



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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2019

Mass Intention: Emily Condlin (L)

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #575

God is Our Fortress and Our Rock

PSALM #951

Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

OFFERTORY #414

Hear Us, Almighty Lord

COMMUNION #609

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

RECESSIONAL #444

Hail Thee, Festival Day

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: Natalie McNeil

Tues.: Mass Intention: Evelyn Jenson

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Tom Yates

Thurs: Mass Intention: Juan Roseles

Fri: Mass Intention: Thomas Berry

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Christ tells his disciples in the Gospel to pray always. He was serious. He didn't mean something different. He expected them to pray always. And He wants the same of His followers today

The usual response is, "but that is so hard...how can I pray always...there is so much stuff to do every day I barely have time to pray at all so how can I pray always."

God wants us to pray always because God wants us to always be happy. The person who prays a lot is happy a lot, and the person who prays always is always happy. The person who prays little is happy only occasionally, and the person who does not pray is probably never really happy.

So if you want to be happy always, then pray always.

This means that certain things in life have to be abandoned. Obviously, you cannot sin and pray at the same time. But even smaller things, certain behaviors or habits or preferences, even these sometimes have to be abandoned in order to be able to pray always. But do not worry, God is not asking anyone to give anything up that makes them genuinely happy, only the shallow and false things that quickly dissipate and leave an empty feeling.

It will take considerable effort to learn how to pray always. It will not come immediately but takes building over time. But God wants this so He gives considerable help and direction to anyone who wants to grow into being someone who prays always.

Even in the midst of pain, the praying person is happy. And God wants His children to be happy always, the good times and the bad, and so that is why He wants continual prayer.

Fr. Rossi

Budgeted	\$3,288.00
Collected	<u>3,012.50</u>
Loss	\$ 275.50

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

137 lunches were served on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. 146 dinners were served on Wednesday, October 16, 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.

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 continue today, October 20, between Masses in the Social Hall. All are welcome.

“Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed.” Are you being called to teach the word of God as a priest? The Vocations Office, 804-359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

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

Emails:

- Pastor: Rev. Gino Rossi – ginopaulrossi@hotmail.com
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