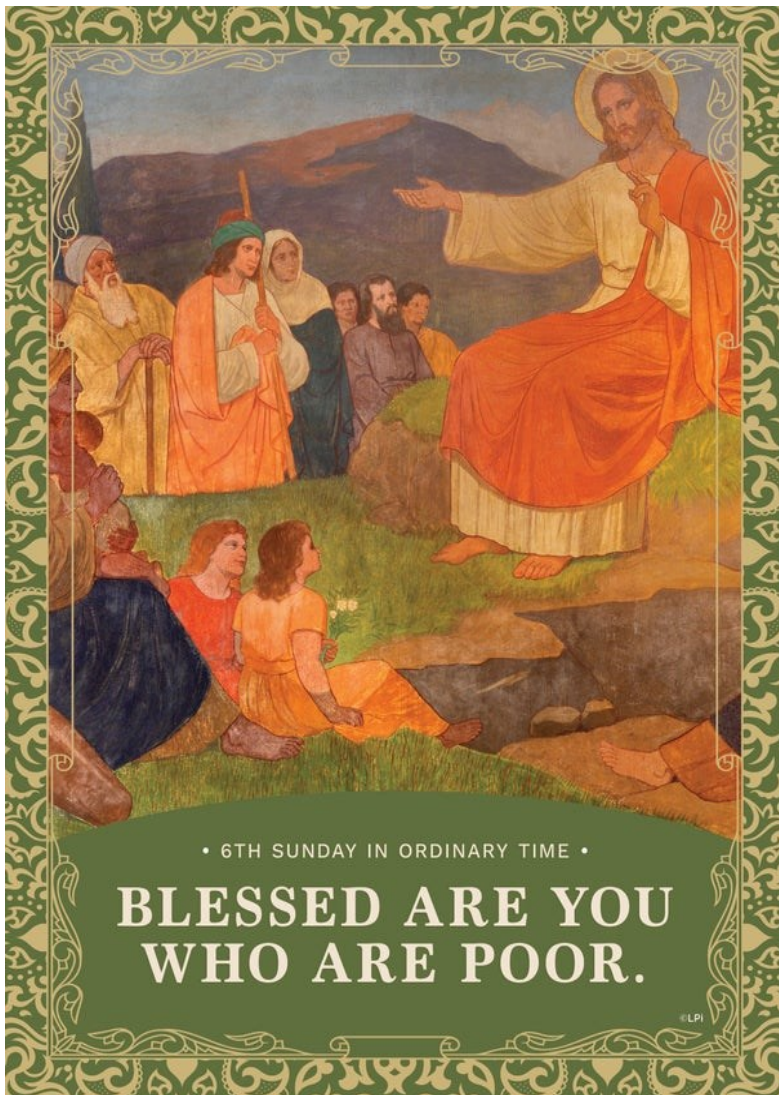


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FEBRUARY 16, 2025 THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



BE MY PROTECTOR, O GOD,
A MIGHTY STRONGHOLD TO SAVE ME.
FOR YOU ARE MY ROCK, MY STRONGHOLD!
LEAD ME, GUIDE ME,
FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR NAME.

First Reading: Jer 17:7

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is the LORD.

Psalm: 1

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:16-17

If the dead are not raised,
neither has Christ been raised,
and if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is vain.

Gospel: Lk 6:20

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.”

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT JOSEPH

Saturday 4pm (English) & 6:30 pm (Español)
Sunday 8am & 11am

SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 9:30 am

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Saturday 4pm
Sunday 10am

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Fr. Dillon Bruce, *Parochial Vicar*
Deacon Guillermo Gonzalez
Deacon David Reaves
Deacon Mike Swisher

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 15

St. Joseph (9am) +Fran Kucharki
St. Joseph (4pm) +Mary Meiser by the Freel Family
San José (6:30pm) ~Será Anunciado
St. Mary (5:30pm) ~Pro Populo
St. Vincent (4pm) +Barbara Langley by Ames Family

Sunday, February 16

St. Joseph (8am) ~People of Our Parish
St. Joseph (11am) +Dominic Bao Dinh
St. Mary (9:30am) +Carlyn Miller by Friends of St. Mary's
St. Vincent (10am) ~People of Our Parish

Tuesday, February 18

St. Joseph (9am) +Mary Sen Dinh by Yen Dinh

Wednesday, February 19 Mass & Adoration

St. Joseph (6pm) +Souls of Purgatory
St. Vincent (12:05) ~St. Vincent Parishioners

