

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 22, 2024

	Collection	Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
Operations			
In Pew	\$4,000	—	—
Online	\$7,337	—	—
Total	\$11,337	\$11,500	(\$163)
YTD	\$162,997	\$138,000	\$24,997
Capital Improvements			
In Pew	\$533	—	—
Online	\$1,476	—	—
Total	\$2,009	\$2,596	(\$587)
YTD	\$27,309	\$31,152	(\$3,843)

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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. Questions? Contact 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, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Questions? Contact Mark & Cathy Stangler: 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com.

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

"It must needs be that scandals come: but nevertheless woe to that man by whom the scandal cometh."

(Mt 18:7)



September 29, 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
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Altar Flowers 804-320-4932 office@stjosephrichmond.org	Knights of Columbus Ken Diman 804-320-4932 kofc@stjosephrichmond.org	Religious Education Katy Hichborn edu@stjosephrichmond.org	Volunteer Coordinator Kristen Treadwell volunteer@stjosephrichmond.org
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 Johnny Howe 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.

MASS SCHEDULE — INTENTIONS — REQUESTED BY		
Sun. September 29 Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel (1st Cl)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am Michael Seeley Jr. 1:30 pm Uni Kemp	— AMS UK
Mon. September 30 St. Jerome (3rd Cl)	9 am Nicholas Sharp †	JC
Tues. October 1 Feria (4th Cl)	9 am Beau & Suki Simpson	SS
Wed. October 2 Holy Guardian Angels (3rd Cl)	6 pm Suki's & Uni's Families <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	SS
Thurs. October 3 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (3rd Cl)	9 am Pam Wallerstein	CW
Fri. October 4 St. Francis of Assisi (3rd Cl)	7 am Fr. Robert Novokowsky <i>Adoration 8 am to 5 pm</i> 6 pm Bobby Olson	BP PW
Sat. October 5 Saturday of Our Lady (4th Cl)	9 am Bridget Williams Seeley	AMS
Sun. October 6 External Solemnity Our Lady of the Rosary (2nd Cl)	8:30 am Ken Hoffman 11:00 am Pro Populo 1:30 pm Marlene Lazor	MAH — KLD
Mon. October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary (2nd Cl)	9 am Ana Belen Maglier	DL
Tues. October 8 St. Bridget of Sweden (3rd Cl)	9 am Henry Verdini	CV
Wed. October 9 St. John Leonardi (3rd Cl)	6 pm Brennan Hartley <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	CH
Thurs. October 10 St. Francis Borgia (3rd Cl)	9 am Elinore Fortney †	JS
Fri. October 11 Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary (2nd Cl)	7 am Roberk Piercy <i>Adoration 8 am to 12 Noon</i> 6 pm Seven Sisters	WLS PW
Sat. October 12 Saturday of Our Lady (4th Cl)	9 am Leona Powell †	JP

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Meghan Hopkins, 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.

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.

Parish Fall Outdoor Clean Up Day

Sat. 12 Oct. at 10 am Join us for a Blessing and breakfast in the St. Joseph Room after Mass. The work will begin around 10:30 am and go until 4 pm. 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.

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

Upcoming Events

Oct. 12—Fall Outdoor Clean-up day

Final Day—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.

Rosary Rally for America

Sat. 12 October at 12 noon the annual Rosary Rally for America will be held on the steps of Pro-Cathedral of St. Peter 800 E. Grace St. 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!

Free Organ

If you are interested in an older Yamaha Electone organ for your home, please contact the parish office.

Box of Joy

Sun. 6 Oct. through Sun. 20 Oct, the Mayflower Homeschoolers will have Box of Joy gift boxes available for pick up in Fr. Adrian Hall, while supplies last. On Sun. 3 Nov, please bring back filled boxes and \$9 shipping donation. Contact Jessica Edmonds at jleccadito@gmail.com for any questions. See <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/> for more info and gift ideas.

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