



**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**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**June 30, 2019**

**Mass Intention: Leighann Seeds**

**TODAY’S MUSIC**

**ENTRANCE #547**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**PSALM #903**

You are the inheritance you, O Lord.

**OFFERTORY**

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

**COMMUNION #732**

Draw Near and Take the Body of Your

Lord

**RECESSIONAL #762**

My Country Tis of Thee

**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: Huguette Tucker  
Tues.: Mass Intention: Wilnette Alexander  
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30am – 12:30pm  
Wed.: Mass Intention: Marion Buford  
Thurs: Mass Intention: **NO MASS**  
Fri: Mass Intention: John Simons

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Happy 4th of July!!! (in just a few days)

In just a few days we celebrate the birth of America, Independence Day.

How many people are able to tell me what the first amendment in the Bill of Rights guarantees? Do you know? If you are older you may know, but if you are younger it is likely you do not. This is terrible but is a reflection of the poor education young people receive today in the area of civics.

I will give you a hint. There are 5 things guaranteed by the first amendment.

Come on! Don’t you know??? Fine I will tell you.

The first amendment to the bill of rights guarantees freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly and petition.

While freedom in these areas is generally considered common across western civilization nowadays, it was not always so. In fact, what is written in the Bill of Rights was novel at the time and is still an extensive guarantee of freedom, even when compared to other democratic nations that have written constitutions imitating ours.

But we have to always be vigilant regarding these rights and freedoms as the pressures of life will always try to erode them away. They are something that will exist only with continual effort and vigilance.

I would contend that freedom of religion and freedom of speech are both being challenged today to a significant degree.

The freedom of religion is being continually undermined today by lawsuits against bakers who refuse to participate in things they think are immoral. It is being undermined by states trying to force Catholic hospitals to perform abortions or provide artificial birth control. It is being undermined right now in California as the state there is considering passing a law that would by law require priests to violate the sacred seal of confession (IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN...I WILL GO TO JAIL FOR 100 YEARS BEFORE I WOULD GIVE INTO TO BE FORCED TO VIOLATE THE SACRED SEAL OF CONFESSION).

Freedom of speech is also being undermined to a great degree. There was an old saying kids used to learn "sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me." That was a good saying and it taught kids to shrug off teasing and being made fun of, and kids learned to interact socially without having to run for fear of being offended. It made them tougher and more resilient. And a certain amount of toughness and resilience is necessary to confront challenges in life and be able to deal with people who might otherwise seem to be offensive.

Now, especially towards faithful and traditional Catholics and Christians, there is a desire to suppress the voice of the Church. And those who hold traditional Catholic moral positions are labeled bigots or intolerant.

God played a large part in the establishment of our nation. Those freedoms that the Bill of Rights guaranteed were enumerated because those who wrote it believed that God gave people those rights and the state was supposed to exist simply to protect them.

Be careful today. Without diligence, vigilance and a willingness to fight for them, they may not be there for your kids or grandkids.

Fr Rossi

<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collected</b>	<b><u>2,056.00</u></b>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$1,232.00</b>

**OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY**

158 lunches were served on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. 115 dinners were served on Wednesday, June 26, 2019. Thank you for your generous help in serving God's people.

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**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

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**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.

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**THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON Thursday, July 4, 2019**

**Have a safe and happy holiday!!**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. FRANK  
July 1

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