



SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

Nativity of John the Baptist

June 24, 2018

Mass Intention: Steve Winter

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#356
On Jordan's Bank	
PSALM	
I praise your name for filling me with joy at what you make, O God	
OFFERTORY	#502
I Sing the Mighty Power of God	
COMMUNION	#580
Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God	
RECESSIONAL	#524
Holy God We Praise Thy Name	

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.

PRAYER LIST

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz's Mother), Cathy Lipchak, Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Sarah Riegel, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, 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.

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: Michael Bryant
Tues.: Mass Intention: Mimi Gowen
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wed.: Mass Intention: James Murphy
Thurs: Mass Intention: James Cavanagh
Fri.: Mass Intention: Pauline Guard

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

There are many reasons to have a good prayer life. In fact, there is not an area of life that will not get better if a person takes seriously the importance of implementing a daily prayer discipline into their lives. Relationships will get better for the person who prays every day. Work will get better for the person who prays every day. Health will get better for a person who prays every day. Even financial struggles will get better for a person who prays every day.

One of the most urgent reasons today for the necessity of a prayer life is how it keeps a Christian sharp and aware of the many creeping subtleties that can contaminate a Christian's way of thinking. Christians swim in the contaminated waters of moral laxity, hopelessness, exaggerated self-importance, over-indulgence, and relativism. And if they are not careful, they may take in a big gulp of it. They may even drown in it.

But there is possibly of no better example of someone who demonstrates how to stay sharp and free from those unchristian mentalities than the man whose birthday the Church celebrates today.

Today we celebrate the birthday of St. John the Baptist. St. John was chosen of all the human race to be one who would get people ready for who was going to come next. In order to accomplish this huge responsibility, he had to be someone who had the mind of God. He also had to be someone who was willing to push those godly mentalities despite rejection.

And push he did. He gave everything he had for it. He even gave up his life.

Why was he so zealous?

John the Baptist had the same temptation that everyone else faces every day. He swam in the unchristian mentalities of his day similar to Christians living today. But he was so intent on his mission to prepare for Christ, that he was determined to remain sharp.

How did he remain zealous?

He prayed. All day. Every day.

John the Baptist lived in the wilderness and prayed all day long. And ate locusts and honey. The solitude of the wilderness is a perfect place for quiet thought. What do you think he did all day out there? He prayed. He thought.

For most of us, we cannot hide in the woods all day to pray. And we are unlikely to fast to the extent that we are hungry enough to eat locusts. But we can be serious about having a consistent and disciplined prayer life. We can retreat to our bedroom and close the door. We can get up before anyone else wakes up. And we can have our mind sharpened by God so that as we go through the day we see things as God sees them, which is the way they really are, without drinking in the mentalities of the world. The only way to be in the water but not drink the water is to each and every day strive to consistently commune with God through prayer. From that quiet time with God a person draws their strength to be godly amidst the pressures to act just the same as everyone else. This may make them seem a little weird at times, like John the Baptist.

— Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$ 3,288.00
Collection	<u>2,696.74</u>
Loss	\$ 591.26

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

120 lunches were served on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. 125 dinners were served on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Thank you for your generous help in serving God's people.

Food Pantry – at present we need canned vegetables, fruit, and spaghetti sauce, peanut butter & jelly.

Hygiene and Personal Items – Shampoo, Chapstick, travel size Sunblock, Lotion, Hair Combs, Hair Ties, cloth tote bags, hats.

Volcan de Fuego – Fire Volcano – erupted Sunday, June 3 in Guatemala, burying one whole community in ash and blocking roads with a deadly flow of rocks, ash and hot gas. Roads, bridges and houses have been destroyed, families have evacuated the area. Catholic Relief Services' local partner Caritas Escuintla is already providing lifesaving assistance within emergency shelters. Your help is needed. Your gift helps provide immediate emergency food water and other essential living supplies. **There will be a second collection today, June 24, at all Masses.**

Don't take a vacation from your marriage! Come learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. It is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. Fill your marriage with joy! The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends are Aug. 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC and Sept. 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

HAPPY 99TH BIRTHDAY TO MRS. ADELINE MURRAY!
We wish you all of God's blessings on your special day.

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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