

Saint Patrick

Catholic Church

July 8-9, 2017

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Confession: Saturday: 4:30 pm or by appointment.

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Message from our Pastor:

I have a cousin. I have a lot of cousins. But I have one in particular his name is Jopie. His real name is John Paul but we call him Jopie. I don't even know why, but we do.

Anyway, he is my younger cousin.

One time he was talking to his mom. He was a young boy and I think he had just had a birthday so he was feeling old and mature. And I don't remember the exact request that she made of him, but she basically told him a certain way he was going to do something in his life, and to her he responded, "don't tell me, I'm a grown-*** man."

Yes he even included an explicative in that response to his mother.

Can you believe that?

Now normally, his mother, and I know her well (my aunt) would have popped his mouth so hard with the back of her hand his lip would have swollen.

But I think she was so surprised by his abrupt response, all she could do was actually laugh. She burst-out laughing.

Here's this little boy (he was her youngest of hers) attempting to assert his manhood, his independence. It was so ridiculous it was comical.

He is lucky, he got off easy that time.

Jopie has since grown up and has two kids of his own.

Anyway, the reason I bring this up is because of the Gospel. Did you hear what Jesus did in the Gospel???

Jesus laughed. He laughed at the ridiculousness of the mindset of people. The Gospel says Jesus "exclaimed" ...which is not a good translation. Other translations say he "rejoiced in the Spirit" and said "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and learned you have revealed them to little ones."

Have you ever heard the saying "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans?" That is basically true.

Jesus laughed in the Gospel today because people who think they get it and have it all figured out do not, but people who are little and small and simple, they get it. Jesus laughed at the mindset of those people who think they got it all figured out just like my aunt laughed at my cousin when as a little idiot kid he thought he had it all figured out because he was now a grown-*** man.

The funny thing about life is that no matter how big and successful we may become, no matter how talented or how many degrees we may have, we are entirely dependent upon God just like my little cousin was dependent on his mother...actually we are even more dependent than that.

And the simple, the little, the humble...they get it. That is what it means to be child-like. Not childish (which is a whole other problem). But yes, child-like. Because we are in fact children to God.

Fr Rossi

Church Support as of 7/2/17

Figures not available at the time of this writing.

News & Announcements:

Thank you: I want to thank the community of St. Patrick's for celebrating with me my 65th Birthday. Everything went very smoothly. It was great celebrating Mass with the community of St. Patrick's as we welcomed Timothy Walter Zydell and Cameron Marie Winder to become a member of God's family. I also want to thank all our parishioners who were involved in making this celebration a very joyous occasion. Your gifts are very appreciated. Fr. Frank Wiggins.

St Patrick Job Opening – We are looking for a maintenance supervisor to help maintain our beautiful church here at St Patrick. It's a part time position with flexible hours. We would prefer to hire a parishioner from this parish, someone who loves this church and wants to take care of it (and make a few bucks in the meantime). Please email us if interested
office@saintpatrickchurchhill.com. Thanks! – Fr Rossi

Bookkeeper Part Time Position: This position is responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day financial operations of St John, St Patrick and St Peter churches, to include maintaining and applying standard bookkeeping practices in line with the Diocese of Richmond Office of Finance guidelines. The mission of the parish is supported by this position in the day to day operation of service to its members and those ministries it provides. For more information please call the office 804-737-8028 or email us at office@saintpatrickchurchhill.org

WELCOME: Welcome to new members James & Debra Shaffer

Nursery Workers: As our parish grows we need more nursery workers during the 10:45 mass. You do not have to have young children to help out. Even though we have moms and grandmas helping in our nursery those who love children are encouraged to volunteer! Please consider this important ministry. Contact Jane Murphy (804) 267-1935.

PHOTO ESSAY: A photo essay is being done for the Diocese to be used in a coffee table type book on the history of the parishes. They are looking for old pictures of the church and some of its activities. Each parish will be allowed a maximum of 20 pictures. Pictures can be scanned and emailed to Barbara Simons at stpeterchurch2@aol.com.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars for the next Sharing Sunday which will be August 6th.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The RCIA is the process where the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Church. Adults wishing to learn more should please contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held at mass the first Sunday of the month. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. The next class will be held on 9/3/17 at 1pm in the parish hall. If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

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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SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died and you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.

Bulletin: All bulletin submissions must be emailed to Michelle Dawson the Tuesday prior by noon.