



I've had some interesting reflections over the past two weeks that led me to write this. There have been several moments where music has moved me in a significant way.

Have you ever wondered why musicians are referred to as artists? With some of them, it seems pretty obvious, others, not so much. In the past week, I attended a few funerals outside of our parish communities, and music was involved in some way. There were memories of people's lives set to music. At a memorial for an old friend, a song was used in a slide show. "I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean. Whenever one door closes, I hope one more opens. Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance, and when you get the chance to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance." I've always loved that song and it was a good fit for the moment. It brought a lot of people to tears, including me.

Everyone reading this can quickly call to mind the lyrics to a song that has inspired them, or brought them to tears, or brought about some kind of emotional response. We all have songs we love to hear over and over.

Back to my earlier question. Why are so many musicians referred to as artists? Because like so many painters, sculptors, authors, and poets, they have created something that defines the human experience. They create something that is able to speak to us in our lives, and we see things that remind us of our own life experience, or give us inspiration to seek greatness in our lives. I have to admit, there are even some musicians, or some styles of music I don't particularly care for, but they are still very popular, because they speak to a group of people with life experiences different from my own. That's why our parents did not always appreciate the music we love, and some of us do not always appreciate the music of younger generations. It is because our experiences are different from theirs.

Now, on to another reflection I had in the past few weeks based on music. As I attended Bishop DiLorenzo's funeral in the cathedral, I was incredibly moved by the music during the liturgy. None of the music played is on the Billboard charts, and you won't be able to hear it on the radio. It was a much older style of music and unique to the celebration of the liturgy. The combination of the pipe organ, the brass instruments, and the choir made up a sound many of us are not used to hearing. There is a reason the Church places such a great emphasis on the pipe organ as the preferred instrument for liturgy.

Some people have asked me why we don't use more modern music during Mass. Some have suggested that what we need to attract more people to our liturgy, particularly young people is to change to some

more upbeat, modern music that will inspire them. I'd like to offer a brief reflection on why I disagree. No one, including our youth are coming to Mass to hear music, or a style of music they can hear anywhere. They are not coming to experience anything that can be experienced elsewhere. They are coming to this holy liturgy to experience that which cannot be experienced anywhere else. Yes, music is a very important part of who we are, and the music we listen to every day speaks to our identity and human experience. As important as this is to who we are, our liturgy is about so much more than our human experience. The liturgy is about transcending the human experience of this world, and seeking an encounter with the divine. Our liturgy is a reminder that we are a part of something greater than anything we will experience in this world. When we gather for the celebration of the Mass, it does involve our human experiences, but it is so much more about the anticipation of what we will experience when we are united with Christ for eternity. That is not something that can be defined entirely by what we experience on this earth, and that is why the music that is a part of our liturgy, is not like the music we hear anywhere else.

Fr. Chris



**Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 3, 2017**

"What profit would a man show if he were to gain the whole world and ruin himself in the process." Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Call Father Michael G. Boehling, Vicar for Vocations, at (804) 359-5661 or email mboehling@richmonddiocese.org



"I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it." Learn how to more easily express love to our spouses by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend! The next weekends are: Sep 15-17, 2017 in Herndon, VA and Nov 10-12, 2017 in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank

"J.T. Morriss & Son

Funeral Home & Cremation Service"

this week for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION, a *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat*, sponsored by Church of the Epiphany, will be held Oct 13-15th. This retreat is for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt, or shame from abortion. The healing weekend combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussions in a guided process that leads to the heart of God's love and compassion. If you would like to learn more about this retreat you can contact Maggie Carlson at [804-432-2589](tel:804-432-2589) or Marty Montgomery-Jennings at [804-704-0429](tel:804-704-0429), or email: RV4hope@gmail.com.

Visit our website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

All inquiries, registration and participation are strictly confidential.

Comment from a retreat participant:

"The Rachel's Vineyard weekend has done for me what all the self-help books could not. I needed the Divine Healer Himself!"

The Angelus

Leader: The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

All: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit

Leader: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Leader: Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

All: Be it done to me according to Thy Word.

Leader: Hail Mary...Jesus

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, Amen

Leader: And the Word was made Flesh:

All: And dwelt among us.

