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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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2017

Mass Intention: Joy Schnurman

TODAY’S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #502

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

PSALM #907

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

OFFERTORY #486

God Whose Almighty Word

COMMUNION #580

Seek Ye First

RECESSIONAL #707

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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: Doug Dewing Extraordinary Ministers: Kimberly Taylor, Maggie Wilkins, Robert Wilkins

FINANCE: Chris Thomas, Tom Fahed

10:45 am: Steve Gerloff Extraordinary Ministers: Mimi Schoof, Richard Williams, Steve Gerloff

FINANCE: Steve Gerloff, Mary Wayte

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Adriane Henderson Extraordinary Ministers: Tom Fahed, Barbara Goode, Adriane Allen-Henderson

FINANCE: Kathleen & Anthony Seal, Kris Mednikov

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

FINANCE: Kathy Kelly, John Rogers

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, David Coffman, William Claiborne, Camilla Hull (mother of Doyle Hull), Connie Klyver, (friend of Ginnie & Marilyn), Maria Konwerska, Cathy Lipchak, Emma Mednikov, Jim Melton, Jesse Oliver, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, Beulah Taylor, Craig Trowbridge, Greg Stowers. 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: Charles Guard
- Tues.: Mass Intention: Eugene Brailey
- Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Wed.: Mass Intention: Rodney Ketner
- Thurs: Mass Intention: Albina Ciccoli
- Fri.: Mass Intention: Rose Kray

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

This week I am going to cheat. I hope you don’t mind.

I am going to talk about a reading from last Sunday.

The reason I am going to do this because it is very much related to the second reading from this Sunday...it is just the continuation of the *Book of Romans*. It is a continuation of St. Paul talking about the flesh vs the spirit.

In the second reading he says “we are not debtors to the flesh.” That is to say, we as Christians, if we are living in the Spirit then we are NOT ‘debtors to the flesh.’”

Allow me to explain.

I am Italian. And there are some funny stereotypes of Italians (I think it is good to laugh at stereotypes, it is good to laugh at ourselves...it doesn't always have to be serious).

One stereotype is that Italians are all in the mob. The fact is that we are...we just don't like to tell that to others...

That's a joke.

Anyway, you never want to be in debt to an Italian. Because he will call his Italian goombas and the next thing you know they will cement your feet in concrete...and it gets worse from there.

So you don't want to be in debt to an Italian. You don't want to be a "debtor" to an Italian.

But as bad as it is to be a "debtor to an Italian" it is in fact way worse to be a "debtor to the flesh."

An Italian is in fact more gentle and forgiving than the flesh. The flesh is even more demanding of payment.

What do I mean?

How do we become a debtor to the flesh?

Ever go out and have a real good time? I mean a REAL good time? And really live it up in all those ways one might satisfy the flesh. Think of a night club, and the after party and the after-after party.

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Well when a person goes out and satisfies all those wants of the flesh, it costs something...after all...nothing is free.

But that good time doesn't just cost a bar tab. No way, the flesh wants its payment as well. The flesh is what made that person feel so good. The flesh is what gave that person the thrill...yehaa...that was fun. But now it's time to settle up. The flesh wants payment and it won't take cash.

What does the flesh want in return for making that person feel so good? It only accepts one form of payment. It wants to be paid by our will. More specifically it wants to be paid by a portion of the freedom of the will that it had before that night on the town.

Allow me to explain further.

Every time we go out and spend our credit on the flesh, it takes a little of our freedom of the will as payment. The more we strengthen and use our will for good, we get more freedom in it. Our will becomes more independent, stronger, does what our mind tells it. And the more we spend it on bad stuff like the pleasures of the flesh...the less freedom of will we have. It becomes more compulsive, "I need to feel this, I need to have

this." We become in debt to the flesh...it's always asking for payment and stealing away the freedom of will we used to have.

There is absolutely no chance of happiness without freedom of the will that has been cultivated through hard work and strength from God.

So if you have the option between being in debt to the flesh vs being in debt to an Italian, choose the latter. There's a chance the Italian will let us off, but the flesh is going to take payment as freedom from our will, every time.

Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	2,704.71
Loss	\$ 880.29

Outreach & Social Ministry – 156 lunches were served on Tuesday, July 11. 116 dinners were served on Wednesday, July 12. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

Bishop Baron Series continues after the 8:30 Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Please join St. Elizabeth Catholic Church for their 9th Annual Jazz & Food Festival, which will be held in the St. Elizabeth Church Park, 2712 – 2nd Avenue, (corner of 2nd Ave. & Fourquare Lane) Richmond, Saturday, August 5 from Noon until 7:30 pm. The day will be filled with smooth Jazz, from some of the finest local jazz artists in Virginia. CBS 6, Antoinette Essa will be the MC for the day. There will be a variety of food supplies by our local food-truck vendors, games & ice cream for the children and a money raffle. So please, come join us for a wonderful family day! Be sure to bring your blankets & chairs, we only ask a \$5.00 contribution.

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