



**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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Feb. 18, 2018**

**Mass Intention: Shirley Donovan Lammie**

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#417
Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days	
<b>PSALM</b>	#788
Your ways O Lord are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#720
Baptized in Water	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	#488
Jesus My Lord, My God, My All	
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	#669
All People on Earth Do Dwell	

**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.*

**HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED**

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Mary Davidson, Cathy Lipchak, Jim Melton, Jesse Oliver, Joel Rivera, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, John Rogers, Nancy Severns, Beulah Taylor, Craig Trowbridge, Greg Stowers, Richard Williams. 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: John and Elizabeth Beall

Tues.: Mass Intention: Kathleen McCall & John Michael Brereton (L)

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Michael Makhlouf

Thurs: Mass Intention: Mark Freeman

Fri.: Mass Intention: Raymond Kastelberg

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Remember you are dust and you will return to dust.

Those are welcoming words of Lent.

We are going to die. We are made up of dust and will eventually turn back into that dust.

But do not be sad. Do not be down. You are not without hope. You are not without the wonderful prospect of restoration in Christ.

Death can be such a sad thing. We as Christians can deal with it, but it is still hard. Without Christ, death is irreconcilable.

Christ turns death ‘on its head.’

You see, death for a non-believer is the end of the party. It’s the ‘last call’ of a great evening. It’s when the ride is over and you have to get off. That stinks.

But for the believer, the believer has lived a different sort of life. The believer has not excessively partaken of those delights of the party. They have withheld, been moderate, and kept their passions in check.

That’s why for the believer, death is the great release. Death for the believer is freedom from the temptations they have been fighting against their entire lives. Death for the believer is getting off of work on a Friday night and having a 3-day weekend ahead of you...better yet...it’s like getting off of work on a Friday of the last week of your work before you retire. That’s a pretty good feeling.

Lent is time to step back and regain our focus. As Christians, as believers we are not supposed to live like non-believers. We have a different perspective on life and on death and it should be evident in how we live. If it is not, we need to take advantage of the graces of Lent to reorder things.

I hope your Lent is off to a good start, that you are praying more, fasting more, and giving more.

Fr. Rossi

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$3,288.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<u>2,395.56</u>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$ 892.44</b>

**Outreach & Social Ministry** – 136 lunches were served on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. 109 dinners were served on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Thank you for your generous help in serving God’s people.

**St. Peter’s Clothes Closet** – We are in need of donations to the clothes closet again. Gently used, clean winter clothes will be most appreciated. Jackets, flannel shirts, jeans, heavy socks for both men and women are needed.

**St. Peter’s Pantry** is in need of restocking. Our pantry helps to feed the poor of the city. Please donate canned foods, pull-top cans are preferred. We need cereals and grains, canned fruit, tuna, chicken, and meaty soups. We also need hygiene products.

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP** – We need lectors, extraordinary ministers, ushers and counters for both the 8:30 am and 10:45 am Masses. If you can give us some of your time, please email the office or call and sign up  
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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** – Christians throughout Richmond are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from February 14 through March 25. We will be dedicating 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in our city. A peaceful vigil of prayer will also be held outside of the Richmond Medical Center for Women abortion clinic at 118 N. Boulevard next to the Virginia Museum of Fine Art from 7 am to 7 pm each of these 40 Days. Please sign up to pray for an hour at the vigil any day you can, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. For more information, contact: Ann Niermeyer, 804-714-5170. Sign up at: [www.40daysforlife.com/Richmond](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Richmond) or email [ATNiermeyer@aol.com](mailto:ATNiermeyer@aol.com).

**FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION**, a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, sponsored by Church of the Epiphany, will be held March 9-11, 2018. This retreat is for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt, or shame from abortion. The weekend combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussions in a guided process that leads to the heart of God’s love and compassion. If you would like to learn more about this retreat you can contact Marty Montgomery-Jennings at 804-704-0429, or Maggie Carlson at 804-432-2589 or email: [RV4hope@gmail.com](mailto:RV4hope@gmail.com). Visit our website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). Inquiries, registration and participation are strictly confidential.

**CONFESSIONS** – “Do it!!! – we have extended confessions hours all Lent. 30 minutes before and after EVERY Sunday Mass at St. Peter, St. Patrick, and St. John, and Saturday evening Mass at St. Patrick and St. John. Go!Go!Go! It will make you feel better and love God more!”

**PLEASE HELP US!** When using your contribution envelopes, please be sure to fill in your name, amount of donation, and check number.

**COFFEE** downstairs in the Parish Hall after each Mass on Sunday. Please join us and get to know your church family.

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