

# SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 30 – October 1, 2017

## Twenty-sixth 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

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**WELCOME:** Our newest member  
Emma Frances who is being  
Baptized Sunday! Congratulations!

## CHURCH SUPPORT AS OF 9/24/17

### Weekly

Actual	\$2,976.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
Difference	(\$1,245.00)

### Year to Date

Actual	\$42,785.00
Budgeted	<u>\$54,873.00</u>
Difference	(\$12,088.00)

**Attendance for September 23 = 40 September 24 = 136**

Dear all - Fr Rossi here. Hope you are well. I have a question: what the heck happened? Specifically in regards to the budget, was there a stock market crash that I missed??? We did so amazing the second part of last year (Jan 17-Jun 17) since we started the increased offertory campaign but we need to keep that going!!! We are behind again. Maybe folks are just saving up for a big Christmas present to St Patrick??? I pray everyone will be able to continue giving at the level of commitment we so successfully finished off the year ended June 30, 2017. Let me know if I can answer any questions. God Bless.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

*This past Wednesday we celebrated the feast day of St Vincent de Paul. St Vincent is the Patron Saint of our Diocese, the Diocese of Richmond. There is a beautiful statue of him in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.*

*St Vincent was a great saint dedicated to service to those in need. His love for God and his recognition of the blessings and gifts God had bestowed on him during his life, especially the gifts of heaven and salvation given through Christ, impelled him in his work.*

*He has a beautiful quote that talks about his service to the poor, about how they are often unkind to him and the stretch his patience greatly, but rather than quit or get frustrated and go and do something else, he doesn't. In fact, based on all he accomplished, it would seem that in spite of likely feeling those sentiments regularly, he never gave into them. Rather he reminded himself to be thankful for what he was given, and carried on in the work.*

*Thankfulness is essential for keeping the love of God alive in our hearts. No matter what, we have to look to God and be thankful for what He has done in our lives. And the more we grow as Christians, that thankfulness has to come more and more from invisible things rather than visible things (grace, mercy, heaven, communion with the saints...rather than homes, cars, even health).*

*Saints were thankful people. Sometimes I think we might have it a little too good, materially speaking, and we have to invent problems. After all, cable news is on 24 hours a day and they have to fill the time with something. There can be a tendency to create problems because I think we as humans get bored with being thankful. It's just like a kid with a ton of toys who says "mom I'm bored, there's nothing to do." Unfortunately it's not just kids who do this.*

*So whatever is going on, there is much to be thankful for. There is much to thank God for. It's important that we thank Him, as it is what is going to impel us, like it did St Vincent, to continue to be a force for the good. Every single person is called to be a saint. God wants us to reach our full potential. -Fr Rossi*

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Rosary Rally – October 14 at Noon:** Everyone is invited to gather outside St Peter's Church at Noon on 10/14/17 to pray the rosary. At Fatima, Our Lady requested that we pray the daily for peace. October 13 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady's last apparition to the three children at Fatima. This will be a public praying of the rosary for peace. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Buttner.

**Sharing Sunday:** Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday which will be November 5th. Please bring non-perishable food items.

**Fr Rossi says HELP!!!** - I need your old clothes (gently used), especially men's clothes, and hygiene products (toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, soap, etc). **St. Peters is starting their clothes closet again in preparation for winter.** We also need blankets! Please give us your old gently used stuff. You probably need to make room in your closet and these folks really need your help. Please, please, please do it!!! You can bring your stuff by St Peter Tues-Fri 9am-2pm (this is preferable) or you can just bring it to Church and there will be a big box in the back of Church. Thank you. - Fr Rossi

**Want some great Italian cuisine?** Join us at St. John's on Friday, October 6th in the social hall. Great food, chicken cacciatore, ziti, sausage, lasagna, meatballs and more. Good music by Martin, Como and Sinatra. The council of women are at it again fun, food and music. Sign up now, pay at the door. Please call the office 804-737-8028.

**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 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 11/5/17 at 1pm in the parish hall.** If you are

interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

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**SPC Emergency #:** 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died & 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.

**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.