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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 of Easter

May 7, 2017

Mass Intention: George Dodd

TODAY’S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#455
Rejoice Angelic Choirs	
PSALM	#842
The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.	
OFFERTORY	#662
On This Day the First of Days	
COMMUNION	#735
I Received the Living God	
RECESSIONAL	#493
Rejoice the Lord is King	

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: Kimberly Taylor Extraordinary Ministers: Doug Dewing, Tom Fahed, Barbara Goode

FINANCE: Gabi Wolz, Bill Lipchak

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

FINANCE: Chris Thomas, Kathy Kelly

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Maggie Wilkins Extraordinary Ministers: Adriane Allen-Henderson, Bill Lipchak, Linda Shisler

FINANCE: Kathleen & Anthony Seal, Kris Mednikov

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

FINANCE: Eileen Zorzi, Richard Williams

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

David Adams, Charlie Aldridge, Carolyn Alford, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, 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, Jesse Oliver, Darnetta Robinson, 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: Marla Williams
Tues.: Mass Intention: Francis Galloway
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wed.: Mass Intention: Art Carroll, Jr.
Thurs: Mass Intention: Lawrence Ross
Fri.: Mass Intention: Joseph Chandler

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

“God wills that all His gifts should come to us through Mary” – St. Bernard

Happy May everyone!!!

May is a wonderful month. It is spring. The temperatures are warming. The trees are blooming. The fish are biting!

And for us, May is a special month devoted to Mary. May is Mary’s month.

There is a history behind how May became Mary’s month which is important. But what I want to focus on is why we should honor Mary this month!!!

Mary should be honored because of what St. Bernard said in the above quote. Mary is the chosen instrument through which God decided that ALL his gifts should come to us.

You might say...”well, I got a raise at work, or I got into the college I wanted, or I won the lottery and that didn’t come to me through Mary...so how can all gifts come to us through Mary?”

Well let me explain.

While getting raises at work are great, getting into the first choice college is good, and winning the lottery is nice, they cannot on any level even be compared to the greatest gift ever given to humans, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is God’s greatest gift to humanity. And it is a gift so far beyond any other gift that other things cannot be referred to with the same word that St. Bernard uses in his above quote, ‘gift.’

It’s like a Christmas when you open presents and grandma gives you some new socks and Santa brings you a Playstation 4. The latter is so far beyond the former that using the word ‘gift’ to refer to both of them doesn’t even make sense.

It’s like that but way more.

So all God’s gifts, which are totally and completed comprised in the gift of Jesus Christ, have come to us humans and they came through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

And so she is to be revered because of the unparalleled role she played in our and the whole world’s salvation.

And so there are in May wonderful ways to honor Mary, May Crownings, Processions, and other devotions.

But especially, I encourage everyone to make an extra effort to pray the Rosary more this month. There is no private prayer that is more powerful than the Rosary. It is like nuclear spiritual power in our spiritual lives. It will increase our love for Mary which translates directly into a greater love for her Son, our Lord, our greatest gift, Jesus Christ.

Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	4,066.41
Gain	\$ 778.41

Outreach & Social Ministry – 85 lunches were served on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. 46 dinners were served on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God’s people.

“...I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” Lead your married lives “more abundantly” by participating in a **WorldWide Marriage Encounter** weekend. The next weekends are: June 23-25, 2017 in Chapel Hill, NC

and Sept. 15-17, 2017 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 or 757-690-1369.

The Bishop Barron Series – The final DVD, Michelangelo, will be shown **May 14** immediately following 8:30 am Mass, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. **No DVD will be shown May 7.**

**2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal:
Building Our Family of Faith**

If you made a pledge to the 2017 Appeal, the Diocese has begun sending reminders so you can fulfill your pledge. Please note that if you chose an auto-debit off your checking account or credit card, you will not receive a reminder.

It is important for all our parishioners to complete their pledges. The assistance that is provided to the ministries and programs the Appeal supports, such as grants to our mission parishes, heating and grocery assistance to families, health insurance for our retired priests and tuition for our future priests and tuition for our future priests to attend the seminary, is based on what is collected.

In addition, all parishes receive back a portion of their amounts collected. This means the more we collect, the more we can address our important parish needs.

Thank you for your continued support of the important ministries and programs that are made possible due to your generosity to the Annual Appeal.

St. Patrick’s May Procession will be held on Sunday, May 21st, prior to 10:45 mass. The procession begins at 10:30 am at Patrick Henry Park at 25th & Broad. Please arrive by 10:20 to join in the procession, all are welcome, particularly children. We will prayerfully process into St. Patrick’s and place roses on the Mary altar. Roses will be provided. Please contact Donna Baird at donnahbaird@yahoo.com if you plan on attending so enough roses can be purchased. This is our third year of this long time tradition of the church. Please join us.

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