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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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2016

Mass Intention: Edna P. Oliver

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #662

On This Day, The First of Days

PSALM #960

Lord when your glory appears my joy will be full.

OFFERTORY #580

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

COMMUNION #738

I Am the Bread of Life

RECESSIONAL #575

God is Our Fortress and Our Rock

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.

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

David Adams, Carolyn Alford, Anthony Arrighi, Rollo Brown, Steve Campbell, David Coffman, Bill Holzgrefer, Shirley Hudson, Camilla Hull (mother of Doyle Hull), Connie Klyver, (friend of Ginnie & Marilyn), Maria Konwerska, Emma Mednikov, Jim Melton, 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.

LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

8:30 am: Norma Bunchman Extraordinary Ministers:

Samantha Perez, Doug Dewing, Tom Fahed

FINANCE: Bill & Cathy Lipchak, Gabi Wolz

10:45 am: Jim Martinelli Extraordinary Ministers:

Mimi Schoof, Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli

FINANCE: Chris Thomas, Richard Williams

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Doug Dewing Extraordinary Ministers:

Barbara Goode, Bill Lipchak, Cathy Lipchak

FINANCE: Rose & Roger Mayer, Rosemary McDowell

10:45 am: Marie Martinelli Extraordinary Ministers:

Marie Martinelli, Joe Naman, Kim Taylor

FINANCE: Steve Gerloff, Eileen Zorzi

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: Carrie Johnson

Tues.: Mass Intention: William Dickerson

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Anna Graff

Thurs: Mass Intention: Stuart Engelking

Fri.: Mass Intention: Eleanor McCross

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Good day all!

First a big thank you to all who helped with Caritas at St. John. It was a wonderful time to serve God in the poor and we certainly obeyed His command. We could have used more volunteers, but I am especially grateful to those who put in the extra effort to cover the days and nights when we needed additional volunteers. You know who you are and so does God!!! Good work and thank you!!!!

Now, I want to alert you to one of the most beautiful, powerful and prophetic scripture passages in the Bible. I

absolutely love this account. It is from 2 Maccabees 7. It was the first reading this morning; but the reading you heard was edited for brevity and you missed all the good stuff. So get your Bible and read chapter 7 of 2 Maccabees. It's amazing.

It's about a mother with seven sons. They are being tortured by a pagan king to give up their religious beliefs. He is an awful and cruel king. This is what he does:

He takes the first one and tortures him in front of the other 6 brothers and the mom. He scalps him, cuts off his tongue, hands and feet while the rest of the brothers and mother watch. Then he burns him alive in front of them.

The rest of them, looking at this horrible act committed against their family member, encouraged each other to remain faithful saying "the Lord God is looking and truly has compassion on us."

Then they brought in the second brother. They gave him an ultimatum to deny his religious beliefs. He refused and so they tore off his skin and hair. The others looked on and said to the pagan king "you accursed fiend, you are depriving us of the present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up."

The king started to be amazed at their courage and spirit.

Similarly numbers 4, 5 and 6 were tortured. Then it really gets intense.

They brought in number 7. The king was going nuts. He couldn't understand why these people wouldn't just simply deny their faith. To the 7th, he promised to make him rich and happy, if he would just "abandon his ancestral customs." He even talked to the mother, who had just watched her 6 sons tortured and is now watching her last one have to make the choice. After much urging, the mom said she would talk with her son. The king thought she was going to talk her son into accepting the bribe. No chance. She leaned over to the son and said this: "Do not be afraid of this executioner, but be worthy of your brothers and accept death, so that in the time of mercy, I may receive you again with your brothers."

Then it says, she had "scarcely finished speaking when the youth said: 'What is the delay? I will not obey the king's command. I obey the command of the law given to our ancestors'.

The last son said to the king, "you...will not escape the hands of God...you, by the judgment of God, shall receive just punishments for your arrogance."

The king put him to death, as well as the mother.

