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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  
September 4, 2016**

**Mass Intention: Parishioners of St. Peter, St.  
Patrick and St. John**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#618
The Church's One Foundation	
<b>PSALM</b>	#933
In every age, O Lord you have been our refuge.	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#605
O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	#633
Two Fishermen	
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	#704
Lift High the Cross	

**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, Craig Trowbridge, Beulah Taylor, 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:** Bill Lipchak Extraordinary Ministers:

Doug Dewing, Tom Fahed, Barbara Goode

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

**10:45 am:** Marie Martinelli Extraordinary Ministers:

Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli

**FINANCE:** John Rogers, Patty Talley

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**8:30 am:** Maggie Wilkins Extraordinary Ministers:

Adriane Allen-Henderson, Bill Lipchak, Cathy Lipchak

**FINANCE:** Bill & Cathy Lipchak, Gabi Wolz

**10:45 am:** Joe Naman Extraordinary Ministers:

Joe Naman, Kimberly Taylor, Mimi Schoof

**FINANCE:** Chris Thomas, Richard Williams

**SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon.: Mass Intention: Helen Little

Tues.: Mass Intention: Jose Navarro

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Elizabeth Summers

Thurs: Mass Intention: Abigail Gibson

Fri.: Mass Intention: Alford Jones

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

**BACK TO SCHOOL!!!**

It's that time of year again folks! Time for kids to go back to school.

I remember this time of year...it was dreadful. Just kidding, but I must admit I did not enjoy school when I was younger. I enjoyed video games much more. As I got a little older, I

started to enjoy it a little more...undergrad college was ok, but very stressful.

But by the time seminary studies came about, school was somewhat enjoyable. In fact, the topic I once thought was the most useless, philosophy (remember I was an accountant), became possibly my favorite.

God can make a student out of anyone...even a video game junkie. So be sure to encourage those youths as they head back to school. It is a hard withdraw from summer life – video games, swimming at the pool, sleeping until noon – to the rigors of academia.

Talking about labors, Monday is Labor Day. It is a day of rest from our labors.

Work is a great gift for our lives. Work is to be embraced, not shunned. Work makes us happy, not sad.

Now I know you are probably thinking that Fr. Rossi has gone off the deep end a little; who would rather put in a 10-hour day at work than a 10-hour day on the beach??? Probably not many.

But I think the thing we actually try to avoid in regards to work is not work itself. I think the thing we do not like about work is the stress that comes with it, or the tiredness that can wear us down, or the personalities that sometimes can be a challenge in the place of work. But work, in-and-of-itself, which provides a creative outlet for our energies, is to be appreciated.

I have said this before and I'll say it again – there was work in the Garden of Eden BEFORE the fall. Work is NOT a result of the fall. Adam and Eve worked before they ate the apple. They labored. They expended their energy to create.

But what happened after the fall was the work which they had been doing suddenly became “toil.” The work became hard, stressful, it made them sweat, and weeds began to grow in the soil that had been beforehand only full of fertility and purity.

So work is a blessing. In fact, when we work we are mimicking God. God is a worker. By that I mean, God is continually creative. God is continually producing. He is continually sustaining life, creating new life, sheltering, providing, caring, forgiving, guiding, etc. He never, never, never, never stops even for a second.

And what is so great about God is that He doesn't even have to try it...it's not difficult...it is entirely and simply in His nature to always be creating and producing. And since His nature is coupled with an intense love for all He has already created, all the new creation that He brings about He bestows as gifts upon those things He has formerly created (that's us). In our lives, just the same, God takes us to a place where we become creative – giving and bestowing what we produce upon others as well.

Just to be clear, “produce,” does not mean simply (or even primarily) material things. Not at all, God's production, God's fruit, and similarly our fruit, is ultimately to be those higher things, such as peace, joy, equanimity, justice, etc. We

experience great satisfaction when we participate in God's creative work.

And Sunday, The Lord's day, (and I guess Labor Day as well) is the time to step back and enjoy the fruits of labor. It is the time to look at the beauty God has created through our hearts and hands, and give thanks for being like the older brother of the prodigal Son, who was all along a part of the father's working house.

The curse is not simply the weeds that we have to fight from time to time as we seek to labor, it is even more primarily the feeling like there is no work for us left to do, that we have no purpose. But that feeling – the feeling of not being needed or not able to do anything productive - is always, always, always a lie. There is always something we can produce, always something we can do for God. That is what we are here for, that is why God put air in our lungs today.

Fr. Rossi

**June Dodd** – Next Saturday, September 10, 2016, June Dodd will be laid to rest next to her husband, George. There will be a Mass for her on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 10:45 am. The family would like to thank everyone at St. Peter's for the prayers and support our family has received for many years. St. Peter's has always been our spiritual home and source of comfort and celebration. Please join us after Mass for coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall.

**Outreach & Social Ministry** – 162 lunches were served on Tuesday, Aug. 30. 90 dinners were served on Wednesday, Aug. 31. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

**FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION, a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, sponsored by Church of the Epiphany,** will be held Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – Oct 2, 2016, at Shalom House Retreat Center in Montpelier, VA. This retreat is for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt, or shame from abortion. The weekend is a process that leads to the heart of God's love and compassion. If you would like to learn more about this retreat contact Marty Montgomery-Jennings at 804-704-0429, or Maggie Carlson at 804-432-2589 or email: [RV4hope@gmail.com](mailto:RV4hope@gmail.com). Visit our website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). Inquiries, registration and participation are strictly confidential.

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection –</b>	<b><u>4,937.45</u></b>
<b>Gain</b>	<b>\$1,649.45</b>

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