



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

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2017

Mass Intention: Cecilia Naman

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#406
We Three Kings of Orient Are	
PSALM	#784
Lord every nation on earth will adore You.	
OFFERTORY	#411
What Child is This	
COMMUNION	#408
The First Nowell	
RECESSIONAL	#399
Joy to the World	

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, 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: Lucy Maiolani
Tues.: Mass Intention: Joseph Sciscent
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wed.: Mass Intention: Wilbur Holloway
Thurs: Mass Intention: Joseph Walsh
Fri.: Mass Intention: John Glasheen

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Good day all!!

By now everyone is back to work and through the holidays. You made it!

Just kidding. I love Christmas. It is a very spiritual time of year and very easy to pray during this time of year. Remember, it's Christmas until January 9th, the Baptism of the Lord. So keep those Christmas songs going!

Because Christmas was on a Sunday this year, we did not have the chance to celebrate on a Sunday one of my favorite feast days of the year, the Holy Family.

The Holy Family feast day is a time to lift up the family who was entrusted with the Savior – Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

I remember Fulton Sheen used to write at the top of the black board on his TV show, JMJ, which stands for Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This was a way to 'consecrate' his work to them with a small act of devotion at the beginning of his teaching series. Small acts of devotion like that are good, such as kissing your cross around your neck before you put it on or making the sign of the cross when you pass a Catholic Church. Worship God constantly!!!

The Holy Family is very much needed today. In case you haven't noticed, the family in our culture is being annihilated. It is a terrible thing to see because without good families you don't have good people...most of the time. The family is the nest for raising children, and when there are rats and snakes crawling around and through the nest...it's a dangerous place.

What are these attacks on the family? They are very numerous. No-fault divorce run wild, the attempted dissolution of real gender differences, so-called alternative lifestyles (anything except one man/one woman relationships), pornography use, excessive greed or materialism, cohabitation, in-vitro fertilization, and the list goes on and on and on and on.

I hate to be Debbie-downer. You no doubt have enough to deal with in your life, you don't need to be worrying about the destruction of the family on a cultural scale. In fact, if you are like me, you have some or even all of these problems in your own family. It is the world we live in and it seems we (Christianity) is not winning the war.

But to that I would say a couple things.

First, never give up the fight. Proclaim the truth in season and out of season, as scripture says. If it makes you a hero, great! If it makes you a martyr, great as well! Never waver from the truth God has shown us. It is the truth that will ultimately make us happy, even if in a confused world it seems otherwise.

Second, we only need to do our part. God is in control and has chosen to save humanity. We cannot save ourselves, let alone the whole world. So we individually need to do our part and let God do the rest. Don't forget to ask him though.

Third, as I said, it is likely a lot of all of that bad stuff is in our family. We are not perfect people ourselves and our families are not perfect. But let me remind you of something very important. On Christmas we read that long genealogy of Jesus all the way from Abraham to David to Joseph to Jesus. Take a little time and read in the bible about some of the skeletons in Jesus' family tree. At times it's pretty ugly...in fact it can be downright scandalous. And that's Jesus' family tree!

The point is that no person, and no family is beyond redemption. Any family God can use to bring about great good. Any family God can work through to bring about the salvation of the world. This is our faith. This is why we are so devoted to God, because He is so amazing in what he has done, is doing and will do.

I hope your 2017 is off to a great start. I hope God makes this year the best year of your life thus far and blesses your family excessively!!! Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	3,405.00
Gain	\$ 117.00

MANY, MANY THANKS to all who helped with the decorating of our church for the holiday season. It looked amazing!!

Outreach & Social Ministry –119 lunches were served on Tuesday, Jan 3. **76** dinners were served on Wednesday, Jan 4. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

Are You Considering Becoming a Foster Parent This Year?
The Foster Care Program of Commonwealth Catholic Charities is looking for loving families to provide care to foster children in the Treatment Foster Care and Unaccompanied Refugee Minor programs. CCC is offering a free training class beginning on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. Classes are from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm for six weeks. Light dinner will be provided. If you are married, both potential foster parents are required to attend. If you are interested in joining this class, please contact BeBe Tran, Foster Parent Specialist, at 804-545-5949 to reserve your spot.

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY IN WASHINGTON DC:
Friday, January 27, 2017 – For the 34th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus will provide FREE bus transportation for people in the Richmond metropolitan area to attend the 44th annual March For Life Rally in Washington DC, on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017. **Seating on the buses is limited and will be by RESERVATION only.** A registration fee may be required; however, the Registration fee will be returned when you take your seat on the bus. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a Parent, Guardian, or Approved Temporary Guardian with written permission. For more info on charter bus locations, contact Ed Gillikin, Sr. at 804-737-7628 or EdGilli@msn.com.

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