



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 2, 2016

Mass Intention: Avril Makhouf

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #482

Come Holy Ghost

PSALM #945

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

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

David Adams, Carolyn Alford, Anthony Arrighi, Rollo Brown, Steve Campbell, Stuart Cary, David Coffman, Bill Holzgreffe, Shirley Hudson, Camilla Hull (mother of Doyle Hull), Connie Klyver, (friend of Ginnie & Marilyn), Maria Konwerska, Emma Mednikov, Jim Melton, Jesse Oliver, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, Beulah Taylor, Craig Trowbridge, Greg Stowers, Bob Webster. 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.

LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

8:30 am: Doug Dewing Extraordinary Ministers:

Adriane Allen-Henderson, Bill Lipchak, Cathy Lipchak

FINANCE: Kathleen & Anthony Seal, Tom Fahed

10:45 am: Leslie Williams Extraordinary Ministers:

Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli

FINANCE: John Rogers, Patty Talley

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Adriane Henderson Extraordinary Ministers:

Linda Shisler, Maggie Wilkins, Robert Wilkins

FINANCE: Bill & Cathy Lipchak, Gabi Wolz

10:45 am: Richard Williams Extraordinary Ministers:

Joe Naman, Mimi Schoof, Kim Taylor

FINANCE: Chris Thomas, Richard Williams

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: Elizabeth M. Beall

Tues.: Mass Intention: Quinn Jay Wilson

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Robert Kersey

Thurs: Mass Intention: Clarence Jones

Fri.: Mass Intention: Avril Makhlouf

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Hello all!

Fall is in the air. I love it! It's great running weather.

First I want to say thank you to the very generous parishioners who took it upon themselves to research, purchase and coordinate installation of the new sacristy sink at St. Patrick. It was very generous of them.

But more importantly it was a great example of the way to be with our parishes. No one asked them to make a contribution to make this gift, they simply saw a need and used their own talents to fulfill the need. These Churches (St. Patrick, St. John, St. Peter) belong to God but are given to us to be stewards of. As such, it is our responsibility to provide for the needs of the parish, both the spiritual needs and the material needs.

When we see something broken, WE should step up and fix it. When we see garbage on the ground, WE should pick it up. When we see something we don't like, WE should take initiative to make it better. This goes not just for physical/material things, but spiritual and worship items as well. If we cannot hear the lector, WE should practice and train to become good lectors. If we do not like the music, WE should get involved and help out the choir. If we are worried about the debt, WE should think of ways to contribute or fundraise. WE SHOULD GO TO CHURCH TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THESE PARISHES WONDERFUL EXAMPLES OF GOD'S LIFE AND PRESENCE. He certainly wants to make them such. It is only the hardness of our hearts that could limit that.

So THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELP MAKE OUR PARISHES GREAT!!!

Second, I want to say a word about the feast day of today. It is the feast of the Guardian Angels. A couple words about angels.

Angels are a higher being than us. They are pure spirit (they are not limited by a material body as we are). They are personal creatures (they are not just a 'piece' of God). They are immortal (they never die). There are very many of them and they are tasked with doing God's will.

Each soul is assigned a personal angel to protect and guide them towards God's will, this is a Guardian Angel. Some people may have more than one guardian angel, especially if that person is tasked with an important task (like being the Pope).

They have been around since the beginning of time and will be here until the end.

We pray with the angels at Mass. They love to go to Mass and are always present at every Mass (even if there is only one or two people at Mass).

Because they are higher than us in their metaphysical makeup, the fact that they serve us, as lower creatures, perfectly exemplifies God's way. God's way is simple: the greater serves the lesser. God condescended in His

Son to become a mere mortal. God is infinite and chose to be finite to serve humans. Angels are greater and serve us (who are lesser than they).

As such, if we want to 'act like God,' we also have to serve the lesser. We have to find those who are 'lesser' and spend ourselves for them. It usually requires us to condescend from our position, but when we do so, we actually mirror what God (and angels) do for us.

If we are one of God's own, we will act thus.,
Fr. Rossi

Outreach & Social Ministry – 140 lunches were served on Tuesday, Sept. 27. 84 dinners were served on Wednesday, Sept. 28. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

Works of Mercy Bible Study – Registration Form Available in St. Peter Church Office – This blessed Year of Mercy will end in November, but, it is still timely to learn more about God's mercy and how we can be more merciful. How have you celebrated this year of Mercy? Are you ready to learn how you can incorporate the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in the rest of your life? St. Patrick will be sponsoring a 6-week study for St. Patrick, St. John, and St. Peter based on the book, *You Did It to Me*, by Fr. Michael Gaitly. Studies will be held at St. Patrick on Wednesday night starting October 5 at 6:30 pm in the social hall. Classes will also be held at St. John in Highland Springs on Tuesday night starting Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 pm. Please email Kathy Buttner at kathybuttner@hotmail.com with questions.

Are You Considering a Vocation? The monks at Mary Mother of the Church, Benedictine Abbey in Richmond, invite men 18 to 50 to a Vocations Weekend on Oct. 14 to 16. Come experience monastic life firsthand as you attend the Mass, Holy Hour, Pray the Divine Office, Work, and Recreate with the monks, both Brothers and Priests. Contact the Vocation Director, Fr. John Mary Lugemwa, OSB, at 804-708-9653 or vocations@richmondmonks.org or visit www.RichmondMonks.org.

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection –	<u>6,189.00</u>
Gain	\$2,901.00

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