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and their unanimous answer is: To have a "minus one policy." For example, a place that has two priests runs a one priest schedule. A place that has three priests runs a two priest schedule. A place that has four priests runs a three priest schedule. And so on, so that whenever surprises/tragedies/extraordinary circumstances/sicknesses occur, the set schedule is unaffected.

This means that, beginning later this month, the only weekly 7 a.m. Mass will be on Friday.

This will be our weekly schedule:
Monday 9 a.m.
Tuesday 9 a.m.
Wednesday 6 p.m. (followed by Adoration)
Thursday 9 a.m.
Friday 7 a.m. & 6 p.m. (with Adoration on the usual schedule)
Saturday 9 a.m.

It will be possible to switch back to a two priest schedule if a third priest is assigned permanently to St. Joseph's.
Thank you for your understanding.
Please know that you and your families are in my prayers, especially at the Altar of Our Lord.

Fr. Karl Marsolle FSSP

**Women's Silent Retreat Registration
Now Open to Non-Parishioners**
The parish is hosting a silent retreat for women ages 18 and up, Fri-Sun., June 21-23, 2024 at the Roslyn Retreat Center on River Road. This traditional retreat will be led by Fr. Anthony Mastroeni. Full details and registration forms are on the bulletin board in the hallway near the Parish Library.

PHCC Volunteers Needed
The Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield is in serious need of volunteers, both medical and non-medical. To help out, please call 804-777-9063.

Online Giving
Thank you for your continued and very edifying generosity; the Parish depends on it. Please visit our giving site: stjosephrichmond.weshareonline.org to create an account. For help or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

| Sunday Offertory for Jan 21, 2024 | | | |
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| | Collection | Budget | Surplus/(Deficit) |
| Operations | | | |
| In Pew | \$5,783 | — | — |
| Online | \$7,858 | — | — |
| Total | \$13,641 | \$10,962 | \$2,679 |
| YTD | \$418,126 | \$317,898 | \$100,228 |
| Capital Improvements | | | |
| In Pew | \$663 | — | — |
| Online | \$1,427 | — | — |
| Total | \$2,090 | \$2,404 | (\$314) |
| YTD | \$77,187 | \$69,716 | \$7,471 |
| Thank you for your continued generosity! | | | |

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| Adoration Bernadette Piccininni 291-8961 | Gift Shop Rose Mary Cosby 272-3908 | Parish Pastoral Council Joe Treadwell council@stjosephrichmond.org | Ushers Greg Hice 804-320-4932 |
| Altar Flowers Ann Yost 540-846-9556 | Knights of Columbus Michael Smart 804-614-5183 mhsmart2@verizon.net | Religious Education Katy Hichborn edu@stjosephrichmond.org | Volunteer Coordinator volunteer@stjosephrichmond.org Kristen Treadwell |
| Event Coordinator Lorraine Hewitt events@stjosephrichmond.org | Library Tim Olmsted library@stjosephrichmond.org | Sacristan Monica Mell sacristan@stjosephrichmond.org | Web Master website@stjosephrichmond.org |
| Finance Council Bob Stolle finance@stjosephrichmond.org | Maintenance John Hewitt 804-320-4932 | Safe Environment Committee Mary Poerstel 804-432-5134 | |
| For parish apostolates, social groups and activities, please see the bulletin board by the parish library. | | | |

*“Out of the depths I have
cried to thee, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice. Let
thy ears be attentive to the
voice of my supplication.”
(PS 129:1-2)*



January 28, 2024

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)
1:30 pm (Low)
Monday 9 am
Tuesday 9 am
Wednesday 6 pm
Thursday 9 am
Friday 7 am & 6 pm
Saturday 9 am
Holy Days of Obligation: see calendar
Confession: 30 minutes 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 for 1hr following 6pm Mass
1st Friday 8 am-4:45 pm
Other Fridays 8 am-11:45 am

| MASS SCHEDULE — INTENTIONS — REQUESTED BY | | |
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| Sun. January 28 Septuagesima Sunday (2nd Cl) | 8:30 am Pro Populo 11 am Theresa McCall † 1:30 pm Anthony DeStefano † | — PH RE |
| Mon. January 29 St. Francis de Sales (3rd Cl) | 9 am Oliver O. Bragg | RAS |
| Tues. January 30 St. Martina (3rd Cl) | 9 am Jeff Davenport | JAM |
| Wed. January 31 St. John Bosco (3rd Cl) | 6 pm Daniel Giorgi † <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i> | PP |
| Thurs. February 1 St. Ignatius (3rd Cl) | 9 am Dr. Harry Shaia | PJO |
| Fri. February 2 Purification of the B.V.M. (2nd Cl) | 7 am Therese Sanctafamilia <i>Adoration 8 am to 5 pm</i> 6 pm Grace Mondy | NH HF |
| Sat. February 3 St. Blaise (4th Cl) | 9 am Margaret Byrne † | MJP |
| Sun. February 4 Sexagesima Sunday (2nd Cl) | 8:30 am Bosco Sanctafamilia 11 am Pro Populo 1:30 pm Maria Liberatore | NH — ML |
| Mon. February 5 St. Agatha (3rd Cl) | 9 am Susan Stern | JS |
| Tues. February 6 St. Titus (3rd Cl) | 9 am Isaac Seeley | AS |
| Wed. February 7 St. Romuald (3rd Cl) | 6 pm Maryjo Seeley <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i> | AS |
| Thurs. February 8 St. John of Matha (3rd Cl) | 9 am Bosco Sanctafamilia | PJO |
| Fri. February 9 St. Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria (3rd Cl) | 7 am Mary Alice & Ken Hoffman <i>Adoration 8 am to 12 pm</i> 6 pm Terry L. Stacy † | MAH KS |
| Sat. February 10 St. Scholastica (3rd Cl) | 9 am St. Joseph Parish Volunteers | — |

