



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.

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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 6, 2019

Mass Intention: Delphane Opet

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #482

Come Holy Ghost

PSALM #

If today you hear His voice, O harden not your hearts.

OFFERTORY #476

Spirit Divine Accept Our Prayers

COMMUNION #727

Let Us Break Bread Together

RECESSIONAL #524

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

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: Avril Makhlouf

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Catherine Wallace

Thurs: Mass Intention: Carrie Johnson

Fri: Mass Intention: William Dickerson

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

This week we had some amazing feast days! Sunday (were it not for it being Sunday) would have been the feast day of the Holy Archangels. Monday was the Feast Day of Saint Jerome. Tuesday was the Feast Day of St Therese of the Child Jesus (Little Flower). Wednesday was the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. And Friday was the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. What a week!!!

Our faith is soooooo rich!!! It is soooo full of tradition and unique and amazing individuals...and beings too (angels)! You can never get bored with what our faith has to offer.

Today I just want to say a word about the three saints we celebrate. And let me first say you could not have 3 more different individuals.

St Jerome is a doctor of the Church (there are only 36 doctors of the Church...men and women who contributed significantly to faith through their writings and academic works). He famously said 'ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ.' He was a dedicated man who lived an austere and hermetic lifestyle and spent his time translating the Bible into Latin. This translation eventually became the basis for the Bible which was used for 1500 years in the Church.

St Therese is also doctor of the Church. She is the youngest of the doctors at only 24 years old when she died. She lived as a cloistered nun and wrote one of the most famous books in all of Christendom, her spiritual memoir, *The Story of a Soul*. Along with the next Saint to be mentioned, she is one of the most popular saints in the Catholic Church.

Our third Saint is St Francis of Assisi. St Francis needs little introduction. His impact on the Church could hardly be overstated. His embrace of poverty, his companions who

followed him and eventually founded a religious order, as well as the religious orders that began because of his influence have touched the lives of billions of souls. I love the dream that Pope Innocent III had during his time where he saw St Francis holding up the pillar of the Cathedral Church in Rome, St John Lateran, as it perfectly projects his overall impact on it.

I bring these three saints up for a couple reasons.

First they are very different. Saints come in all types and sizes. They all have the same motivation, love of God, but express it differently through the gifts God gave them. You do not know how someone can be a saint, but it is certainly true that everyone can be a saint if they allow their love of God to be the primary motivation of their life and then allow God to take control of their life.

Second, it should be noted, that all of these saints had faults. St Jerome struggled with anger. St Therese could be petty, impatient and selfish. St Francis had a love for money. But these faults are what make them so relatable. If they were angels, we would have more difficulty relating to them. But they are not. They are regular people who fought against their faults and with God's grace became bright lights for others to look to for inspiration.

Thank you Saints of God for your wonderful example and your prayers! May we fight just as hard as you did to love God above all else!

Fr. Rossi

Budgeted	\$3,288.00
Collected	3459.84
Gain	\$ 171.84

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

108 lunches were served on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. 85 dinners were served on Wednesday, October 2, 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 signup to help. We do not have enough volunteers to start the program at this point, so I am waiting for you! --Fr. Rossi

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.

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

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 celebration of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond with a spiritual pilgrimage to the Basilica in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Day begins at the Basilica at 10:00 am and concludes following the Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:15 pm. Registration is required. More information including registration, transportation options, and meals, visit: richmonddiocese.org or contact@richmonddiocese.org 804-622-5200.

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

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