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smiled. I spoke to him about what I could bring him: about Jesus, God who became man to grant us forgiveness, about the Church he established, about Baptism, about sorrow for sins and the life everlasting which we were created for and long for. We spoke for a good three hours. At the end of our visit, I asked him if this is what he wanted. He answered, "YES!"

I was able to baptize my friend the next day. He died a week later. Reflecting, I thought again, "What are the odds?!" Thanks be to God for his graces and his mercy!

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

Fr. Karl Marsolle FSSP

Assisting the Homeless

St. Peter Outreach is looking for volunteers to help with the shower program for the homeless on Tuesdays from 12:30 until 4 pm. Responsibilities include giving out tickets at the door, helping guests select clean clothing, handing out toiletries and towels and distributing snacks as they wait. Interested: outreachstpeter@richmondcluster.org for info.

FSSP Christmas Card Novena

Send the gift of grace this Christmas: enroll your loved ones in the FSSP Novena of Masses offered Dec. 17th to 25th. Christmas cards come in packs of 12; supplies limited; first come, first serve. Enroll by Dec. 1st - details and enrollment forms available on the bulletin board in the vestibule or at fssp.com/ccm-p

“For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, thoughts of peace, and not of affliction. You shall call upon me, and I will hear you.”

(Jer 29:11-12)



November 24, 2024

Saint Joseph Parish

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

Rev. Karl Marsolle, FSSP, Pastor

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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
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Sunday Offertory for Nov 17, 2024			
	Collection	Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
Operations			
In Pew	\$9,450	—	—
Online	\$4,677	—	—
Total	\$14,127	\$11,500	\$2,627
YTD	\$276,363	\$230,000	\$46,363
Capital Improvements			
In Pew	\$906	—	—
Online	\$1,266	—	—
Total	\$2,172	\$2,596	(\$424)
YTD	\$52,098	\$51,920	\$178
Thank you for your continued generosity!			

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 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. November 24 24 & Last Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl)	8:30 am Lou Hopkins 11:00 am Pro Populo 1:30 pm John Bretone †	CH — JM
Mon. November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria (3rd Cl)	9 am Walda Martin †	JS
Tues. November 26 St. Sylvester (3rd Cl)	9 am Marcia & William Maranski	TMF
Wed. November 27 Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (4th Cl)	6 pm Barbara Jean Kimm † <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	KS
Thurs. November 28 Feria (4th Cl)	9 am Roniel Gencaya	RG
Fri. November 29 Feria (4th Cl)	7 am FSSP <i>Adoration 8 am to 12 noon</i> 6 pm Gregory Beckwith †	PD MD
Sat. November 30 St. Andrew (2nd Cl)	9 am Jim Carlson †	JDM
Sun. December 1 1st Sunday of Advent (1st Cl)	8:30 am Christopher Mozol 11:00 am Primitiva Antigua 1:30 pm Pro Populo	CB MM —
Mon. December 2 St. Bibiana (3rd Cl)	9 am Irmgard Cordes	CU
Tues. December 3 St. Francis Xavier (3rd Cl)	9 am Joe Hartley	CH
Wed. December 4 St. Peter Chrysologus (4th Cl)	6 pm Walter & Donna Smigielski <i>Adoration 7 pm to 8 pm</i>	WLS
Thurs. December 5 Feria of Advent (3rd Cl)	9 am Virginia Craig †	CBP
Fri. December 6 St. Nicholas (3rd Cl)	7 am Kathy Bartz <i>Adoration 8 am to 5 pm</i> 6 pm Ludwing Schindler Sr. †	CH ARP
Sat. December 7 St. Ambrose (3rd Cl)	9 am Zilli Family	KNZ

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jean Connors, Nick Heinz, Molly Mack, Ron Campbell, Mary Claire Adams, Michael Beaven, Meghan Hopkins, Fr. Joe D’Aurora, Max Bowling, Andrea Kim, Agnes Kim, Andrew Kim, Amy Ngo, Carol Bailey, James Jones, and all the chronically ill & homebound of our parish.

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

Date Change

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The FSSP North American Province has advised us to transfer the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, with the obligation to attend Mass, to Mon. 9 Dec. this year, per the USCCB’s instructions. We will offer Low Masses at 7 am, 9 am, and 6 pm that day.

