

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

August 20-21, 2016

Mass times: Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 10:45am

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Message from our Pastor:

Hello good people of the Richmond Cluster parishes!

This week, to begin, I need to offer a little apology to everyone on behalf of myself and the parish staff.

So last Monday was the Solemnity of the Assumption. The glorious feast day wherein we commemorate Mary's being assumed into heaven, body and soul. In almost all cases, this is a Holy Day of Obligation...which means we are supposed to go to Mass. We (myself and the staff) simply figured that it was a Holy Day of Obligation like it almost always is. As such, we announced it as such and adjusted the Mass schedule. Well...whoops! It in fact was not a Holy Day of obligation this year. For only this year, because it fell on a Monday, it was optional.

I apologize for the confusion. Fr Danny left to his new assignment and I sort of always relied on him for knowledge about these things...I promise we will be more careful and diligent in the future.

But if you went and you would possibly not have, I am nearly certain it only meant more graces for your life!

While we are talking about 'more graces' we as a cluster family have many needs as well as many things to be thankful for. We have many who are sick among us. We have many who have lost loved ones. We have many who struggle to make ends meet. We have many who suffer mental and physical crosses every day. At the same time, we have so much to be thankful for. We have the blessings of health in our families. We have the blessings of new life and new relationships and family members. We have the ability to go to work and earn a living and provide for our needs and the needs of our loved ones. We have very, very, very many things to be thankful for. Most especially we have our faith to be thankful for. Our faith is what gives us joy in spite of the ups and downs of life, it is what inspires us to keep going and it is what will ultimately deliver us into the arms of God where we will rejoice forever. It's the best gift of all.

I am thankful for all the people who work in our parishes and give of themselves for the kingdom of God. God sees all things and is greatly pleased by so many quiet and hidden sacrifices. Catechists, singers, lectors, money counters, folks who clean, who care for the Church, who tithe their income, to work for the poor and homeless, who bring groceries for the poor...and the list goes on and on.

We have a wonderful family in our parishes. I love to receive emails from visitors who tell me how much they enjoyed visiting one of our parishes because the people were welcoming and inviting. I realize sometimes there can be tensions and personality conflicts, but that's the case in all families. What makes the kingdom of God come alive in our parishes, and what makes it a beautiful family, is when because of our faith, we return blessings for the little insults that might occur, we try to blow off those things that can be annoying or offensive to us, we try to look on the bright side of things not the negative, we try to be polite and sensitive to others when they are sad or grieving, we try to compliment at least 5 times as much as we complain about stuff, we share nice things about people (if we share anything) and avoid gossip. People can sense that type of godliness when it is embued in our parishes and it creates a loving and welcoming environment. The more we continue to do this the more likely our pews will be packed with folks who want to be part of our communities.

I want to close by sharing a prayer I invite you to pray, asking St Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians, to intercede for us as we search for musicians to lead the music at St John and St Patrick. We have put ads out in very many places, so I believe we have done our part...now we simply have to trust God and ask him to send us the right people for the jobs.

"Blessed St. Cecilia, who offered thy life for the glory of the kingdom of God, bestow upon us this special favor, that in concert with the choirs of angels in heaven, we on earth might offer fitting praise and adoration to the Lamb of God at every Eucharistic celebration, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen."

Have a great week everyone!!! -Fr. Rossi

Welcome: We want to welcome our newly registered members to St. Patrick from the last couple months. Welcome to Dr. Nicole Fanning, Mr. & Mrs. Eric (Kristy) McFadden, Mr. Joseph Sherrin, Ms. Marisa Jean, Ms. Gina McKenzie, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce (Trish) Kitchen, Ms. Kira Scafidi, Mr. Matthew Blanchard, Miss Kathryn Sheridan, Mr. Brian Skarda, Ms. Molly Rafferty, Mr. Andrew Lucid, Ms. Laura Witalis, Ms. Carolyn Powell, Ms. Kelcie Fisher Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kelleher, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph (Lauren) Schmitt, Ms. Tiffany Stanley, Mr. Jeremy Like, and Mr. George Bischoff. If you are interested in registering, ask the Ushers at mass for a registration form. If you need to check on a registration that can be done by calling the office. Welcome to all our new comers!

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

Looking for Volunteers: Someone generously donated furniture for the rectory and we need manpower and trucks to be able to move it on September 10th. Contact person is Eddie Baird: donnahbaird@yahoo.com.

Senior Trip: A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline at the Fort Lee Playhouse Sunday afternoon Sep 11, 2016. Please contact Heather Coleman at 804-310-9538 no later than Friday September 2, 2016 if attending. Tickets are limited so first come first serve. Heather Coleman
heatherscoleman@yahoo.com
804-310-9538

Kings of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus now meets at St. Patrick's every other month. If you are interested in being part of the world's largest catholic men's fraternal organization please let Grand Knight Eddie Baird know, he can be reached at donnahbaird@yahoo.com or at 804.346.9476. The next meeting will be held at St. Patrick's hall on Wed. 8/24. The 7:00 – 7:35 p.m. social is open to prospective members.

FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION, a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, sponsored by Church of the Epiphany, will be held Sept 30th - Oct 2, 2016, at Shalom House Retreat Center in Montpelier, Virginia. This retreat is for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt, or shame from abortion. The weekend is a confidential retreat that 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. Comment from a retreat participant: "The Rachel's Vineyard weekend has done for me what all the self-help books could not. I needed the Divine Healer Himself!"

Children's Religious Education - Donna Baird

Religious Education Registration Deadline is Fast

Approaching: Were looking forward to a great year of Religious Education for 2016-17. **The deadline of August 27th/28th for registration is fast approaching.** Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45am beginning in the fall. Please see Donna Baird after mass for the registration forms. Fees for this year are: First Reconciliation/First Communion classes - \$50 per child; general enrollment - \$30 per child. If your child is preparing for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist, full participation in St. Patrick's Religious Education is required including attendance at all scheduled classes and as well as weekly mass. Looking forward to another great year!

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: Collecting School Supplies for Church Hill Boys and Girls Club--Please consider donating pens, pencils, notebooks, paper, crayons, etc... Drop off downstairs in the church hall. Thanks in advance!

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month during Mass. Baptism class for new parents is held at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. The next class will be held on September 11 and the remaining class this year will be the second Sunday of November. If you are interested in attending a class and scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Baptism information is on our website under the Sacraments tab. If you have additional questions, please contact the office.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

is the process where the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Church. Adults wishing to learn more should please contact the SPC office or email Fred Powell: fmpjr2009@aol.com or Ryland Paxton: paxtonrl8229@mbc.edu.

Visitation to the sick and homebound – If you or someone you know would like a visit and Holy Communion at their home. Please call the office at 737-8028. Office staff will ensure the information will be relayed to Visitation Ministry individuals.

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Church Support as of 8/14/2016

Weekly

Actual \$2,630.00

Budgeted \$4,107.00

Difference (\$1,477.00)

Year to Date

Actual \$22,698.24

Budgeted \$28,749.00

Difference (\$6,050.76)

Attendance for 8/14 & 15/2016: 40/136