



**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**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Oct. 22, 2017**

**Mass Intention: Danny O’Keefe (L)**

**TODAY’S MUSIC**

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#539
Sing Praise to the Lord	
<b>PSALM</b>	#949
Give the Lord glory, glory and honor.	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#683
God Whose Farm is All Creation	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	#726
I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord	
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	#579
O God Our Help in Ages Past	

**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.*

**SCHEDULE FOR  
LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
FINANCE  
PLEASE SEE BULLETIN BOARDS**

**HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED**

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Larry Jones, Maria Konwerska, Cathy Lipchak, Emma Mednikov, Jim Melton, Jesse Oliver, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, Beulah Taylor, Craig Trowbridge, Greg Stowers, Maggie Wilkins. 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: Elmer Salic
- Tues.: Mass Intention: Joaquin Santos
- Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Wed.: Mass Intention: Richard Savage
- Thurs: Mass Intention: Frances Carpinello
- Fri.: Mass Intention: Michael Bryant

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

In one of the daily Mass readings this week, Jesus is mad at people because they reject him. He is mad because they have been given by God what is needed to follow him and believe and yet they still don’t.

“While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them, ‘This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah. Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. At the judgement the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and there is something greater than Solomon here. At the judgement the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here.’” Luke 11:29-32.

Jesus is mad because those people from Nineveh were given less and did more with it. He is mad because the Queen of Sheba was given less and did more with it.

What do I mean? Both the Ninevites and the Queen of Sheba were folks from Old Testament times. And when they encountered God’s preachers, they did something about it. Those folks knew way back then that what they were hearing was something unusual, and special.

Then, Jesus comes along and preaches to people of his day, but they are not impressed. They reject what he has to say. And Jesus was way better than Jonah and Solomon!!! They should have been blown away!

God expects more, the more he gives someone.

We cannot simply say to ourselves, ‘well I’m not too bad of a person, I never killed anyone.’ I hear that often as to why we don’t need to go to confession.

God does not measure all people with the same measuring stick. For some people, an inch on the measuring stick is actually 2 feet. And for others, an inch is really only 1 millimeter.

This may seem unfair, shouldn’t God judge us all with the same measuring stick? Actually no, he does not. And the reason why is because everyone has a different expectation based on what God has already given them.

Now when I say that, I am not talking about financial success in life. I am talking about spiritual graces. God gives more faith to some and less to others. God gives more graces to some and less to others. This is because he has something he is expecting as a result of those gifts, he is expecting a return on his investment. If he invests 10 graces, he wants a payout on 10 graces. If he invests only 5, he will only want a payout on 5.

Hearing Jesus is more spiritual graces than hearing Solomon or Jonah. Jesus wasn’t getting his return on investment and that made him upset.

So if you want to please Jesus, don’t compare yourself to other people because you don’t know how much grace they have been given in their lives. They may have been given less, in which case you’ll always condemn them or just become lazy because you’re comparing yourself to someone who couldn’t possibly do what God expects from you. Or they may have been given more, in which case you’ll never measure up. Spend your time recognizing what God has given to you, and give him his return on investment.

- Fr. Rossi

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<b><u>1,751.75</u></b>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$1,536.25</b>

**Outreach & Social Ministry** – 141 lunches were served on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. 114 dinners were served on Wednesday, October 18, 2017. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God’s people

**Fr. Rossi says HELP!!!** – I need your old clothes (gently used), especially men’s clothes, and hygiene products (toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, soap, etc.) We are starting our clothes closet again in preparation of winter at St. Peter. We also need blankets!!! Please give us your old gently used stuff. You probably need to make room in your closet and these folks really need your help. Please, please, please do it!!! You can bring your stuff by St. Peter Tues-Fri 9am-2pm (This is preferable.). Or you can just bring it to Church and there will be a big box in the back of the Church. Please help!!!  
Fr. Rossi

**BETWEEN THE MASSES** – On October 22, 29, and November 5, we will show the 1952 movie *The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima*. This historical film is based on actual events from the 1917 appearance of Our Lady at Fatima, Portugal. We will be showing portions of the movie each week, so plan to attend all three!!

**St. Peter’s Pantry** is in need of restocking. Our pantry helps to feed the poor of the city. Please donate canned foods, pull-top cans preferred, cereals, canned tuna and chicken. We are also in need of personal hygiene items such as bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, adult and baby pull-ups.

**St. Benedict Catholic School** is now accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year. Located at the corner of N. Belmont and Grove Avenues in the Museum District, St. Benedict welcomes children in grades PreK through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We invite families to come and explore the opportunities at our school during our upcoming Admissions events. Our evening event is Tues., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30PM and our day experience is Wed., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:30AM. For info and questions, please contact Lisa Yost, Dir., of Admissions, [admissions@saintbenedictschool.org](mailto:admissions@saintbenedictschool.org), or call 804-254-8850.

**Restrooms** – are located downstairs in the basement. Please use Church Outreach entrance. Parents, please do not let your child go unattended.

**Coffee** is available downstairs in the parish hall after each Mass on Sunday. All are welcome. Please take this opportunity to get to know your church family.

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