



**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**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Oct. 15, 2017**

**Mass Intention: Lucille Cobb**

**TODAY’S MUSIC**

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#665
Gather Us In	
<b>PSALM</b>	#946
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#568
Lord of All Hopefulness	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	#609
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	#528
Praise to God Who Reigns Above	

**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 FOR  
LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
FINANCE  
PLEASE SEE BULLETIN BOARDS**

**HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED**

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Larry Jones, Maria Konwerska, Cathy Lipchak, Emma Mednikov, Jim Melton, Jesse Oliver, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, Beulah Taylor, Craig Trowbridge, Greg Stowers, Maggie 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.**

**SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS**

- Mon.: Mass Intention: Helen Little
- Tues.: Mass Intention: Elizabeth Summers
- Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Wed.: Mass Intention: Abigail Gibson
- Thurs: Mass Intention: Alford Jones
- Fri.: Mass Intention: Miriam Evans

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

This week all the priests in the diocese were away for what we call “priest-fest.”

We were all at our annual convocation where we gather for lectures, prayer, etc, with different speakers and different topics.

One might ask: ‘I thought you guys were in seminary for years and years, what else could you be possibly learning?’

It is certainly true we are in school a llllloooooonnnnnnggggg time, but there is always more to learn.

Why? Two reasons.

Continual study and education in the faith is important because we change. Most people’s faith grows deeper as they grow older (once the hair gets a little grey). It starts simple as a child, then grows weak as the world pressures us to abandon it, then (hopefully) gets strong as we get old. Because of this, we understand certain aspects of the faith in a deeper way after we get a little older, as we change. We may have learned that Jesus is Really and Truly present in the Eucharist when we’re children, but we grow to love it and appreciate it with age (most of the time). So it’s important that we continue to study the things we ‘think’ we already know so we can know them from the perspective of where we are at the current moment.

Secondly, the world changes...not a surprise. Things change. Culture changes. Society changes. Neighborhoods change. The world's values change etc.

Be very clear, truth does NOT change. Truth never changes. Moral truths are designed by God and are as eternal as Him. Religious truths, just like moral truths are the same, they do not change. Moral truths – Marriage is one man and one woman, murder is evil, lying is a sin, using the Lord's name in vain offends God, etc. Religious truths – Jesus is the Son of God, Jesus is fully God and fully man. Mary conceived Jesus without losing her virginity, etc. These are moral and religious truths and they never change.

But culture changes and as such we need to study it so we can always be better at evangelizing it.

The Church should change culture. The culture should not change the Church. Truth flows from God through the Church to society. Not from society to the Church and then to God.

Education (religious study) keeps us sharp. It keeps us rooted in truth but articulate at speaking in the world.

And it's not just priests. Every Catholic is expected to know and be able to defend the faith. Why does the Church teach...We should all be able to defend and answer the tough questions we get from friends, family and coworkers about the Catholic Church. If we feel weak in these regards it is our own responsibility to overcome that. There are amazing and convincing answers to every question someone could challenge us with. But when we don't know them or just say "because the Church says so" we are not doing as much as we could/should.  
- Fr. Rossi

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<u><b>3,088.50</b></u>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$ 199.50</b>

**Outreach & Social Ministry – 117** lunches were served on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 2017. **100** dinners were served on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God's people.

**Fr. Rossi says HELP!!!** – I need your old clothes (gently used), especially men's clothes, and hygiene products (toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, soap, etc.) We are starting our clothes closet again in preparation of winter at St. Peter. We also need blankets!!! Please give us your old gently used stuff. You probably need to make room in your closet and these folks really need your help. Please, please, please do it!!! You can bring your stuff by St. Peter Tues-Fri 9am-2pm (This is preferable.). Or you can just bring it to Church and there will be a big box in the back of the Church. Please help!!!  
Fr. Rossi

**Rosary Rally – October 14 at Noon** – Everyone is invited to gather outside St. Peter Church at Noon on October 14 to pray the rosary. At Fatima, Our Lady requested that we pray the rosary daily for peace. October 13 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady's last apparition to the three children at Fatima. This will be a public praying of the rosary for peace. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Buttner at [kathybuttner@hotmail.com](mailto:kathybuttner@hotmail.com).

**HURRICANE MARIA AND MEXICO EARTHQUAKES FUNDS** – In light of the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria and multiple earthquakes in Mexico, the Office of National Collections has set up funds for both disasters to receive any contributions dioceses, parishes, or individuals wish to make. Contributed funds will be used to support the reconstruction and pastoral needs of the Church as well as humanitarian and recovery assistance through Catholic Charities USA...(Hurricane Maria) and Catholic Relief Services...(Mexico Earthquake). To make an individual donation, please send your donation to: Office of National Collections, Hurricane Maria Fund, P. O. Box 96278, Washington DC 20090-6278 OR Office of National Collections, Mexico Earthquakes Fund, P. O. Box 96278, Washington DC 20090-6278

**AQUIA PILGRIMAGE, OCTOBER 28, 2017:** Please join The Catholic Woman's Club of Richmond on their annual pilgrimage to Aquia in Stafford County. All are invited to attend. The cost is \$68 per person and includes round trip transportation from the Columbian Center 2324 Pump Road, Henrico, VA, outdoor Mass at the Brent Family Cemetery which dates to 1686, buffet lunch at St. William of York, self-tour of Occoquan, snacks, bottled water and gratuity. 9am departure; 5pm return. Send your check, made out to CWC, to Joan Walton, 300 Burnwick Road, Richmond, VA 23227. Payment is due no later than October 20, 2017. If you are interested in only attending the Mass, it will be held at 11 am and you will be responsible for your own transportation and lunch.

**Restrooms** – are located downstairs in the basement. Please use Church Outreach entrance. Parents, please do not let your child go unattended.

**Coffee** is available downstairs in the parish hall after each Mass on Sunday. All are welcome. Please take this opportunity to get to know your church family.

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