



## 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.**

### **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**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 25, 2019**

**Mass Intention: Alvin Clarke**

#### TODAY'S MUSIC

**ENTRANCE #547**

Praise to the Lord Almighty

**PSALM #927**

Go out to all the world and tell the good news.

**OFFERTORY #630**

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

**COMMUNION #690**

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

**RECESSIONAL #525**

Joyful Joyful We Adore You

**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: Robert Shisler

Tues.: Mass Intention: Clarence Jones

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Barbara Zimmerman

Thurs: Mass Intention: Barbara Ray

Fri: Mass Intention: Emily Condlin (L)

#### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

The Bible says God knows your thoughts (first reading). Let me be sure you understand this. God knows all your thoughts. God knows ALL your thoughts.

Ouch.

Every single thought you think, God knows about. It is as if you said every thought out loud on a roof top. That is how clearly God hears even the quickest of thoughts.

This is scary because everyone has awful thoughts. Everyone. Even priests...except your pastor of course...

Everyone from pauper to pope, has awful thoughts.

There are a few things to understand regarding thoughts.

First, it is not a sin to have an evil thought, it is only a sin to entertain an evil thought. If you have a thought of anger or jealousy or arrogance or lust or judgmentalism, it is not a sin until you sort of keep it going by continuing to be convinced of it. But if you at that moment pray and desire to put that evil thought out of your mind, it will go away (eventually) and you can escape without being poisoned by the evil thought.

That is what God wants us to do. He knows we do not have control over thoughts. In fact, the Church teaches that the most common way temptation confronts us is through the introduction of evil thoughts. So it is part of the Christians battle. And God wants to see that we are fighting it.

Saints used to do all kinds of things to change their evil thoughts, like snap a rubber band on their wrist, jump in a thorn bush, or

walk with an uncooked bean in their shoe; little tricks to control thoughts.

The best way to control thoughts and push away evil thoughts is to, as much as possible, have a heart that is open to God and directed toward Him at every moment. This can be accomplished through simple interior prayer that you continue throughout your day. When you let the good in, the Holy Spirit, He pushes out the bad.

Don't get discouraged! Even though the battle is not complete until you take your last breath, it gives great meaning to every moment of your day. Realize that it is important for you, every moment of your life, to strive to accomplish holiness by letting God fill your thoughts - ALL your thoughts always. There is no room for boredom or meaninglessness in the mind and heart of a person who realizes the importance of every single thought of their life.

Fr Rossi

<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collected</b>	<b><u>2,441.09</u></b>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$ 846.91</b>

**OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY**

142 lunches were served on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. 136 dinners were served on Wednesday, August 21, 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.

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**DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Congratulations to our Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education, Paulita Matheny for being appointed as one of the members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. The appointment is for three years and the Council serves as a consultative body to the Bishop and will provide feedback on matters that pertain to our Diocesan structures and initiatives.

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**Vocations** – “Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD.” Is God calling you to the priesthood? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano, or write to [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – I wanted to inform you of something very unfortunate** that happened in one of our parishes. While cleaning the church, we found a host laying on the floor in the pews. It is likely that it was a consecrated host that someone walked back to their pew with and threw on the floor. This is a sacrilege and if done willingly is grounds for excommunication from the Church. Desecration of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the worst offences that can be committed because it is an offence against the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. I pray it was simply an accident and maybe a child who did not know what they were doing. **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** – if you are privileged enough to be able to help with the distribution of Holy Communion, then you need to observe every single person who comes up for Communion to be sure they consume the Host in front of you. No one is ever permitted to walk off with the Host. If they do, you need to stop them and ask them to either return the Host to you or consume it in front of you. I do this regularly and you need to as well if you want to have the honored responsibility of distributing Holy Communion. **ALL PARISHIONERS** – if you see someone walking away with a Host or someone in the pew with a Host then you need to say something to them. Do not be ashamed. Or walk up to the priest at that moment (not at the end of Mass) and tell the priest so he can deal with it. We must take it extremely seriously to care for and protect the Blessed Sacrament and it is everyone's responsibility. Thank you – Fr. Rossi

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**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 200<sup>th</sup> 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](http://2020.richmonddiocese.org) OR contact [2020@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:2020@richmonddiocese.org) OR 804-622-5200.

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