



## 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**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

**June 2, 2019**

**Mass Intention: Parishioners of St. Peter, St. Patrick and St. John**

**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, Barbara Cosby, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz's Mother), Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Diane Lindenfelser Ouellette, Sarah Riegel, Marilyn Reilly, David Simons, Beulah Taylor, Bob Wilkins. 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: Huguette Tucker (L)

Tues.: Mass Intention: Thomas Swanson

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Robert Gibson

Thurs: Mass Intention: Donald Kiesler

Fri: Mass Intention: Doris Conklin

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Happy Ascension!!!

Today we celebrate Jesus ascending into Heaven having risen from the dead. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to those who remained here.

Can you imagine how sad the apostles and disciples were when Jesus ascended into Heaven?!?!?! Talk about an emotional roller coaster. They start as followers, think Jesus is amazing and great and going to be their new king, see Him crucified and with it all their hopes and dreams destroyed, then find out He has risen from the dead, now He is leaving them again!!!

I would have been so sad that He was leaving again!!!

He promised to send the Holy Spirit as the consolation that would strengthen them and increase their faith, but they didn't know really what it was going to feel like to receive the Holy Spirit. He told them about it but they still had weak faith (only grew strong once they received the Holy Spirit).

God requires us to have faith.

It reminds me of something that we all experience when someone we love dies. When someone we love dies, we experience great pain. Especially if it is a parent or even worse a child, the loss is very very difficult.

But it is this moment that we have to remember something important and challenging. It is the same thing that the disciples had to think about when Jesus ascended into Heaven. When we lose someone we love, we have to remember that we should be happy because of the happiness we pray they are experiencing with God in Heaven.

In a sense, it is our own selfishness that we want to have them here for our own happiness. But if we are to consider what is going to give them the most happiness, it is not staying here on earth. What is going to make them most happy is to be in Heaven. And we obviously, deep down ultimately want our loved ones to be happy, even if we have to sacrifice so they can be happy.

The good news is that when we experience loss, there is always always some good that is going to be coming right in to follow afterward. For the apostles, the good they were going to receive was the Holy Spirit. Yes it was amazing having Jesus with them, but in a special way when the Holy Spirit came to them it actually went inside of them, in their being, and strengthened them in a way that they had not be strengthened even in Jesus' presence.

So it is for us when we suffer the loss of a loved one. We lose something but are always given the promise of God that He will bring something into us, into our lives, that infills us in a new and exciting way, and in a way that prepares us for our own destiny which is to be with God in Heaven as well.

Happy Ascension all. It was maybe a sad day for them as is the day of loss for us. But always remember two things: first, it is better for them that they go then if they stay and two, there is something great and even beyond our imagining that God has in store for us right around the corner.

Fr Rossi

<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collected</b>	<b><u>1,957.00</u></b>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$1,331.00</b>

**OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY**

146 lunches were served on Tuesday, May 28, 2019. 114 dinners were served on Wednesday, May 29, 2019. Thank you for your generous help in serving God's people.

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**SAINT PETER'S FOOD PANTRY  
AND  
CLOTHES CLOSET**

Our pantry is in need of re-stocking. We need shelf-stable items that are easy open or pop top. If you send bulk items, please be sure what's inside is in individual smaller packaging. Foods we need are: canned vegetables, soups, stews, rice, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, pasta or rice sides, pasta (also include broth or pasta sauce) canned fruit, fruit cups, fruit juices, dried fruit, Snack Items, Granola Bars, Trail Mix, Crackers, Candy.

Hygiene and Personal Items – Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Shaving Razors, Hand Sanitizer, Tissues. We always need women's pads, wipes, and other sanitary wipes.

Socks, T-shirts, underwear, hats, belts, backpacks and tote bags are accepted year-round.

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**The Knights of Columbus from Church of the Redeemer** will be taking a pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II Shrine and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The bus will leave the Church of the Redeemer parking lot at 7:30 am.

After Mass, we will go to the Basilica and have lunch in their cafeteria and then tour the Basilica.

We will depart the Basilica at 3:30 pm and return to the Church of the Redeemer.

Price for this event is \$30 per person. Please make checks payable to the K of C, 11042, mail to David Ward, 6432 Middy Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

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**St. Joseph Parish Annual Yard Sale – Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** from 8 am to 2 pm in the parking lot in front of church at 828 Buford Road in the Bon Air section of Chesterfield. Food, coins dolls, plants, furniture, civil war items, jewelry, kitchen goods, electronics, clothes and much more will be on sale. For info, please call 804-320-4932.

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