



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, Marilyn Reilly, Darnetta Robinson, 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.

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2019

Mass Intention: Rev. Micheal Quinn

TODAY’S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #726

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

PSALM #912

He who does justice, will live in the presence of the Lord.

OFFERTORY #502

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

COMMUNION #738

I Am the Bread of Life

RECESSIONAL #467

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

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.

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: Miriam Evans

Tues.: Mass Intention: Joaquin Santos

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Richard Savage

Thurs: Mass Intention: Frances Carpinello

Fri: Mass Intention: John Mulligan, Jr.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Have you ever heard someone say “offer it up?”

If you had some good nuns who taught you in grade school then you almost certainly heard it, multiple times.

“Offer it up”

At the time it was maybe not what you wanted to hear. Maybe you even thought to yourself “golly, this nun is not very nice.” Usually when someone says “offer it up,” it is in response to our experiencing some pain in our life, and then someone around us says “offer it up.”

Thus, it can seem kind of cold, or a little lacking in compassion for someone to say “offer it up.”

But, in fact, ‘offering it up’ is a very biblical thing to do as we heard in the second reading today.

Saint Paul says “I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church.”

When Saint Paul says he rejoices in his sufferings, he is saying that he is doing the opposite of complaining or reacting poorly. Often when people suffer, they are tempted to complain, ‘why me,’ or blame everyone else for their suffering, ‘it’s your fault...’ or to react in some other way that makes the situation worse. But NOT Saint Paul. Saint Paul does not complain when he suffers but he ‘offers it up’ and unites it with the sufferings of Christ.

Christ suffered more than we will ever comprehend. And one tiny drop of His Precious Blood is enough to atone for all the sins of all the world and every soul until infinity. ONE DROP!!!

Nevertheless, the merits of His suffering have not been fully communicated to all people, and as such, we all have the opportunity to participate in that salvific suffering “on behalf of his body, which is the church.”

I know it’s not easy to understand. But let me make it simple for you. “Offer it up”

Next time you feel pain or suffer, don’t complain. Just think on Christ, open your heart to Him at that moment and let Him enter into your heart at that time. Then react with the renewed strength He gives you to persevere, to turn the other cheek, to smile!

Then instead of bringing more pain and darkness into the world, you bring God into that moment and help to communicate the merits of His suffering into that moment. You can help ‘fill up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church.’

It is the mark of a mature Christian. If we react to pain like everyone else, then we are just like everyone else. But if we offer it up, like the good nuns used to say, then we are truly participating in the salvation of the world!!! And that gives great meaning to all suffering!!! Participating in the salvation of the world is the most important thing you can do with your life.

Fr Rossi

Budgeted	\$3,288.00
Collected	<u>2,464.77</u>
Loss	\$ 823.23

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

122 lunches were served on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. **89** dinners were served on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. Thank you for your generous help in serving God’s people.

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.

St. Paul’s Ladies Sodality is sponsoring a bus trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady in Washington, DC on September 10, 2019. There will be a private tour of the Shrine, followed by free time for Mass, lunch and exploring the more than 70 chapels of the Upper and Lower Crypt churches. Cost is \$99 per person which includes escorted transportation, tours of the Shrine and Monastery and dinner at Sine’ Irish Pub. For more information or to reserve a seat on the bus, please contact Marge Crowe at 862-703-1988.

Catholic Graduate Students, WE’RE LOOKING FOR YOU! Are you looking for us?? Graduate school can be very challenging especially if you’re committed to your faith and feel like you’re the only one in your program. The Catholic Graduate Student Organization (CGSO) aims to link Catholic graduate students from all parts of VCU/MCV together for mutual support and fellowship. If you would like more information, please contact Mario Dance at medance@vcu.edu or call him at 804-314-1681.

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