



**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**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

**April 7, 2019**

**Mass Intention: Robert Shisler**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

**ENTRANCE** #420

Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

**PSALM** #801

The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with joy, we are filled with joy.

**OFFERTORY** #624

What Does the Lord Require

**COMMUNION** #738

I Am the Bread of Life

**RECESSIONAL** #752

The Master Came to Bring Good News

**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, Judy Burneston, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz's Mother), Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Diane Lindenfelser Ouellette, 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: Mary Kauffmann  
Tues.: Mass Intention: Andre Bomell  
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30am – 12:30pm  
Wed.: Mass Intention: Mark Deasy  
Thurs: Mass Intention: Concetta Galipo  
Fri.: Mass Intention: Salvatore Galipo

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Today in the Gospel reading you heard about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. You may have heard another reading depending on if your parish had the 'scrutiny' rite after the homily. But for most of you it was the Gospel reading where Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Can you imagine? Have you ever been to a funeral? Have you ever been in the presence of a dead body? Take yourself back to that time. Now think about while you are standing there looking at a dead body, imagine what you would do if all of a sudden that body sat up and said 'hey there, what are you crying about.'

I think you would pass out.

That is what happened when Christ raised Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus was dead...dead as a doornail as the saying goes. In fact he was dead three days.

Now you have to remember back then there was no modern-day embalming process to make the body nice. It just decayed naturally and immediately. And it is hot in Jerusalem. So after three days his body would have been a good bit decayed. In fact, the Gospel says they were even worried about the smell.

So think about it this way. Not only did Christ raise him from the dead, but he also restored his flesh to him that was decayed, made his veins start pumping blood again, brain cells start firing again.

Most of the time when the brain is deprived of oxygen for even a short period of time, the brain suffers terrible brain damage and effects on the person are awful. His brain did not have any oxygen for 3 days!!!

And yet when he woke up, he was just fine. Brain totally restored, regenerated, and fully alive.

It is an absolutely amazing miracle that Christ performed. He really knows how to make a statement!!!

But you know what is also very true and I guess unfortunate is that Lazarus died. Even though he was raised from the dead and Christ did an amazing thing, he still died.

Don't get me wrong, it was not right away. I reckon he lived a good while after Christ raised him from the dead. But he did eventually die. You can be sure of that. It is the only thing in life that is certain, in addition to taxes (just a reminder your taxes are due in a week).

So when I put it that way, doesn't it seem sort of less impressive? Doesn't the fact that Christ couldn't stop death from happening all together sort of undermine the grandness of the miracle?

My point in bringing this up is by no means to disparage the amazing miracle that Christ performed when He raised Lazarus from the dead.

But I do intend to compare this miracle in all its grandeur with an even greater miracle that Christ performs. There is an even greater miracle that Christ performs than the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. The reason this other miracle is even greater than the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead is because this other miracle has eternal consequences. This other miracle lasts forever, and ever, and ever and ever. It raises from death something that lives forever and ever and ever. It heals something that, unlike that old body of Lazarus, will live forever.

This miracle is what happens every time a soul walks into the confessional and is forgiven of their sins. This greater miracle is when a person dead in sin, mortal sin, which kills the life of the soul, is rejuvenated and resuscitated in the Sacrament of Confession.

How amazing that miracle is!!! When Christ raises that the soul to life, He gives it the chance to live forever! He gives it the opportunity to live and never ever die!!! If you have the option of being raised from the dead after you die (bodily) or having your soul raised from the death of sin, CHOOSE THE LATTER OF THE TWO!

These old bodies ain't going to make it, no matter how good your doctor or how good your miracle worker. But you soul is capable of eternal life. So when you're given the chance for Christ to perform a miracle for you, ask...BEG Him to restore life to your SOUL!

Fr Rossi

<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collected</b>	<b><u>6,473.00</u></b>
<b>Gain</b>	<b>\$3,185.00</b>

## OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

**101** lunches were served on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. **106** dinners were served on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. Thank you for your generous help in serving God's people.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, there will be stations at St. Patrick Church, 215 N. 25<sup>th</sup> St., Richmond, 12 noon, on Thursdays.

## ST. PETER'S FOOD PANTRY

**Our food pantry helps to feed the poor in our community. Please help us by donating canned tuna, chicken, and any other shelf-stable foods. It helps when the cans are pull-top and regular size.**

**We need hygiene items: soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, Chapstick, combs, hair ties, shaving razors, hand sanitizer, tissues, hand/feet instant heat warmers.**

– Please consider donations of socks, belts, and backpacks.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm  
Good Friday – 7:00 pm  
Easter Vigil, Saturday – 8:00 pm  
Easter Sunday – Regular Schedule

**Need your help** – please, please, when using your envelopes, be sure to fill out the front with name, amount, and check number. Also, DO NOT use envelopes from last year as some ID numbers have changed.

**Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603**

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