



**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**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sept. 3, 2017**

**Mass Intention: Janina Bryczyk**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

**ENTRANCE #704**

Lift High the Cross

**PSALM #928**

My soul is thirsting for you O Lord, thirsting for you my God

**OFFERTORY #630**

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

**COMMUNION**

As the Deer (not in Worship)

**RECESSIONAL #560**

Now Thank We All Our God

**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:** Bill Lipchak Extraordinary Ministers: Doug Dewing, Tom Fahed, Barbara Goode

**FINANCE:** Kathleen & Anthony Seal, Kris Mednikov

**10:45 am:** Leslie Williams Extraordinary Ministers:

Richard Williams, Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli

**FINANCE:** David Gagnani, Chris Thomas

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**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

**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: Wilnette Alexander

Tues.: Mass Intention: Marion Burford

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: John Vaughan

Thurs.: Mass Intention: Francis Konwerski

Fri.: Mass Intention: Joseph Winter

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Monday was the feast day of St. Augustine. St. Augustine was one of the most (if not the most) influential theologians in the Church's history. He was prolific in his work.

The world needs St. Augustine today.

Why?

Because the world, especially western culture, is entirely caught up in the same terrible thing that ruled St. Augustine during most of his younger life, lust.

Lust is an 'inordinate indulgence in the carnal pleasure experienced through human organs of generation.' Lust is not what married couples participate in. Lust is inordinate, excessive, misdirected, uncontrolled.

Allow me to share some terrifying statistics about lust today and what it leads to.

The average age when a person first views pornography during their life is 11 years old. Parents tend to be naïve to this fact, but most children lose their innocence very early. By the time they become adults, they are addicted. 70% of men 18-24 visit pornography sites regularly. 47% of Christian families say pornography is a problem in their home. And over 50% of marriages that fail say pornography was a significant factor.

Pornography aids and encourages excessive and misdirected carnal desire. I have read studies that liken its addictive affects (and how it 'rewires the brain') to that of heroin. It creates images in the brain that cannot be forgotten, destroys creative ability, obliterates intimacy with God impossible (blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God) and supports a perverse industry larger than pro-baseball, pro-football, and pro-basketball combined.

This 'inordinate' desiring (excessive, misdirected) from such a young age results in other inordinate behavior. Most youth have intercourse when they are only 16 or 17, with many much earlier. Many public schools encourage this by providing contraceptives free from the school nurse. Many parents encourage it by providing birth control to their children, which encourages more bad behavior, more promiscuity, more lust and ultimately other deviant behavior affecting them and the babies with whom they eventually become impregnated. 50% of people who have abortions say they are having one because their artificial birth control failed. Abstinence, God's way, is the only method of birth control that is 100% effective and completely maintains a person's purity.

In regards to the consequences of this lust, those who do not abort but keep the child (the godly decision) still have a very hard road ahead. Approximately 40% of babies born today are to a single parent household (single mothers). Men who have not committed to marriage abandon these women who are left, usually in poverty, to care for their child. I recently read a study that the single most important thing a person can do to break the cycle of poverty is to not have children out of wedlock...to wait until they are married. Single parent families have a poverty rate 6 times higher than married two-parent families. Said otherwise, marriage drops the probability of child poverty by 82%. Single parent statistics are even worse in minority communities (70% in black, 53% in Hispanic communities). We cannot end poverty until we restore the family. And lust destroys the family.

TV, internet, Hollywood, social media, clothes, advertisements, moral laxity, permissiveness, fear of being labeled 'old-fashioned', fear of being a social outcast, all allow lust to dominate the culture. And people follow culture. We need St. Augustine. St. Augustine was a man who entirely caught up in the addictions and slaveries of lust. But through a soul-searching heart and a glorious outpouring of grace from God he was converted and eventually became a fierce champion of chastity and purity.

We need more like him. --Fr. Rossi

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<b>2,830.81</b>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$ 457.19</b>

**Outreach & Social Ministry** – 138 lunches were served on Tuesday, August 29, 2017. 130 dinners were served on Wednesday, August 30, 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 on 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/>.

**Because** our Faith keeps us strong and filled with JOY, we want to share it with you every day. **Like** us on **Facebook** and **Follow** us on **Twitter** for inspirational daily messages and the latest happenings with our Pope, Bishop, priests, seminarians, lay ministers, youth, events and general news about the Diocese. Join us in prayer and service. **Facebook** @RichmondDiocese and **Twitter** @RichmondDiocese

**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 25<sup>th</sup>!

**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

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