



PRAYER LIST

David Adams, Michael Baecher, Judy Burneston, Steve Campbell, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz's Mother), Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Diane Lindenfeser 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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2019

Mass Intention: Deborah Eckler Williford

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #596

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

PSALM #948

The Lord has revealed to the nations,
revealed His saving power.

OFFERTORY #682

Praise and Thanksgiving

COMMUNION #726

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

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: Huguette Tucker (L)

Tues.: Mass Intention: Anna Graff

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Robert D. McCleary

Thurs: Mass Intention: Stuart Engelking

Fri: Mass Intention: Eleanor McCross

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

The first reading today was about Naaman. He was a great commander in an army but he had leprosy. He was given the advice to go down to the people of Israel because he heard there was someone there who could cure him of his disease.

He eventually met Elisha who told him to go down and wash himself in the Jordan River seven times. Naaman did what Elisha told him and Naaman was cured of leprosy. His skin became like that of a child.

One peculiar aspect of this account is the need for Naaman to wash himself in the river seven times. Why did he have to wash seven times? What if he would have washed only six times or if he had washed eight times? Would he have been cured?

I do not know for certain, but I know that it happens commonly that when God tells someone in the bible to do something, and they do it exactly as He has said, then good things come. But there are many instances when people in the bible have been instructed to do something and they do not do it as God said, and something bad happens.

They may have been just a little off. Like when Moses struck the rock twice in the desert (he was only supposed to strike it once) and the people ended up wandering for 40 years in the desert. Or when God told Saul to get rid of all the Amalekites including the livestock, but Saul decided to keep the livestock. He had good motives but he still disobeyed God and it ended poorly for him.

This makes sense. After all, Jesus says that if you cannot be trusted in small things then you cannot be trusted in larger ones either.

We do not know all the circumstances surrounding a situation and why God tells us to do something this way rather than that way, exactly like this rather than like that. The important thing is that when God tells us to do something, we do it exactly how He said to do it. We should not diminish or mitigate or interject our own opinions when we are given a command by God. He is the parent and we are the children. He knows everything and we know very little. So it will always be best if we simply give in and do exactly what He wants, how He wants, and when He wants. One day maybe we will know all the reasons why He has given us a command or order, but until that day it is best just to do what He says and be grateful the blessings that always eventually come.

Fr. Rossi

Budgeted	\$3,288.00
Collected	<u>2,934.30</u>
Loss	\$ 353.70

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

119 lunches were served on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. 111 dinners were served on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. Thank you for your generous help in serving God’s people.

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 for more info. Volunteer times are Tuesday (and eventually Thursday as well) 1pm – 3pm. Please, please, please email us and sign up to help. --Fr. Rossi

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

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. Thank you for your support. - Fr. Frank

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

PART-TIME JOB –PAID POSITION - We are looking for someone to organize and set-up our **CLOTHES CLOSET**. This is a 5- hour per week job and the hours are flexible. For further information, please call or email the office.

MANY, MANY THANKS to all those who so generously helped to re-stock our Food Pantry. We had enough to pack 10 balanced food bags and still had some left over to start next week. The Food Pantry helps feed the poor of our community. We are always in need of canned veggies, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit, cereal, snack bars, and canned chicken and tuna. No donation is too small; think of the poor when you are doing your shopping.

“The Rosary – Spiritual Sword of Our Lady” – sessions will continue on October 20 between Masses in the Social Hall. All are welcome.

OFFICE HOURS – 10:00am to 3:00pm, Tuesday through Friday.

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