



**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**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 12, 2017**

**Mass Intention: Mary Merkel**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#752
The Master Came to Bring Good News	
<b>PSALM</b>	#880
Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#606
My Shepherd will Supply My Need	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	#736
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	#579
O God Our Help in Ages Past	

**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.*

**LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**TODAY'S MASS**

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

**FINANCE:** Gabi Wolz, Bill Lipchak

**10:45 am:** Leslie Williams              Extraordinary Ministers:  
Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli, Mimi Schoof

**FINANCE:** Chris Thomas, Richard Williams

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**8:30 am:** Norma Bunchman              Extraordinary Ministers:  
Barbara Goode, Bill Lipchak, Samantha Perez

**FINANCE:** Chris Thomas, Ron Hurst, Doug Dewing

**10:45 am:** Richard Williams              Extraordinary Ministers:  
Joe Naman, Mimi Schoof, Nancy Gowen

**FINANCE:** Mary Wayte, Kathy Kelly

**HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED**

David Adams, 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, Nancy Naman, Jesse Oliver, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, Beulah Taylor. 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.**

**SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS**

- Mon.: Mass Intention: Andrew Chiocca
- Tues.: Mass Intention: Elizabeth Summers
- Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Wed.: Mass Intention: Katherine Kolpinski
- Thurs: Mass Intention: Gerald Belton
- Fri.: Mass Intention: Shirley Mauritsen

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Good day to you all!!!

I hope everyone had a great week. What a game last Sunday, huh?!?!?!?

I wanted to first give a BIG PUSH FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE IRISH FESTIVAL!!!

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO HELP US WITH THE IRISH FESTIVAL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MARCH 25/26. IT'S A BIG SUPPORT TO ALL THREE OF OUR PARISHES AND WE NEED MANY HELPERS. IT'S TONS OF FUN, YOU'LL GET A GREAT MEAL FOR HELPING AND YOU WILL BE A GREAT BLESSING TO THE EVENT. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!!!

There are many ways you can help, serving food, working the drink trucks, etc., etc....we will find something and it really is

a great time. To volunteer, please email Stokes McCune at [stoksmccune@aol.com](mailto:stoksmccune@aol.com).

Thank you!!!

Now, switching gears to the Word of God – at daily Mass, the readings have been going through the creation story from Genesis and I was struck by this line:

“Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?”

Do you know who said that?

You probably guessed it...it was that stinking sneak serpent. That short phrase ruined what would have otherwise been a pretty nice and easy life for us all. Stinking snake!

What I am struck by is how much the way things turned out after this statement was introduced is EXACTLY the same as what happens to us today when we do something stupid, when we sin.

Every time we do something stupid, every time we sin, it always begins with a little tiny thought of doubting whether God is really concerned about it.

‘Did God really tell you not to use foul language?’

‘Did God really tell you not drink too much?’

‘Did God really tell you not to look at bad stuff on the internet?’

‘Did God really tell you it’s important to give him back a portion of your earnings?’

‘Did God really tell you don’t hide things from your spouse?’

‘Did God really tell you to wait till marriage?’

‘Did God really tell you to pray every day?’

‘Did God really tell you to confess your sins?’

Whatever it is, it always begins the same way, with us thinking something is not that big of a deal to God, with us thinking God really doesn’t even care about it. WRONG!

It is not easy. We are not up against an adversary who is blatant. He is a sneaky stinky snake.

I have found that the way to be careful not to fall into these slippery slopes, is not so much to focus on or always worry about whether or not we are committing sin, but rather to focus and work in any given day on God and His will. Don’t stare at the darkness too long, rather focus on the will and face of God, especially by praying, which is the way we seek His will. That said, we also have to call ourselves out if we have been tricked...that is why we examine our conscience in the light of the teachings of the faith.

At the end of the day, most importantly we thank God we have a Savior who free us and forgives us from our sins. God took pity on us as He saw we had no chance of defeating this sneaky adversary. What Christ did on the Cross is able to wash these things away for anyone who turns to Him. He is the opposite of our adversary, He is trustworthy. –Fr. Rossi

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** – “For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.” Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen your marriage. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend is Mar. 31 – Apr. 2 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or 757-690-1369.

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<b>3,287.79</b>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$ .21</b>

**Outreach & Social Ministry** – 130 lunches were served on Tuesday, Feb. 7. 95 dinners were served on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God’s people.

***Our presentation of Bishop Barron’s DVD*** continues with *Untold Blessings—Three Paths to Holiness* after 8:30 Mass.

**Lighthouse Ministries CDs and Booklets** – Have you noticed in the church entrance, we are now offering CDs and Booklets on various Catholic topics? The CDs are great for listening to when you are driving. We hope you will check them out. We are asking for a small donation to cover the cost. If you have any suggestions, please contact Kathy Buttner.

**The Office for Black Catholics** invites you to our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Black Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet. This event is being hosted at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump, 12042 West Broad St, Richmond, VA 23233 on Sat., Mar. 25, 2017, 6:00 PM and will include live entertainment.

The purpose of this event is to recognize Black Catholic leadership within our Diocese. Funds raised for this event are given in the form of scholarships to assist Black Catholic youth in continuing their education. Donation: \$65 (General) \$40 (Senior 55+). For personal delivery of your tickets, please contact Chris Thomas (St. Peter) at 804-314-1888 or [cnsmitht@gmail.com](mailto:cnsmitht@gmail.com).

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