



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

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST SUNDAY

June 23, 2019

Mass Intention: Ramond Kastelberg

TODAY’S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #733

At That First Eucharist

PSALM #864

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

OFFERTORY #736

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

COMMUNION #488

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All

RECESSIONAL #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, 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: Robert Shisler
- Tues.: Mass Intention: Joseph McLaughlin
- Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Wed.: Mass Intention: Ann Cutler
- Thurs: Mass Intention: Hazel Randall
- Fri: Mass Intention: William Merritt

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Corpus Christi!!!

Today we are privileged to celebrate yet another amazing and glorious feast day of our awesome Faith.

Our faith is soooooo rich! So many glorious occasions for grace! So many gifts God gives us through our Catholic faith!

Today in particular is a very important aspect of our faith. In fact it is not just an important aspect it is the center of our faith. The church teaches that what we celebrate and honor in a particular way this weekend, Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ, is the center, source and summit of our faith.

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What does that mean?

First it means that all aspects of our faith lead to and direct us to the Body and Blood of Christ because it is the center. Do you know why it is important to go to confession? Because if you do not you cannot worthily receive Holy Communion. Do you know why it is so important that we have vocations to the priesthood? Because if we don't we cannot have the Body and Blood of our Lord. Do you know what the purpose of the scripture readings and homily is at every Mass? It is to inflame and prepare our hearts to receive more attentively the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. I could go on and on and on. Every teaching of the faith and moral imperative and everything we

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

137 lunches were served on Tuesday, June 17, 2019. **117** dinners were served on Wednesday, June 18, 2019. Thank you for your generous help in serving God’s people.

ATTENTION: I am looking for a volunteer to coordinate our new shower outreach to the poor at St. Peter. You do not have to be a St. Peter parishioner. I am looking for a coordinator. We are going to be beginning our shower outreach soon (we recently completed our showers downstairs at St. Peter) and I need someone to volunteer to be our head coordinator of our program. We will start slow (time commitment being a few hours per week total...approximately 3). Please pray about if God is asking you to do this for Him. There is someone God wants to do this. Is it you? Please email me if you are interested or have questions --- Fr. Rossi

ST. PETER’S FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is in need of restocking. The pantry helps feed the poor of our community. Please consider donating shelf-stable items, such as: canned chicken, tuna, canned veggies, and fruits, pasta, pasta sauce and cereal. Donations are accepted in the office, Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 2 pm.

ST, PETER’S CLOTHES CLOSET

Our clothes closet is **closed** until the fall of the year. We will not be accepting donations of clothes or hygiene items.

Emails:

- Pastor: Rev. Gino Rossi – ginopaulrossi@hotmail.com
- Rev. Ernest Livasia Bulinda – livasia@gmail.com
- Rev. Frank Wiggins – padreop@verizon.net
- Weddings – Kris Mednikov – krismednikov@yahoo.com
- Office – Barbara Simons – stpeterchurch2@aol.com

do can be explained and described as leading back to the Body and Blood of Christ. It is Christ. It is His Real Presence. And everything we do as Catholics is about Christ. Thus everything we do leads back to His Body and Blood.

It also means the Body and Blood is the source. Where does a Christian primarily draw strength from? Christians draw strength from the Body and Blood of Christ. Remember even if the homily is bad or music off key, you still receive the Body and Blood of God at Mass and that is why it is so important to attend Mass every week. There is nothing more important you can do with your life than go to Mass and receive Holy Communion. Christ taught that if we do not then we do not have life inside of us. Without Holy Communion, without the Body and Blood of Christ, we are dead inside. That is why St Padre Pio once said the world could exist more easily without the sun in the sky that without the Eucharist, without the Body and Blood of Christ. If you are tired in life, if you want more meaning in life, if you are worn down by life then I encourage you to make more attempts to worthily receive Holy Communion...not so that you can just have another thing on your plate that you do not have time for but so that you can have more zest and zeal to do the things you need and want to do in your life. God never takes life from us. Spiritual things should never drain us. God want us to be in communion with Him, to receive Holy Communion, so that we can get what we need to do what we need to do in life, and do it well and with joy.

Finally it is the summit. As summit is a peak, it is the highest point. Think of the best day of your life. Now I ask you did you receive Holy Communion that day? If not then I say it is not the best day of your life. It may have been a great day but any day that you did not receive Holy Communion, that you did not take into your veins and your own blood the Body and Blood of Christ then it was a day that at best is only second best. That is why we should scratch and crawl to get to Mass every week. And also daily Mass. How privileged to live in town where daily Mass is so available! Go on your lunch break! Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that has the ability that has the ability to give you eternal life...that’s what Christ said! When you come up for Holy Communion you are receiving the Real Presence of God in you...He made the whole universe and intends to enter into your very being...it is mind blowing!

I hope you enjoy this great feast day. This gift, the Body and Blood of Christ, the Real Presence, which God has given to the Catholic Church, to the one true Church that goes back to the Apostles, is what makes the Church the Church. It is the center of the whole Church. It is source of strength and grace in the Church. It is the summit of the life of the Church and the greatest joy of every single Catholic on the face of the earth

Fr Rossi

Budgeted	\$3,288.00
Collected	<u>2,795.55</u>
Loss	\$ 492.45