Novena to Our Lady

Sat. 30 Nov.—Sun. 8 Dec. We will pray the Memorare after each Mass in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Prayer cards are available at the back of the church.

TODAY—Used Book Sale

Sun. 24 Nov. we have our used book sale. Our sales are always by donation only, and all proceeds go to support our Religious Education Program.

Live Advent Wreath Making

Sun. 1 Dec. in Fr. Adrian Hall after the 11 am Mass. Candles not provided; they are available in the gift shop. All other supplies provided. A meal will also be provided. St. Nicholas will be there. Questions contact Michelle DeSimone oladynshoe@gmail.com

K of C Christmas Cards for Sale

Beginning today, Sun. 24 Nov. See the Knights after Sunday Masses to purchase cards. Proceeds will be used to support our FSSP Seminars.

Upcoming Events

Nov 24—Used Book Sale
Dec. 1—Live Advent Wreath Making
Dec 9—**NOTE: Holy Day of Obligation**
Low Masses 7 am, 9 am & 6 pm

Illness? Stay Home.

I would like to recall some basic principles regarding church attendance when ill. Keep in mind the Catechism of the Catholic Church does not say that you must be “seriously ill” to have just reason to miss Mass. It says that illness (without qualification) constitutes a “serious reason” that justifies missing Mass on a Sunday or holy day.

Hopefully these questions will help one make a prudent decision.

-Am I contagious? (If so, please stay home!)

-Can I travel safely without putting my life or others’ in danger due to the effects of my illness?

-Can I sit through Mass without running relays to the bathroom?

-Should I “tough it out” and attend even though I am sick and do not feel well but could contaminate someone for whom a flu might be lethal?

-Is my immune system compromised (from a condition, or sickness) and the slightest illness would be severe?

-Must I stay back to care for someone who is sick?

Christmas Gift Bags for the Homeless

We are once again collecting gift bags for the Homeless Ministry at St. Peter Pro Cathedral Church downtown. Lists are posted on the bulletin board by the parish library if you want to contribute items. Monetary donations can be given via a clearly marked envelope in the parish office letter slot. **Donated items should be placed in the designated bins in the main vestibule by Sun. 8 Dec.** Thanks for your generosity!

Mary’s Choice Baby Bottle Campaign

Sun. 1 Dec. We are welcoming Mary’s Choice RVA for a Baby Bottle Campaign. Mary’s Choice is a pro-life organization for women who have chosen life; they provide housing and support services for moms and their babies for up to 4 years. Volunteers will have bottles available in Fr. Adrian Hall for you to take home and fill with your donations. The bottles will be collected on Dec. 22. Thank you for your generosity!

Pastor’s Corner



Dear Parishioners,

Thanksgiving is a necessary component of our prayer lives. As expressed by many spiritual writers, the four ends of prayer are Adoration, Thanksgiving, Contrition and Petition. Expressing gratitude to God for his blessings and his graces will certainly help us be more aware of them and not take them for granted. I have seen many families include it in their night prayers. They take turns and list a few things they are grateful for on that day. It is a good practice and an excellent habit to foster.

I wanted to share with you an unusual and unexpected occasion of thanksgiving and rejoicing I had last month. One of my high school friends reached out to me. His name is Ben. We hadn’t seen each other in over 23 years. In fact, the last time we corresponded was through letters, over 21 years ago -- I had just entered the novitiate of a Benedictine monastery in southern France, and he had joined the Navy.

Ben was a genius and he did well for himself. He became a Naval Nuclear Power Training Command public affairs officer and traveled the world in his service as an aircraft carrier pilot. He was stationed in Japan, and later bought a nice house in Hawaii where he supervised a hospital for the Navy.

When he reached out to me last month, he had moved from Hawaii back to South Carolina and had but a few weeks to live. He was diagnosed two years ago with a cancer which metastasized and spread through his entire body.

I was able to make the drive down to Charleston, SC and visit my friend. He still had all his mental faculties but was bedridden, paralyzed, and in hospice care. He could speak but with great difficulty and was listening intently to what I had to say.

Ben had not been baptized. He even mentioned that he regretted that we never had theological conversations (no one in high school thought I’d become a priest... myself included!) I told him: "What are the odds, that I, coming from the Caribbean, should get to attend high school in Nevada, that we should become friends and that I am now a Catholic Priest at your death bed?!!" He