



## PRAYER LIST

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Mary Davidson, Cathy Lipchak, Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Joel Rivera, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, John Rogers, Beulah Taylor. 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**

### 6th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

**Mass Intention: Philip Harris**

### TODAY'S MUSIC

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#533
New Songs of Celebration	
<b>PSALM</b>	#849
The Lord has revealed to the nations revealed	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#558
Father We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	#737
Alleluia Sing to Jesus	
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	#493
Rejoice the Lord is King	

**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: Gerald Belton

Tues.: Mass Intention: Shirley Mauritsen

Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wed.: Mass Intention: Albert Shinko

Thurs: Mass Intention: Jack Shults

Fri.: Mass Intention: Caroline Winston

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

“When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up saying, ‘Get up. I myself am also a human being.’”

These are the first words from the first reading this Sunday.

It is an exchange between Cornelius and Peter. When Peter enters the room, Cornelius wants to bow down to him. After all, he has likely heard some pretty amazing things about what Peter has been doing and saying. The same thing happened when Paul went to Greece. Paul and Barnabas healed a man in Greece and pretty soon all the people wanted to start offering sacrifice and burning incense to Paul and Barnabas because they thought they were gods.

Both Peter and Paul have the same response to these acts of near worship – they effectively say ‘give the praise to God.’

You may think, ‘how ridiculous those foolish people of that time... wanting to make Paul and Peter into gods.’ It was pretty foolish of those people. I guess they were sort of caught up in the excitement. I guess all those people were looking for something and when Peter and Paul started to show them the answers, they wanted to make them gods, even though they were just the messengers.

What they should have been worshiping is the God behind the words of Peter and Paul. They should have been hungering and seeking the God behind the miracles that Peter and Paul were performing.

I think people have the tendency to do the same thing today. I think people today do the same thing the foolish people did back then. I think people tend to make gods out of people.

They may not offer incense to them, as they tried to do back then, but they certainly make sacrifice to them. They sacrifice their most prized possessions to them. They sacrifice their time, their money, their loyalty, their allegiance – they even make them hope.

Who am I talking about? Who are these people who other people try to make gods of today?

Politicians.

People today try to make gods out of politicians.

You may say, ‘I don’t try to make gods out of politicians, I hate politicians.’ To which I would respond, you hate them because you want them to be gods but, in fact, they act as mere humans.

People make gods out of politicians because they want them to have all the answers.

Don’t get me wrong, there are abominable politicians. Many are spineless and badly formed, intellectually.

But one of the reasons people dislike politicians is because they expect too much from them. The reason they expect too much from them is because they think they are, or at least want them to be, godlike. And they are not. They are human. And as such, they have a tendency to be selfish, cowardly, egotistical, and money seeking, just like everyone else. If you don’t have any of those tendencies or any other bad tendencies, then you are already a saint and I ask that you pray for us mere mortals.

People, of which politicians are drawn from, are very limited in their ability to fix complex things, and most big problems are very complex and have been around since Adam. Although someone (a politician) might stand up and say that they have figured out the solution, and articulate it in a catchy phrase, they are simply making promises that are impossible for them to accomplish. The answers are way too complex. But people want there to be an answer to the suffering in their lives and in the world. People want there to be a fix. And so when someone says they got the answer, people are continually, unfortunately, fooled into believing it.

If it seems as though this problem is getting worse, the hatred for politicians who fail to live up to the godlike expectations placed upon them, then I would attribute that to a culture that is more and more devoid of the one who can actually fix the problems, God.

People want gods, because they want their problems to be fixed, but they don’t want God, who can actually fix their problems. It

was the same back in the day with Peter and Paul, it’s the same now.

Fr. Rossi

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<b><u>3,708.75</u></b>
<b>Gain</b>	<b>\$ 420.75</b>

## OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

**114** lunches were served on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. **84** dinners were served on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. Thank you for your generous help in serving God’s people.

**St. Peter’s Outreach Ministry** is in need of the following items:

Canned goods and other shelf-stable items. Pop-top cans are preferred when possible.

Handled bags – large cloth reusable bags are greatly appreciated.

Women’s hygiene items.

**Healing Mass with Sacrament of Anointing**, Saturday, May 12, 10:30 am., St. Mary Catholic Church, 9505 Gayton Rd, Richmond. All are invited to join our parish community for Mass and lunch in the parish commons following Mass. Come to be anointed if you are anticipating surgery, have chronic mental or physical illness, or bear the burdens of aging. All are welcome to participate in this liturgy; if you plan to join us for lunch, please RSVP TO St. Mary parish office, 740-4044.

**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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