and 21. Only three more classes remain, April 28, and May 5 and 12. This completes the school year. May 19 is 1st Holy Communion.

On April 28 we will publish a brief survey for parents and/or students. On Sun. June 2, 9:45 am, the teachers will meet to discuss the year and plan for the next. Thank you to all for your participation.

Upcoming Events

April 14—No Religious Education classes
April 19—Divine Mercy Novena Begins
April 20—Correction: Vigil begins 9:30 pm
April 21—No Religious Education classes
 Easter Egg Hunt after 9 am Mass
April 22—Casual Evening of Ballroom Dance
April 27—Savvy Seniors Activity
April 28—Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 Soup Kitchen Info Meeting, 1:30 pm
 Divine Mercy Devotions 2:30—3:30 pm

FSSP Mission Trip to Peru

Thank you to all who have contributed to Tim Grumblatt's trip! It is fitting that we should help him with the expenses. You can see a very nicely done, 10-minute documentary here: <https://sfxmission.com/> Donate online or envelopes available on the back table. Checks payable to St. Joseph Parish.

Casual of Ballroom Dance—Mon. 22 April, 6 pm
Fr. Adrian Hall. Gordon & Kate Bratt will teach the basic dance steps, review dance etiquette, and then call out the steps as needed. Educational and fun! Beginners and families welcome—the small children can play on the side. RSVP to the parish by Spy Wednesday, 17 Apr., 3 pm. Bring an hor d'oeuvres or a bottle of wine to share. Admission is free; free-will offering. Common clean-up. Gordon & Kate are brother and sister-in-law to Meghan Doran, parents to 6, and professional ballroom instructors.

Feeding the Hungry at St. Peter's Downtown

We have committed to feed the homeless on the 5th Wednesdays of the month. There are two ways to participate: cooking and serving. Come to Fr. Adrian Hall, 1:30 pm on April 28 for an information meeting.

Savvy Seniors Activity

Sat. 27 April, 1 pm, Mary Mother of the Church Abbey—Shroud of Turn Center. Come for a presentation on "Signs in the Heavens." Contact Mary Alice Hoffman: 804-440-1618, matermisericordiae@yahoo.com

Divine Mercy Sunday

There will be a Holy Hour from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm on Sun., April 28 with the usual devotions of Divine Mercy Sunday. Novena begins Good Friday. See the pamphlet on the back table.

Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,

All relationships develop when one party initiates and the other party responds. A deep relationship is developed by a series of initiations and a series of responses. This back and forth is even witnessed in the animal kingdom in their mating dances. This is no small analogy. Some of the animals, incredibly, as we know, mate for life. Spiritual writers say that God always initiates each stage of our relationship with Him. He is the one asking us—Dare we say it?—for a dance.

Witness this dance: a woman referred to as a 'sinner,' whom tradition accepts as Mary Magdalen, appears at Simon the Pharisee's house, wept on, wiped, kissed and anointed our Lord's feet. Simon and some of the others were 'scandalized'. Is it possible to be 'scandalized' by what God does? Absolutely. The cross is a scandal too. The defect, however, is not in what God does but our understanding.

Our Lord gives a parable lesson: Which of two forgiven debtors, great and small, will love more? Simon gets the correct answer: he who is forgiven more, loves more. But, the conclusion that our Lord Himself draws seems to reverse the cause-effect order, saying: "Wherefore I say to thee: Many sins are forgiven her, because she hath loved much," (Lk 7:47). Is the forgiveness the cause of the love? Or is the love the cause of the forgiveness? He also gives the opposite order: "But to whom less is forgiven, he loveth less," (Lk 7:48). In the ritual of making friendship, the answer must be both.

In the case of the woman, He gives her the grace to repent. She responds with generosity by repenting wholeheartedly, in a public manner, and using expensive perfume. As a consequence, He generously accepts her public repentance—even at the risk of His own reputation. He praises her publicly. Then He initiates a higher relationship by granting her forgiveness saying: "Thy sins are forgiven thee," (Lk 7:48).

After she accepts, Jesus dismisses her by saying: "Thy faith has made thee safe, go in peace," (Lk 7:50). Did she make herself safe, by faith? Or did God make her safe? Both. Her response of faith allowed Jesus to initiate her safety (salvation) and her peace. She

