



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

1st Sunday of Advent

Dec. 3, 2017

Mass Intention: Zenaida Cayari Santos

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#360
Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn	
PSALM	#767
Lord make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.	
OFFERTORY	#581
God is My Great Desire	
COMMUNION	#738
I Am the Bread of Life	
RECESSIONAL	#752
The Master Came to Bring Good News	

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.*

**SCHEDULE FOR
LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
FINANCE
PLEASE SEE BULLETIN BOARDS**

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Mary Davidson, Larry Jones, Cathy Lipchak, Jim Melton, Jesse Oliver, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, Patty Talley, Beulah Taylor, Craig Trowbridge, Greg Stowers, Maggie Wilkins. 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: Francis O'Keefe
Tues.: Mass Intention: Clarence Tunstall
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wed.: Mass Intention: Gabriela Isabell Mettera (L)
Thurs: Mass Intention: Thoretta (Trets) Bellio
Fri.: Mass Intention: Ida Griffin

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Advent! Happy New Year!

We as a Church begin a new year this Sunday with the start of Advent.

Advent has two meanings.

First, we use it as a time of preparation for the great coming of Christ as an infant to Mary and Joseph at Christmas. And when I say preparation, I am not just talking about or even primarily talking about decorations, gifts, Christmas cookies or colorful lights. It is amazing people will stand in line for hours outside of a store to save \$100 on a TV, but don't have time to worship God for an hour on Sunday.

I am talking about spiritual preparation. Are our hearts ready to make a home for the infant who was born for us in a manger? Are our hearts clean, pure, swept and emptied of those things we do not want him to encounter? Experiencing Christmas on the outside is all about presents, colorful lights, and cookies. Experiencing Christmas on the inside is all about making a well decorated interior life to welcome our Great Guest who comes to us December 25th.

That is the first meaning of Advent, to prepare for Christmas.

The second meaning of Advent, which is often forgotten about, is to prepare for Christ's second coming. Did you know we still believe that? Yes. If you have ever read the Bible Jesus talks

about it all the time. He is going to come again, down to earth, and definitively establish his rule for all to plainly witness.

But this time, it's going to be a lot different from the first time he came. The first time he came he was small and weak as an infant. This time he will come in glory and all authority and power. The first time he came his entrance was quiet and only known to a few shepherds and the magi. This time every single person will know of his arrival. It will be like a meteor shower in the sky.

Oh what a day it will be. The whole world will be changed in the twinkling of an eye. Everything that we were worried about that day or had planned is going to change...big time (almost everything).

Wow.

He is coming. And Advent is time to think about that and get ready, get ready by reordering our lives and daily routine as if he is coming tomorrow, or this afternoon.

I wonder how your day might look if you knew he was coming this afternoon?

Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	4,352.75
Gain	\$1,064.75

Outreach & Social Ministry – 153 lunches were served on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. 109 dinners were served on Wednesday, November 29, 2017. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

St. Peter's Pantry is in need of restocking. Our pantry helps to feed the poor of the city. Please donate canned foods, pull-top cans preferred, cereals, canned tuna and chicken.

St. Joseph Sunday Missals – We still have a few missals available in the office for a donation of \$3.00.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Penance Service – St. John – Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6:30 pm

Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Fri. Dec. 8 – 12:05 pm – This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Christmas Concert – St. Patrick – Sun., Dec. 17, 4:00 pm

Mass – Sunday Obligation – Dec. 24, 9:00 am

Christmas Eve – Sun, Dec. 24, 5:00 pm

(Carols start at 4:30 pm)

Christmas Day – Mon., Dec. 25, 9:00 am

ST. PATRICK CHRISTMAS CONCERT- All are invited to attend the annual Christmas Concert at St. Patrick on Sunday, December 17, at 4:00 pm. The concert will feature the combined choir from St. John, St. Patrick, and St. Peter; the children's Schola and St. Gregory Choir; as well as several soloists and ensembles. Along with music, the story of Christmas will be proclaimed. Come join us as we journey to the manger of Bethlehem with the kings, shepherds, angels, and of course, Joseph and Mary. O Come, let us adore Him! Jesus, who is Christ, the Lord!

If you are making donations to Living Our Mission or Annual Diocesan Appeal, please note the following change of address.

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Living Our Mission
P. O. Box 79160
Baltimore, MD 21279-0160

Catholic Diocese of Richmond
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Coffee is available downstairs in the parish hall after each Mass on Sunday. All are welcome. Please take this opportunity to get to know your church family.

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