Thursday, February 20

St. Joseph (9am) +Tom Shea by The Breakfast Ministry
St. Vincent (12:05) ~St. Vincent Parishioners
San José (6pm) ~Será Anunciado

Friday, February 21

St. Mary (12:05) +Hildege & Aline Marchessault by Bloxom Family

Saturday, February 22

St. Joseph (9am) ~Isabel Guzman by the Johnson Family
St. Joseph (4pm) +Nellie Jo Yanarella by Breakfast Ministry
San José (6:30pm) ~Será Anunciado
St. Mary (5:30pm) +Ed Simpson by Tom & Wendy Koelsch
St. Vincent (4pm) ~People of Our Parish

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Call for Service from the Music Ministries of Saint Joseph and Saint Mary Star of the Sea Churches: Please Consider Helping Us to Prepare for Easter!

As we approach Lent, our music ministries are looking for volunteers to join us for Holy Week and for the Easter Season. Singers (ages twelve and up), please think about joining us on **Tuesday nights** for choir rehearsals at **6:30 at Saint Joseph**. Choir will prepare special pieces for the Triduum as well for Easter morning (April 20th) and we are very much in need of helpers in order to make these pieces happen! And, whether or not you can come on Tuesdays, you are also invited to come to the **cantors' rehearsal at noon on Thursdays at Saint Mary**. At this rehearsal, we focus on the hymns and mass parts for each upcoming Sunday and holy day, and these practices will be especially important as we get closer to Easter.

In addition to singing, another option for helping out this year is to play handbells or hand chimes. If this option piques your interest, please do think about coming to the weekly bell choir rehearsals during Lent on Tuesday nights beginning March 11th at 5:30pm at Saint Joseph. Ringers (ages eight and up), know that no previous experience is necessary, but do only consider serving in this role if you will be able to participate in the masses on **Holy Thursday** and on **Divine Mercy Sunday** at our parishes this year. **Handbells** will be played during masses at **Saint Joseph**: for the 7pm mass on Holy Thursday (April 17th) and for the 4pm Saturday night mass (April 26th) on Divine Mercy weekend. **Hand chimes** will be played during masses at **Saint Mary** for the 5pm mass on Holy Thursday and for the 9:30am mass on Divine Mercy Sunday.

If you do feel called for any of the roles mentioned above, please send Danny (dcorneliussen@peninsulacluster.org) We greatly appreciate your efforts this year as we prepare for the Resurrection!

Christian Formation

D.C. Weekend Pilgrimage: Father Dillon will be leading a weekend pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. **March 14th-16th.** We will visit and tour the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (the largest Catholic church in North America), the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, and the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America. The cost is \$355/person. This includes bus transportation, lodging, and dinner. Please email or speak with Father Dillon (dbruce@richmonddiocese.org) if you would like to attend. **Space is limited to 35 people, so please sign up before February 20th.**

Pilgrimage of Hope: In celebration of the Jubilee year, Father Dillon and Deacon Dave will be leading a Pilgrimage of Hope, **June 16th-20th.** We will pray at the tombs of Saints Katherine Drexel, John Neumann, and Elizabeth Ann Seton. We will visit the Shrines of the North American Martyrs in Fultonville, NY and the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA. The cost is \$999/person. This includes bus transportation, lodging, and most meals. Please email or speak with Father Dillon (dbruce@richmonddiocese.org) if you would like to attend. **Space is limited to 40 people, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible!**

2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year,

the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to **renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."**



School of Prayer: Our Catholic Faith is full of rich and diverse ways to pray and connect with God. Starting **February 24th**, a School of Prayer will be held at **Saint Vincent de Paul on Monday nights from 7pm-8:30pm.** Each week we will learn about a different prayer method and practice praying together. Topics include praying at Adoration, the Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mental Prayer, Prophecy and Personal Intercession, Physical Healing, and Interior Healing.

Coffee with Clergy: Join Fr. Dillon for a cup of coffee at this informal event to learn about topics of your choice and to pick a priest's brain about any subject you want. This event will be held at **Buckroe Coffee** on the following Thursdays from 10-11am: Mar. 6, Mar. 13, and Mar. 27.

LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Too many of us make the mistake of expecting prosperity here on Earth as a reward for following Christ. But Jesus is very clear: sorrow and hardship are a part of life. But when we offer these sufferings to Christ, they become transformed. They become blessed. And so do we.

This Week's Scripture:

Gospel Question: We hear today how Jesus brought comfort to those struggling in life and challenged those who lived a life of ease. Is there someone you know who could benefit from your words of comfort this week?

