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we do not consent to and calmly try to ward off are not sinful. On the contrary, it is a virtuous act of perseverance and dedication to God, every time.

What if I feel completely anxious and in disarray before prayer time?

Then the best thing you can do is to pray! Renew those acts of Faith, Hope and Charity. Process the hurt, the anxiety and burdens. Filter them through your faith in Christ and see what remains. Our Lord will give us peace. The cross or burden will not magically disappear. But we will get a renewed peace, strength and resolve to face whatever it is we must face, just like Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane.

You mean that I shouldn't only pray when I feel like it?

Precisely and exactly. We must carve out time for prayer as a non-negotiable. It is a priority. Then we must be diligent in sticking with it. Make a daily, weekly and monthly check! Am I on track? Our Lord said it best: "Without me, you can do nothing."

Please know that you and your families are in my prayers, especially at the Altar of Our Lord.

Fr. Karl Marsolle FSSP

Corporal Works of Mercy—Items Needed
St. Peter's programs for the homeless need volunteers and are still in need of various items. **Please take a list, available on the bin in the main vestibule, to see what items are urgently needed.**

Online Giving

Thank you for your continued and very edifying generosity; the Parish depends on it. See stjosephrichmond.weshareonline.org to create an account. For help or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Sunday Offertory for May 16, 2021

	Collection	Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
Operations			
In Pew	\$4,162	—	—
Online	\$7,559	—	—
Ascension Thursday			
In Pew	\$555	—	—
Online	\$420	—	—
Total	\$12,696	\$9,211	\$3,485
YTD	\$481,221	\$423,706	\$57,515
Capital Improvements			
In Pew	\$390	—	—
Online	\$1,017	—	—
Total	\$1,407	\$1,923	(\$516)
YTD	\$90,707	\$88,276	\$2,431

Thank you for your continued generosity!

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. . ."

(Acts 2:4)



May 23, 2021

Saint Joseph Parish

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

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Schedule for Holy Mass

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-8 pm
- 1st Friday 8 am-5 pm
- Other Fridays 8 am-12 noon

Parish Office

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MASS SCHEDULE — INTENTIONS — REQUESTED BY		
Sun. May 23 Pentecost Sunday (1st Cl.)	8:30 am Carol Wallerstein 11 am Fr. Adrian Harmening, O.S.B. † 4:30 pm Pro Populo	PW ARR —
Mon. May 24 Pentecost Monday (1st Cl.)	7 am Fr. Adrian Harmening † 9 am Celebrant's Intention	CBP —
Tues. May 25 Pentecost Tuesday (1st Cl.)	7 am Matthew L. Dahlem † 9 am Celebrant's Intention	EMD —
Wed. May 26 Ember Wed. in the Oct. of Pentecost (1st Cl.)	7 am Melaine Sebastian † 6 pm Joseph Sprinzel † <i>Adoration: 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	CF BCU
Thurs. May 27 Pentecost Thursday (1st Cl.)	7 am Suki Simpson 9 am Beverly Brown †	UK BLK
Fri. May 28 Ember Fri. in the Oct. of Pentecost (1st Cl.)	7 am Myrna V. Esguerra † <i>Adoration: 8 am to 12 noon</i> 6 pm FSSP	DV AM
Sat. May 29 Ember Sat. in the Oct. of Pentecost (1st Cl.)	9 am Lynn Bergamini	AS
Sun. May 30 Trinity Sunday (1st Cl.)	8:30 am Fr. David Franco 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Anne-Marie Henry	CBP — JVD
Mon. May 31 Queenship of Mary (2nd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Thomas Zacchetti †	— MP
Tues. June 1 St. Angela Merici (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Zanoni Family	— KZ
Wed. June 2 Feria (4th Cl.)	6 pm Camy Harper <i>Adoration: 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	WC
Thurs. June 3 Corpus Christi (1st Cl.)	9 am Fr. Terrence Gordon	LH
Fri. June 4 St. Francis Caracciolo (3rd Cl.)	7 am Karin Haley † <i>Adoration: 8 am to 5 pm</i> 6 pm Edward Kastus †	LH JE
Sat. June 5 St. Boniface (3rd Cl.)	9 am Roxanne Escobar † & Family	KB

