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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

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

Mass Intention: William Carreras

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #422

The Glory of These Forty Days

PSALM #793

If today you hear His voice O harden not your hearts.

OFFERTORY #728

Shepherd of Souls

COMMUNION #738

I Am the Bread of Life

RECESSIONAL #583

Amazing Grace

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: Will Rogers Extraordinary Ministers: Kim Taylor, Linda Shisler, Maggie Wilkins

FINANCE: Chris Thomas, Ron Hurst, Doug Dewing

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

FINANCE: Mary Wayne, Eileen Zorzi

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Maggie Wilkins Extraordinary Ministers: Doug Dewing, Tom Fahed, Adriane Allen-Henderson

FINANCE: Kathleen & Anthony Seal, Kris Mednikov

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

FINANCE: Steve Gerloff, Richard Williams

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

David Adams, Joseph Birchett, Rollo Brown, Steve Campbell, David Coffman, Bill Holzgreffe, Shirley Hudson, Camilla Hull (mother of Doyle Hull), Connie Klyver, (friend of Ginnie & Marilyn), Maria Konwerska, Cathy Lipchak, Emma Mednikov, Jim Melton, Nancy Naman, Jesse Oliver, Darnetta Robinson, 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: Emmet Jacob

Tues.: Mass Intention: Wilhemena Lewis

Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wed.: Mass Intention: Mary Sykes

Thurs: Mass Intention: Wilbur Rowe

Fri.: Mass Intention: Stanley Donati

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

I always laugh a little bit when I read about how the Israelites acted in the desert. I do not laugh at them in a derogatory way...rather I laugh at how perfectly they exemplify human nature in general...a human nature we all share.

The first reading said the Israelites “grumbled” against Moses. They were slaves in Egypt and God set them free by leading them out through many miracles and demonstrations of God’s power. How amazing for God to help them in this way!

But how quickly they start to grumble when things get a little tough.

Like I said, I'm not criticizing them per se, I just think it's amazing how much we are exactly the same today. People are people...as my grandfather likes to say.

God does many amazing things for us. How many blessings we have in our lives!?!?!? How much God spoils us with provisions, shelter, clothing, companionship, etc...jobs, hobbies, cars, nice weather...etc...not to mention the amazing faith He has invited us into...

And yet, if it's 2pm and we haven't eaten lunch yet, we get short, snippy. That blood sugar drops and look out...

Our nature is remarkably weak. God must look at us like we look at a newborn crying for milk.

When we keep this in mind, it helps us to be humble. And when we are humble, it makes it easier to encounter God.

I hope everyone is getting a little time during this Lent to sit back and reflect upon all the blessings God has given us. It will help us blow off the smaller inconveniences we all experience in life and will we have, overall, more peace and authentic joy. Just like it was for the Israelites, it is for us: it could be a whole lot worse...

Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	<u>1,842.02</u>
Loss	(\$1,445.98)

Outreach & Social Ministry – 108 lunches were served on Tuesday, March 14. **78** dinners were served on Wednesday, March 15. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

The Bishop Barron series *Pivotal Players - St. Catherine of Siena* - immediately following 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal: *Building Our Family of Faith*
The 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway. Many of you have received a letter from Bishop DiLorenzo asking for your support. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our In-Pew pledge process at all Masses during the weekend of March 26. It is very important for all of us to make a gift to the 2017 Appeal.

Each gift that is contributed to the Appeal makes a real difference because the gifts of many enable our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services such as heating and grocery assistance to families, health insurance for our retired priests and tuition for our future priests to attend the seminary.

In addition, all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. All pledges can be paid in 10 convenient monthly installments. Please

answer Bishop DiLorenzo's request and make a generous gift. Thank you in advance for your support.

Is Foster Parenting Right for You? Did you know that there are more than 5,000 children and youth in foster care in Virginia right now? If you're considering fostering, let Commonwealth Catholic Charities help. We know there are a lot of questions that go into the decision and we're here to help. CCC offers free, no-obligation information meetings for foster parenting and adopting. Call 804-545-5949 to learn more.

Join parishioners of St. Patrick Church at the 32nd Annual Irish Festival on March 25 and 26, North 25th and East Broad Streets, in historic Church Hill. Bagpipes, Irish dancing, live bands, Celtic vendors; Irish beverages, food, family area. Since 1980's, the festival has assisted St. Patrick's in its mission, donated \$500,000+ to charitable, educational, and religious programs. *'will be a sin to miss it!*

The 9th Annual RVA French Food Festival is back and better than ever, featuring a preview event **Friday**, April 28th from 4 pm to 8 pm in addition to the full day festival on Saturday, April 29th from 11 am to 8 pm. Featuring the authentic French cuisine of Master Chef Paul Elbling on Saturday as well as other local Chefs both days, live entertainment, and even activities for the kids, you won't want to miss it! Visit www.rvafrenchfoodfestival or call 804-377-4629 for more info. The Little Sisters of the Poor are still looking for volunteers!

COFFEE – downstairs in the Parish Hall after each Mass on Sunday.

Lighthouse Ministries CDs and Booklets – 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.

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