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**Emergency** – If someone is dying  
 or there has been a death, please  
 call: 804-402-1221

**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 am Weekday: 12:05 pm**  
**Holy Day: Call the Parish Office or See Notices**  
**Confession: Mon. thru Fri., 11:45 am**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 21, 2016**

**Mass Intention: Eloise Gorski**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#547
Praise to the Lord the Almighty	
<b>PSALM</b>	#927
Go out to all the world and tell the good news.	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#630
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	#690
Jerusalem, My Happy Home	
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	#525
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	

**HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED**

David Adams, Carolyn Alford, Anthony Arrighi, Rollo Brown, Steve Campbell, Stuart Cary, David Coffman, Bill Holzgreffe, Shirley Hudson, Camilla Hull (mother of Doyle Hull), Connie Klyver, (friend of Ginnie & Marilyn), Maria Konwerska, Emma Mednikov, Jim Melton, Jesse Oliver, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, Beulah Taylor, Greg Stowers, Bob Webster. Thank you for your prayers.

**If you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, homebound, or dying and desires a visit from a priest, please call or email us. Without your help, we have no way of knowing.**

**LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**8:30 am:** Will Rogers                      Extraordinary Ministers:  
 Doug Dewing, Bill Lipchak, Cathy Lipchak  
**FINANCE:** Rose & Roger Mayer, Linda Shisler  
**10:45 am:** Colin Schmidt                Extraordinary Ministers:  
 Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli  
**FINANCE:** Kathy Kelly, Chris Thomas

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**8:30 am:** Justin Haynes                    Extraordinary Ministers:  
 Linda Shisler, Maggie Wilkins, Robert Wilkins  
**FINANCE:** Ron Hurst, Doug Dewing, Kris Mednikov  
**10:45 am:** Jim Martinelli                Extraordinary Ministers:  
 Joe Naman, Kimberly Taylor, Mimi Schoof  
**FINANCE:** Steve Gerloff, Eileen Zorzi

**SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon.: Mass Intention: Inez Gray  
 Tues.: Mass Intention: Special Intention  
 Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm  
 Wed.: Mass Intention: Lena Lotz  
 Thurs: Mass Intention: Linda Shults  
 Fri.: Mass Intention: Lauren Campbell

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Hello good people of the Richmond Cluster parishes!

This week, to begin, I need to offer a little apology to everyone on behalf of myself and the parish staff.

So last Monday was the Solemnity of the Assumption. The glorious feast day wherein we commemorate Mary's being assumed into heaven, body and soul. In almost all cases, this is a Holy Day of Obligation...which means we are supposed to go to Mass. We (myself and the staff)

simply figured that it was a Holy Day of Obligation like it almost always is. As such, we announced it as such and adjusted the Mass schedule. Well...whoops! It in fact was not a Holy Day of obligation this year. For only this year, because it fell on a Monday, it was optional.

I apologize for the confusion. Fr. Danny left to his new assignment and I sort of always relied on him for knowledge about these things...I promise we will be more careful and diligent in the future.

But if you went and you would possibly not have, I am nearly certain it only meant more graces for your life!

While we are talking about 'more graces' we as a cluster family have many needs as well as many things to be thankful for. We have many who are sick among us. We have many who have lost loved ones. We have many who struggle to make ends meet. We have many who suffer mental and physical crosses every day. At the same time, we have so much to be thankful for. We have the blessings of health in our families. We have the blessings of new life and new relationships and family members. We have the ability to go to work and earn a living and provide for our needs and the needs of our loved ones. We have very, very, very many things to be thankful for. Most especially we have our faith to be thankful for. Our faith is what gives us joy in spite of the ups and downs of life, it is what inspires us to keep going and it is what will ultimately deliver us into the arms of God where we will rejoice forever. It's the best gift of all.

I am thankful for all the people who work in our parishes and give of themselves for the kingdom of God. God sees all things and is greatly pleased by so many quiet and hidden sacrifices. Catechists, singers, lectors, money counters, folks who clean, who care for the Church, who tithe their income, to work for the poor and homeless, who bring groceries for the poor...and the list goes on and on.

We have a wonderful family in our parishes. I love to receive emails from visitors who tell me how much they enjoyed visiting one of our parishes because the people were welcoming and inviting. I realize sometimes there can be tensions and personality conflicts, but that's the case in all families. What makes the kingdom of God come alive in our parishes, and what makes it a beautiful family, is when because of our faith, we return blessings for the little insults that might occur, we try to blow off those things that can be annoying or offensive to us, we try to look on the bright side of things not the negative, we try to be polite and sensitive to others when they are sad or grieving, we try to compliment at least 5 times as much as we complain about stuff, we share nice things about people (if we share anything) and avoid gossip. People can sense that type of godliness when it is imbued in our parishes and it creates a loving and welcoming environment. The more we continue to do this the more likely our pews will be packed with folks who want to be a part of our communities.

I want to close by sharing a prayer I invite you to pray, asking St. Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians, to intercede for us as we search for musicians to lead the music at St. John and St. Patrick. We have put ads out in very many places, so I believe

we have done our part...now we simply have to trust God and ask Him to send us the right people for the jobs.

"Blessed St. Cecilia, who offered thy life for the glory of the kingdom of God, bestow upon us this special favor, that in concert with the choirs of angels in heaven, we on earth might offer fitting praise and adoration to the Lamb of God at every Eucharistic celebration, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen."

Have a great week everyone!!!!

Fr. Rossi

**RESTORATION** – We apologize – We got a little ahead of ourselves. In order to be sure everything is ready, we are going to delay the reopening until Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016.

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you feel helpless to do anything about it? **Retrouvaille** is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health by helping spouses rediscover the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on September 16<sup>th</sup> call 800-470-2230 or email: [retrouvaillenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaillenc@msn.com) or visit the website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**Outreach & Social Ministry** – 147 lunches were served on Tuesday, Aug. 16. 55 dinners were served on Wednesday, Aug. 17. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

**FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION, a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, sponsored by Church of the Epiphany,** will be held Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – Oct 2, 2016, at Shalom House Retreat Center in Montpelier, VA. This retreat is for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt, or shame from abortion. The weekend is a process that leads to the heart of God's love and compassion. If you would like to learn more about this retreat contact Marty Montgomery-Jennings at 804-704-0429, or Maggie Carlson at 804-432-2589 or email: [RV4hope@gmail.com](mailto:RV4hope@gmail.com). Visit our website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). Inquiries, registration and participation are strictly confidential.

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection –</b>	<b><u>4,345.32</u></b>
<b>Gain</b>	<b>\$1,057.32</b>

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