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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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 26, 2017

Mass Intention: Pauline Eanes

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#595
There's A Wideness in God's Mercy	
PSALM	#886
Rest in God alone, rest in God alone, my soul, my soul.	
OFFERTORY	#630
Lord Whose Love in Humble Service	
COMMUNION	#580
Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God	
RECESSIONAL	#493
Rejoice the Lord is King	

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: Adriane Henderson Extraordinary Ministers:
 Kim Taylor, Linda Shisler, Maggie Wilkins

FINANCE: Kathleen & Anthony Seal, Kris Mednikov

10:45 am: Leila Christenbury Extraordinary Ministers:
 Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli, Joe Naman

FINANCE: Steve Gerloff, Eileen Zorzi

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Bill Lipchak Extraordinary Ministers:
 Doug Dewing, Tom Fahed, Adriane Allen-Henderson

FINANCE: Rose & Roger Mayer, Tom Fahed

10:45 am: Nancy Eckler Extraordinary Ministers:
 Mimi Schoof, Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli

FINANCE: John Rogers, Patty Talley

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, Cathy Lipchak, 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: Francis Yates
 Tues.: Mass Intention: Elizabeth Pate
 Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
 Wed.: Mass Intention: Virginia Marrone
 Thurs: Mass Intention: Ed McDowell (5th Anniversary)
 Fri.: Mass Intention: Susan Wintr

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Hello everyone!!!

Do you know what Wednesday is? I bet you do!!!

Come on...don't dread it...it's not so bad...

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday...the beginning of Lent!!!!!!!!!!!!

Lent is a glorious season. It is time for us to do a little extra buckling down, to focus in on prayer, to GO TO CONFESSION, and to strive for spiritual growth. At the very least, it's a time to offer up all those little crosses we encounter on any given day as opposed to griping or grumbling... That is a penance the Lord loves us to do!

We have Mass and the Distribution of Ashes at 9am and 7pm at St. John, 7pm at St. Patrick, and **12:05pm at St. Peter.**

“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” “Repent and believe in the Gospel.”

Just some reminders: Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence (i.e. no meat) and Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days (i.e. no more than one meal and 2 small snacks that day for all Catholics 18-59 years old).

This past week, we celebrated the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, a day that recalls the authority of the Bishop of Rome (the Pope). I thought it would be a good time to review the scriptural references for why we go to confession (since it is only because God gave the Pope and the Bishops this ability that allows them to do what they do).

Firstly, in the Bible (James 5:16) James clearly teaches us that we must “confess our sins to one another.” In fact in the early Church, they practiced public confession. People would get up in front of the whole church community and confess whatever they did wrong. I’m glad those times are over.

But what is the good of confessing if you don’t get forgiven. I don’t want to spill my guts if I can’t be sure I am forgiven and those sins are wiped away.

Fear not. The Bible is very clear about the powers God entrusts to his followers, to Popes, Bishops and their delegates (priests).

Firstly, Jesus gives Peter alone the power to bind and loose anything. This is the reading on the Feast of the Chair of Peter (Matthew 16:19) “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Later on, Jesus gives this power to the others, (Matthew 18:18) “Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”:

Finally, to the Apostles gathered he spoke specifically about their power to forgive sins, (John 20:21-23) “Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’”

This action or ability of a man to petition God for the forgiveness of sins (which is what a priest does when he says the prayer of absolution in the confessional), is prefigured in the Old Testament (Numbers 14:20-23) when Moses asked God to forgive the Israelites for their offenses, “The Lord answered Moses: ‘I pardon them as you have asked.’”

So don’t ever let anyone tell you, ‘that’s not in the Bible.’

Have a great Lent!!! Make a great confession!!! It always makes us feel better!!!

Fr. Rossi

FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION, a *Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat*, sponsored by Church of the Epiphany, will be held

March 24-26, 2017. This retreat is for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt, or shame from abortion. The weekend combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussions in a guided process that leads to the heart of God’s love and compassion. If you would like to learn more about this retreat you can contact Marty Montgomery-Jennings at 804-704-0429 or email: RV4hope@gmail.com.

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	3,890.75
Gain	\$ 602.75

Outreach & Social Ministry – 150 lunches were served on Tuesday, Feb. 21. **68** dinners were served on Wednesday, Feb. 22. 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.

Spring is coming! And assistance is needed to tend to the flower beds around the church. Please join Lesin and George Dippold on Saturday, March 4th from 1 – 4 PM. Any help is appreciated whether you can work just this one day or are interested in getting involved on an ongoing basis. Please RSVP and send any questions to lesindippold@comcast.net or 804-519-1898

Join Richmond Catholic Theatre for the 13th Annual Acts of Faith Festival! Richmond Catholic Theatre and PaintBank Press LLC present *Peter and the Angel*, by Mary Kay Williams and directed by Christine Arena

In this Apostolic Age play, jailers at the notorious Mamertine Prison in Rome devise a plot to outwit an angel of the Lord in order to save their own necks. Twice before, an angel has freed the Apostle Peter from prison (Acts 5:19, Acts 12:6-19). This time the jailers, Rufus and Rusticus, aim to keep Peter inside his cell until his execution the next morning. A stranger from Jerusalem, Nathan, is drawn inadvertently into the plot and discovers he has a great mission ahead.

Join us! – March 10, 7:30 pm, March 11, 2:00 pm a **panel discussion with Sister Andrea Verchuck, O.S.B., former Prioress, St. Benedict’s Monastery, Bristow, VA will follow the performance. Admittance is included with performance ticket.**, March 11, 7:30 pm – Richmond Prep Auditorium, 304 N. Sheppard St., Richmond, VA 23221. www.richmondcatholictheatre.com – preview video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tm1lFQlrgVE>

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