



**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**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 5, 2018**

**Mass Intention: Lucile Carroll**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#551
Praise the Lord of Heaven	
<b>PSALM</b>	#917
The Lord gave them bread gave them bread from Heaven.	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#732
Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	#738
I Am the Bread of Life	
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	#737
Alleluia Sing to Jesus	

**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: Albert Naman  
Tues.: Mass Intention: Donald Norris  
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Wed.: Mass Intention: Louise Bulheller  
Thurs: Mass Intention: Robert Alley  
Fri.: Mass Intention: Elizabeth Wallenhorst

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

I find it interesting that the Israelite community was complaining in the first reading, wishing they were still back in Egypt.

Why is it interesting? Because they were slaves in Egypt. Why would they complain about their current situation, where they are totally and completely free, and want to abandon it to go back and become slaves again? Why did they long for their former condition? It says they longed for their former condition, the condition of slavery, because while they were slaves they were provided food.

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What would you rather have?

We certainly like and enjoy our freedom, but we also like to eat. Have you ever not eaten for a couple days? It is very difficult. It is hard enough to drive a person to wish they had a slave master who would be willing to give them food and shelter. That is what the people of Israel were struggling with and why they were longing for their former enslaved condition where "we say by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread!"

So what do you want? How much freedom and independence are you willing to give up in order to attain a certain level of stable food and shelter?

This plays out in many peoples' lives in regards to the political parties with whom they align themselves. Some are attracted by the idea of freedom and personal autonomy and independence. Some drawn to the idea of have a 'master' who will provide and care for them. Much of what people argue about, politically, is the amount of freedom and independence they are willing to sacrifice in order to be cared for.

So what does God think? Where does God fall in regards to the idea of freedom/independence vs authority/governance? To get the answer all we have to do is continue reading the first reading and it gives us two principles that define God's stance on the matter.

First, it should be obvious God loves independence and self-governance. . He hates slavery. How do we know that? Because He is the one who led them out of the desert. He knew they were going to need food (remember He made us). Nevertheless, He did not want them in that condition of slavery, even if they were being cared for to a certain degree.

Second, He wants that people LOOK TO HIM to be the one to whom they sacrifice their freedom and autonomy in order to be provided a measure of stable care and provision. You should not sacrifice your freedom and autonomy to anyone or anything, no matter how good the deal is. You should only make that sacrifice to God. Because to whom you sacrifice your freedom and autonomy, you make your God. To whom you entrust yourself to be cared for, you make Lord. And there is only one God to whom, when you do sacrifice your freedom and autonomy. He is absolutely perfect in what He will do with that sacrifice and will make sure that it comes back to you 10 fold (as the New Testament says).

Fr. Rossi

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<b>2,639.31</b>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$ 648.69</b>

## OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

167 lunches were served on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. 105 dinners were served on Wednesday, August 1, 2018. Thank you for your generous help in serving God's people.

**ST. PETER'S FOOD PANTRY** – The food pantry is used to help feed the poor in our city. If you can help restock our food pantry, please consider bringing plastic bags, canned meats, vegetables, fruits, dried goods, and any non-perishable food.

**Hygiene and Personal Items** – Please consider these items when donating: sample size Shampoo, Chapstick, sample size Sunblock, Lotion, Hair Combs, Hair Ties, razors, cloth tote bags, hats, socks, underwear, women's pads, and sample size toothpaste.

**Dear All,**

Next weekend we will have a young man named Patrick Clark join us at Mass here at St. Peter. He is embarking on a missionary endeavor in Honduras in a few months. But he needs our help, financially and spiritually. Please begin praying for the success of his trip. And also please bring a donation next weekend to support his cause. We will have a second collection next weekend (August 11). WRITE CHECKS TO ST PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH and we will forward the money.

Thank you!!!!

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**Cybercrime** is hitting dioceses nationwide. If/when you receive an email that shows the parish's pastor or a parish priest as the sender requesting you to purchase a gift card, rest assured it is a scam. Parishioners can and should contact the parish to verify the legitimacy of any suspicious request received through email. All cybercrime should be reported to the FBI at <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>. It is up to the victim of cybercrimes to file complaints.

**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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