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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

5th Sunday of Lent
April 2, 2017

Mass Intention: Katie Yates Stell (L)

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#417
Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days	
PSALM	#799
With the Lord, there is mercy and fullness of redemption.	
OFFERTORY	#414
Hear Us Almighty God	
COMMUNION	#726
I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord	
RECESSIONAL	#690
Jerusalem My Happy Home	

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.*

LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

TODAY'S MASS

8:30 am: Norma Bunchman Extraordinary Ministers:
 Barbara Goode, Bill Lipchak, Samantha Perez
FINANCE: Doug Dewing, Ron Hurst, Chris Thomas
10:45 am: Joe Naman Extraordinary Ministers:
 Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli, Joe Naman
FINANCE: John Rogers, Patty Talley

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Doug Dewing Extraordinary Ministers:
 Kim Taylor, Linda Shisler, Maggie Wilkins
FINANCE: Gabi Wolz, Bill Lipchak
10:45 am: Colin Schmidt Extraordinary Ministers:
 Mimi Schoof, Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli
FINANCE: Chris Thomas, Kathy Kelly

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

David Adams, Charlie Aldridge, Carolyn Alford, Anthony Arrighi, Steve Campbell, David Coffman, Bill Holzgreffe, Shirley Hudson, Camilla Hull (mother of Doyle Hull), Connie Klyver, (friend of Ginnie & Marilyn), Maria Konwerska, Cathy Lipchak, 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.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Rollo Brown. Rollo Brown was a former member of St. Peter and a member of the choir. Please keep them in your prayers.

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: Roy Bellio
 Tues.: Mass Intention: Andrew V. Guidarelli (L)
 Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
 Wed.: Mass Intention: Doris & Fred Royall
 Thurs: Mass Intention: Raymond Franklin
 Fri.: Mass Intention: Cathryn Stone

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

The second reading this weekend says “we are not in the flesh, we are in the Spirit.”

This phrase has particular meaning during Lent in regard to a discipline of lent, fasting. Fasting is a wonderful discipline that helps us be sure we are “not in the flesh.”

What does it mean to be “in the flesh?”

Being in the flesh means that our desires have control over us, rather than our desires being submissive to our reason and intellect.

For example, if I need 6 cigarettes to get started in the morning, the flesh is controlling me rather than my reason, because reason would tell me it's probably not too good for me to have had six cigarettes before I have even brushed my teeth.

Or let's say I get a dozen Krispy Crème donuts and instead of eating one or maybe two, I eat all twelve (and I confess to you that I don't eat donuts at all because I am never satisfied with just one or two and so it's easier for me to avoid them all together...because I want to eat all twelve). If I eat all twelve, even though my reason and intellect tell me that one or two is reasonable, then I am in the flesh...my desires are controlling me in this instance.

And this can apply to all types of things. Drinking alcohol in the flesh (can I have a beer or do I need 10), using technology in the flesh (can I have conversations with real people or just through social media), watching TV in the flesh (do I pray one-tenth as much as I watch TV)...any area where we let our desires take control, we are in the flesh and not in Spirit.

Being in the Spirit is being in a place of freedom. As scripture says, 'where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.'

The flesh is slavery. It is slavery to desire. It is slavery to our senses.

Fasting is a great practice which we talk about during Lent that helps us take back control...that helps us get free of slavery to the flesh and get back in the Spirit of freedom that God wants us to live in.

Fasting is a way that we invoke the help of God to help us gain strength in these areas where we can be tempted to go overboard.

We fast from food to better show our reason and intellect that we can in fact live without it. We fast from cigarettes or alcohol or whatever to remind us that our intellect and reason are in control and not unruly passions.

Any kind of fasting is difficult. It is basically like rehab or detox. It purifies us and that hurts. But it gets us in better shape. It is impossible to pray and experience God when our flesh is continually bothering us with its demands. Fasting gives us 'room to breathe' and makes a place for peace where we experience God.

It also has the effect to increase our focus, which helps us in many areas of our life.

Fasting is great. Hard, but great.

Happy Lent!!!

Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	2,781.58
Loss	\$ 506.42

Outreach & Social Ministry –130 lunches were served on Tuesday, March 28. 75 dinners were served on Wednesday, March 29. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

St. Peter's Food Pantry Needs Your Help. The food pantry helps feed the poor in our city. If you can help restock our pantry, please consider bringing canned goods, dried goods, powdered milk, cereal, and any non-perishable food. Cans with pull tabs are preferable

The Bishop Barron Series – *Pivotal Players* – St. John Newman – immediately following 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

EASTER FLOWER DONATION envelopes can be located in the back of the church on the table. Please return in the collection basket no later than APRIL 9, 2017

Attention men of all ages. The Legion of St. Michael, a local Catholic men's group invites you to join us as we begin a new study on Christian friendship. The series will start on Saturday, April 8th at 8 am at the home of one of the men in Chester. We will be studying the book "True Friendship: Where Virtue Becomes Happiness" by John Cuddeback. If you would like to join us or have questions about the group, please contact mariodance@gmail.com or call 804-314-1681.

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