



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

Epiphany of the Lord

Jan. 7, 2018

Mass Intention: Hazel Greene

TODAY’S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#408
The First Nowell	
PSALM	#784
Lord every nation on earth will adore you.	
OFFERTORY	#406
We Three Kings	
COMMUNION	#411
What Child is This	
RECESSIONAL	#399
Joy to the World	

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: Edward Lewis
- Tues.: Mass Intention: Margaret Noonan
- Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Wed.: Mass Intention: Ida Bryant
- Thurs: Mass Intention: Jean McGue
- Fri.: Mass Intention: Joseph McLaughlin

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Today is the Feast day of the Epiphany.

The Epiphany celebrates three different events in the life of Christ.

First, remember what ‘epiphany’ means in regular language. Epiphany is a “sudden and striking experience of realization.”

The three events in the life of Christ that are celebrated on this feast are all times when the people around Jesus had a sudden and striking experience of realization.

Event one: the adoration of the Magi. These highly learned and powerful men kneel and worship at the manger-bedside of Christ. They spent their life learning and attaining power and they realize it is nothing compared to the infant they kneel before. A lifetime of learning and all the money in the world is as the straw the child lay upon when compared to the wisdom of this child and the riches of where he came from.

Event two: the baptism of the Lord. While we do have a separate feast day to honor the baptism of the Lord, it is also recognized as a revelatory event of Epiphany Sunday. Remember what happened when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan by his cousin John the Baptist? The clouds opened and a voice from heaven was heard saying “this is my beloved Son, listen to Him” as the dove descended upon him. The people standing there, and Christians for centuries to come who read of the event, realize that this man, who seemed to many an ordinary carpenter, is the son of God.

Event three: the manifestation at the wedding at Cana. Jesus turned water into wine at Cana. It was his first public miracle. Whenever someone performs a miracle it is a big deal. But when

someone does one in public in front of many other people, it's a really big deal. It makes a big commotion. And all those people who tasted that wine, that was tastier than the stuff they served at the beginning of the meal (remember, they would usually serve the good stuff first and then after a while, once people got a little tipsy, they'd switch to the cheap stuff because at that point people wouldn't know the difference), realized this guy was something special.

Each of these events is revelatory. They are epiphanies in the lives of those who experience them.

And that's the way it always is with God. When God reveals himself to us, it is always an epiphany. It is always a dramatic realization of some reality, of truth, that we did not know before. The more God reveals himself to us in a given moment, the more it will rock our world. Sometimes in life he takes us small step-by-step, little revelations that result in little epiphanies for us and sometimes it can be more like a 2x4 across the face. In either respect, they are epiphanies that rock us.

They also always lead to more joy. Epiphanies are great. There may be some repentance involved after an epiphany, but ultimately we end up in a place of greater freedom in our spirit and peace in our hearts.

I hope you have a lot of epiphanies in 2018!
Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	6,659.56
Gain	\$3,371.56

Outreach & Social Ministry – 108 lunches were served on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. 78 dinners were served on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. Thank you for your generous help in serving God's people.

Recap of 2017 St. Peter Lunch and Dinner Programs – The parishes who participate in the lunch program, St. Peter, St. Gabriel, St. Mary, St. Bridget, and Our Lady of Lourdes, served a total of 6,113 guests and 6,850 meals.

The Dinner Program served 3,380 meals with help from St. Peter, St. Patrick, Epiphany, St. Edward, St. Michael, Redeemer, Our Lady of Lourdes, the Knights of Malta, and many others who volunteer.

In addition to the lunch and dinner programs, we partnered with Centenary Methodist Church in their Soles2Share free shoes program and approximately 190 pairs of shoes were distributed. They plan to come every 6 months.

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY IN WASHINGTON DC:

Friday, January 19, 2018 – For the 35th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus will provide **FREE** bus transportation for people in the Richmond metropolitan area to attend the 45th annual March for Life Rally in Washington DC, on **Friday, January 19, 2018. Seating on buses is limited and will be by RESERVATION only. A Registration fee may be required; however, the Registration fee will be returned when you take your seat on the bus. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a Parent, Legal Guardian, or Approved Temporary Guardian with written permission.**

Charter buses are scheduled for the following locations:

Columbian Center, 2324 Pump Road, Henrico, bus arrives at 7:30 am for pick-up and departs by 8:00 am; contact Darius Yazdgerdi at 804-740-9633 or dmyaz@verizon.net. Bus Captain: Darius Yazdgerdi.

Church of the Redeemer, 8275 Meadowbridge Road, Mechanicsville, bus arrives at 7:30 am for pick-up and departs by 7:45 am; contact Ed Gillikin, Sr. at 804-737-7628 or EdGilli@msn.com. Bus Captain: Steve Gerloff.

Columbian Center and Church of the Redeemer buses will also stop at the **Diocese of Richmond Pastoral Center**, 7800 Carousel Lane, Henrico, (just off of Parham and Shrader Roads) at 8:00 am for additional pick-up and a brief prayer service.

Marchers must check-in at the pick-up location at least 30 minutes prior to the specific departure time and **must bring a lunch, soft drinks, cell phone, hat, gloves and suitable clothing for weather conditions.** Buses will normally return by 6:30 pm.

THANK YOU! Thank you to each and every person whose generous and continued support allows Commonwealth Catholic Charities to carry on the work of serving the community. Without a caring and committed network of mission-minded individuals, we would not be able to continue helping the homeless, feeding the hungry, and caring for the young, the elderly, and the sick. Thank you!

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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