

Survey Questions & Answers

Why do we start communion from the back rows?

We start communion from the back rows as a local custom. Some churches start from the front and some start from the rear. We have chosen to start from the back.

Why are we a Mission Church?

The Diocese designates some churches as Mission churches based on a number of factors. We were designated as a mission church due to the fact that our collection was lower than \$120,000.00.

Why does Fr. Jong read the homily?

Fr. Jong spends many hours preparing for the Sunday Liturgy. His preparation for the homily includes translating it from his native language into English for presentation to us on Sunday. Delivering the homily by reading the English version is necessary as English is not his native language.

How was the mortgage paid off so fast?

The generosity of our full-time and part-time members enabled us to quickly retire the debt on the Church. We also follow the sound business practice of not spending on anything until we have the funds in hand to pay for them.

Do we have any input into the selection of priests and why have we had so many changes in the assignment of Priest to our parish?

The Bishop of the Richmond Diocese is responsible for assignment of all priests to the various churches in the diocese. He does take into consideration the input of church members but the final decisions regarding assignments and reassignment are his and are based upon his assessment of the needs of the Diocese.

Are we really in need of lectors for the Masses?

The short answer-Yes. As an example we have four lectors available for Saturday Masses. That requires each lector to be available every other Sunday and does not provide for vacations or absences. Yes the church is in need of volunteers in lectors, Eucharistic ministers, servers, ushers and in many other volunteer capacities. If you would be interested-we need you.

How many full-time parishioners are there at Saint Peters?

We have 75 full-time parishioners at Saint Peters but have many wonderful visitors and part-time members who are an important part of our parish family.