



**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**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 30, 2017**

**Mass Intention: William Davis**

**TODAY’S MUSIC**

**ENTRANCE #595**

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

**PSALM #913**

Lord I love your commands.

**OFFERTORY #665**

Gather Us In

**COMMUNION #605**

O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts

**RECESSIONAL #467**

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

**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:** Bill Lipchak Extraordinary Ministers: Bill Lipchak, Linda Shisler, Kimberly Taylor

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

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

**FINANCE:** Chris Thomas, Richard Williams

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**8:30 am:** Will Rogers Extraordinary Ministers: Kimberly Taylor, Maggie Wilkins, Robert Wilkins

**FINANCE:** Doug Dewing, Ron Hurst, Gabi Wolz

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

**FINANCE:** David Gragnani, Steve Gerloff

**HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED**

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, 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: Ann Flagg
- Tues.: Mass Intention: Robert Glidewell
- Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Wed.: Mass Intention: Jack McSweeney
- Thurs: Mass Intention: Louise Swinton
- Fri.: Mass Intention: Stanley Lisowski

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Some people think the demands of priesthood are too difficult and should be loosened. They say that’s why we don’t have enough priests. They say, “we should let them get married and then we will have more priests” or maybe “why don’t they ease up on the whole obedience thing” or maybe “they should be paid more and then more men will want to be priests.” They say “maybe if we did some of these things, we would have more priests.”

But what did Jesus say in the Gospel today?

Jesus said the Kingdom of Heaven is like a pearl that one finds and once he discovers it, he is willing to sell all he has to obtain it. Or it is like a treasure he finds in a field, and once he finds

it, he is willing to sell all he has to obtain the treasure in the field.

In those situations that Jesus is describing, those people had plenty of things. They had plenty of homes, food, money, 401k's...(well maybe not 401k's). They had the opportunity to have other things but voluntarily gave those things up to obtain something beyond. And if they gave up all their wealth to get that pearl, you can be sure they were also giving up their freedom and independence (at least their financial freedom) and the chance to be married (after all, who's going to marry them if they are broke). So they gave up everything.

The reason they were willing to give that stuff up was because the thing they discovered was very far beyond the stuff they had before. Those things from the past had brought them a certain amount of joy, but this pearl or this treasure that they found brought them joy to an extent that blew the other joy out of the water. That is to say, that old stuff couldn't compare to the thrill, excitement and happiness of that one pearl, or that one treasure.

And so it is when a man becomes a priest. When a man becomes a priest (or a woman becomes a consecrated religious), he wants it because he wants the pearl of great price. He has found the field with the treasure. And based on this discovery, he has determined it is worth selling all the other stuff (marriage, independence, big salaries) to get that pearl, to get the treasure. For a man who is called, the priesthood is the pearl of great price.

So it is silly to say we need to do certain things to make the priesthood more appealing to men because for those who are called it is already the pearl of great price. It's worth it to trade in those other things in order to obtain it.

You might say, "if it is such a good deal, why aren't more men willing to make that deal? Why aren't more men willing to trade everything they have in order to get it?"

Unfortunately we do not always make the best business decisions. Sometimes we buy bad stocks. Sometimes we buy homes that are money pits. Sometimes we get ripped-off on craigslist. We have to be careful. "Buyer beware."

For the man who is called, there is no better deal than the deal God offers.

There is no need to pray that God makes the priesthood more appealing to men. Rather, we should ask God to make men better businessmen.

Fr. Rossi

**Outreach & Social Ministry** – 177 lunches were served on Tuesday, July 25. 85 dinners were served on Wednesday, July 26. 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.

**Congratulations and God's blessings** to Mary and Kevin Schell on the baptism of their son, Harry Troutner Schell and to Diana and Dudley Fulton on the baptism of their daughter, Caroline Joy Fulton.

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart..." Help encourage our own understanding hearts by participating in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are: Sept. 15-17, 2017 in Herndon, VA and Nov 10-12, 2017 in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC. 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** – downstairs in the parish hall after each Mass on Sunday. All are welcome. Take this opportunity to get to know your church community.

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<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<u>2,611.88</u>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$ 676.12</b>