



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

4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

Dec. 24, 2017

Mass Intention: Danny O’Keefe (12/24)

**Parishioners of St. Peter,
St. Patrick, and St. John (12/25)**

MUSIC - Dec. 24,2017

ENTRANCE #364
Come O Long Expected Jesus
PSALM #776
Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord
OFFERTORY #367
O Come Divine Messiah
COMMUNION #373
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns
RECESSIONAL #359
People Look East

MUSIC – CHRISTMAS EVE

PRELUDE CAROLS
ENTRANCE #392
O Come All Ye Faithful
PSALM #779
Today is born our Savior Christ the Lord.
OFFERTORY #376
Angels We Have Heard on High
COMMUNION #379
Silent Night, Holy Night
RECESSIONAL #399
Joy to the World

MUSIC – CHRISTMAS DAY

ENTRANCE #392
O Come All Ye Faithful
PSALM #781
All the ends of the earth have seen the saving
power of God.
OFFERTORY #376
Angels We Have Heard on High
COMMUNION #379
Silent Night, Holy Night
RECESSIONAL #399
Joy to the Word

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.*

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, Richard Williams, 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: Parishioners of St. Peter, St. Patrick & St. John (L)
Tues.: Mass Intention: Dillon McLaughlin (L) & Recovering Veterans at VA Hospital
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wed.: Mass Intention: Bernadette & Al Adamousky
Thurs: Mass Intention: Joseph McLaughlin
Fri.: Mass Intention: Eleanor McCross

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Merry Christmas!!!

This bulletin message is covering both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas. It's all a little confusing this year.

Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!!!!

This is the day the Lord has made!!!

I hope that all your preparations for this day are paying off in an abundant outpouring of God's grace into your hearts and into your families.

Christmas is such a spiritual day. In fact the whole season of Christmas we are able to feel and experience an extra outpouring of God's presence during this time. I hope you can feel it.

Sometimes I think the world is missing out on all that God wants to give. So many people have forgotten what is important this time of year. So many people do the externals, like buy a tree or put up lights and even buy gifts for others, but don't really reflect upon what today is all about. Even worse, they don't feel the deeper gifts that are given during this season, these are gifts that come from God.

There are many reasons for this. Sometimes we just sort of do what our families do every year, and if our family is focused on the externals and not the spiritual, then we just sort of go along because that is what we learned. Sometimes we try to go a little deeper with the spiritual but then don't feel like it makes much of a difference so then we sort of give up. Sometimes we think we are good enough where we are at and don't need much else. All these excuses are a shame because there is so much more. There is so much more that is gifted to us this season through what God did for us when He became an infant under the care of Mary and Joseph. It's way better than any material gift we could be given or give.

To all the folks in our Church family, especially those who faithfully pray and devote themselves to God in their daily lives, to those who fight for the advancement of the kingdom of God in the world and in their families, to those sacrifice for God regularly in their lives and who offer up their troubles to God, I say it has been a joy to walk with you as we stand hand-in-hand welcoming Christ into our midst this Christmas.

But if you are visiting with us this season, I would like to personally invite you to consider this Christmas and this message as an invitation to renew and deepen your relationship with God and the Church. I invite you to make God a more significant and even the most significant focus of your day, your week and your entire life. This is the life God wants us to live.

And here at Church we can help. We can help you learn more about the Bible, which is God's message to the world. We learn about it every week at Mass. We can help you receive spiritual

food to give you strength to get through your weeks as we receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We can help you be forgiven of past regrets that can weigh people down for years through Confession. We can help work through a broken marriage or help a marriage that needs to be done in the Church for a couple to be in full communion. We can help with Confirmation if you missed it, or with Baptism for your child or yourself. We can help you in your prayers for your loved ones who have died.

At Christmas, God gave us His Son as an infant, but this was only for a time. In the times we are in, God gave us the Church as His presence in the world. This is until He returns for His Second Coming.

I pray you have the best Christmas of your life this year. It gets better every year we grow in our faith and prepares us to meet our God who did such a wonderful thing for us when He took on flesh and became man in the Incarnation at Christmas.

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	5,196.61
Gain	\$1,908.61

Outreach & Social Ministry – 152 lunches were served on Tuesday, December 19, 2017. 96 dinners were served on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. Thank you for your generous help in serving 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.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

New Year's Day – Mon., Jan. 1, 12:05 pm

(This is not a Holy Day of Obligation)

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!