



**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 Easter**

**April 17, 2016**

**Mass Intention: Robert D. Webster, III**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#737
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus	
<b>PSALM</b>	#844
We are His people, the sheep of His flock.	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#729
O Food of Exiles Lowly	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	#728
Shepherd of Souls	
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	#520
All Creatures of Our God and King	

**HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED**

Manuel Alvarez, 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:

Barbara Goode, Adriane Allen-Henderson, Bill Lipchak

**FINANCE:** Roger & Rose Mayer and Linda Shisler

**10:45 am:** Nancy Eckler Extraordinary Ministers:

Nancy Gowen, Margaret Hable, Jim Martinelli

**FINANCE:** Patty Talley and Chris Thomas

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**8:30 am:** Adriane Henderson Extraordinary Ministers:

Cathy Lipchak, Linda Shisler, Maggie Wilkins

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

**10:45 am:** Steve Gerloff Extraordinary Ministers:

Joe Naman, Colin Schmidt, Mimi Schoof

**FINANCE:** John Rogers and Steve Gerloff

**SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon.: Mass Intention: Ernest Pervall

Tues.: Mass Intention: Patricia Jones

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Joe Ted Thill

Thurs: Mass Intention: Mary Grace

Fri.: Mass Intention: Gilberta L. Holloway

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Jesus says in the Gospel “my sheep hear my voice and they follow me.” If we are Jesus’, then we have to follow Him. We cannot pick and choose but have to follow Him...especially in the areas of life that are most important and critical.

I want to share with you a statement by the Bishops in regards to recent decisions of the governor.

**“Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo, Diocese of Richmond, and Bishop Paul S. Loverde, Diocese of Arlington, today issued the following joint statement:**

Over the past two weeks, Governor Terry McAuliffe made three decisions that contradict life and liberty at their core. We are dismayed and deeply disappointed that he sided with the abortion industry over real health care centers, vetoed legislation that would have protected the right of religious organizations to follow their faith, and, instead of vetoing expanded use of the electric chair, inserted language that would shroud in secrecy the execution process.

Governor McAuliffe chose a veto ceremony at a Planned Parenthood abortion center – where the lives of countless unborn children are snuffed out each year – to boast that he was “proud” to “smack down” legislation that would have diverted tax dollars away from the billion-dollar life-draining abortion industry and instead would have applied Virginia taxpayers’ hard-earned dollars toward life-affirming community health centers that provide a broad range of real health care for women and their families.

Only a day later, the governor also vetoed – live on WTOP radio – legislation that simply would have protected the right of *religious* organizations to follow their *religious* beliefs regarding marriage, applying the exact principles the founders of our Commonwealth and our country intended.

Finally, last night, the governor refused to veto legislation patroned by Delegate Jackson Miller that would force the electric chair on those sentenced to death, if the state says lethal injection drugs are “not available” after “reasonable efforts.” This action by the governor – and the General Assembly – ignores a very public plea Pope Francis made earlier this year that government leaders carry out no executions in this Year of Mercy and abolish the death penalty throughout the world.

We are profoundly disappointed with Governor McAuliffe’s actions on these vital issues. Yet we will persist as people of faith in our efforts – in parishes and the public square – to ensure we protect life at the beginning, life at the end and religious liberty for all who serve to make life better for people in need.”

I (Fr. Rossi) have included the above statement from the Bishops so that you are aware of the absolutely horrific and terrible actions of our governor on these three issues. Protection of the unborn, religious liberty (our basic right to be able to practice our religion), and diminishing the death penalty are paramount principles for Catholic life.

The actions of our governor are a clear demonstration of how much an individual can deafen themselves to the voice of Our Shepherd Jesus Christ. Not only is the governor deaf to this Voice, he *even boasts* in his rejection of God’s call in these areas of life. How terrible and sad.

Please pray for our governor that he will have a complete change of heart.

God bless you and God love you.

Fr. Rossi

**Outreach & Social Ministry – 115 lunches** were served to the homeless on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. Many thanks to all who help to serve God’s people.

**St. Peter’s Food Pantry is nearly depleted.** The food pantry helps to feed the poor in our city. If you can help restock our food pantry, please consider bringing canned goods, dried goods and any non-perishable food.

**ATTENTION:** all who **CURRENTLY SERVE** or **WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER** to serve as lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers or altar servers – anyone who would like to assist in liturgical ministry. There will be a training/refresher meeting on **Sunday, May 8, 2016, at 9:30 am.** This will be a training/refresher of best practices and a reminder of why we do what we do in regards to serving God at the altar. The training will last no more than 50 minutes.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFOR TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. For those who cannot attend, it will be required that we meet at some other time to go over what was missed to continue volunteering. **WE NEED HELP. PLEASE PUT YOURSELF AT THE SERVICE OF GOOD HERE AT ST. PETER.**

Thank you for your dedication to this parish and to ensuring that God is honored with a beautiful Mass each week.

Fr. Rossi

**RESTROOMS ARE LOCATED DOWNSTAIRS ON THE PARKING LOT SIDE** – Please, for the safety of your children, you must accompany them at all times.

**Coffee – downstairs in the Parish Hall after each Mass on Sunday.**

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$3,461.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<b><u>3,201.25</u></b>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$ 259.75</b>
Budgeted income was determined during spring of 2015 budgeting process by Fr. Brownell and Finance Council.	

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