Leader: Hail Mary...Jesus

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God... Amen

Leader: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Hail Mary...Jesus

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God... Amen

Leader: Let us pray

All: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Church of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, 2nd	5:00pm Alfred Fisher req by Bertie Eddy
	7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group
Sunday, 3rd	8:00pm Deceased Members of the Parish
	11:00am Joe Wharton and in honor of Donna Sarver
	1:00pm Carmen Gladys Montalve req by the Montalvo/Gomez Family
Monday, 4th	6:30pm Holy Hour & Benediction
Tuesday, 5th	6:30pm Peter So Van Cao req by Sang Cessna
Wednesday, 6th	10:00am Deceased members of the parish
Friday, 8th	10:00am Raquel I. Moura req by Modesto Delgado Moura
	5:30pm Rosary
Saturday, 9th	5:00pm Art & Joyce Rakers req by Their Family
Sunday, 10th	8:00am Armand Gagne req by Phyllis Gagne
	11:00am Dick Beaudet req by Janet Beaudet
	1:00pm Deceased members of the Parish

Saint James Church

Saturday, 2nd	5:30pm Salvador Trujillo
Saturday, 9th	5:30pm Sergio Trujillo

Saint Johns Church

Saturday, 2nd	4:00pm for all laborers throughout the world
Sunday, 3rd	9:00am for all laborers throughout the world
Tuesday, 5th	9:00am for Louis Bertrand req by Joan Bertrand
Saturday, 9th	4:00pm John & Flo Lopinsky req by Rick & Norma Lonnemann
Sunday, 10th	9:00am For all teachers and students as the new school year begins

You are invited: Every Wednesday evening at 6pm for Adoration

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

If you are a practicing Catholic woman age 21 or older please join us for The Catholic Woman's Club Membership Tea on Monday, September 25 at 2pm at The Columbian Center. The Catholic Woman's Club promotes Catholic ideals through intellectual, cultural and spiritual development and philanthropic endeavors. For reservations, please contact Joan Walton 804.266.3612. We hope to see you on September 25th!



CLUSTER PRAYER LIST

Those who bear the burden of years and those who have asked for our prayers:

Sacred Heart: Deborah Hanzlik, Janet Beaudet, Sharla Kirk, Anh Cao, Binh Cao, Phyllis Gagne, Donna Sarver, Thomas Bird, Carl Hall, John Mertz, Helen Tres, Evelyn Rivera, Kathy Marr, Debbie Stidfole Agurwal, Nancy Clemons, Anna Liszeski, David Paden, Dot Miller, Eileen Mozucha, Barbara Kirk, Deacon Bob Baker, Jerry Chambers, Raul Rosa Viera, Joseph & Emily Chudoba, Thelma Herrera Lara, Sam Mikulcik, Frank Scherra Sr., Frank Scherra Jr., Carlos Rivera, Mike O'Hare, Susan MacLaughlin, Sharon K. Pilarinos, Mary Massey, Kathy Sansom

St. James: Ronnie & Therese Parker, Felix Licicero, Anne & Sam Richeson, Crista Cole, Jimmy Carter, Mary Kain, Audrey Keith, Anita Anthony, Wayne Whitehead, Bill Brown, Casey McQuillan, Glenn Toenniges, Tomas Rose, Jimmy Clark, John Seckora, Robert McGough

St. Johns: Dick Clark, John Stech, Ernest & Sheree Cerny, Danny Wiegatz, Dorothy Kohout, Etna Traylor, Steve Kofron, Joan Lonnemann, Matt MacLaughlin, Patsy Stech, Joe Stech, Santi Santos, Stuart Reynolds, Bill Kaspar, Judy Newsome, Michael (MJ) Schofield, Frank Stech, Louis Stech, Deborah Ryan, Candence Andusko

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Church of the Sacred Heart

- Tuesday, 5th 7:00pm Catechist meeting
 Wednesday, 6th 10:30am Bible Study
 6:00pm Dance
 6:30pm Spanish Choir Practice
 Thursday, 7th 7:00pm Cantor Practice
 Saturday, 9th 9:00am Care A Van
 10:00am Meditation Workday
 Sunday, 10th 8:00am Monthly Breakfast
 9:15am CCD Orientation (In Parish Hall)
 11:00am Commissioning of Catechist

Please note that the Sacred Heart Parish office will be closed Monday, September 4th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

Saint James Church

- Monday, 4th 6:00pm Hopewell community meal @ Parish Hall
 6:30pm Mass
 Wednesday, 6th 5:30pm Reconciliation
 6:30pm Mass
 7:00pm CHOIR PRACTICE
 Thursday, 7th 12:00pm Mass
 6:30pm All Ministry meeting—for fall church picnic planning
St James office will be closed Monday, September 4th for the Labor Day Holiday.

