



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016

Mass Intention: Lorrain Walsh

ENTRANCE	#422
The Glory of These Forty Days	
PSALM	#798
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.	
OFFERTORY	#426
By the Babylonian River	
COMMUNION	#755
Our Father, We Have Wandered	
RECESSIONAL	#537
The God of Abraham Praise	

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon.: Mass Intention: Sherry Daniels
- Tues.: Mass Intention: John Simons
- Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Wed.: Mass Intention: Al Aponik
- Thurs: Mass Intention: James Hedgpeh
- Fri.: Mass Intention: Steve Winter

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: Justin Haynes Extraordinary Ministers: Bill Lipchak, Cathy Lipchak, Carol Piett

FINANCE: Ann & Bill Carpenter and Tom Fahed

10:45 am: Ginnie Morrow Extraordinary Ministers: Nancy Gowen, Kim Taylor, Jim Martinelli

FINANCE: Kathy Kelly, Nancy Gowen

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Bill Lipchak Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Shisler, Maggie Wilkins, Robert Wilkins

FINANCE: Carol & Dan Piett and Linda Shisler

10:45 am: Joe Naman Extraordinary Ministers: Marie Martinelli, Colin Schmidt, Mimi Schoof

FINANCE: Eileen Zorzi, Bill Conkle

FROM OUR PASTOR – I am always amazed in the confessional.

When I say that, you probably think, ‘wow, I bet he hears some crazy stuff.’

When I say I am amazed in the confessional, that is NOT what I mean. It is not that interesting. In fact, the sins people confess are not that interesting at all. All you have to do is turn on the nightly news, or watch one of these reality TV shows and you see what human nature is like. That’s people. That’s what people confess. Priests included.

What is amazing is this: how much people will fight internally with themselves, with their conscience, with their internal scenario-ing (coming up with possible outcomes) of why they should or why they should not go to confession.

They will fight and struggle within themselves that ‘yes I should go...but no I can’t because I’m too

embarrassed...but I really feel awful.' And they go back and forth and back and forth.

Then, finally, they get to the confessional and they get there and it's like a kid going to get a shot, they kicked and screamed and cried and begged mom and dad not to make them go, but when they finally go it's like a little pin prick and 5 minutes later they feel better than they have in a long time.

It's amazing. Human nature is a funny thing. Fear is a funny thing. It makes a big deal out of something that is not supposed to be a big deal in that way.

It is a big deal because in a single instant a lifetime of sin is washed away. In an instant. But, it is not a big deal like the kid who is going to get a shot thinks it's a big deal. You just have to sort of 'get over' that hesitation and fear.

There are a couple things I can testify to. First, once it's over, everyone feels better. Some people may shed a few tears, as it can be hard to dredge up some old thoughts and memories and finally take ownership of stuff after 20, 30, 50 years, but when it's over, usually a few minutes, people are on the road to a deep healing and recovery. Second, the hardest part is getting there. We will think of every single excuse possible as to why we shouldn't go. Cars will run out of gas, we will get sick, traffic, blah, blah, blah, too busy, blah, blah. Third, you can go behind the screen and nobody knows who you are. I don't know voices (we hear a lot of confessions) and even when I walk into the confessional I keep my head down so I cannot see anyone in line. Fourth, the priest (at least I know I will and I don't know any who won't) will help you examine your conscience and help you with the procedural stuff (which is not that important anyway). And finally, and most importantly, you will be like a new baby in regards to sin. You will be forgiven of everything you confess and intend to confess (so long as you don't intentionally hold back anything ☺...who in the heck would do that?!?!?!?).

It is Lent.

See you in the confessional...unless you go behind the screen...

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, March 8 at 6 pm at St. Peter. Topics will be the council's teachings on Social Communications/Media and ongoing reform and renewal in the Church. Please bring a snack/refreshment to share!

Calling All Men! Pray to End Strip Clubs

As men we have a duty to fight against evil in the world. Join that fight! Come with the Legion of St. Michael to pray outside Club Rouge in Richmond. We will be meeting at St. Peter's downtown (800 E. Grace St., Richmond, VA 23219) on Friday, April 8th to hear a talk and will walk to Club Rouge and pray there from 9:30 to 10:30 pm and will walk back and be finished by 11 pm. The event is free. Please RSVP to Lance Johnson at lancejohnson728@gmail.com or (804) 475-5807.

Outreach & Social Ministry - 109 lunches were served to the homeless on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016. Many thanks to all who helped.

St. John Lenten Dinners – Our sister parish, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Highland Springs, invites you to enjoy a delicious Lenten Dinner every Friday during Lent from 5 pm – 7 pm. The menu includes fried fish, baked fish, a special dinner, or a non-meat pasta. Beverages and homemade dessert are included for only \$8. We hope you can join the fun.

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,461.00
Collection	<u>2,729.75</u>
Loss	\$ 731.25
Budgeted income was determined during spring budgeting process by Fr. Brownell and Finance Council	

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins Sunday, March 13.
Be sure to set your clocks forward 1 hour.

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