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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

Second Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2016

Mass Intention: John Damaduk

ENTRANCE #422

The Glory of These Forty Days

PSALM #792

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

OFFERTORY

T'is Good, Lord, to be Here

COMMUNION #580

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

RECESSIONAL #528

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: John & Elizabeth Beall

Tues.: Mass Intention: Joann K. Coffey

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Robert Andrews

Thurs: Mass Intention: Maria Williams

Fri.: Mass Intention: Patricia Barnett

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: 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

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Adriane Henderson Extraordinary Ministers:

Tom Fahed, Barbara Goode, Adriane Allen-Henderson

FINANCE: Bill & Cathy Lipchak and Gabi Wolz

10:45 am: Marie Martinelli Extraordinary Ministers:

Marie Martinelli, Colin Schmidt, Mimi Schoof

FINANCE: John Rogers, Patty Talley

FROM OUR PASTOR – “Our citizenship is in Heaven” – Second Reading this weekend.

Do you ever get sick of the way politics are going? Then you are like everyone else. According to the polls, most people think the country is headed in a bad direction. If you are unsatisfied, then you are like everyone else.

I am not a big TV person. I catch a movie once in a while when I go to my parent’s house or watch a little HGTV to get ideas on what I can do at the rectory and I watch news (sometimes).

People are much more “political” than they used to be. I figure it’s because there are literally dozens of 24-hour news stations and with so much other ‘garbage’ on TV, many people who want something at least partially intellectually stimulating tune into these news stations.

As such, every word, wink, laugh, shave and jab of someone in government is blown up into a national story because if you are going to have 24-hours news...you need to make news out of what would otherwise not be

as significant in order to fill the time. It used to just be 60-minutes of news (hence the name of the TV show)...now it's 24/7. As an aside, I wonder why they haven't changed the name of that TV program.

With all that reporting, we are bound to become discouraged occasionally, sometimes, a good bit of the time, often, continually because I can promise you that anyone scrutinized to the nth degree is going to show a lot of flaws...after all, they're human.

Nevertheless, allow me to share with you what consoles me when I am sick and tired of the way things are or the direction things are going. I simply remember that "our citizenship is in Heaven."

My heart breaks over political issues and choices that are made. I wish that everyone would continually choose the good (as given us by God and His Son) and that all men and women would be lifted up in their mind, body and souls through their own efforts, through the sacrifices of their brothers and sisters, and mostly by the grace of God; but this does not seem to be occurring. People do not help themselves, other people often do not give of themselves to sacrifice for the other, and while God's grace is being poured out, people are often not open to it.

While this is sad and can really make us discouraged...I have met and counseled many people who are in emotional turmoil over the state of things in the world/country..."our citizenship is in Heaven."

Christians/Believers/Catholics do not belong to this world. Yes, we try to make it more humane and reflective of the face of Christ while we are here, but ultimately we are not in our native homeland. We are in a strange and unknown land. We are migrant workers trying to get by. Our rest, our retirement, our place when we will finally be united with our family and have the peace of a home is in Heaven with God. In Heaven. When I think about Heaven, it makes me happy. I knew someone who once said, I can do anything that is a little painful, as long as there's an end in sight.

That is Heaven.

Lent is a time of detachment. Detach from control of our time (pray more), detach from the body ordering us around (fast more), detach from our desire for earthly security (give alms more). Detach especially from thinking human beings can fix the results of the fall of Adam. Nope, not gonna happen. Only by God and only

in heaven. Good thing I have a passport. It's got my picture on the front, but Jesus' name and social security number on the inside.

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 Evening Faith Formation Lenten Series – Join Fr. Danny for video and discussion about Vatican II and the Year of Mercy, Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 6 pm at St. Peter. This week's topics will be the council documents about the Church, Divine Revelation, and the Universal Call to Holiness. Please bring a snack/refreshment to share!

Outreach & Social Ministry - 140 lunches were served to the homeless on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016. Many thanks to all who helped.

Health Wagon Collection 2016 – Bishop DiLorenzo has asked all parishes in the Diocese to participate in the Feb. 20-21 collection to benefit the Health Wagon, a medical mobile unit that serves the poor and uninsured of Southwest Virginia. The collection, will pay for special needs and the upkeep of the RV that travels the roads of the southwest portion of the state, providing healthcare according to Catholic Principles.

Please give generously!

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,461.00
Collection	<u>3,992.50</u>
Gain	\$ 531.50

Budgeted income was determined during spring budgeting process by Fr. Brownell and Finance Council

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