



PRAYER LIST

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz's Mother), Cathy Lipchak, Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Sarah Riegel, Marilyn Reilly, Beulah Taylor. 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.

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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

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018

Mass Intention: Stanley B. Donati

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#583
Amazing Grace	
PSALM	#932
Praise the Lord My Soul Praise the Lord	
OFFERTORY	#750
Your Hands O Lord in Days of Old	
COMMUNION	#580
Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God	
RECESSIONAL	#616
Christ's Church Shall Glory in His Power	

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 & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: Herman LeBolo
Tues.: Mass Intention: Marian Stafford
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wed.: Mass Intention: Gabriel Bulinda
Thurs: Mass Intention: Donald Murray
Fri.: Mass Intention: Charles Guard

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

I have discussed with you over the past few weekends at Mass the horrible acts and evil behavior of priests and leaders in the Church that we heard about in recent weeks. It is wicked and evil, and a reminder of the spiritual reality that we all live in and have to actively fight against.

I once heard a good and holy priest say something to the effect, 'the poorer and more humiliated the Church is, the holier it will be.'

It is a hard purification the Church is undergoing now. The rejection and mockery that the Church is experiencing is painful to bare. Especially because of the fact that 99% of the people who are enduring it had absolutely nothing to do with the wicked and evil acts that were committed.

Nevertheless, what that holy priest said is true. The more the Church is humiliated, the more pure and holy it will be.

The Church needs a purification. It needs chemotherapy to kill the cancer. Its hair will probable fall out, it will probably lose too much weight, and it will feel weak, but the bible says that when one is weak they are actually at their best.

This is because when one is weak and humiliated, they are more likely to rely upon and seek the help of God, which is what they are supposed to be doing anyway.

So let the purification and humiliation come. It will only kill the cancer. Christ absolutely promised that at the end of the day, the Church and His Holy Priesthood will survive.

Perseverance is what is required of the Church.

Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$ 3,288.00
Collection	2,730.55
Loss	\$ 557.45

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

130 lunches were served on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018. **87** dinners were served on Wednesday, Sept 5, 2018. Thank you for your generous help in serving God's people.

ST. PETER'S FOOD PANTRY – The food pantry is used to help feed the poor in our city. If you can help restock our food pantry, please consider bringing plastic bags, canned meats, vegetables, fruits, dried goods, and any non-perishable food.

Hygiene and Personal Items – Please consider these items when donating: sample size Shampoo, Chapstick, sample size Sunblock, Lotion, Hair Combs, Hair Ties, razors, cloth tote bags, hats, socks, underwear, women's pads, and sample size toothpaste.

Are you graduate and professional students in the Richmond interested in connecting with other students of faith? The Catholic Graduate Student Organization at VCU and MCV is a spiritual home away from home for graduate and professional students of VCU. We hope to provide opportunities for prayer, worship, Bible Study, lectures on the Catholic faith as it relates to professional life, service opportunities and more. If interested, contact Mario Dance medance@vcu.edu and head to our Facebook page at "Catholic Graduate Student Organization@VCU".

FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION, a *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat*, sponsored by Church of the Epiphany, will be held Oct 12-14, 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. Visit our website: www.rachelsvineyard.org. Inquiries, registration, and participation are strictly confidential.

TELL VIRGINIA STATE LEGISLATORS THAT ASSISTED SUICIDE IS WRONG! Virginia legislators have requested a study about whether physician-assisted suicide should be legal in Virginia, after which policy recommendations will be made. A public comment period has begun, and they need to hear from you now! Life is a gift from God, not something to be discarded. Assisted suicide – among other things – would:

- Put many people at risk, especially the disabled and those suffering from depression
- Provide insurers with a financial incentive to cover assisted suicide rather than more expensive treatment
- Break our trust in doctors, who should strive to heal & alleviate pain, not kill their patients

Physician-assisted suicide is false compassion, it's a false choice, and it's wrong for Virginia. Don't miss your opportunity to submit pre-drafted public comments today at: bit.ly/VCCassistedsuicide. Please sign up for the Virginia Catholic Conference advocacy network at: www.vacatholic.org

School is back in session! Why not learn how to have a better marriage. Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been enriching marriages for 50 years. Sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends are: **Sep 21-23, 2018** in Herndon, VA and **Nov 9-11, 2018** in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC. Early signup is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

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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