

Corner Cont.

time for God in spiritual reading. For the very busy person, listening to a spiritual audio book while commuting to work may be the best option.

If we are doing everything we can to lead a structured and balanced spiritual life and we are traversing the desert, then keep on going! God will bring a deeper faith from this trial. In faith, know He is walking by you, supporting you. Keep on striving for Him. Keep on getting back to your non-negotiables and fine-tuning them, feed your soul.

As a Benedictine novice Master once said regarding spiritual reading: "Life is too short for good books... only read the excellent ones!"

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

*Fr. Karl Marsolle FSSP*

**Sunday Offertory for Sept 15, 2024**

	Collection	Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
<b>Operations</b>			
In Pew	\$6,670	—	—
Online	\$5,500	—	—
Total	\$12,170	\$11,500	\$670
YTD	\$151,660	\$126,500	\$25,160
<b>Capital Improvements</b>			
In Pew	\$824	—	—
Online	\$1,141	—	—
Total	\$1,965	\$2,596	(\$631)
YTD	\$25,300	\$28,556	(\$3,256)

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

<b>Adoration</b> Bernadette Piccininni 291-8961	<b>Gift Shop</b> Rose Mary Cosby 272-3908	<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> Joe Treadwell council@stjosephrichmond.org	<b>Ushers</b> Greg Hice 804-320-4932
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For parish apostolates, social groups and activities, please see the bulletin board by the parish library.

**Society of St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store**

You are invited to participate in various volunteer positions, helping serve locally those in need. The store is located at 2611 Buford Road. To sign up: [stvincentthrift.org/volunteers](http://stvincentthrift.org/volunteers). Questions? Contact [laustibidomine@protonmail.com](mailto:laustibidomine@protonmail.com).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

I was approached by parishioners who greatly benefited from this program. I think many married couples here would benefit from it as well. Please note: This program is not for marriages that are already in crisis. The liturgy involved is not TLM; this shouldn't detract from the usefulness of the tools provided. Maybe this is what you've been waiting for to reestablish good communication & strengthen trust. ~ Fr. Marsolle  
Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more info or to register, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Questions? Contact Mark & Cathy Stangler: 703-378-4150 or [mstang1987@aol.com](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com).

Here are a few upcoming events:  
Sept. 27—29 Herndon VA  
Oct. 11—13 College Park, MD  
Nov. 15—17 Virginia Beach, VA

**"I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord."**

(Ps 121:1)



September 22, 2024

# Saint Joseph Parish

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

**Rev. Karl Marsolle, FSSP, Pastor**

**Rev. Rhone Lillard, FSSP, Vicar**

**Rev. Peter Byrne, FSSP, Vicar**

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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

**Parish Office**

Hours: Mon. - Fri., 9 am — 12:30 pm  
828 Buford Rd., N. Chesterfield, VA 23235  
[www.stjosephrichmond.org](http://www.stjosephrichmond.org)  
**(804) 320-4932**  
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**Beverly Howe, Business Manager**  
office@stjosephrichmond.org

**David Pedersen, Choirmaster**  
music@stjosephrichmond.org

MASS SCHEDULE — INTENTIONS — REQUESTED BY		
<b>Sun. September 22</b> 18th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl)	8:30 am Sinclair Gorsuch	JG
	11:00 am John † & Mary DeMajo	JS
	1:30 pm Pro Populo	—
<b>Mon. September 23</b> St. Linus (3rd Cl)	9 am Christophe Cardinal Pierre	AG
<b>Tues. September 24</b> Feria (4th Cl)	9 am The Steszewski Family	KS
<b>Wed. September 25</b> Feria (4th Cl)	6 pm Robert Leo Welch † <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	DB
<b>Thurs. September 26</b> Ss. Isaac Jogues, Jean Brebeuf & Companions (3rd Cl)	9 am Deceased Members of the Ulrich Family	BCU
<b>Fri. September 27</b> Ss. Cosmas & Damian (3rd Cl)	7 am Shirley Lee Martin † <i>Adoration 8 am to 12 noon</i>	RB
	6 pm Peter & Mary Ellen † Whitfield	KL
<b>Sat. September 28</b> St. Wenceslaus (3rd Cl)	9 am The Christovich Family	CC
<b>Sun. September 29</b> Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel (1st Cl)	8:30 am Pro Populo	—
	11:00 am Michael Seeley Jr.	AMS
	1:30 pm Uni Kemp	UK
<b>Mon. September 30</b> St. Jerome (3rd Cl)	9 am Nicholas Sharp †	JC
<b>Tues. October 1</b> Feria (4th Cl)	9 am Beau & Suki Simpson	SS
<b>Wed. October 2</b> Holy Guardian Angels (3rd Cl)	6 pm Suki's & Uni's Families <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	SS
<b>Thurs. October 3</b> St. Theresa of the Child Jesus (3rd Cl)	9 am Pam Wallerstein	CW
<b>Fri. October 4</b> St. Francis of Assisi (3rd Cl)	7 am Fr. Robert Novokowsky <i>Adoration 8 am to 5 pm</i>	BP
	6 pm Bobby Olson	PW
<b>Sat. October 5</b> Saturday of Our Lady (4th Cl)	9 am Bridget Williams Seeley	AMS

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Joan Marie Osborne, Fr. Joe D'Aurora, Max Bowling, Andrea Kim, Agnes Kim, Andrew Kim, Amy Ngo, Carol Bailey, James Jones, Nick Heinz, Beau Simpson, Judith Boutin, Jim Carlson, Kenneth Howerton, Mary Claire Adams, Terry McQueen, Brian Jones, James Armstrong, and all the chronically ill & homebound of our parish.

