



**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, 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.**

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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**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 28, 2019**

**Mass Intention: Jane Kelly**

**TODAY’S MUSIC**

**ENTRANCE #595**

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

**PSALM #915**

Lord on the day I called for help you answered me.

**OFFERTORY #727**

Let Us Break Bread Together

**COMMUNION #580**

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

**RECESSIONAL #559**

Let All Things Now Living

**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: Eloise Gorski

Tues.: Mass Intention: John Delpapa

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Lauren Campbell

Thurs: Mass Intention: Margarette Freeman

Fri: Mass Intention: Alice Walsh

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Today in the first reading we heard about Abraham begging God not to destroy Sodom. God was about to destroy Sodom because it was a very immoral city, but Abraham begging God not to destroy it. God decided not to destroy it...for a time. Unfortunately, if you keep reading the book of Genesis, God eventually does destroy Sodom (and Gomorrah) because they are very immoral and sinful towns.

How are we to understand this? Did God destroy these towns because they were immoral and sinful? And more importantly for us today, will God destroy a town (or city or country) today because it is immoral and sinful?

To understand this, consider the effects of sin. Sin and sinful behavior (immorality) is always destructive. There may be a moment when sin feels good and fun, but that is just the initial lie that is inherent in sin. That initial thrill is what gets people hooked. And then once they are hooked, the destructive consequences of sin and immoral behavior begin to become more apparent. Sin is always always always destructive. Sinful choices and immoral behavior, no matter what they feel like at the time, always lead to greater chaos in our lives and in the world in general.

So, think of a whole town or city or country that sins a lot, where immoral behavior is the norm, and virtuous and moderate people are few and far between. Think of a place where morality is even mocked (sounds familiar). Well this town is on a path for destruction. They are continually making choices that bring greater chaos into their lives. And when a whole majority of the people are doing this, that town or city or country is headed for destruction. Sin always leads to destruction and chaos. This is

true if there is sin in your personal life, if there is sin in your family or your neighborhood or community.

Thus, it behooves you to root out sin and hate it wherever it is. Sin destroys your chances of happiness. It destroys the chance of happiness of the ones you love. So, speak loudly against sin and evil and immoral behavior. Because just like it did in Sodom and Gomorrah, sin will destroy everything if left unchecked.

Fr Rossi

<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collected</b>	<b>4,638.40</b>
<b>Gain</b>	<b>\$1,350.40</b>

### OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

153 lunches were served on Tuesday, July 23, 2019. 130 dinners were served on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. Thank you for your generous help in serving God's people.

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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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**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.

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**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](mailto:medance@vcu.edu) or call him at 804-314-1681.

**The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is for all married couples who want to enrich their marriage. It offers married couples an opportunity to get off the treadmill of life and focus on each other. It is a time to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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