



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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept. 10, 2017

Mass Intention: Walter & Ann Harley

TODAY’S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #595

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

PSALM #931

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

OFFERTORY #431

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

COMMUNION #588

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

RECESSIONAL #520

All Creatures of Our God and 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: Adriane Henderson Extraordinary Ministers: Adriane Allen-Henderson, Bill Lipchak, Linda Shisler

FINANCE: Roger & Rose Mayer, Tom Fahed

10:45 am: Richard Williams Extraordinary Ministers: Steve Gerloff, Marie Martinelli, Joe Naman

FINANCE: Eileen Zorzi, Mary Wayte

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Maggie Wilkins Extraordinary Ministers: Kimberly Taylor, Maggie Wilkins, Robert Wilkins

FINANCE: Doug Dewing, Ron Hurst, Gabi Wolz

10:45 am: Steve Gerloff Extraordinary Ministers: Richard Williams, Steve Gerloff, Nancy Gowen

FINANCE: Kathy Kelly, John Rogers

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Maria Konwerska, Cathy Lipchak, Emma Mednikov, Jim Melton, Jesse Oliver, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, Beulah Taylor, Craig Trowbridge, Greg Stowers. 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: Lian Stemann

Tues.: Mass Intention: Lionel Raymond

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Mary Alia

Thurs: Mass Intention: John McCaffrey

Fri.: Mass Intention: Joseph West

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Last week we celebrated Labor Day, a national holiday founded to support labor across the nation and is celebrated as a day of rest from labor.

It is great to have a day off!! But now we are back to the grind. School is back in session. Summer vacations are done.

Don’t be sad. It’s not so bad.

Labor is a gift from God. Work is a gift from God. It is not punishment for sin. Work is good.

“But what about Adam and Eve? Didn’t they have to toil after the fall? Before the fall weren’t they free from labor in the garden?”

No! Read carefully. The result of their sin was that they would labor in toil (“in toil” is the punishment for their sin).

Before the fall they still worked. They just didn’t do it by the “seat of their brow.” In other words, before the fall they liked their work and it wasn’t “toilsome.”

Work is part of paradise. Activity is part of heaven.

Work helps us to feel a sense of accomplishment. It gives us self-worth. People who do not work have little chance at happiness in this life. That is why it is always better to teach a man to fish than to just give them fish. Better to help someone get a job than just give them handouts.

In fact, we only appreciate rest, vacation and relaxation if it is juxtaposed against some effort, exertion, and labor.

And yes, sometimes it’s hard and has some “toil” involved. But even with the toil it is better than the alternative of being always bored, uncreative, goal-less, and ultimately unhappy.

Thank God for the ability to work.

Fr. Rossi

“Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” Learn how to love your spouse even more by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend! The next weekends are: Sept. 9-15, 2017 in Herndon, VA and Nov. 10-12, 2017 in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC. Early sign up is recommended. Visit our website at <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	<u>3,705.11</u>
Gain	\$ 417.11

Outreach & Social Ministry – 119 lunches were served on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. 59 dinners were served on Wednesday, September 7, 2017. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God’s people.

St. Peter’s Food Pantry is in need of restocking. We are helping feed the poor of the city. On average we give out at least 5 bags of groceries per week. If you can help restock our food pantry, please consider bringing canned goods, dried goods & any non-perishable food.

Special Collection for Victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas – A special collection will be taken up today, Sunday, September 10 for the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. Checks should be made out to St. Peter Catholic Church. Indicate in the memo that it is for Catholic Charities USA/Texas. The Diocese will collect all the parishes’ donations and send a single check to Catholic Charities USA for disaster relief in Texas. Alternatively, individuals can send donations directly to Catholic Charities USA at <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/>.

Walk for Life: Again I am walking for life on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017. This walk is sponsored by The Pregnancy Center of the Tri-Cities. Again I will walk for 2 miles. Last year, St. Peter’s, St. Patrick’s and St. John’s were very generous in sponsoring me for the amount of \$2,000.00. I hope and pray that you will be as generous this year as you have been in the past. There will be someone at each mass who will collect your gift towards this project. All checks are written to The Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities. Their address is 700 South Sycamore St., Suite 12, Petersburg, VA 23803. Thanks for your generosity,
Fr. Frank

Attention Men of All Ages – The Legion of St. Michael, a local Catholic men’s group invites you to join us as we begin a new study on Islam. The series will start on Sat., Sept 3rd at 8 am at the home of one of the men in Chester. We will be studying the book “Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity”. If you would like to join us or have questions about the group please contact legionofstmichael@gmail.com or call 804-314-1681.

If you are a practicing Catholic woman age 21 or older, please join us for the Catholic Woman’s Club Membership Tea on Monday, September 25 at 2 pm at the Columbian Center. The Catholic Woman’s Club promotes Catholic ideals through intellectual, cultural and spiritual development and philanthropic endeavors. For reservations, please contact Joan Walton 804-266-3612. We hope to see you on September 25th!

Relics of St. John Neumann – Visit Church of the Redeemer, Mechanicsville, VA, September 22 – 24. Schedule – **Friday:** Viewing and Veneration 9 am – 9 pm, with Healing Mass at 7 pm. **Saturday:** Viewing and Veneration 10 am – 7 pm with Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm. **Sunday:** 8 am – Noon with Sunday Mass at 8 am and 10 am. Book Store Open During Viewing and Veneration Except During Liturgy

Medical Director and Nurse Manager Needed – As God is moving at East End Pregnancy Center we have seen the need to provide more accurate and impactful pregnancy testing by using ultrasound technology. In order to be able to utilize this technology we must first have a medical director to approve our ultrasounds and a nurse manager to perform the ultrasounds and oversee volunteer nurses. If you are able to volunteer your time in either position, please contact Rachael Newmister or Ann Campbell at East End Pregnancy Center at 804-564-5852 or eastendpregnancy@gmail.com. Thank you for helping us to become a medical clinic which will use technology to help women see the beauty of life that God created!

COFFEE – downstairs in the parish hall after each Mass on Sundays. All are welcome!!

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