



**SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**800 East Grace Street**

**P. O. Box 933**

**Richmond, Virginia 23219-0933**

**Office: 804-643-4315**

[www.stpeterchurch1834.org](http://www.stpeterchurch1834.org)

**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 Easter**

**May 19, 2019**

**Mass Intention: Pat Schultz**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

**ENTRANCE** #497

To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

**PSALM** #847

I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

**OFFERTORY** #431

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

**COMMUNION** #690

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

**RECESSIONAL** #588

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

**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 Lindenfesler 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: Ollie Vaughn  
Tues.: Mass Intention: Charles Michael Russell  
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30am – 12:30pm  
Wed.: Mass Intention: Joseph Aquart  
Thurs: Mass Intention: Lilia Martin  
Fri: Mass Intention: Bernard Haske

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

I was recently reading through the Baltimore Catechism (that's what priest's do in their spare time) and I came across one of the most well-known teachings of our faith. Most of you older folks have this particular passage memorized. And you are blessed that you do, I'll explain why.

The passage is the famous one regarding "What is the Meaning of Life?" (what is our purpose...why are we here...why are we made)

And it says your purpose in life, why you were made, is to "know Him (God), to love Him, and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next."

So simple. So sweet. So perfect.

If you have that drilled into your head you are blessed. If you put it into practice by reminding yourself of it when you are confused about your purpose in life, you are doubly blessed. And if you live by it every day, contemplating it and trying to be better at fulfilling it as a mandate for life, then you are well on your way to sainthood. And furthermore, I bet you are a happy person.

I have never met an unhappy or lost person who understood this above dictate. Sure anyone can hit a rough patch in life, ups and downs, struggles and the like, but for a person who knows what their purpose in life is and strives to fulfill it (the purpose noted above in all its simplicity) they are always blessed with a certain indestructible contentment and direction.

More than ever I read about how people these days (especially young people) are sadder than ever. They are even taking their lives at alarming rates. Life gets better and better every day as far as comforts, advancements in science, advancements in entertainment, and the like. But amazingly there is an ever increasing rate of suicide in our country. How can that be?

Furthermore, as people become more and more ‘released’ from what they thought were the shackles of tradition, rules, guidelines and discipline – the stuff that is always said to be limiting or stopping one’s ability to be happy - they seem to be less and less fulfilled in life (no one who is happy and fulfilled in life ends their life prematurely).

There is a quote from the new catechism written by St John Paul II that expands upon what was taught in the Baltimore Catechism.

“The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for.” #27

I love these quotes. They are so simple and clear and what is stated in them is the key to happiness on earth (and even for eternity).

What it says is that because you are made by God, and because you are made for God, then you can and only will be happy when seeking and finding Him. You will never ever ever stop searching for happiness even if someone gave you every single thing you could put on a wish list. It will not fill the void. There is only one thing that will fill the void, you must dedicate yourself to seeking and finding Him. It is a commitment that lasts a lifetime, that takes the best and most of your being, and requires you to sacrifice other stuff in life in order to be able to do it. But all you have to do is remember that whatever the thing is that you have to let go of in order to seek God more God is something that does not have the potential to make you happy anyway. It cannot get to the deep-down desire which is infinite inside you. Only God can get there.

There is so much wisdom for the world in these few quotes from the Catechism. There are so many answers to be found therein for those who are looking for them. They just have to look in the right place.

Fr Rossi

<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collected</b>	<b><u>2,221.20</u></b>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$1,066.80</b>

**OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY**  
**115** lunches were served on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. **104** dinners were served on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Thank you for your generous help in serving God’s people.

\*\*\*\*\*

**NEED YOUR HELP!!**

As you all know, our very own deacon who was with us last summer, Deacon Cassidy, is being ordained on June 1. We are all so proud and happy for him.

The exciting thing is that he is celebrating his first Mass here at St. Peter’s on Sunday, June 2, 2019.

We are giving him a reception after the 10:45 Mass. We need help with setting up, decorating, kitchen help, and help with the clean-up afterwards. If you can help, please see Kris Mednikov or call the office, 804-643-4315.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Please join All Saints Catholic School** for an Open House on Tuesday, May 21, 8a.m. – 1p.m. RSVP requested, but not required at 804-329-7524. Stop by on your way to work or during lunch. All Saints is located at 3418 Noble Ave., Richmond, VA 23222; it is a school of high moral expectations and academic rigor for pre-K through grade eight. For more information, visit [www.allsaintsric.org](http://www.allsaintsric.org).

\*\*\*\*\*

**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.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Emails:**  
 Pastor: Rev. Gino Rossi – [ginopaulrossi@hotmail.com](mailto:ginopaulrossi@hotmail.com)  
 Rev. Ernest Livasia Bulinda – [livasia@gmail.com](mailto:livasia@gmail.com)  
 Rev. Frank Wiggins – [padreop@verizon.net](mailto:padreop@verizon.net)  
 Weddings – Kris Mednikov – [krismednikov@yahoo.com](mailto:krismednikov@yahoo.com)  
 Office – Barbara Simons – [stpeterchurch2@aol.com](mailto:stpeterchurch2@aol.com)