



PRAYER LIST

David Adams, Michael Baecher, Judy Burneston, Steve Campbell, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz's Mother), Joy Galloway, Kay McClure (daughter of Nancy Eckler), Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Diane Lindenfeser Ouellette, Marilyn Reilly, David Simons, Chris Thomas, Beulah Taylor, Bob 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.

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2019

Mass Intention: Emily Condlin (L)

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #662

On This Day the First of Days

PSALM #960

Lord when your glory appears my joy will be full.

OFFERTORY #580

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

COMMUNION #738

I Am the Bread of Life

RECESSIONAL #579

O God Our Help In Ages Past

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 Moore

Tues.: Mass Intention: Theresa Sciscent

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

Wed.: Mass Intention: John Beall, Sr.

Thurs: Mass Intention: Margaret McCaffrey

Fri: Mass Intention: Antionette Davenport

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

First let me begin by saying GREAT WORK on your efforts with the baby bottle campaign. We raised over \$6K for the local crisis pregnancy center located on Nine Mile Road. GREAT JOB!!! Who knows how many women who may have chosen the alternative will now choose life because they get to see their baby through an ultrasound or are provided with essentials to let them know they are not in it alone!!! Thanks to your generosity!!!

Second, some sad news. As you may have heard, the Little Sisters of the Poor, a beautiful and wonderful group of religious sisters who run St Joseph Home are leaving the Diocese. They have been serving in our Diocese for over 100 years. They are currently in the process of finding another group to run the assisted living facility.

Very sad news. The statement by the Superior of the order said that they are moving the sisters who currently reside in Richmond to another facility in order to increase the numbers there.

Unfortunately, the Little Sisters of the Poor are facing two difficulties.

Firstly, the Little Sisters are facing a vocations shortage (I will be speaking about this in the coming weeks). Young women today simply do not know the joy of a life of service in a community such as the Little Sisters. They do not understand the fulfillment living life as a bride of Christ (a young woman will never find a husband as good as Christ). Religious life is a wonderful life for young women. But young women today are largely uninterested. This is sad, both because the Church and society is being deprived of the immeasurable contribution a

religious sister's life can make to it, but also because they are personally missing such a significant means to happiness.

While a vocations shortage is one trouble facing the Little Sisters, it is not the only trouble they are facing. They currently are facing legal troubles as well.

For over 7 years the Little Sisters have been at the center of a lawsuit. We as Catholics believe it is immoral to use artificial birth control. We also believe the government should respect our religious conscience to live our faith as we believe. For many years, the Little Sisters were in a legal battle against a provision in the HHS mandate of the Obama administration attempting to force them to provide artificial birth control to their employees. In 2016 the Little Sisters won their case before the US Supreme Court. It was a great day for religious liberty. In 2017 the Trump administration further protected the Little Sisters and other organizations facing similar religious persecution by issuing a new rule that gave broad religious exemption to the HHS mandate. But unfortunately, in 2019 two additional lawsuits have been filed against the rule passed by the Trump administration that seeks to again force the Little Sisters to go against their religion and provide artificial birth control to its employees. These are wicked and evil actions against the Little Sisters. But they fight on.

So please continue to pray for the Little Sisters. They are a religious order that exemplifies Christians' values in every way. Pray for more young women to choose religious life, especially life with the Little Sisters. And pray for religious freedom and a return to godly values amongst citizens of our nation.

Fr. Rossi

Budgeted	\$3,288.00
Collected	<u>2,910.00</u>
Loss	\$ 378.00

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

116 lunches were served on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. 75 dinners were served on Wednesday, November 6, 2019. Thank you for your generous help in serving God's people.

ST. PETER'S CLOTHES CLOSET

St. Peter's Clothes Closet is now receiving clothes, blankets, and back packs for our clothes closet. Please think of those in need when you are cleaning your closets and getting ready for the winter months. Clean, gently used clothing and blankets are greatly appreciated.

The Food Pantry helps feed the poor of our community. We are always in need of canned veggies, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit, cereal, snack bars, and canned chicken and

tuna. No donation is too small; think of the poor when you are doing your shopping.

Marian Doctrine and History – We continue our sessions on Marian doctrine and history with the Queen of Heaven series from St. Benedict Press. Join us in the Social Hall on November 17 for a presentation on Lourdes and December 1 on Fatima.

“May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God.” Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest? The Vocations office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Bible Study – Genesis to Jesus: You are invited to the newest Bible Study at St. Patrick which will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning **November 13 at 6:30 pm**. In this 12-week study you will learn about the principal covenants that God made with His people through Biblical figures such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and David. This course provides a vision of salvation history and our place in this history. You will need the workbook that goes with this study (one order will be placed with St. Paul Center), Scott Hahn book, A Father Who Keeps His Promises, and your Bible. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the back of the church this weekend. If you are interested, you may also contact Anne McMillan at annem43@gmail.com.

Cardinal Newman Academy Craft Fair, 8706 Quaker Lane, Bon Air, VA 23235, Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9am – 2:30 pm. There will be several local Catholic artisans with both religious and non-religious items for sale. For info or vendor application, contact cnacraftfair@gmail.com.

Come and get your Christmas shopping done while supporting local artisans! We hope you can make it out and bring the whole family! Items available will include: saint dolls, rosaries, jewelry, canned jam, baked goods, wood crafts, Christmas ornaments and décor, and much more! Concessions will be available for purchase and there will be several items being raffled off.

OFFICE HOURS – 10:00am to 3:00pm, Tuesday through Friday.

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