



**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**

**31th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 30, 2016**

**Mass Intention: Paulette Topuz**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

**ENTRANCE #535**

God We Praise You

**PSALM #957**

I will praise your name forever my King and my God.

**OFFERTORY #390**

How Brightly Beams the Morning Star

**COMMUNION #735**

I Received the Living God

**RECESSIONAL #705**

For All the Saints

**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, Stuart Cary, David Coffman, Bill Holzgreffe, 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:** Maggie Wilkins Extraordinary Ministers:

Adriane Henderson, Maggie Wilkins, Robert Wilkins

**FINANCE:** Kathleen & Anthony Seal, Tom Fahed

**10:45 am:** Steve Gerloff Extraordinary Ministers:

Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli, Joe Naman

**FINANCE:** John Rogers, Patty Talley

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**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

**SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon.: Mass Intention: John Sykes

Tues.: Mass Intention: Evelyn Stone

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Margaret M. Beall

Thurs: Mass Intention: Rosemary Seeds

Fri.: Mass Intention: Catherine Wallace

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Hello everyone and Happy All Saints day this Tuesday!!!

Just a reminder, Tuesday is All Saints and it is a Holy Day of obligation. Thus all are expected to attend Mass. We have Mass at St. John at 9 am and 7 pm, at St. Patrick at 7 pm and at St. Peter at 12:05 pm. Plus there are tons of Masses across the city. So find one! No excuses!!!

Also, a big thank you to all who helped out with the Mass with the Bishop at St. Peter! We have amazing and devout parishioners and I am very proud. He was very impressed with our parish. When the boss is happy, we are happy!!!

For the pastor message, I want to give a few thoughts about All Saints, which is the Catholic holiday for this time of year, and Halloween, which is the secular holiday.

As Catholics, we celebrate All Saints day. What is All Saints day? All Saints day is the day when we celebrate the fact that all our heroes who have courageously lived the virtuous life after the heart of Christ are now reigning in glory with God in heaven. All those great names we love and faces we see on the stained glass, St. Joseph, St. Francis, St. Teresa, St. Michael and the many, many folks we know and love who have been canonized are in the company of God. These are our heroes. They show us that we can, with the help of God, overcome any and all adversity and become fully the Christians we are called to become. There is no limit to what God can do with even the most lost soul, and the lives of the Saints demonstrate this. All Saints Day is the day we celebrate that.

Not only that, we also celebrate that we can have a real friendship with them NOW. We can have communion with them...that's why it's called the 'communion of Saints'...like we say in the creed every week 'I believe in the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins...'. The Communion of Saint is a fellowship of brothers and sisters that spans across heaven and earth. The Saints already enjoy the party we hope to join.

So what about Halloween?

Halloween is a goofy secular holiday. I don't much care for its roots.

If someone were to ask me if I'd let my kids celebrate Halloween, I'd tell them that I would probably downplay its importance and try to rather focus on the important day, which is November 1<sup>st</sup>. My niece and nephews go to a Catholic school and they really celebrate All Saints day so that it rightly overshadows the goofy secular holiday of Halloween.

I used to go trick-or-treating as a kid. In fact, I would run from door to door to get as much candy as I possibly could. It's a goofy tradition.

The most important thing to ensure, as an adult, is that children understand the difference between reality and imagination, between fiction and non-fiction.

There are no such thing as vampires or werewolves. There are such things as souls and saints, and heaven and hell. Witches do not ride on broomsticks. But, there are people who do evil things and even people who glorify evil. There are good and holy ways to pray, like in Church or with a Rosary. But, there are also superstitious practices which can open up the door to evil – such as Ouija boards, Tara

cards, and other occult things – that some think are silly games but are in fact dangerous.

Kids do not always understand where fiction ends and non-fiction begins. We know the truths of the spiritual world because God has told us what those truths are. He told us in the bible and He told us in the Catechism through His Church. Otherwise we would have no clue.

But all the other false spiritual practices that we see and her about are what happens when people try to figure things out through their own efforts alone. Spiritual things are beyond us. It is only with God's help that we 'figure' anything out. As an additional complicating factor, there are in fact actually those who attempt to confuse us, spirits...evil spirits...remember, we have an enemy.

So, if you want to go get some candy, it's your call; but be sure that it is totally overshadowed by what is actually important during this time, All Saints Day.

Fr. Rossi

**SECOND COLLECTION** – Sunday, November 6, 2016, there will be a second collection for our Military Services. Please be generous.

**Outreach & Social Ministry** – 180 lunches were served on Tuesday, Oct. 25. 98 dinners were served on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

**Walk for Life:** I will again be walking for the Walk for Life this year. The Walk for Life campaign is sponsored by Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities, Inc. The Tri-Cities includes Petersburg, Hopewell, and Colonial Heights. This walk is two miles and takes place on Saturday, November 5 at 10 am at the Monumental Baptist Church in Petersburg. I would appreciate it very much if you would sponsor me in this walk. The proceeds of the walk enable the pregnancy center to give services to both young women and men who are pregnant. The pregnancy center offers counseling and other services such as baby supplies, and all items needed to raise an infant. Beginning the weekend of Oct 8 and 9 through the end of October, there will be someone at the end of mass collecting money for this very important cause. Thank you and God bless you. Fr. Frank

**Helping Less Fortunate Children** – My name is Lee Williams and I've been a member of St. John's parish for the past six years. My wife, Beverly, and I have initiated an effort to provide assistance to 478 children who attend Chimborazo Elementary School. The school is located at 3000 E. Marshal St. in Richmond's Churchill district. Chimborazo is a Title 1 inner-city school with a population of primarily economically challenged families. The ages of the children range from 4 to 10 years, pre-school through fifth grade. We have communicated several times with the Chimborazo school principal about our assistance plan and he is both excited and thankful for what our parishes are doing. Our initial and short term goal is to supply each student with one pair of gloves and one stocking style hat. Our goal is to

complete this by November 30; but we are flexible with our timing. My wife and I are currently visiting retail stores in the Richmond area, seeking any level of support to help us achieve our goal. We surely don't see this as "the fix" for these children, but we do believe it will be a step in the right direction. If you share our thinking about this, we can really use your help. Any financial help or any new stocking style hats and gloves would be greatly appreciated. We pursue this initiative because there is a real need to help these children. God has led us to this and we are fully aware that this is HIS work. For any questions, Lee Williams 804-795-2280. There is a box for your donations in the Commons Area.

**Attention Musicians** – Can you sing? Play an instrument? Know someone who can? We're hoping to again hold a Christmas concert at St. Patrick Church in the month of December. In order to do this, we need some musicians to come forward to volunteer to share their gifts with the community. We are hoping to pull together a choir from the churches to prepare several songs. In addition to the choir, any soloist or ensemble is welcome to audition to perform at the concert. If interested in participating, please contact Angie Pometto by October 31<sup>st</sup> to sign up. Angie can be reached at [apometto@gmail.com](mailto:apometto@gmail.com) or 703-772-6866.

**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](mailto:jeschliessmann@hotmail.com) or 804-873-1035.

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<b><u>3,115.32</u></b>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$ 172.68</b>

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

<b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016</b> – Set clocks <b>back</b> one hour.
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**The Annual Memorial Mass** in memory of All Saints and Souls will be celebrated in the Mount Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:30 am, Rev. James Griffin, Celebrant. Please join us in remembrance of past loved ones. Call Jim Glass at 355-5271 for more information.

**CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER'S** 35<sup>th</sup> 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.

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