



CONGRATULATIONS to our new bishop, Bishop Barry C. Knestout! Please remember to keep him in your prayers.

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Mary Davidson, Cathy Lipchak, Jim Melton, Jesse Oliver, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, 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.

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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

2nd Sunday of Advent

Dec. 10, 2017

Mass Intention: Doris Smith

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#356
On Jordan's Bank	
PSALM	#770
Lord let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.	
OFFERTORY	#370
Comfort, Comfort O My People	
COMMUNION	#374
Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming	
RECESSIONAL	#708
Immaculate Mary	

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 & MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon.: Mass Intention: Rosaria Roberts
- Tues.: Mass Intention: John Sykes
- Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Wed.: Mass Intention: Evelyn Stone
- Thurs: Mass Intention: Robert D. McCleary
- Fri.: Mass Intention: Rosemary Seeds

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Did you know that all the money you have is going to be dissolved away? Whether you have plenty of it or just a few dollars to your name, every single dollar is going to be dissolved away. And not just for you, but for everyone. Everyone's money is going to be dissolved away.

What about your dream home? Do you live in your dream home? Are you working so that one day you can live in your dream home? I personally love beautiful and architecturally ornate homes and buildings. And my hobby is home remodeling. I love remodeling rooms, knocking down walls, giving dated fixtures a face-lift. But did you know that even our lovely homes are going to be dissolved away. It's not going to be something you can prevent with a smoke alarm. Your home is gone. It will be dissolved away, so will everything inside it...all the furniture, the big TV, the antiques, dust...it's all going to be dust.

Finally, although this isn't Lent, we also remember the words we hear when we get ashes on Ash Wednesday, "remember you are dust and to dust you will return." Even our own bodies will turn to dust. No matter how many years we may have ahead of us (or not) our bodies will be dust.

In fact, everything will be turning to dust folks. Science cannot stop it. Computers cannot stop it. Doctors cannot stop it and you cannot buy, bargain or cheat your way out of it.

The reason I know this is because the bible says “the elements will be dissolved by fire...everything is to be dissolved” (from the second reading at Mass this weekend). Like I said, everything is going to be turning to dust.

Some people might see this as frightening or a reason to dread. I don't. I see it as the great equalizer. I see it as the great reset button for all of existence. This time for hitting the reset button is called in the bible ‘the day of the Lord.’ When Jesus comes, it all goes to dust.

The bible also says 2 other things related to this dissolving of everything. It says “everything done on it [earth] will be found out” and “since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of person ought you to be.”

What that means is that when all this stuff gets dissolved away, and the ‘day of the lord’ comes, everything that everyone has ever done is going to be ‘found out.’ It’s going to be like back in the early church when they used to have public confession. People think it’s hard to go to confession now...they should have lived in the early church when you used to go to confession in front of the whole church.

Well there is one more big public confession we all have to go to. It happens on the day of the Lord. Because of this, that’s why the next phrase says “since” this is going to happen, “what sort of person ought you to be.” If everything is going to be known, what type of person should I be now knowing that everything is going to be known, what type of person should I be now knowing that everything I do will be brought to light? If I do a lot of shady, underhanded things, the day of the Lord is going to be pretty embarrassing. But if behind closed doors I am faithful, full of devotion and love for God, moral and decent, well then all those little acts of kindness and sacrifice that I did without anyone knowing, will then come to light. And the day of the Lord will be a joy.

Get ready.

Fr. Rossi

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

Outreach & Social Ministry – 120 lunches were served on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. 94 dinners were served on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God’s people. Our clothes closet is a huge success. There have been many very generous donations. The community is very thankful for what we have been able to give to them.

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.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) – Every year at Christmas, the diocese asks each parish to take up a collection to sustain the valuable mission of Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC). This year, an anonymous donor is making a very generous challenge to the parishioners of St. Peter. From now through Christmas, this donor will match everyone’s contribution, dollar for dollar, up to a \$500 match! So, the first \$500 in contributions from the parish will be matched by another \$500, for a total \$1,000 gift to CCC. Please make checks payable to St. Peter Church. On the memo line put CCC. Write CCC on an envelope if you contribute cash. Thank you for your generosity to those in need during this Christmas Season!

The Office of Asian Ministry invites you to join the Filipino Community for a nine-day novena to the Blessed Mother. Simbang Gabi, which means Mass at Dawn, is a journey of spiritual preparation to welcome and receive the Child Jesus. The kick off mass will be Saturday, December 9, 2017, 5:30 pm at Church of Redeemer, 8275 Meadowbridge Rd., Mechanicsville. The first day of the novena will be Friday, December 15 at various locations. Please see the flyer for more information. You can also

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!

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