Saint Johns Church

- Tuesday, 12th 9:00am Mass
 10:00am Senior Citizens

Got Questions about life You're Invited!!

7pm Tuesday, September 26, 2017
 Parish Center
 Church of the Sacred Heart
 Prince George

What is Alpha?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No pressure. No follow up. No charge. Alpha runs in churches, bars, coffee shops and homes all over the world. Typically Alpha has around ten sessions and includes food, a short talk and a timed at the end where you can share your thoughts. Come join us for an *informational meeting*. We will be building a Team to include—facilitators, food service, greeters, and there will be many other opportunities to serve.

RSVP

Galen W. Potter at

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By September 24, 2017

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Planned Parenthood Condemns Itself

Planned Parenthood's latest annual report contains more evidence for ending the organization's federal funding. By its own admission Planned Parenthood abortionists killed over 328,000 babies last year.

It performs more abortions than breast exams, more abortions than pap tests, and more abortions than "well woman" exams.

Undercover videos have caught Planned Parenthood officials gloating over the atrocities committed in their clinics on a daily basis. These are heinous crimes against humanity.

Yet Planned Parenthood still received \$554 million in public funds last year. That's almost \$1,700 per dead child! There's no reason why tax-payers should be coerced into sending even one dollar to this killing machine. Congress needs to stop subsidizing Planned Parenthood and it needs to do it now!

Which is exactly what you and **Priests for Life** are working hard to do! And we won't stop until we've brought an end to all federal, state and local taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood.

Christian Formation 2017-2018

We are pleased to announce that this year we will be offering Christian Formation classes in all parishes from our Cluster. The information for each parish is as follows:

DINWIDDIE—ST. JOHN: *We will kick off the year with an orientation for parents and children ages 3-7 on Sunday, September 24th at 10am in the Church.* Registration will be opened that day. If you are or know of a family that has a child between these ages, we'd kindly ask if you can forward this information to them. The classes will take place on the second and fourth Sunday of the month following the 9am mass. (*Note: If you have a child that is up for a sacrament this year, they will also need to attend Sacred Heart for sacramental classes.*) We are seeking 2 more adults to assist with the classes by becoming catechists.

HOPEWELL—ST. JAMES: *We will kick off the year with an orientation for parents and children ages 5-16 on Sunday, September 17th, after the 11am mass in the youth center.* Registration for classes will be opened on that day. Classes will be every Sunday from 9:30am to 10:45am in the school building. We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in becoming catechists to serve children of all grades.

PRINCE GEORGE—SACRED HEART: *We will kick off the year with an orientation for parents and children ages 4-18 on Sunday, September 10th, at 9:30am in the parish hall* (white house across the field.) Registrations for classes will be opened on that day. Classes will be every Sunday from 9:15am to 10:30am in our C.C.D. building.

We encourage all families with children to register their child (children) in the formation program in order for them to learn and grow in their faith in God in addition, complete any sacrament that they may need. You may use this link to register online: <https://goo.gl/forms/3C77sEREn0O73O3z1> We encourage you to share this information with other families who may be interested in the formation program for their children. If you have any questions regarding Christian Formation please contact Marissa at mayalacre@gmail.com

We will see you at your parishes' orientation kick off. In Christ, Marissa Ayala, CRE.



"Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.

Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.

Open my mind to *learn* new things.

Let my heart *remember* YOU are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to *love* others like you do.

I want to *shine* your light so bright in my school."
Amen.

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Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously.

A ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago.

Please join us.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents
at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church
One-Day Spiritual Retreat
Saturday, September 23, 2017
9:30am-7:00pm

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Call the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life
at 804-622-5109

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