



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

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 7, 2016**

Mass Intention: Genevieve Wells

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#752
The Master Came to Bring Good News	
PSALM	#921
Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.	
OFFERTORY	#615
The Kingdom of God	
COMMUNION	#609
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	
RECESSIONAL	#571
Faith of Our Fathers	

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: Doug Dewing Extraordinary Ministers:
Linda Shisler, Maggie Wilkins, Robert Wilkins
FINANCE: Kathleen & Anthony Seal, Tom Fahed
10:45 am: Nancy Eckler Extraordinary Ministers:
Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli
FINANCE: Chris Thomas, Eileen Zorzi

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Adriane Henderson Extraordinary Ministers:
Doug Dewing, Tom Fahed, Barbara Goode
FINANCE: Bill & Cathy Lipchak, Gabi Wolz
10:45 am: Steve Gerloff Extraordinary Ministers:
Joe Naman, Kimberly Taylor, Mimi Schoof
FINANCE: John Rogers, Patty Talley

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: Claiborne & Margaret Cabaniss
Tues.: Mass Intention: Celia Barnett
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wed.: Mass Intention: Bernice Thompson
Thurs: Mass Intention: Jonathan Aguilar
Fri.: Mass Intention: Bobby Ferguson

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Good day everyone!

I hope everyone had a great week! Mine was very good. I'm slowly getting over the disappointment of the rectory fire and am moving on. Focusing on other tasks, challenges and the future in general is the way to ward off negativity. That and drinking in the grace from God of course!!!

A couple of announcements this week.

First, this weekend we say goodbye to Deacon Miguel. He heads back to seminary to finish his last year of studies. I know he hasn't been here long, but it's better he go, so he can return as our parochial vicar. Just kidding...I have no control over whether we get him back after ordination...but who knows???

Please continue to pray for him. Don't think that he has reach the finish line and has thus 'made it' simply because he is so close to priestly ordination. He still has many things to accomplish before he can be ordained to the priesthood. Please pray for him and for all the seminarians.

Second, this weekend Fr. Ernest began with our cluster as previously announced. He is a wonderful man and priest of God. Please introduce yourself to him and take care of him. He will be a great blessing to all of us.

Third, this is of special importance to St. Patrick folks, but I will include it in the pastor message for all three parishes as I know sometimes we have folks who bounce between the three parishes.

At St. Pats, we have decided to transition the Saturday evening Mass, currently each week at 5:30 pm, into a simpler Mass. Mass will still be at the same time, with confessions at 4:30 pm, each week (have you been to confession lately?)

The Mass was begun about 1.5 years ago. Previously, St. Patrick had only the 10:45 am Mass. The Saturday evening Mass was added to provide another convenient Mass time for folks who could not make it on Sunday morning.

Attendance at the Mass fluctuates. There is always a group of people who attend the Mass, sometimes it's a large group, but sometimes it is a very light group.

As such, in discussion with the St. Patrick Finance Council as well as other parishioners and staff members, we have decided to transition the Mass to a simpler Mass.

What does this mean? Basically all it means is that there will not be singing at the Saturday evening Mass. There will, on occasion, still be organ music and melodies, but there will not be singing from the choir. Thus, it will be a simpler Mass (back in the day we used to call it a 'low' Mass).

By making this change, we can save approximately \$18,000 per year of the parish's money...of YOUR money. This will go a long way in bridging the gap of our \$50,000 deficit that we are projecting this year.

But do not worry, even though there is no singing at the Mass, it still 'counts' as Sunday Mass and everything else will be the same. Most importantly, you will still be able to receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the God of the Universe at the 'low' Mass, and receiving Holy Communion is the number one reason for Mass and the central moment of all Masses.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Also, please do not think that because of this, we at St. Patrick do not prize

quality and beautiful music. That is not accurate. We very highly prize beautiful music to glorify God. But we also cannot allocate resources that we do not have. Thank you for your patience and your love for St. Pats. We are doing great and have a bright future. In fact, sometimes I have seen Mass attendance higher at a Mass that does not have music because sometimes folks like a more quiet and peaceful environment which is afforded by more silence at Mass. Also, the Mass is a little shorter usually without music, but I KNOW that NOBODY would ever go to a Mass because it was shorter. Right!?!?!?

Fr. Rossi

Catholic Women's Conference – Join us for a day of fellowship, prayer, and inspiration to refresh and renew the soul!! On **Sat., Sept. 24**, the diocese will host the **4th Annual Catholic Women's Conference** at the **Downtown Richmond Crowne Plaza**. Nationally-known author and speaker Sarah Swafford will provide reflections on what it means to be "Fully Alive." Musician and emcee, Sarah Hart, will host the day, offer some reflections and perform some of her music. The conference will feature multiple sessions, Adoration, Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and an expanded expo area with several different vendors and ministries available. The conference is open to all women 18 or older. Registration includes admission to the event, lunch, and continental breakfast. The \$45 early bird registration is available through Sept. 14. After that date registration will be \$55. The conference is free for all women religious. Visit www.cdrcmfl.org for more details and to register. This year we are hosting a Fri., Sept. 23rd Pre-Conference event at the Diocesan Pastoral Center featuring an acoustic concert with Sarah Hart at an additional cost of \$10 per person. Please sign up during your online registration as space is limited and expected to go fast!

Outreach & Social Ministry – 120 lunches were served on Tuesday, Aug. 2. 70 dinners were served on Wednesday, Aug. 3. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

Coffee – downstairs after each Mass on Sunday. Please join us and get to know your church family.

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection –	<u>2,849.69</u>
Loss	\$ 438.31

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