



**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**

**CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY**

**December 24 & 25, 2016**

**Mass Intention: Parishioners of St. Peter, St. Patrick and St. John**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC**

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#392
O Come All Ye Faithful	
<b>GLORIA</b>	
<b>PSALM</b>	#779
Today is Born Our Savior Christ the Lord	
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b> – Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#376
Angels We Have Heard on High	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	#379
Silent Night, Holy Night	
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	#399
Joy to the World	

**CHRISTMAS DAY MUSIC**

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#392
O Come All Ye Faithful	
<b>GLORIA</b>	
<b>PSALM</b>	#781
All the Ends of the Earth Have Seen the Saving Power of God.	
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b> – Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#376
Angels We Have Heard on High	
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**Holy Communion** – *This is a reminder that Holy Communion, in the Catholic Church, is reserved to actively practicing Catholics. If you are not Catholic or have not been actively practicing your faith, then please refrain from receiving Communion. If you would like to learn how to be welcomed to full Communion, we would love to help. All you need to do is contact a priest. Our contact info is in this bulletin.*

**HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED**

David Adams, Carolyn Alford, Anthony Arrighi, Rollo Brown, Steve Campbell, 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, Craig Trowbridge, 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**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**5:30 pm:** Norma Bunchman Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Shisler, Bill Lipchak, Cathy Lipchak

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

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

**FINANCE:** Doug Dewing, Ron Hurst, Gabi Wolz, Tom Fahed and Volunteers

**10:45 am:** Leila Christenbury Extraordinary Ministers: Mimi Schoof, Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli

**FINANCE:** Patty Talley, Richard Williams & Volunteers

**LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS -**

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**NEXT SUNDAY**

**8:30 am:** Adriane Allen-Henderson Extraordinary Ministers:  
Doug Dewing, Tom Fahed, Barbara Goode

**FINANCE:** Kathleen & Anthony Seal, Kris Mednikov

**10:45 am:** Nancy Eckler Extraordinary Ministers:  
Marie Martinelli, Joe Naman, Mimi Schoof

**FINANCE:** Steve Gerloff, Eileen Zorzi

**SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon.: Mass Intention: Carrie Johnson

Tues.: Mass Intention: James Powell

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Richard Williams

Thurs.: Mass Intention: William Gorski

Fri.: Mass Intention: William Leischner

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!**

The great day of our salvation has arrived. The greatest gift ever given to humanity has come to us today!!!

Jesus Christ was born a man, in a manger in Bethlehem. He descended from His heavenly kingdom and took on all the weaknesses of human nature in order to be among us, walk with us and ultimately die for us.

Scripture says “there is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for a friend.” What humility God has! To be born in a manger among grass-eating animals. What care God has for each man and woman to do such a sacrificial thing! Love is not emotions. Love = Sacrifice.

I would like to say welcome to any and all guests that we have with us today. We usually have larger than normal crowds on Christmas and for this we are happy. It shows that the faith is deeply planted into the hearts of people, even if their Mass attendance does not always reflect that.

The Catholic Church, whether you come every week or whether you come only rarely, is here for you. God made the Catholic Church to be the greatest aid to our journey towards being reunited with Him one day.

There are many reasons people have left the Catholic Church – divorce, hurt, apathy, disagreements, misunderstandings, etc. – but none of these can outweigh the great gift that God gives to people through the Catholic Church, especially through the Sacraments. The Sacraments of the Catholic Church are the crown jewels of God’s blessings upon our lives here. No life is happier without them. That’s a guarantee.

If you have been away and are interested to find out more about how the Church can assist you to come to know God better in 2017, we are happy to help. We have priests, volunteers, religious education programs, social organizations, Sacramental preparation classes (including marriage prep) and much to help you to connect with God.

Any life is better when it is focused on God and God’s presence is felt in it. Any life without it is deprived.

God gave us His Son at Christmas as the greatest act of love for us we will ever know. God gives us the Church so that we can have that gift every day of the year, so that it can imbue every part of our lives.

Have a very Merry Christmas. I hope this upcoming year is filled with many blessings. God bless you and your loved ones.

Peace!!!

Fr. Rossi

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<u>2,755.74</u>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$ 532.26</b>

**Outreach & Social Ministry –161** lunches were served on Tuesday, Dec. 20. **72** dinners were served on Wednesday, Dec. 21. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God’s people.

**THE MYSTERY OF GOD** – a DVD produced by Bishop Robert Baron – the video runs approximately 25 minutes, after which we can discuss the topic. This will be an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and interact with members of St. Peter. The first session will be on January 8, 2017, after the 8:30 Mass. We can grab a cup of coffee and a goody and watch a thought provoking video together.

**What is Alpha?** Alpha is a 10-week course that meets once a week and focuses on your relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We meet for dinner, watch a video and have small group discussions. Maybe you have a friend or loved one who has been away from the church for a while and would be perfect to get involved with Alpha. Hundreds of St. Bridget’s parishioners have been through the program with great success! It is a great way to meet other parishioners or find a smaller faith group! Alpha will be held at 6:00 pm on Thursday evenings at St. Bridget Church starting in January. Contact Michael Siewers @michael@siewers.com or at 839-0372 for more info or to register.

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