



**SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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**

**Transfiguration of the Lord**

**August 6, 2017**

**Mass Intention: Irene Goddard**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

**ENTRANCE** #700

'Tis Good Lord to Be Here

**PSALM** #1043

The Lord is King the most high over all the earth.

**OFFERTORY** #537

The God of Abraham Praise

**COMMUNION** #735

I Received the Living God

**RECESSIONAL** #444

Hail Thee Festival Day

**Holy Communion** – *This is a reminder that Holy Communion, in the Catholic Church, is reserved to actively practicing Catholics. If you are not Catholic or have not been actively practicing your faith, then please refrain from receiving Communion. If you would like to learn how to be welcomed to full Communion, we would love to help. All you need to do is contact a priest. Our contact info is in this bulletin.*

**LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**TODAY'S MASS**

**8:30 am:** Will Rogers Extraordinary Ministers: Kimberly Taylor, Maggie Wilkins, Robert Wilkins

**FINANCE:** Doug Dewing, Ron Hurst, Gabi Wolz

**10:45 am:** Joe Naman Extraordinary Ministers: Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli

**FINANCE:** David Gragnani, Steve Gerloff

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**8:30 am:** Maggie Wilkins Extraordinary Ministers: Doug Dewing, Tom Fahed, Barbara Goode

**FINANCE:** Kathleen & Anthony Seal, Kris Mednikov

**10:45 am:** Colin Schmidt Extraordinary Ministers: Joe Naman, Steve Gerloff, Nancy Gowen

**FINANCE:** Eileen Zorzi, Mary Wayte

**HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED**

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Camilla Hull (mother of Doyle Hull), Connie Klyver, (friend of Ginnie & Marilyn), Maria Konwerska, Cathy Lipchak, Emma Mednikov, Jim Melton, Jesse Oliver, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, Beulah Taylor, Craig Trowbridge, Greg Stowers. 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.**

**SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon.: Mass Intention: Ollie Vaughn

Tues.: Mass Intention: Mary Lewis

Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wed.: Mass Intention: Joseph Aquart

Thurs: Mass Intention: Lilia Martin

Fri.: Mass Intention: Bernard Haske

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

'Dialogue' is a popular word these days. It is a word very commonly used in intellectual and academic circles.

To put it very simply, consider the way we were educated (most of us). We usually went into a classroom and the teacher, who had advanced learning, had gone to college and received a degree that certified they had obtained a certain amount of knowledge, would teach us. The teacher would stand at the front and tell us, the younger people who were less knowledgeable about the subject, all they knew about the subject. They knew more and so what they had to say was important and we as the students would listen (or were at least expected to listen) and take notes. And then one day once we have studied enough then maybe we could get a certification of our own knowledge and maybe even be in a position where we

could teach others who at that point had less knowledge than ourselves. And that's sort of the way education works. Teachers teach.

Now consider a different way of education. All the students file in the room and the topic for the day is brought up. But instead of the teacher explaining everything they know about the topic, they actually do not. Instead they simply facilitate a 'dialogue' amongst the students. All the students get to tell their own perspective, share their own life experience of the matter. The hope (I guess) is that they will simply happen to stumble onto the correct answer.

This latter example is a dialogical approach to learning. Rather than just giving the answers, each is left to discover the answer for themselves. This is all the rage these days.

But this is a problem. While it sounds liberating and freeing, it in fact only leads to confusion, not to mention it is actually very inefficient.

Have you ever gone to a doctor and had your test results come back and, instead of the doctor just telling you what they are, you instead had a dialogue about all the possible things that could be wrong. The doctor invites the guy in the waiting room to come in and tell you what he thinks. The bus driver out front comes in to tell you what he thinks. The guy walking his dog next to the doctor's office comes in to tell you what he thinks. Kinda inefficient and confusing huh? Wouldn't it be a lot easier for the doctor just to tell you the results of the test "you have high blood pressure" or "you have an infection" or "you have cancer." It may not be what we want to hear but at least it's the truth. After all, the doctor went to school for 8 years and another 4-6 for a residency, he knows a little more than the bus driver, dog walker and guy in the lobby (at least about medicine).

The same confusing and inefficient way of communicating truth has sometimes crept into the Church. Sometimes, in the name of patience and humility (which are very good things), people in the Church embrace an improper "dialogical" approach to sharing the faith that only leads to confusion and is very inefficient.

The Church always has to, in the image of Christ, associate with the lowly, hang out with tax collectors and sinners, and go after the lost sheep. But it should NOT have a dialogue with the tax collectors that leads to the tax collectors and sinners instructing the Church on truth. It should NOT once it finds the lost sheep have a dialogue with the sheep on what it feels like to be dangling off a cliff as it is about to fall to its death. It should pick the sheep up!!! Put it on its shoulders!!! No time for discussion the sheep is about to fall!!!

The Church is the pure and spotless bride of Christ. It had been around for 2000 years (even longer than doctors spend in study) and is filled with the teachings of the Scripture and of the Saints. Patience, love and gentleness, yes. Dialogue, no.

Fr. Rossi

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<b><u>3,549.75</u></b>
<b>Gain</b>	<b>\$ 261.75</b>

**Outreach & Social Ministry** – 115 lunches were served on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. 65 dinners were served on Wednesday, August 2, 2017. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

**PLEASE MAKE WELCOME** our newest member of St. Peter's, Maria Perini.

**CALLING ALL GOLFERS:** Holy Rosary Catholic Church is sponsoring its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Cup Golf Tournament on Columbus Day (Monday) October 9, 2017 at The Golf Club at Brickshire located 5520 Virginia Park Drive, Providence Forge, VA 23140. All golfers are welcome to participate. The Bishop's Cup trophy will be awarded to the winning parish division team. Last year's winning parish was Saint Edward Catholic Church. The winning parish will retain possession of the trophy for one year until the next annual Bishop's Cup Golf Tournament. All proceeds will be used to support Holy Rosary Catholic Church and its ministries serving the Church Hill area of Richmond. To register for the tournament contact Holy Rosary Parish at 804-222-1105 or see our website: [www.hrcrichmond.org](http://www.hrcrichmond.org). – Click on the Bishop's Cup for a registration form.

**All Saints Catholic School** is accepting applications for kindergarten. All Saints' kindergarten offers *Superkids* Language Arts, phonics-based word study, *Investigations* Mathematics, engaging, hands-on social studies and science curriculum and much more! All Saints also offers a structured After-School Program. Call to schedule a tour: 804-329-7524, 3418 Noble Ave., Richmond, VA 23222, [www.allsaintsric.org](http://www.allsaintsric.org).

**Coffee** – downstairs in the parish hall after each Mass on Sunday. All are welcome. Take this opportunity to get to know your church community.

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