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Tony Zacchetti, Carol Bailey, J. P. Vittori, Suki & Beau Simpson, Samual Sponeybarger, Cliff Cosby, James & Judy Stephens, Freddie Cahoon, Andrew Piffat, Sr., Cooper Hamerman, Anahid Velasquez, Theresa Ward, Patricia DiGirolamo, Tom Hancock, James Walsh, Nick Heinz, and all the chronically ill & homebound of our parish.

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

Epiphany Water

Epiphany Water is available at the front of the church.

St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

Sat. 3 Feb. The priest will bless throats at the Communion Rail following the 9 am Mass.

Calling Substitute Teachers!

Our Religious Education program is in desperate need of substitute teachers. If you can help, email: edu@stjosephrichmond.org

From Fr. Marsolle

In our efforts to make our church a house of prayer, and taking into account numerous and well-founded complaints, the ushers will assist the priests of St. Joseph Parish by:

- helping people find seats 10 minutes before Mass starts
- asking the parent of a disruptive child to take the child out into the vestibule
- asking someone who will not silence their phone after repeated disruptions to do so.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Events

Jan 31—Feeding the Hungry
Feb. 2—Blessing of Candles before 6 pm Mass
Feb. 3—St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

Feeding the Hungry Downtown

Wed. 31 January. Thank you to all who have signed up to provide food for the homeless downtown. Please bring the items to Fr. Adrian Hall kitchen no later than 3 pm on Wed. 31 Jan.

St. Peter’s Homeless Ministries Donations

St. Peter’s is always accepting donated items for the homeless. Please see the bulletin board by the parish library for an up-to-date list of needed items. Donations can be left in the bin located by Padre Pio in the main vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

Candlemas Candles

Candles to be blessed can be left in front of the Last Supper window in the church. All candles must be in place before 5:30 pm on Fri. 2 Feb. Please clearly mark them with your name and phone number. Any candles left on the blessings table near the office will not receive the Candlemas blessing.


Charitable Contribution Statements

End of the year statements for tax purposes have been sent to everyone who contributed \$500 or more in 2023. If you need your statement and do not receive it, please contact the office. Additionally, take note of how your statement is addressed—if any information is incorrect, please let us know so we can correct it in our system.

Volunteer Appreciation Mass

Sat. 10 Feb. the 9am Mass is for the intention of all St. Joseph Volunteers who were active in 2023. These volunteers are invited to enjoy coffee & pastries in Fr. Adrian Hall after the Mass.

Pastor’s Corner



Dear Parishioners,

In my formation, I didn’t really get a manual on how to run a parish. A lot of it has been "learn as you go; learn from being burnt!" At this stage, I’ve concluded that I need to make more adjustments to our weekly Mass schedule.

The way St. Joseph Parish has been operating since the FSSP began serving here is a two priest schedule for two priests assigned here. This means running at full capacity, all the time. This schedule would work if *everything* went according to plan on a daily basis, but no day or week or month ever goes fully according to plan. After nearly five years here, I can certainly corroborate this. There are tragedies, hospital calls, funerals and many other necessities, surprises, requests and demands, from the sublime and legit to the sometimes ridiculous. There are also many behind-the-scenes obligations that consume a lot of each priest’s time every day. We have obligations to the parish. We have obligations to the diocese. As FSSP priests, we also have obligations and extra duties to the FSSP and constitutions we should strive to live by (common prayer, meals, convocations, annual retreats, monthly day of recollection, priests council, and other duties and functions). We also have obligations to our families: fathers, mothers and siblings. Usually, our four weeks of vacation per year are spent on the latter.

All obligations aside, a two priest schedule for two priests assigned here would only work if the priests never got sick. Unfortunately, I'd say we get sick all too often. Why? Because some weeks we are running on fumes trying to keep up with the schedule, our immune system is down, and we get exposed to germs and catch what's going around. When one priest is down, the other scrambles to cover his duties for him. Sickness lingers longer than it should because the necessary time to recover must be cut short as the obligations only pile up.

Some time ago, I realized that the schedule, as it was, would eventually run the priests into the ground, so I reduced the schedule for Mondays and Tuesdays to only a 9 a.m. Mass. This change helped, but realistically it was insufficient. What is the solution? I have consulted older and wiser priests in busy apostolates

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