

PRAYER LIST

David Adams, 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, 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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019

Mass Intention: John Olszewski

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #529

Praise the Lord You Heavens, Adore Him

PSALM #924

Lord come to my aid.

OFFERTORY #568

Lord of All Hopefulness

COMMUNION #636

I Danced in the Morning

RECESSIONAL #708

Immaculate Mary

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: Huguette Tucker (L)

Tues.: Mass Intention: Timothy Malvihill

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Kiernian Family (L)

Thurs: Mass Intention: Avril Makhlouf

Fri: Mass Intention: Robert Kersey

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Poor Jeremiah. He was the prophet we heard about in the first reading. He had a tough go of it. Always being rejected and hated for what he said. It wasn't even his fault, he was just saying what God told him to say. He would have been crazy NOT to say it, even though he suffered for what he said.

Do you know why prophets are often hated? Because they ruin a good time. Everyone is having fun and enjoying a good time, and they ruin it. Most people like to have a good time, and prophets ruin the party. So people don't like them. Additionally, they also make you feel guilty for being comfortable. It feels good to be comfortable. But prophets come along and ruin it. They call you out for your embellishments and make you feel guilty for them. Therefore, again, nobody likes them.

The goal for a Christian is to be open to the voice of a prophet. You want to know what God is saying and God speaks through prophets. So Christians have to learn to listen to prophets and be open to them. If you disobey their message you are disobeying God. That said, also you have to be careful. There are many false prophets today, even more than there were back then. False prophets pretend to be righteous but are usually doing it more for their own ego than in obedience to God. Don't follow these. Just ignore them.

Another goal for Christians is to become prophets themselves. This is very challenging. It requires gaining a certain ability to be able to function in spite of negative reactions from others. If you are someone who is affected by the thoughts and opinions of others, it will make it more difficult for you to be a prophet. The prophet has to be allegiant to God more than any other person. To be a prophet also requires the ability to be comfortable being uncomfortable. You cannot be too attached to anything or else it will undermine your power in speaking what God tells you...so

you have to be comfortable not being attached to anything...be comfortable being uncomfortable.

Like I say, listening to a prophet and especially being a prophet, is not easy. But it is a calling where you will experience a significant outpouring of grace and know the presence of God in a considerable degree. That is why it is worth it.

Fr Rossi

Budgeted	\$3,288.00
Collected	<u>2,227.00</u>
Loss	\$1,061.00

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

140 lunches were served on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. 100 dinners were served on Wednesday, August 14, 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.

I am pleased to announce we are currently in the process of organizing our shower outreach program. The effort will be led by Robert Peters from St. Patrick and Lorraine Hewitt from St. Joseph. We plan to do a pilot of the program on October 1st. Afterwards, any improvements needed will be incorporated before opening on a regular schedule in November. Showers will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Volunteer roles and responsibilities are being defined and training will be held beginning in mid-October. If you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile program, please email your name, phone number, and email address to: stpetershowers@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENT – Dear All – I want to let you know I have the blessing of being appointed by His Excellence Bishop Knestout to be chaplain at All Saints Catholic School here in Richmond. Each week we will have Mass for the children and teachers, as well as regularly offering confessions, retreats and other spiritual helps to the school. Fr. Ernest and Fr. Wiggins will assist in this as well. Please pray for us as we take on this responsibility and especially for the youth, that they will always be open to God in their lives. – Fr. Rossi

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.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC led by Bishop Knestout: Join Bishop Knestout as he kicks off the 200th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond with a spiritual pilgrimage to the Basilica in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The day begins at the Basilica at 10:00 am and concludes following the Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:15 pm. Registration is required. For more information including registration, transportation options, and meals, visit 2020.richmonddiocese.org OR contact 2020@richmonddiocese.org OR 804-622-5200.

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 weekends on Sep 20-22, 2019 in CHARLOTTE, NC and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>

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