1st Reading Question: Jeremiah believes it is wise to trust in the Lord. When have you had to place your trust in God?

2nd Reading Question: Paul challenged those in the Corinthian community who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. How do you support family or friends who are non-believers?

Saint Joseph, Pray for us

February 2, 2025

OFFERTORY:	\$7,449.75
E-Giving:	\$5,075.00
SOS	\$1,031.00
Funeral Committee	\$40.00
Catholic Virginian	30.00
Parish Charities	\$290.00
Food Pantry	\$250.00
Flowers	\$215.00
Candles	\$44.50



Attendance:

Saturday 4pm: 118 6:30pm: 87
Sunday 8am: 82 11am: 160

Weekly budgeted offertory \$11,000

This week's 2nd collection: **Parish Charities**
Next week's 2nd collection: **Catholic Virginian**

Condolences: St. Joseph Church offers its sincerest condolences for the loss of Lynne Theodore Smith (Tede) who passed away on January 26, 2025. A funeral mass will be celebrated after Easter. Please keep Tede's wife, Susan, and their entire family in prayer at this time. They are very grateful for the outpouring of love and support of the community.

KOC Breakfast: Please join us after 8am mass Sunday, February 23rd for a delicious breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus! If you can't make it this time please join us every 4th Sunday for this ongoing event. The food is great and the fellowship is even better. We look forward to seeing everyone who can join us!

Food Pantry and Breakfast Ministry: In January we handed out over 240 Breakfasts and 87 Food Pantry Bags! We appreciate all the generous donors and volunteers who make services to our patrons and friends possible! Your efforts were bountiful and we served many in need this winter season. Thank you for helping us serve over 100 local friends and families a week! No gesture is too small and it takes the whole community to serve so well... THANK YOU for your continuous charity and service!

The Funeral Reception Committee is off to a great start! Thank you to Susan Locke, John and Donna Holmzer, Terri Nichols, Peg Cork and Monica Minarik for stepping forward in confidence with gifts of time and talent for this effort! Anyone who would like to be part of a rotational dish and dessert contact list OR a widow and widower's group should please contact Melanie @ mplue@peninsulacluster.org or by calling the main office.

Coffee and Donuts: Join us immediately following Sunday 11am Mass for Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall. Hospitality is a cooperative effort to build our community and strengthen the bonds of our Parish family. We thank those who contribute to this effort through contributions and clean-up efforts! Please consider signing up to host on the sheet posted in Cordier Hall. All are always welcome .

Health Ministry Highlight: We have many new and like new medical use items on hand that have been passed along to our community. Many of these items may not be covered for others by Medical Insurance and may come in great assistance. If you or someone you know have a special need please be sure to check with Linda Boone or Susan Locke in the main office.

Care-A-Van is a Free Mobil Health Clinic available to uninsured adults and children which is available at Saint Joseph every 3rd Tuesday of each month. More details can be requested by contacting the Main Office.

Save the Date: Health Ministry is hosting a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on Sunday March 9, 2025, from 8:30am – 1:30pm. Please be on the lookout for more details and signups to come!

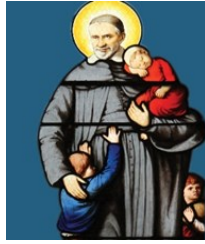
Prayer Shawl Ministry: Please join us every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month at 10am in the Little White House. We have a lot of fun, offering handiwork to prayer, and look forward to seeing you then!

Light of Hope Intercessory Prayer Ministry: SJ prayer intercessory group will greet, get to know, and pray for and with our regular patrons of Tuesday morning Food Pantry and Breakfast Ministry services. All interested parties should contact Bobbye Sinclair at 305-527-6716 or Melanie Plue in the office.

Saint Vincent de Paul, Pray for us

February 2, 2025

OFFERTORY:	\$3,179.00
E-Giving	\$2,690.00
Back Door Ministry	\$150.00
Social Action Ministries	\$\$784.00
Clothes Closet	\$100.00
Church Maintenance	\$60.00
Gen. Operating Shortfall	\$25.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$25.00
Respect Life	\$25.00



Attendance:

Saturday: 73 Sunday: 61

Weekly budgeted offertory \$6,080

This week's 2nd collection: **Scholarship Fund**
Next week's 2nd collection: **No 2nd Collection**

A VALENTINE PRAYER

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.
I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.
I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Letter from--Rev. Magnus Tochi Iwuji, STL

Richmond Office for Black Catholics Director & Richmond Holy Rosary-Pastor

Dear friends,

As we celebrate Black History Month, we honor and recognize the profound contributions of the Black community to our society and our Church. This month is also an opportunity to reflect on the rich heritage, resilience, and faith of our Black community.