I am amazed at many things by this account. First and obviously, their courage and persevering faith. Would I be so courageous if someone were forcing me to deny the tenants of our faith...the belief in the Real Presence in the Eucharist, the Churches teaching on life, the Churches teaching on marriage, etc? I hope so...

Secondly, I am amazed even more by the mother. How intense a mother's love is for her children, yet she allows them and encourages them to suffer for what is right. She is a mom who sees the value in struggle, difficulty and suffering and doesn't seek at all costs to shelter her kids from it.

Suffering helps us merit Heaven.

It's an amazing account. Much to be learned from reflecting upon it.

Fr. Rossi

On November 8, Virginia voters will go to the polls. Through the Virginia Catholic Conference, the Virginia Bishops have provided voter education resources to guide these decisions. Please consult these resources, in addition to making sure your conscience is well-formed in light of Church teaching, and praying for guidance to make these critical decisions. Only materials provided by the diocese, the Virginia Catholic Conference or the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) are authorized for distribution in parishes. Available at www.vacatholic.org, the resources include: 1) Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching; 2) a Congressional Voters' Guide, with questions to ask congressional candidates; 3) a side-by-side comparison of the two major party presidential candidates; 4) a list of third-party presidential candidates whose names will appear on the ballot and their websites; 5) a pre-election statement by Bishop Francis DiLorenzo of Richmond and Bishop Paul Loverde, Apostolic Administrator of Arlington, that dispels common myths this election season and encourages Catholics to weigh issues in light of Church teaching and natural law. These resources are also available in Spanish.

Outreach & Social Ministry – 100 lunches were served on Tuesday, November 1. 78 dinners were served on Wednesday, November 3. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

2016 RED MASS – The Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo, Bishop of Richmond, and The Saint Thomas More Society invite everyone in the Richmond Diocese to join in worship and fellowship at the **33rd Annual Red Mass and Dinner on Thursday, November 10**. Reverend Monsignor R. Francis Muench, J.C.L., Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Richmond will celebrate the Red Mass. Mass is at 6:00 pm at Mary, Mother of the Church Abbey, 12829 River Road, Goochland. The dinner will follow in

the Benedictine College Prep Dining Hall. The keynote address will be given by Reverend Paul D. Scalia, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of Arlington. Father Scalia is the son of former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Tickets for the dinner are \$65.00 each. The Saint Thomas More Society is an educational, fraternal, and service organization of Catholic lawyers. Further information can be obtained from Society President, James Schliessmann, jeschliessmann@hotmail.com or 804-873-1035.

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	<u>8,286.75</u>
Gain	\$4,998.75

PLEASE put your name, check number and amount on your Sunday Collection Envelopes.

SECOND COLLECTION – The second collection for today, November 6, 2016, is for our Military Services. Please be generous.

Caregiver Relief Program – Volunteers are needed to enhance the quality of life for caregivers and their loved ones. By volunteering for just a few hours a month, you can provide companionship to an elderly person while giving the family caregiver a much needed break. Your time and efforts can make a difference in keeping loved ones with their families. For more information, call Commonwealth Catholic Charities at 804-545-5916.

Rev. James Arsenault and the Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Church, 2712-2nd Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222, 804-329-4599, invite you to their Homecoming Mass, Sunday, November 13, 2016, 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see all former Parishioners! Please join us in the parish hall for a reception, immediately following Mass.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER'S 35th Annual Craft Bazaar, Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Located at 8275 Meadowbridge Road, Mechanicsville, VA across from Memorial Regional Medical Centre. 120+ Craft Vendors, Bake Sale, Santa Claus, Santa Shop, \$1.00 Donation/Door Prize, and Raffle including a Gift Card Tree, Quilt, Liquor Basket, iPad Pro and more. Bring a can

of non-perishable food for a bonus door prize ticket! Also serving breakfast and lunch. Join us for a day of fun and food.

MASS SCHEDULE – There will be no Mass at St. Peter on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2016 or on Friday, November 27.

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