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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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2017

Mass Intention: Victoria Reed

TODAY'S MUSIC

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| ENTRANCE | #356 |
| On Jordan's Bank | |
| PSALM | #868 |
| Here am I Lord, I come to do your will. | |
| OFFERTORY | #412 |
| When John Baptized By Jordan's River | |
| COMMUNION | #728 |
| Shepherd of Souls | |
| RECESSIONAL | #559 |
| Let All Things Now Living | |

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: Samantha Perez Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Shisler, Bill Lipchak, Maggie Wilkins

FINANCE: Gabi Wolz, Bill Lipchak

10:45 am: Jim Martinelli Extraordinary Ministers: Joe Naman, Jim Martinelli, Nancy Gowen

FINANCE: Chris Thomas, Richard Williams

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Kimberly Taylor Extraordinary Ministers: Doug Dewing, Tom Fahed, Adrienne Henderson

FINANCE: Chris Thomas, Ron Hurst, Doug Dewing

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

FINANCE: Mary Wayte, Kathy Kelly

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, Nancy Naman, 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: John Gordon
Tues.: Mass Intention: Tony Herman
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wed.: Mass Intention: Theresa Bisho
Thurs: Mass Intention: Sanford Carver
Fri.: Mass Intention: Charles Pollock

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Good day all!

I missed you all last week! Darn snow!!!

It goes without saying, but just a reminder that whenever there is snowfall or dangerous weather, please use caution when determining whether to venture out for Mass. If you are young and just went for a run through the snow and you only live 2 blocks from Church, then you should probably go to Mass. If you have to drive 30 minutes and use a walker and there's an inch of ice, you better stay home.

But I pray you made it through the storm safe and sound. It was a big one but I don't think it was as big as the one last year.

For my pastor message today, I want to highlight some statistics regarding what I believe is the greatest evil in the world today (certainly the greatest evil in our country), abortion. The

Annual March for Life is occurring in a week to protest Roe v Wade and will be marked by hundreds of thousands protesting in Washington DC against this awful law; a law which basically says ‘we cannot know for sure when a fetus becomes a human so therefore it can be destroyed.’ This awful logic is akin to a hunter who sees a moving bush and thinks ‘it could be a deer or it could be one of the guys I came hunting with...oh well...I’ll take a chance and SHOOT!’ That is awful logic...but that is the logic of Roe v Wade.

Some statistics to be outraged by:

Almost 60 million Americans have been killed by abortion since Roe V Wade. Over 1 million every year. Over 3000 per day. Over 125 during Mass. Abortion kills more Americans each year than the second and third most causes of death amongst Americans, heart disease and cancer, combined. Twice as many Americans are killed each year through abortion than were killed in WWII.

Over 13,000 babies are killed each year that are viable – meaning they could quite likely survive on their own outside of the womb. Over 16% of all pregnancies end in abortion. 37% of all pregnancies in New York City end in abortion.

The most common procedure to kill a baby in the womb (abortion) is suction curettage or vacuum aspiration where a tube is used to suction out the amniotic fluid, placenta and fetus (the baby). The battle over abortion is largely a language battle. While many would not say they are pro-abortion, they would claim to be pro-choice (my body, my choice). This idea completely ignores the choice of the child. Did anyone ask those children whether they would like to be suctioned out of the womb into a glass jar? Why don’t they get a chance to choose?

Abortion is basically age/size discrimination. Is a person who is 5 years old less valuable than a person who is 10 years old? Is a person who is 10 days old less valuable than a person who is 20 days old? Is a person who is 100 pounds more valuable than a person who is 50 pounds? Is a person who is 1 pound less valuable than a person who is 10 pounds?

More contraception does **NOT** decrease abortion. Over 50% of women who have abortions report to have been using contraception. Chastity is the only way to prevent unwanted pregnancies. You will NOT GET PREGNANT IF YOU ARE CHASTE!!!

While people will often say we must have abortion because of cases of rape, these are nearly non-existent in frequency. Statistically, the reasons most cited for having abortions are, “not ready for responsibility, inadequate finances, woman’s life would be changed too much, problems with relationship or unmarried.” Every single one of those reasons is a matter of convenience. Millions of lives are ended each year because they are inconvenient. What if people were to decide that we should exterminate the poor people around the city of Richmond because they are a financial drain on taxpayers or because they don’t like them standing on the corner asking them for money...because they are inconvenient?

Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the country (a group supported by our tax money) specifically targets low-income and minority neighborhoods to setup operations. African American women represent 6% of the US population but account for 35% of abortions reported. They are five times more likely to have abortions than white women. Minorities are targeted.

I realize none of this is politically correct. And I might get someone mad. That is in fact my intention. Not to get them mad at me, but to get them mad. We should be outraged by this. Disgusted, sad, overwhelmed, etc. It is awful.

The scripture this weekend says God makes us His servant “from the womb.” May God protect all His servants, each of whom is unique and special to Him, from the womb.

Fr. Rossi

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| Budgeted Weekly Income | \$3,288.00 |
| Collection | 1,861.53 |
| Loss | \$1,426.47 |

Outreach & Social Ministry –149 lunches were served on Tuesday, Jan 10. **79** dinners were served on Wednesday, Jan 11. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God’s people.

THE MYSTERY OF GOD – Due to the extreme weather, we didn’t begin showing the Bishop Barron DVD, *The Mystery of God*, on January 8. We will be starting the series after 8:30 Mass on January 15. This is an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and share the experience with members of St. Peter.

Theology on Tap – Please join us at Bottoms Up Pizza (1700 Dock Street) for our monthly, 3rd Monday Theology on Tap on Monday, January 16 from 7 – 8:30 pm. This month, Mario Dance, a MCV clinical veterinarian and advisor to the VCU Catholic Graduate Student Organization will be speaking about: “Healing the Racial Divide as a Catholic Christian.” Contact Justin Domurat Justin.domurat@gmail.com with questions.

Bishops invite legislators, people of all faiths to pray for needs of Commonwealth at second Virginia Vespers – In the wake of a contentious 2016, Bishops Francis X. DiLorenzo and Michael F. Burbidge and their public polity agency, the Virginia Catholic Conference, are inviting government officials and people of all parties and faiths to come together to pray for the needs of the Commonwealth at the second annual **Virginia Vespers: Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth**. The service will be held at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond at 5 pm., Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017. A wine and appetizers reception follows. Register at www.vcatholic.org.

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