



SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

800 East Grace Street

P. O. Box 933

Richmond, Virginia 23218-0933

Office: 804-643-4315

www.stpeterchurch1834.org

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

First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

Mass Intention: Rosalie Targonski

ENTRANCE #417

Lord Who Through Out These Forty Days

PSALM #789

Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.

OFFERTORY #420

Again We Keep this Solemn Fast

COMMUNION

On Eagles Wings (not in book)

RECESSIONAL #551

Praise the Lord of Heaven

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: Emmett Jacob

Tues.: Mass Intention: Dorothy McGahey

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Wilhemena Lewis

Thurs: Mass Intention: Ly Van Ngo

Fri.: Mass Intention: Wilbur Rowe

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

Manuel Alvarez, Anthony Arrighi, Rollo Brown, Steve Campbell, Stuart Cary, David Coffman, Martha Dewing (mother of Doug Dewing), 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.

LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

8:30 am: Norma Bunchman Extraordinary Ministers: Cathy Lipchak, Carol Piett, Linda Shisler

FINANCE: Carol & Dan Piett and Linda Shisler

10:45 am: Margaret Hable Extraordinary Ministers: Margaret Hable, Colin Schmidt, Mimi Schoof

FINANCE: Kathy Kelly, Nancy Gowen

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Doug Dewing Extraordinary Ministers: Maggie Wilkins, Robert Wilkins, Doug Dewing

FINANCE: Doug Dewing, Chris Thomas & Volunteer

10:45 am: Jim Martinelli Extraordinary Ministers: Nancy Gowen, Margaret Hable, Jim Martinelli

FINANCE: Eileen Zorzi, Bill Conkle

FROM OUR PASTOR – HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY!!!

One time I was preaching at a Catholic high school Mass on Valentine’s day and I just happened to mention something to the effect, ‘yeah...Valentine’s day is not that big of a deal in the life of a priest’... and I don’t think I ever heard those kids laugh harder! They thought it was the funniest thing.

The fact of the matter is that Valentine’s Day is not that big of a deal in the life of a priest because for a priest, every day is Valentine’s Day.

Valentine’s Day is sort of a goofy holiday, when people give each other chocolate hearts that say things like ‘be mine.’ On that level, yes, not a big deal...although I used to love those little candy hearts.

But on the level of love, true love, it is a very big deal.

One thing we always have to keep in our mind: love is not a feeling, it is not an emotion, and it is not a passion: love is a choice. LOVE = SACRIFICE

There are so many movies that portray love as boy meets girl, they 'fall' for each other and live happily ever after with no troubles, worries, fights, arguments or concerns.

THAT NEVER, EVER, EVER, EVER, EVER, EVR, EVER HAPPENS!!!

Even Mary and Joseph, who were the best couple ever, had a rough go of it, with problems and trials.

Storybook love does not exist, because it is make believe and storybook love is not true love.

You can fall in a hole, especially if you are walking and texting and not looking where you are going...but you cannot 'fall' in love. You can be swept away by emotions and passions, but those are as fleeting as a good meal...and tend to dissipate just as quickly.

Love is a choice. Love is a rational decision of the mind and will that weighs the options and decides to do something or not do something because it makes the most sense (in spite of a degree of challenge/sacrifice/cross that comes with it).

The endless pursuit of 'falling' in love hassled many people down a road that only made them less happy.

For a Christian, every day is Valentine's Day because every day is about loving. But not the feeling of love (which is better described as infatuation...I was infatuated when I was in 8th grade with a girl in my class...she dumped me). Every day, for a Christian, is about sacrifice, giving our lives away to God. We sacrifice our lives for God and thus demonstrate that we love God. If you are a Christian, then you have been shot not with cupid's arrow, but Christ's.

So this Valentine's day, don't forget to write your love letter to God.

Peace and LOVE!!! – Fr. Rossi

Sacramental Preparation: Baptism, 1st Communion, 1st Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage, Sacrament of the Sick or to **Register in the parish** – Please call the Parish Office.

Tuesday Night Movie Series – February 16, 2016, 6:00 pm – 50 Years after Vatican II – Inside the Council and the Year of Mercy.

Virginia's Catholic Bishops welcome government leaders and public to first Virginia Vespers to pray for needs of Commonwealth – At the midpoint of this year's Virginia General Assembly session Virginia Bishops Francis X. DiLorenzo and Paul S. Loverde and their public agency, the Virginia Catholic Conference, invite government officials and the public to the first-ever **Virginia Vespers: Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth** at the beautiful, historic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17. The hour-long service will draw on an ancient Christian liturgy to pray for the needs of Virginia. Join lawmakers and public officials of all faiths, clergy, educators, social service practitioners, parishioners and other people of goodwill at this vital gathering. A reception follows. Register at www.vacatholic.org.

Outreach & Social Ministry – St. Peter's has received a grant of \$5,000 from the 2016 Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund.

146 lunches were served to the homeless on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016. Many thanks to all who helped.

MCV Hospital Ministry: At the present time Fr. Rossi, Fr. Danny and I are the involved in providing and ministering the sacraments at MCV. We started this ministry back in August-September of 2015. Each of us split up the week and have "On call days" to serve the Catholic Community at MCV. About 75% of the patients are communion calls. All of the priests would like to expand this ministry to our parishes. If you are an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister and would like to become a part of this ministry at MCV, please contact Fr. Frank Wiggins at 804-737-8028 or email me at padreop@verizon.net. I will also have a signup sheet at each parish. I hope that you will take the time to reflect and pray about this new and exciting way to minister to God's people. Thank you, Fr. Frank

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,461.00
Collection	<u>3,753.00</u>
Gain	\$ 392.00
Budgeted income was determined during spring budgeting process by Fr. Brownell and Finance Council	

Pastor, Rev. Gino Rossi: ginopaulrossi@hotmail.com
Rev. Danny Cogut: dcogut@richmonddiocese.org
Rev. Frank Wiggins: Padreop@verizon.net
Office: stpeterchurch2@aol.com