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mary Esparza, Theresa & Les McCall, Sam Sponeybarger, Carrie Wilson, Ginny Franklin, Mary Rose Poerstel, Matthew Owen Balducci, Georgette Cote, Amanda Keller, Donna Wilson, Missy Jennings, Samantha Finnegan, Robert & Uni Kemp, Rob Welch, John Calhoun, Valentino Simoncelli, Bill Madigan, J.W. Stephens, James Wigand, Joanne Leach, Bruce Douglas, Don Jones, Peter & Joan Marie Osborne, John, Michael, & Tom Osborne, Ken Diman, Kenny Montgomery, Clarence Proffitt, The D'Aconti Family, Andrew Priddy, Charles Furlough, Ed Peters, Angela Rhys-Sonnenschein, Bob Martin, Patricia Willard, Elizabeth Storm, Jeanette LaPaglia, Cathy Van Pelt, Barbara Reith, Gerard Lajoie, Julie Trexler, Theresa Trexler, Suki & Beau Simpson, Maryann McLaughlin.

In your charity, please remember the souls of all the faithful departed. Requiescant in pace.

Special Day of Adoration

Fri. 11 June is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. In honor of this, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 am to 5 pm. Sign up today on the vestibule bulletin board. For info: berniepicci@gmail.com

Savvy Seniors Activity

Sat. 29 May, 10 am in Fr. Adrian Hall. Savvy Seniors presents a talk on Traditional Carmelite Spirituality. Lunch provided—open to all adults. RSVP: 804-440-1618. See bulletin board for more details.

Baby Bottle Campaign

9 May—20 June Take a baby bottle home and fill with change, bills or checks (made out to PHCC) to support the Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield. Don't want to take a bottle? Online donations also gratefully accepted at: phchesterfield.net

Upcoming Events

May 29—Savvy Senior's Activity
May 31—Parish Office Closed
June 5—Rosary at the Abortion Clinic
June 6—Corpus Christi Procession
 Parish Picnic: Details TBA

Annual Diocesan Appeal

This year's Annual Appeal is entirely online. View a brief instructional video on our website. Scan this QR code with your phone camera to access the diocesan giving site directly. Contact Faith Direct, for help: 866-507-8757 or info@faithdirect.net.



Honduras Mission Support

The Missioners of Christ maintain a permanent mission in Comayagua, Honduras to provide the sacraments, religious formation, support, basic necessities, and much more to the poor of Honduras. The economic impacts of Covid-19 have left the mission in desperate need of support. Please see the table outside following the evening Mass Sun. 23 May for more details and to find out how you can help. May God reward your generosity!

Religious Education News

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for teachers and parents (and parent teachers!) who made this year possible. We had 21 well-prepared First Communicants and 15 Confirmandi thanks to your efforts. Let's pray that next school year we may be back in the classrooms. As we wind down the school year, we have scheduled another used book sale for **20 June** after both morning Masses. There will also be a table available for a homeschool book swap if there is interest. **If you have books to donate, please drop them off in the 3rd/4th Grade Classroom.** Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Hichborn (see back of bulletin) if you have any questions or comments.

Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,

May God reward you for your generosity! As I mentioned from the pulpit, your support for our parish and for the Fraternity of St. Peter, in particular our Seminary, is most edifying. We should be receiving at least one seminarian for his summer apostolate. We'll keep you posted.

Some more questions and answers:

Father, I get so easily distracted. I get to the end of my vocal prayers and I don't feel as if I have prayed. Any pointers?

This is much more common than you think. Distractions are human. They will happen. There is also the saying "routine kills devotion..."

The questions we should ask ourselves are "What do I do to help myself be recollected?" and "How do I deal with distractions once I become aware of them?"

We must do our part in the equation of prayer to quiet our minds and not to foster the distractions. For example, the spiritual masters tell us that early mornings are prime for prayer. It does not mean it's the only time we pray! But it does mean we will be more easily recollected before all the burdens and duties of the day solicit our attention. Something we should all know from experience: Is it a good idea to check my phone or to check the news or to read some worldly article before I pray? Of course not!

The first step to prayer is to call to mind the presence of God. This is a fundamental step we easily overlook or that we forget with routine. We end up talking at God a lot... without necessarily speaking with Him. If we took but 30 seconds or more to realize we are now setting time apart to be in touch with Our Creator, Redeemer and Most Loving God!

If we do what we can to quiet our minds and not to load it with garbage, anxiety and distractions before our prayer time, it will certainly pay off. Unfortunately, we are still human and carry around this heavy fallen human nature. Despite our best efforts, we will feel distractions. So we take St. Francis de Sales' lead: When we become aware we are distracted, we calmly and peacefully take our little hearts and minds back to God. No matter how many times. We certainly should not grow frustrated with ourselves nor give up on prayer under the pretext that it feels useless. Distractions

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