From the earliest days, our Blackness has been a beacon of faith and resilience. The story of the Ethiopian Eunuch's conversion in the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that the Good News of Jesus Christ has always transcended boundaries and reached the hearts of people from all walks of life. As we reflect on the legacy of the great men and women's contributions to society, we are reminded of the ongoing struggle for equality and justice. Pope Francis has called us to reject racism and exclusion in all forms, recognizing that every person is made in the image and likeness of God. We must commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation, understanding, and justice within our communities.

This Black History Month, let us celebrate the achievements and contributions of our Black brothers and sisters. Let us also commit to learning more about their stories and the rich heritage they bring to our Church. May their inspiring stories of perseverance, dedication, and trust in God continue to inspire us to grow in holiness and unity.

May our history be sustained and our memories be nourished, Amen.

Rev. Tochi Iwuji, STL

Saint Mary Star of the Sea, Pray for us

This week's 2nd Collection: **Parish Charities** Next week's 2nd Collection: **No 2nd Collection**

Average Budgeted Offertory is \$3,033 per weekend.

February 2, 2025 Attendance: Saturday: 59 Sunday: 149

OFFERTORY:	Basket	E-Give
1st Collection	\$2,362.00	\$1,570.00
Support Our Schools	\$476.00	\$190.00
Building Fund	\$40.00	\$195.00
Catholic Virginian	\$0	\$15.00
Parish Charities	\$15.00	\$0
Slate Roof replacement	\$0	\$50.00

When you contribute to our
Parish Charities-
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our local Catholic Charities of E.V.



Sunday Socials: Join us immediately following Sunday Mass for Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall. Hospitality is a cooperative effort to build our community and strengthen the bonds of our Parish family. Please consider signing up to host on the sheet posted in hall. All are always welcome!

Seeking Additional Cantors and Choir Members: If you enjoy singing joyfully to the Lord, and would like to join our music ministry, please see a choir member or our Music Minister Danny after mass!
You do not have to be a soloist to join. You can just sing along with the group. Instrumentalists are also welcome!

St. Mary Prayer Quilters invite all cluster parishioners to join them on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday's at 10am in our Parish Hall. Beginner or experienced— All are Welcome! Contact: Kathi Pollard at 757-593-4151



Interested in becoming an Altar server? Please contact Deacon Mike.
We are most in need of Saturday Vigil Servers.



Bereavement Committee: The bereavement committee helps assist with funerals by being ushers, greeters, altar servers or just being present at the funeral mass of a brother or sister in Christ. It is our duty and a corporal work of mercy, to bury our dead. Through our prayers and actions during these times we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn. We are in need of more members to join this vital ministry. Please prayerfully consider joining this committee.

Here are a few helpful ideas:

- ◆ Send a note/card to someone who has recently lost a loved one.
- ◆ Request a Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of the deceased.
- ◆ Visit the cemetery and pray for those you have lost.
- ◆ **Spend time planning your own funeral mass, read through the Order of Christian Funerals and find our hope in the Resurrection. Your planning can ease the pain of your loved ones left behind.**

Contact our chairpersons: Donna Farrell or Rosemarie Swisher or call the office for more info.

"To use this life well is the pathway through death to everlasting life." –St. John Almond

CLUSTER

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Comedy Knight: Father Lloyd F. Stephenson Saint Vincent de Paul Council #362 is hosting a night of comedy on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 7pm at Cozy's Comedy Club, 9700 Warwick Blvd, Newport News, VA. For your comedic enjoyment, we'll have two acts! Tickets are \$20.00 and can be obtained from any Knight.



Respect Life Ministry: Join our Peninsula Cluster Parishes Respect Life Ministry as we pray and work for further protection for the unborn and vulnerable among us. We meet on the **2nd Saturday** of every month at 10am in the Little White House, 516 Buckroe Ave., Hampton. For further information or questions contact Carolyn Moore at (757) 719-6666 or www.respectlife.org

"May the words of the Holy Gospel
be on my mind,
on my lips and in my heart."

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



This Week's Readings

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

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don't forget
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~Pope Francis



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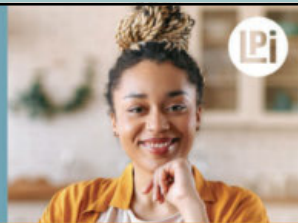
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