



**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**

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 2, 2018**

**Mass Intention: Gabriel Bulinda**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#737
Alleluia Sing to Jesus	
<b>PSALM</b>	#929
He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#624
What Does the Lord Require	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	#594
Christian Do You Hear the Lord	
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	#559
Let All Things Now Living	

**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, 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: Ann Blexio
- Tues.: Mass Intention: Elsie Quinian
- Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Wed.: Mass Intention: Robert Shisler
- Thurs: Mass Intention: Shannon Dailey
- Fri.: Mass Intention: Winstead Reitzer

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Earlier this week we celebrated the feast day of St. Monica.

St. Monica is the mother of St. Augustine.

St. Augustine, as you may already know, was one of the most influential theologians of the entire history of the Catholic Church. His impact almost cannot be overstated.

And yet Augustine was not always on the right path. In fact, if you have read his book "the Confessions," in which he recounts his conversion to the Catholic religion, you will see he came from a life of debauchery.

So how did he get there? How did he have such a giant conversion from being an immoral pagan to a holy saint? He did so in no small part due to the prayers and tears that his mother, St. Monica, offered to God each and every day.

Monica is a Saint because she shows us the power of offering prayers and tears for the conversion of a loved one.

Know anyone who needs conversion? Love anyone who could benefit from having their lives turned around by God?

I am so often saddened to hear from parents and grandparents that their own kids or grandkids don't go to Church and don't practice the faith. Very often, the parents and godparents did everything 'right.' They sent their kids to Catholic school, made sure they went to Church, volunteered at Church, etc, and yet

they still have kids who have fallen away. It is very sad and very common.

To them I would say look to the example of St. Monica. Your job as a parent and grandparent is the exact same, whether your kids are 5 months, 5 years old, or 50 years old. Your job is to get them to Heaven.

Feel free to nag them. Tell them they need to have their children baptized. Tell them they need to go to Church and to take their children to Church. Tell them if they don't they are doing spiritual harm to their children.

And pray, pray, pray for them. If you are older and wonder what you are still doing here, or wonder why you suffer so much with pains and sickness in your old age, well I tell you that you can offer that up to God as prayer. Offer it like St. Monica did.

God is faithful. If he can turn around Augustine and make him St. Augustine, he can do it for your kid or grandkid. There is always hope.

Fr. Rossi

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<u>3,724.61</u>
<b>Gain</b>	<b>\$ 436.61</b>

### OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

146 lunches were served on Tuesday, August 28, 2018. 93 dinners were served on Wednesday, August 29, 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.

Are you graduate and professional students in the Richmond interested in connecting with other students of faith? The Catholic Graduate Student Organization at VCU and MCV is a spiritual home away from home for graduate and professional students of VCU. We hope to provide opportunities for prayer, worship, Bible Study, lectures on the Catholic faith as it relates to professional life, service opportunities and more. If interested, contact Mario Dance [medance@vcu.edu](mailto:medance@vcu.edu) and head to our Facebook page at "Catholic Graduate Student Organization@VCU".

**FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION**, a *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat*, sponsored by Church of the Epiphany, will be held Oct 12-14, 2018. This retreat is for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt, or shame from abortion. The weekend combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussions in a guided process that leads to the heart of God's love and compassion. If you would like to learn more about this retreat you can contact Marty Montgomery-Jennings at 804-704-0429, or Maggie Carlson at 804-432-2589 or email: [RV4hope@gmail.com](mailto:RV4hope@gmail.com). Visit our website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). Inquiries, registration, and participation are strictly confidential.

### TELL VIRGINIA STATE LEGISLATORS THAT ASSISTED SUICIDE IS WRONG!

Virginia legislators have requested a study about whether physician-assisted suicide should be legal in Virginia, after which policy recommendations will be made. A public comment period has begun, and they need to hear from you now! Life is a gift from God, not something to be discarded. Assisted suicide – among other things – would:

- Put many people at risk, especially the disabled and those suffering from depression
- Provide insurers with a financial incentive to cover assisted suicide rather than more expensive treatment
- Break our trust in doctors, who should strive to heal & alleviate pain, not kill their patients

**Physician-assisted suicide is false compassion, it's a false choice, and it's wrong for Virginia. Don't miss your opportunity to submit pre-drafted public comments today at:** [bit.ly/VCCassistedsuicide](http://bit.ly/VCCassistedsuicide). Please sign up for the Virginia Catholic Conference advocacy network at: [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org)

**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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