



PRAYER LIST

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz's Mother), Cathy Lipchak, Marie Martinelli, 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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

Mass Intention: Rosaia Roberts

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#484
O God Almighty Father	
PSALM	#885
The Lord is kind and merciful.	
OFFERTORY	#590
This is My Will	
COMMUNION	#605
O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts	
RECESSIONAL	#520
All Creatures of Our God and King	

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: John Sykes
Tues.: Mass Intention: Evelyn Stone
Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30am – 12:30pm
Wed.: Mass Intention: Johnny Hozey, Sr.
Thurs: Mass Intention: Catherine Wallace
Fri.: Mass Intention: Carrie Johnson

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Today I want to give you the message to **BE PROUD OF YOUR FAITH!**

I know it can be discouraging at times to be Catholic because of the bad stuff that happened in the Church in the past. In fact, I know you have friends or family who look at you cross-eyed when you tell them (if you tell them) you are Catholic because of recent headlines.

This is difficult. I know. I stick out like a sore thumb when I go out in public.

But what does Jesus say today to do in the face of the mockery? He says turn to that person and offer the other cheek. When you are mocked or feel embarrassment because of your faith or because you are following God as a Catholic, simply stand boldly in front of your persecutors and turn the other cheek.

I tell you today to be proud of your faith because there is no way you will be able to turn the other cheek unless you are entirely and absolutely convinced that your faith is the purest, holiest and truest religion God has ever given to human kind.

You have to be convinced. You have to be head over heels sold out for our faith. You have to be all in.

If you're not, you'll cave. And when you cave you will feel remorse and that feels terrible.

But if you are proud of your faith, if you love the faith God has given you, if you believe wholeheartedly in our religion, then

you will stand strong in spite of any challenge even if someone should strike you on the cheek.

I think about the accounts of martyrdom of many of the saints and how the writers always describe a look of serenity on the face of those being killed for their faith.

Don't you want to have that serenity? It makes you invincible!

If you do, then always, always, always be proud of your faith. Our faith is perfect, pure and unable to be defiled. We the people may screw up and certain do often, and because we do we are patient with the screw ups of others. But our faith is holy, perfect and pure because it flows out of the heart of God.

So be proud today! Be thankful today! You are part of the holiest, purest and most visible manifestation of the Kingdom of God on earth, the Catholic faith!

Fr Rossi

Budgeted	\$3,288.00
Collected	<u>3,898.75</u>
Gain	\$ 610.75

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

146 lunches were served on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. 154 dinners were served on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Thank you for your generous help in serving God's people.

ST. PETER'S FOOD PANTRY

THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL THE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO ST. PETER'S FOOD PANTRY – Your generosity has enabled us to help numerous people. Our pantry will be empty by the time you are reading this. We need shelf-stable canned and dry goods. We are especially in need of **CANNED FRUIT**. Please keep in mind that pull-top cans are very desirable. We are in desperate need of hygiene and personal items such as; soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, razors, hand sanitizer, socks, and especially women's sanitary pads.

“Love one another as I have loved you.” Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano, or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

Our condolences and prayers for Darnetta Robinson whose brother, Sterling Robinson, recently passed away. Please remember to keep Darnetta, her family and friends in your prayers.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Father Frank Wiggins will lead a Bereavement Group at Saint John on Thursday mornings for 8 weeks beginning Thursday March 7th at 10am. The last session will May 9, 2019 10am. All are welcome and there will be a signup sheet in the vestibule.

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