



**PRAYER LIST**

David Adams, Michael Baecher, 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**

**SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS**

- Mon.: Mass Intention: Makhlouf Family
- Tues.: Mass Intention: Andrew E. Guidarelli
- Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Wed.: Mass Intention: Mary T. Guidarelli (L)
- Thurs: Mass Intention: Margaret Frances Barlow
- Fri: Mass Intention: Avril Makhlouf

**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**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 22, 2019**

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

It is very important that we demand that our elected officials guarantee our religious freedom. St Paul knows the importance of religious freedom as he writes in the second reading this Sunday that we should offer “prayers...for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.”

**Mass Intention: Doris Smith**

Religion is a very powerful force. It demands the highest level of obedience. Therefore, governments have always, since the beginning of government, sought to either stomp our religion or control it for themselves, because when people have religion they are harder to control due to their allegiance to something other than (and higher than) the government.

**TODAY’S MUSIC**

- ENTRANCE #485**  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty
- PSALM #939**  
Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
- OFFERTORY #624**  
What Does the Lord Require
- COMMUNION #737**  
Alleluia Sing to Jesus
- RECESSIONAL #524**  
Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Religious freedom is a relatively new idea in the timeline of human history. It is also something that must be continually fought to keep as the status quo here. There will always be the temptation for government to remove or try to stomp down religious freedom. This is because government, even democracies, tend to always collect and accumulate greater power, and in doing so tend to demote or limit other centers of power. The size of our government as a percent of the size of our county’s economy has grown over 400% in the last 120 years!!! It is becoming more and more in control of everything that happens in the country, and control doesn’t like outside threats.

**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.**

Be vigilant. Pray for “kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.” Express your disgust at politicians who want to tell Catholics how to live or what to believe. Reject their desire to control our hospitals, schools, or other agencies. If we give them control, we will never get it back.-- Fr. Rossi

<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collected</b>	<b><u>2,597.00</u></b>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$ 691.00</b>

**OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY**

127 lunches were served on Tuesday, September 17, 2019. 117 dinners were served on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. Thank you for your generous help in serving God's people.

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**FR. ROSSI NEEDS YOU TO HELP!** – Please consider volunteering to help supervise our shower ministry at St. Peter. We already have a leader, I just need you to come help. You can bring a book and read while you are here. But I need you. Please email [stpetershowers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershowers@gmail.com) for more info. Volunteer times are Tuesday (and eventually Thursday as well) 1pm – 3pm. Please, please, please email us and sign up to help. We do not have enough volunteers to start the program at this point, so I am waiting for you! --Fr. Rossi  
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**IN HONOR OF OUR LADY**, we are going to present various Marian themed videos between the Masses every other Sunday. On Sunday October 6, (right before the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7) we'll begin "The Rosary – Spiritual Sword of Our Lady" presented by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC. We will break the video into 20 – 30 minute sessions and will continue with it on October 20, November 3 and November 17. Further Marian themed presentations will be shown on December 1 and December 15. If there is interest, we could show a video each Sunday during Advent. All are welcome – as are ideas for presentations.  
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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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**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR EAST END PREGNANCY CENTER** – Please pick up your baby bottle today and start filling it to provide funding for the East End Pregnancy Center. We ask that you consider donating a \$1 (or another amount) for each of the 40 Days for Life; making a one-time donation, sign up for monthly donations; or just place your daily pocket change in the bottle. Barbara Altieri, St. Patrick parishioner, will be coordinating this effort for St. Peter and will be available for you to get your baby bottle, to ask questions and get more information. Please be generous.  
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Why we pray.....Since 2009, abortions in the State of Virginia have dropped by over 12,000 a year! Children's lives are saved every single day. You are invited to join us from September 25 through November 3 for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and to pray peacefully during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood at 201 N. Hamilton Street, Richmond, VA, 23221, for one or more hours during the 40-day prayer vigil, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. When people come to pray, the number of "no shows" for abortion appointments can be over 50%. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Ann Niermeyer, 804-714-5170, [pray4dads40days@gmail.com](mailto:pray4dads40days@gmail.com) All are welcome! To learn more and to sign up, visit [www.40daysforlife.com/Richmond](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Richmond).  
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**WALK FOR LIFE:** This year the walk of life campaign will be held at White Bank Park in Colonial Heights. Again I will be walking for 2 miles in helping to support the Tri-Cities Pregnancy Center. The walk will take place on Sat, Nov. 9, at 10:00 am. There will be someone in the back of Church for several weeks to collect your money for this important walk. Last year, all the parishes were very generous in their giving to the Center. We raised over \$1000.00. With your help, we can do this again. If you are writing a check, please make the check out to Tri-Cities Pregnancy Center, or you can go on to their web site, [tri-citiespregnancycenter.org](http://tri-citiespregnancycenter.org). Thank you for your support. -- Fr. Frank  
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**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:** Death effects all of us. Sooner or later we will be confronted with losing a love one or a friend that is close to us. How are we going to handle this phenomenon call death? Again I will be offering 8 sessions on Grief. What is it? Is it good for us to grieve? We will be meeting Thursday nights at 7 pm at St. John Catholic Church starting on Oct. 24 through Dec. 12. There will be a sign up sheet in all the parishes. If you can attend or think you can, please sign up. Thank you very much. -- Fr. Frank  
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