



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

Mary Mother of God

January 1, 2017

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

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#702
Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above	
PSALM	#783
May God bless us in His mercy, may God bless us in His mercy.	
OFFERTORY	#400
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear	
COMMUNION	#402
Once in Royal David's City	
RECESSIONAL	#387
Hark the Herald Angels Sing	

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: 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

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Bill Lipchak Extraordinary Ministers: Samantha Perez, Bill Lipchak, Cathy Lipchak

FINANCE: Rose & Roger Mayer, Tom Fahed

10:45 am: Steve Gerloff Extraordinary Ministers:

Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli

FINANCE: John Rogers, Patty Talley

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.

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: Mr. & Mrs. Randall Smothers

Tues.: Mass Intention: John Simons

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Angelina Shults

Thurs: Mass Intention: Ann Walsh

Fri.: Mass Intention: Anna Dyer

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

“Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should old acquaintance be forgot, and old lang syne?...”

Is that song just stuck in your head or what?!?!?! It sure gets stuck in mine this time of year.

Well, it's a new year. 2017. It's so amazing to look out over a year coming up and think, “I wonder what's going to happen this year???” Will the stock market go up 10,000 points? Will it bust? Will there be a new World War? Will there finally be peace? Will we discover a cure for cancer? Will there be a new disease that no one ever saw coming? Most importantly, will

Jesus return?!?!?!? I hope He does. But we will see. I have no inside information.

It can be scary to look out towards a new year and wonder what will happen. It can also be very exciting. If you are a pessimist you are probably a little scared and if you are an optimist you are probably a little excited. I am probably a little of both...

Anyway, we as Catholics already (hopefully) made our spiritual new year's resolutions at the end of November 2016 at the beginning of Advent...since that's our new year. If you didn't, you need to get on the ball☺

But now is the time for all those other resolutions. I think the biggest resolution most people make is to lose weight. Then it's usually something like, live more for each day, save more and spend less, and spend more time with loved ones. Those are pretty common.

I will give you a little piece of advice, a little secret to making your resolutions stick. And this is whether you make a spiritual resolution to start praying more each day (I highly recommend) or a more natural resolution such as saving money (which is also sort of spiritual because it has to do with cultivating the virtues of self-control, moderation and self-denial).

The little secret to getting a resolution to stick is to continually remind yourself how weak you are and ask God for help.

We usually fail at our plans to make our lives better because we think we are strong and if we just simply buck-up, then we can get it done. Well how far has that gotten us? Probably not very far...since we make the same resolutions over and over and...

Being strong is not just about tapping into our own strength. Because if we look hard enough, it doesn't take long to discover that we don't usually have too much...

Being strong and having the fortitude to make a resolution stick is all about relying upon the power of God. God's power, asking Him for help, after admitting how weak we are, is the way to overcome things we never thought possible or things we have failed to overcome despite past attempts.

What is very hard or even impossible for us is quite easy for God. But His power only comes through us when we sort of yield to it...which is sort of the opposite of bucking-up.

Don't get me wrong, it's still going to be hard work and will test you physically and emotionally to a great degree, but the challenge will sort of melt away like an ice cube in the sun, rather than when we try of our own strength to get rid of an ice cube by hammering it with a mallet. Does that make any sense???

I hope you have a great new year and all your dreams come true (so long as they are in accordance with the will of God of course).

We are always here for you at the parishes. And I expect you to be here for us!!! That's the way family works.

See you at the altar. And don't forget, we are one year closer to Heaven!!!

Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	5,313.29
Gain	\$2,025.29

Outreach & Social Ministry – 141 lunches were served on Tuesday, Dec. 27. 71 dinners were served on Wednesday, Dec. 28. 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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