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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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2016

Mass Intention: June Dodd

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#583
Amazing Grace	
PSALM	#936
I will rise and go to my Father.	
OFFERTORY	#747
O Christ the Healer	
COMMUNION	#745
When Love is Found	
RECESSIONAL	#752
The Master Came to Bring Good News	

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 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

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Robert Wilkins Extraordinary Ministers:
 Linda Shisler, Maggie Wilkins, Robert Wilkins
FINANCE: Rose & Roger Mayer, Linda Shisler
10:45 am: Colin Schmidt Extraordinary Ministers:
 Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli
FINANCE: Steve Gerloff, Eileen Zorzi

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: Anka Salopek
 Tues.: Mass Intention: Miriam Evans
 Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
 Wed.: Mass Intention: Special Intention
 Thurs: Mass Intention: Joaquin Santos
 Fri.: Mass Intention: Richard Savage

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Hello all!

I hope everyone had a great week this week.

Last week in my pastor message I talked a lot of work, about labor.

This week I want to talk about vacation. Why? Because all of like is not supposed to be work..and plus I had a few days off this past week. I visited with my family and even got to go to the Outer Banks for a few days. It is very peaceful and relaxin g

there. I'm not big into sand and salt water...unless I am fishing in it (water)...but I enjoy watching the beauty of the ocean.

One thing that is amazing to think about is the beauty of God. There is a famous phrase in Christian history, "nemo dat quod non habet." That is Latin for, "you cannot give what you do not have."

This is a fundamental maxim of the way things work. I cannot give you \$5 bucks if I don't have it. I cannot give you a cup of water if I don't have it. I cannot give you knowledge if I don't have it. I cannot give you wisdom if I don't have it. I cannot give you hope if I don't have it. This is an obvious statement of the way things are.

But what is amazing is when we apply this in a special way to God. God cannot give what He does not have. He couldn't give us life if He didn't have it to give...thus He must have tons of it since there's all these babies continually being born around the world. He couldn't give us wisdom unless He is already full of it...thus He must be pretty wise since He is continually giving us the right answer when we go to Him in prayer.

And very amazingly, H could not give us all the beautiful things that we continually see around us, if He did not already possess that beauty, firstly, inside Himself.

What I mean to say is: how did God design the ocean? How did He design the stars? How did He design the multitude of fish in the sea, or the tides, or the breaking of waves, etc.? How did He create so much order and beauty if He didn't already have that beauty in Himself? He, therefore, in order to create all that beauty, must have that beauty to give...since He, like everyone else, cannot give what He doesn't have.

God cannot give all that beauty that we see around us unless He Himself first possesses all that beauty within Himself.

So do me a favor: consider all the beauty in the world, and add it up, and then consider how beautiful that is...and that will give you some indication of just how beautiful God is!!!!

Just to clarify, when I say beauty, I'm not talking about being handsome (guy) or pretty (girl). I am talking about something more akin to when someone says of another person "he/she has a beautiful soul.

All the beauty in the whole world, better yet, the whole universe, is a dim intimation of the beauty that is contained in God. Halleluiah! And heaven is where we stare into that beauty all day...it's better than watching the ocean!

Now remember, I said I wanted to talk about vacation. What I want to say about vacation is that it is a supreme time to contemplate and consider things such as this. Everyone is busy and when rushing through the normal routine, it's hard to stop and think about things such as 'the beauty of God.' But those are the more important things to consider in life, thus vacation time is important.

But also important is a daily prayer routine. 30 minutes a day for all people, and 60 minutes a day when busy. Prayer time in

the daily routine is absolutely essential for making space in the day to continually contemplate these higher things. And it is NOT a burden. Contemplating these higher things gives perspective, increase joy and separates a person from the stress of regular life. Anybody ever stressed? Try vacation. Try prayer.

Have a great week everyone. Enjoy the graces!!!
Fr. Rossi

10:45 am Mass today is in memory of June Dodd – Yesterday, Saturday, September 10, 2016, June Dodd was laid to rest next to her husband, George. 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 the family after Mass for coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall.**

Outreach & Social Ministry – 126 lunches were served on Tuesday, Sept. 6. 98 dinners were served on Wednesday, Sept. 7. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/FR. ROBERT W. MCDONALD COUNCIL #395 PROUDLY PRESENTS CASINO KNIGHT – Proceeds to Benefit Children and Adults with Disabilities and Charities Serving the Needs of the Poor and the Disadvantaged, Saturday, October 1, 2016, VIP Sponsor Preview 6:00 pm. Doors Open 6:30 pm, Gaming 7:30 – 10:30 pm, 2324 Pump Road, Henrico, VA 23233. Prize Drawings Hourly, Silent Auction. \$25 Includes \$10,000 Play Money and 5 tickets for stage prizes. For more info, call 804-740-3950.

FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION, a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, sponsored by Church of the Epiphany, will be held Sept 30th – 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 confidential retreat that combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussions in a guided 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: RV4home@gmail.com. Visit our website: www.rachelsvineyard.org. Inquiries, registration and participation are strictly confidential.

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection –	4,376.75
Gain	\$1,088.75

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