



**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**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 29, 2017**

**Mass Intention: Mary Kauffmann**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#737
Alleluia Sing to Jesus	
<b>PSALM</b>	#874
Happy the poor in spirit the kingdom of heaven is theirs.	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#624
What Does the Lord Require	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	#644
Said Judas to Mary	
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	#541
O God Beyond All Praising	

**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:** Maggie Wilkins Extraordinary Ministers:  
Barbara Goode, Bill Lipchak, Samantha Perez

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

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

**FINANCE:** Steve Gerloff, Richard Williams

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**8:30 am:** Doug Dewing Extraordinary Ministers:  
Kim Taylor, Linda Shisler, Maggie Wilkins

**FINANCE:** Rose & Roger Mayer, Tom Fahed

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

**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, 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: Andre Bomell  
Tues.: Mass Intention: Mark Deasy  
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Wed.: Mass Intention: Connie & Gene Cooley  
Thurs: Mass Intention: Concetta Galipo  
Fri.: Mass Intention: Salvatore Galipo

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

I love Saint Francis.

I have always had a love for him. I feel like there are certain  
common things in our background and that he understands me  
when I talk to him in prayer.

This is the great thing about saints. There are tons of them from  
all different backgrounds so that chances are, there is one who  
we can really really relate to because they dealt with a lot of  
things we have dealt with in our own lives. If you haven't found  
your saint yet you really need to do some reading, I know there  
is one who has a background just like yours.

Anyway, one thing I love about Saint Francis is how intense he  
was. I can be a little intense at times. That's just me...you take  
the good with the bad.

One story I like about St. Francis is that when he was on his death bed, after having left everything to follow God, gave up what could have been a very comfortable and wealthy life, and started a religious order that had thousands of followers, while he was on his death bed, he turned to his brother Franciscans who were standing around him and said, "I am ready to die, take me off this bed and throw me on the floor like the retch that I am."

Wow!

No doubt some think he is crazy. But I think he is intense and zealous.

St. Francis was overcome by the thing the first and second readings this week are all about, humility.

Maybe you'd say he was a little too overcome...but I love it.

St. Francis, of all people, could be tempted to think, 'boy I did a lot of work for God during my life, I can't wait to get the reward in heaven that I have earned.'

But he didn't. Even as he lay on his deathbed, sick and dying, he recognized in himself that he is nothing.

"Consider your calling...not many of you were wise by human standards...not many were powerful...not many were of noble birth...rather God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God." Second reading...2 Corinthians...

Even the greatest of the great are only great because God has made him (or her) that way.

It can be tempting to forget this sometimes. And when we forget this, then we become too attached to the outcome of things and become too controlling. There is freedom in humility.

Francis had humility. He had great freedom and ultimately joy.

To be great and do amazing things for God, to allow God to work powerfully through us, and then to always and continually recognize that God has done it, and that we in and of ourselves are a "retch" and deserve "the floor" is humility. And it gives us great freedom and ultimately joy.

It is only because God is so gracious and kind to us, that instead of giving us what we deserve, He seeks to give us what is beyond what we could even think to imagine for ourselves or even think to ask for, Heaven.

Fr. Rossi

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<b>2,614.50</b>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$ 673.50</b>

**Outreach & Social Ministry – 148** lunches were served on Tuesday, Jan 24. **85** dinners were served on Wednesday, Jan 25. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

**Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund –** We are pleased to announce that we were awarded \$5,000 from the Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund to help with our Social Ministry Programs.

**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.

**On Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** starting at 4 pm through Saturday, 4 pm, the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will host a 24-hour Adoration Event in which the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, and the Cathedral open for anyone to come in and pray. Cathedral Parish is extending the invitation to us and would love to see us there sometime during this 24-hour Adoration Event. During the overnight hours there will be a uniformed police officer providing security. Cathedral Parish thanks us for the support our parish gives to this Adoration opportunity.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." As we reflect upon the beatitudes, let us explore how to understand our spouse better. 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.

**COFFEE** is available downstairs in the Parish Hall after each Mass on Sunday. Please come down, join us and get to know your parish community.

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