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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

Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

Mass Intention: Merle Mayer

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#406
We Three Kings of Orient Are	
PSALM	#784
Lord every nation on earth will adore you.	
OFFERTORY	#411
What Child is This	
COMMUNION	#408
The First Nowell	
RECESSIONAL	#399
Joy to the World	

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.

PRAYER LIST

David Adams, Judy Burneston, Steve Campbell, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz's Mother), Cathy Lipchak, Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Diane Lindenfesler Ouellette, Marilyn Reilly, David Simons, Beulah Taylor, Chris Thomas. 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.

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon.: Mass Intention: Gerald Baliels
- Tues.: Mass Intention: Robert Shisler
- Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Wed.: Mass Intention: Robert O'Connor
- Thurs: Mass Intention: Kevin Aspinall (L)
- Fri.: Mass Intention: Cecelia Naman

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Today we hear about the three wise men discovering Christ in the manger. You could say, they had an 'epiphany.' They had an experience that changed their lives forever. They had always sought wisdom and knowledge and now they found and were profoundly moved by an infant lying in a manger. Obviously, this was not any infant, but they recognized Him for who He was, the Savior of the World.

We hear that after paying homage and giving gifts they went back to their own countries.

We do not know much about what happened with them after that. Did they go back to life as usual when they got back home? Did the stresses of being 'wise men' come slamming back in their face the moment they walked back in the door? Did they quickly go back to bad habits they swore they would quit after having such an amazing encounter with the Son of God? Did they stop doing good resolutions they intended to faithfully practice subsequent to meeting Him?

We do not know. There are some accounts that these faithful men remained faithful, even to the point of martyrdom for their faith. But we do not know for sure.

I will say that - like everyone else who has had a religious experience, an 'epiphany,' or some type of special event

that really gave them a new and better perspective - they were certainly tempted to waste and squander the gift of that experience by falling back into 'things as usual.'

Have you had a religious experience? Have you had a life-changing or life-shifting event in your life? Sometimes it happens in prayer or at Mass or during a sacrament, sometimes it happens in conjunction with a sickness or the death of someone we love. How did it change you? And more importantly, are you still living as if the event occurred? Or have you fallen back into your old self, things as usual, and therein wasted the gift of that extra perspective you were given.

Don't waste your epiphanies.

Fr Rossi

Budgeted	\$3,288.00
Collected	<u>3,868.89</u>
Gain	\$ 580.89

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

121 lunches were served on Tuesday, December 31, 2019, 75 dinners were served on Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Thank you for your generous help in serving God's people.

ST. PETER'S FOOD PANTRY

YOUR GENEROSITY TOWARDS OUR FOOD PANTRY IS A TRUE BLESSING FOR MANY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU!

WINTER CLOTHING CLOSET

Please consider donations of socks, belts, and backpacks. Blankets, jackets, sweat pants, scarves and gloves are always needed.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Dear Friends of 40 Days for Life:

I am writing to you with a very special announcement and with great joy.

40 Days for Life, Richmond, will be hosting TWO locations for this Spring campaign 2020.

This will be campaign **Number 25** for the City of Richmond.

And while it is unusual for *one* city to host *two* locations, there is great need for us to be present and to pray at both.

So this Spring, beginning February 26 and going until April 5, 2020, we will be praying at the right of way outside of:

Planned Parenthood, 201 N. Hamilton, Richmond, VA 23221 (near Grove Avenue and Carytown)

AND

Planned Parenthood, 1122 N 25th St, Richmond, VA 23223 (in Church Hill across from Mt. Olivet Church)

With the opening of a second Planned Parenthood, our leadership team voted to start a *second* 40 Days for Life campaign, and the national 40 Days for Life leadership has given us permission to do it. The new leader of the original 40 Days for Life campaign is Savannah Fulghum.

She is supported in this effort by the original 40 Days for Life leadership team.

I will be initiating the new Church Hill campaign with the pastors and people from that community. You are invited to continue with our original campaign that will pray at the Hamilton location. If you live or worship in Church Hill, or feel especially called to be part of the new campaign, please let us know.

Otherwise, I ask that you continue to pray at your location and even step up a bit to cover Savannah in prayer ahead of the beginning and to cover as many hours once the vigil starts as you are comfortable taking.

This is an exciting new chapter for us and we can use all of your support and prayers. -- Ann Niermeyer

Reminder - you should have your new envelopes by now. Please do not use your old envelopes, as most of the numbers have changed.

Office Hours - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Tuesday through Friday.

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