



**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**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 25, 2016**

**Mass Intention: Dennis Cooley**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#528
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above	
<b>PSALM</b>	#942
Praise the Lord My Soul Praise the Lord	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#370
Comfort, Comfort O My People	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	#732
Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord	
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	#492
Jesus Shall Reign	

**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:** Norma Bunchman Extraordinary Ministers:  
 Doug Dewing, Tom Fahed, Barbara Goode  
**FINANCE:** Ron Hurst, Doug Dewing, Kris Mednikov  
**10:45 am:** Kimberly Taylor Extraordinary Ministers:  
 Joe Naman, Kimberly Taylor, Mimi Schoof  
**FINANCE:** Kathy Kelly, Chris Thomas

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**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

**SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon.: Mass Intention: Mahlon Brower  
 Tues.: Mass Intention: Joseph Summers  
 Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm  
 Wed.: Mass Intention: John Olszewski  
 Thurs: Mass Intention: Avril Maklouf  
 Fri.: Mass Intention: Margaret McCoy

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Good day everyone!

I hope everyone had a great week!

A couple things. First, last weekend our religious education program began for the current school year. We had a blessing for catechists and parents, and kids went forth to be educated in the principles and teachings of the faith.

I cannot say how important it is that we take seriously the education of our youth (and even of ourselves) in the principles of the faith. For youth, it is fundamental that the principles and central teachings of the faith (salvation only through Christ, the real presence of the Eucharist, the role of prayer and Mary and Saints, Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory, the Sacraments, the Trinity and so many of teachings...) be communicated into the minds and hearts of our kids. They provide the nutrients and fertilize the grace they received at Baptism and will help them immensely as they go through like and face the challenge of becoming a virtuous Christian. It is no small task becoming a good person in any age, and especially within the current culture.

Additionally, we as adults should never feel that education is for the youth only. Bible studies, reading good Catholic books, praying with the scriptures, listening to podcasts or the daily readings and so many other things should always infiltrate the day of adult believers. If we don't stoke the fires of our faith, they will diminish and go out. And we will become lukewarm.

That is part of what Amos said in the first reading today. He is complaining about complacency. He says the people are "lying upon beds of ivory and stretched comfortable on their couches." And because of all these luxuries, they are "not made ill by the collapse of Joseph." Basically he is saying the world around them is going to heck, and they don't seem to mind since their lives are very comfortable. Ouch! That stings.

I like a nice fluffy pillow as much as the next person, but we always have to be careful that all the things God embellishes us with because of His love for us do NOT become a means to becoming complacent. We have to stay sharp! We have to stay alert to sins in the world, temptation in the culture, evil around us, and all the other things that God wants us to help eliminate from the world. If we get too comfortable, we won't feel much like doing anything about it. It's sort of like when we eat a half of pizza, all we want to do is lay around and not move because we are in a carb coma. God says to us, "don't do that!"

Have a great week everyone. Stay sharp. Stay focused on our mission as Christians. A good disciple is always ready to jump on an opportunity to serve God and the Church.

Peace!

Fr. Rossi

**Outreach & Social Ministry** – 140 lunches were served on Tuesday, Sept. 20. 100 dinners were served on Wednesday,

Sept. 21. 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](mailto:kathybuttner@hotmail.com) with questions.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** – From September 28 through November 6, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting, for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and to pray peacefully during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood at 201 N. Hamilton St., Richmond, VA 23221, for one or more hours during the 40-day prayer vigil, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially, if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Ann Niermeyer, 804-714-5170, [atniermeyer@aol.com](mailto:atniermeyer@aol.com). All are welcome! To learn more visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

**Annual Diocesan Appeal** – The timing of the Appeal has changed. The Appeal is moving from the fall of 2016 to the first quarter of 2017 and coincide with Lent. This schedule will continue in subsequent years. The decision was made in order to allow more time after the completion of the *Living Our Mission* capital and endowment campaign to strategize a strong return for the Appeal. In addition, this allows more time to expand our efforts as it relates to campaign continuation, legacy giving and parish stewardship as well as the new Catholic Community Foundation. We appreciate your accommodation to this change.

**St. John, Highland Springs, VA** will have the **Blessing of the Pets** on Oct. 9 at 2 pm (rain or shine) on the front lawn. All animals are welcome.

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection –</b>	<b><u>1,850.73</u></b>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$1,437.27</b>

**HELP – when filling out your envelope, please be sure to complete all three categories: name, amount, and check number. Thank you.**

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