

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

May 13-14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Congratulations to our children receiving their first Communion this Sunday: Tommy Bergin, Lila Britt, Cian Duffy, Bridget Kennedy, Ellie Lapington, Zachary White, and Patrick Fishback.

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 the first Sunday of the month during Mass. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. Classes are held at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The next class will be held on 6/4/17. 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.

Message from our Pastor:

Happy Easter Every One!!!

And Happy Mother's DAY!!!!!!

I love Mother's Day because I love mom. There's a word in Italian called 'mammone' which translates as "mama's boy." I love both my earthly and my heavenly mother!

I think it is nice how the second reading is all about how the Deaconate was formed in response to the care that was being neglected to mom's (widows).

Did you catch that? The second reading describes the formation of the Deaconate (Deacons). Deacons came about because of the needs of moms (widows) whose husbands had passed. These ladies were older and needed to be supported because their husbands had died (they didn't have social security back then...or 401ks). But the problem was the priests were spending all their time preaching the word of God. So they said 'well, let's appoint some reputable men to take care of these women.' And these men were the first deacons.

So you can add deacons to the list of things to thank mom for, in addition to bandages on knees, hugs and smiles, great food, sleepless nights, countless prayers, and for our LIVES!

But maybe most importantly, we need to say thank you for how moms carry on and pass on the faith to their children. I dare say it is on the same level as the gift of the biological life they gave to their children.

Moms do so much in these regards. I know so many faithful moms and grandmas who tirelessly storm God with their prayers for their children, that their children will be faithful men and women or that their children would return to the faith; that their children will be virtuous boys and girls, men and women. They lay their hearts out to God for their loved ones, intensely.

Not that fathers do not as well, but most of the moms I know do it in a deeper and more intense way. It's just the way it is. In this respect they certainly, whether intentionally or not, reflect the image of our Mother in heaven.

Where would the world be without moms? Where would the church be without moms? Where would our souls be without moms? Thank you mom. No one will ever know how much you do for your children, but I promise that heaven does.

-Fr. Rossi

News & Announcements:

May Procession: St. Patrick's May Procession will be held on Sunday, May 21st, prior to 10:45 mass. The procession begins at 10:30 AM at Patrick Henry Park at 25th & Broad. Please arrive by 10:20 to join in the procession, all are welcome, particularly children. We will prayerfully process into St. Patrick's and place roses on the Mary altar. Roses will be provided. Please contact Donna Baird at donnahbaird@yahoo.com if you plan on attending so enough roses can be purchased. This is our third year of this long-time tradition of the church. Please join us!

Youth Mass: A Votive Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on Monday, 5/22/17 at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Father Brian Capuano will be the celebrant & music will be provided by the Ward Centre of Richmond Youth Choirs. The Ward Centre of Richmond Schola was featured at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in 2013, the Church Music Association of America Colloquium in Saint Louis in 2016, and the conference, "Gregorian Chant in Pastoral Ministry and Religious Education," this past March at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY. For more information on the Ward Centre, please visit www.grsm.net/programs/wardcentre.

*****These children will also be singing for us at mass on 5/14 @ 10:45.**

Ordination Card: Deacon Miguel Melendez will be ordained into the priesthood on 6/3/17 @ 10:45 at the Cathedral. Please stop by the church hall and sign a card of congratulations for him. You may remember he was with us last summer & has visited us a few times through this year.

Box Tops for Education: Please continue to collect box tops for education. The K of C will continue to collect them for All Saints Catholic School. There is a small box in the basement where they can be dropped off.

BLOOMING NOW! Irises, Peonies, Roses, Lilies, Astillbe, Azaleas, Rhododendrons, and Aromatic Herbs. Please consider sharing your beautiful blooms with St. Patrick's so that we may decorate our altars each week for Mass! Timing is all important and your cut flowers may be dropped off in the basement before each weekend mass between (5:00-5:20pm) on Saturday and (10:15-10:35am) on Sunday. Thank you for adding to our worship celebration!

Church Support as of 5/7/17

Weekly

Actual	\$2,238.65
Budgeted	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
Difference	(\$1,868.35)

Year to Date

Actual	\$176,420.26
Budgeted	<u>\$184,878.00</u>
Difference	(\$8,457.74)

Attendance for 5/7 & 8/2017: 33/182

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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.