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

**Waxing Main Church**

Mon. 23 Sept. through Thurs. 26 Sept. access to the main church will be limited outside of Mass and Confession times. Please observe all signage. The small chapel is available for private prayer.

**New Parish Website!**

An updated version of our website has launched. All who wish to subscribe to parish communications need to register with "Flocknote." To receive emails, use the form at the bottom of our website; to receive text messages instead, text ECCE to 84576. For more info, contact the parish office.

**Girls' Groups Registration Open**

Little Flowers (ages 5-8) and Little Women of Hospitality (ages 9+) meet monthly to cultivate the virtues, study the lives of female saints, practice feminine skills and make friends. More info and registration forms are available on the Youth Groups bulletin board in the Religious Ed. hallway, or email Brenna; [brenna.olmsted@gmail.com](mailto:brenna.olmsted@gmail.com)

**St. Zelig Women's Book Club**

If you like to read and discuss great Catholic books please join the St. Zelig's Book Club! We meet biweekly in the library between the Masses from 9:45am-10:45am. To sign up and for more information please contact [geni@joseph-son.com](mailto:geni@joseph-son.com)

**Upcoming Events**

**Sept. 22-Sept 26**—Waxing Main Church  
**Oct. 12**—Fall Outdoor Clean-up day

**Parish Fall Outdoor Clean Up Day**

Sat. 12 Oct. at 10am Join us for a Blessing and breakfast in St. Joseph Room after Mass. The work will begin around 10:30am and go until 4pm. Partial participation welcomed. Hydration & Lunch will be provided. Please sign-up on the bulletin board next to the Library. Your time and talents are appreciated.

**Parish Pilgrimage Brigade**

Email Colin Sheppard [colinsheppard09@gmail.com](mailto:colinsheppard09@gmail.com) to access the sign up sheet for the brigade. Registration is open for all ages and both sexes; options exist for those who do not wish to perform the full 60 mile pilgrimage. The Brigade of St. Vincent de Paul expects to perform some preparatory exercises to give an idea of the level of exertion for participants in the pilgrimage.

**K of C Baby Shower**

During September, the Knights are sponsoring a "Baby Shower" collection for the Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield. The list of needed items is posted next to the Pack and Play where donations can be deposited in Fr. Adrian Hall. For cash donations, please put cash in an envelope labeled "Baby Shower" and deposit it in the office mail slot. Checks are to be made out to PHCC.

**12 October—Rosary Rally for America**

The annual Rosary Rally for America will be held on 12 October on the steps of Pro-Cathedral of St. Peter Church 800 E. Grace St. starting at noon. As human efforts have failed to solve America's key problems, we turn to God through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help. Please join us as we pray the rosary to Mary, our Advocate!

**Pastor's Corner**



*"The light of thy body is thy eye. If thy eye be single, thy whole body shall be lightsome. But if thy eye be evil thy whole body shall be darksome. If then the light that is in thee, be darkness: the darkness itself how great shall it be!"* Matthew 6:22

Dear Faithful,

Let's look at the above verse in the light of spiritual reading. What do I feed my soul?

The most important principles of spiritual reading are:

- What I feed my soul
- The regularity with which I do it
- The timing of it

More often than not, I hear people lament the spiritual drought they are undergoing. Spiritual drought can very much be our own fault \*if\* we have disorder, idleness, laziness, nonchalance, lukewarmness and distractions fostered. One of the first questions I would ask someone traversing a spiritual desert is "What do you feed your soul on a daily basis?" If the answer is: "Nothing!" then no wonder. What do you expect?! If the answer is: "The last 5 minutes of my distraction-filled day," then again, no surprise.

Spiritual reading should really be part of our daily non-negotiables. It gives us something to chew on every day. It feeds our prayer lives. The Desert Fathers compared spiritual reading to the oil in an oil lamp, the flame being prayer.

The timing of it is also crucial. Do I give God the first fruits of my day/time? To fill one's mind early in the day with good spiritual things, before the laundry list of necessary obligations or futile distractions trap us, is the way to do it. We should do our utmost to form the same habit for prayer. This sets the tone for our day. Then in the midst of duties, obligations, and distractions, we can hopefully check-in with Our Lord and renew our good dispositions to Him in a glance.

In days that are a whirlwind of obligations, catastrophe, emergencies or chaos, the important principle is to at least give God something, even if it is not much. We should be creative in the ways we make