



PRAYER LIST

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Judy Burneston, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz's Mother), Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Diane Lindenfelter Ouellette, 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

4th Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019

Mass Intention: Sanford Carver

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #422

The Glory of These Forty Days

PSALM #798

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

OFFERTORY #426

By the Babylonian River

COMMUNION #755

Our Father, We have Wandered.

RECESSIONAL #537

The God of Abraham Praise

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: Caroline Thomas

Tues.: Mass Intention: Rosemary Jones

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: Frank Cavanagh

Thurs: Mass Intention: Lillian Easley

Fri.: Mass Intention: Katherine Schulze

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

If you ever wonder why Father Rossi is continually talking about confession and reminding folks to go to confession (everyone should go during Lent – we have to as Catholics go at least once per year...and we have confessions available 30 minutes before and after every weekend Mass during Lent) is because of the Gospel reading this weekend.

Some of you may be hearing the account of Jesus healing the man born blind. If you heard this reading this weekend, then you likely also had a short prayer for the people who are becoming Catholic after the homily. This is called the 'scrutiny' and is part of the RCIA process and is actually a prayer of exorcism over the unbaptized who are in the process of becoming baptized and will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

But if you do not have scrutinys at your parish this weekend then you heard the Gospel account of Jesus telling the story of the prodigal son. Remember this story. It is the account of the older and younger son, the younger one takes his inheritance and squanders it on a life of immorality.

Remember the story? The older son is faithful to his dad and works hard every day while the younger one takes and wastes his money that the dad gave him. But then, once the younger son is broke and poor, he decides to crawl back to the dad and beg him to please at least be able to be a hired worker on the farm just to at least be able to get a few scraps of food.

Remember what the dad does when he sees the younger son crawling back to beg to be at least given a job as a hired worker? What does he do?

The dad runs up to the younger son, puts a ring on his finger, gives him fine clothes and welcomes him back fully. He even throws a party for him, which upsets the older son who was a little envious of the embellishment that the younger son was receiving in spite of him wasting all his dad's money.

So I come back to why does Fr Rossi continually annoy and remind people go to confession. Why is Fr Rossi such a broken record? Because you call me "Father" and that is what I am...that is what a priest is...your priests are the 'dad' of the story of the prodigal son.

There is nothing that gives meaning to a priest's life as does saying Mass and welcoming back into the faith someone who has been away a long time from the sacrament of Confession. One opportunity to welcome back in the confessional someone who has been away for many years is worth all the headache to get through seminary and all the other sacrifices that priest's make (simplicity of life, celibacy and obedience). Just once makes it all worth it. Welcoming back someone who has been away a long time, like the dad in the story of the prodigal son, is what gives meaning to a priest's life.

So that is why I continually talk about confession and remind folks to go to confession, especially those who have been away a long time. What God does in the confessional is amazing, something we will only fully realize and appreciate on the other side of eternity. Along with saying the Mass, it is the greatest privilege of a priest's life, the greatest honor of his life.

Fr Rossi

VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE INFORMATION
April 3, 2019
Schedule of the Day:

9:00 am: Mass celebrated by Bishop Knestout at the Convention Center, 5th Street, Richmond, VA
11:00 am: Rally at the State Capitol in Richmond
12:00 pm: March for Life begins.

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| Budgeted | \$3,288.00 |
| Collected | <u>3,906.02</u> |
| Gain | \$ 618.02 |

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

134 lunches were served on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. 105 dinners were served on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. Thank you for your generous help in serving God's people.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, there will be stations at St. Patrick Church, 215 N. 25th St., Richmond, 12 noon, on Thursdays.

ST. PETER'S FOOD PANTRY

YOUR GENEROSITY TOWARDS OUR FOOD PANTRY IS A TRUE BLESSING FOR MANY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU!

We need hygiene items: soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, Chapstick, combs, hair ties, shaving razors, hand sanitizer, tissues, hand/feet instant heat warmers.

WINTER CLOTHING CLOSET – Please consider donations of socks, belts, and backpacks.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Christians throughout Richmond are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from March 6 through April 14. We will be dedicating 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. 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. 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 or email ATNiermeyer@aol.com.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm
 Good Friday – 7:00 pm
 Easter Vigil, Saturday – 8:00 pm
 Easter Sunday – Regular Schedule

Need your help – please, please, when using your envelopes, be sure to fill out the front with name, amount, and check number. Also, DO NOT use envelopes from last year as some ID numbers have changed.

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

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