



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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan. 21, 2018

Mass Intention: Bob Shisler

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#752
The Master Came to Bring Good News	
PSALM	#872
Teach me your ways O Lord, teach me your ways.	
OFFERTORY	#622
Where Temple Offerings Are Made	
COMMUNION	#633
Two Fishermen	
RECESSIONAL	#588
Love Divine All Loves Excelling	

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. 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: Antoinette Davenport
Tues.: Mass Intention: Richard Gray
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wed.: Mass Intention: Stanley Rolen
Thurs: Mass Intention: Special Intention
Fri.: Mass Intention: Delorious Burrell

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

As a Christian, our perspective should always be to view things in terms of eternity. In other words, when we think about things in our life, we should always consider them with an eye toward the thought of living forever. It will change the way we act.

Each of the readings today shows folks who change the way they think and act once they are reminded of eternity. The people of Nineveh repent and totally change their ways when they are told of the eternal consequences of their actions in the first reading. In the second reading, St. Paul says it's time for those who have wives to act as not having them, for those who are weeping to not weep, those who are buying as not owning, those who are using the world as not using it fully. What he is saying is that the way you acted with your wife, the things that made you weep, the things that made you rejoice, the worries you had about buying stuff and the things you overall generally did in the world – it's all different now. Once the revelation of what God has done in Christ is revealed, everything changes, and the things we thought were once important are not important, and vice versa, the things we once thought were insignificant we realize are in fact very important. That is why in light of eternity it is reasonable for Peter, Andrew, James and John to all leave their former way of life to follow Christ as told in the Gospel. They had good careers. Why leave all that opportunity? Why leave all that money? Why leave all that future comfort and success for a life of struggle and, for three of them, early painful death? Because in view of eternity, it is totally worth it. It's a great deal – sacrifice a little now, have a huge eternal return awaiting them.

It is the same for us. Christians get too worldly when they focus too much on the immediate. It is more important for a Christian to pray than do almost anything else. But when we are only focused on the immediate, we put it at the bottom of the priority list. Alternatively, the more we think about eternity, the more

likely we are to raise it up the priority list. Young people, young adults usually (but not always) get into trouble more because when we are young we don't think about eternity. One of the blessings of old age is that after we have had a couple serious illnesses and our bodies start to slow down, we are sort of forced to think a little more about eternity, which usually leads us to straighten up our lives a bit and not commit quite as many sins. That's why when you need some good advice on something, always try to find an older person because they have better perspective and are less impulsive than the young.

See things in terms of eternity. Then things you thought were a big deal are suddenly not (getting cut off in traffic, raising gas prices, small disagreements with others) and the things that didn't seem like a big deal (making sure you go to Mass EVERY WEEK, praying every day, giving more of your money away) start to take greater significance.,

Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	<u>5,538.81</u>
Gain	\$2,250.81

Outreach & Social Ministry – 165 lunches were served on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. **68** dinners were served on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. 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.

VA bishops invite all to join them at liturgy for legislators, needs of Virginia – Catholics are called to pray for our civic leaders as we engage in the public square. Join Arlington Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and Richmond Bishop Barry C. Knestout, along with the Virginia Catholic Conference, their public policy agency, at a special liturgy for Virginia's elected officials and the needs of the state. The third annual **Virginia Vespers: Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth** will be held at the beautiful, historic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond, at 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018. The hour-long service draws on an ancient Christian liturgy and includes Scripture and sacred music provided by local Catholic school choirs. A wine and appetizers reception follows. Register at www.vacatholic.org.

Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten Admissions and Assessment at Saint Benedict Catholic School: Saint Benedict School is welcoming new students! We would like to invite families with rising Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten Students to contact us to schedule an appointment for assessment for the 2018-19 school year. Please contact Lisa Yost, Director of Admissions at lyost@saintbenedictschool.org OR call the school at 804-254-8850 to have your question answered. We look forward to helping you in the admissions process.

WE NEED YOUR HELP – We need lectors, extraordinary ministers, ushers and counters for both the 8:30 am and 10:45 am Masses. If you can give us some of your time, please email the office or call and sign up
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COFFEE downstairs in the Parish Hall after each Mass on Sunday. Please join us and get to know your church family.

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