

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 14-15, 2017

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

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

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

This week all the priests in the diocese were away for what we call "priest-fest." We were all at our annual convocation where we gather for lectures, prayer, etc, with different speakers and different topics.

One might ask: 'I thought you guys were in seminary for years and years, what else could you be possibly learning?' It is certainly true were in school a llllloooooonnnnnnggggggg time, but there is always more to learn.

Why? Two reasons. Continual study and education in the faith is important because we change. Most people's faith grows deeper as they grow older (once the hair gets a little grey). It starts simple as a child, then grows weak as the world pressures us to abandon it, then (hopefully) gets strong as we get old. Because of this, we understand certain aspects of the faith in a deeper way after we get a little older, as we change. We may have learned that Jesus is Really and Truly present in the Eucharist when were children, but we grow to love it and appreciate it with age (most of the time). So it's important that we continue to study the things we 'think' we already know so we can know them from the perspective of where we are at the current moment.

Secondly, the world changes... not a surprise. Things change. Culture changes. Society changes. Neighborhoods change. The world's values change etc.

Be very clear, truth does NOT change. Truth never changes. Moral truths are designed by God and are as eternal as Him. Religious truths, just like moral truths are the same, they do not change. Moral truths - Marriage is one man and one woman, murder is evil, lying is a sin, using the Lord's name in vain offends God, etc. Religious truths - Jesus is the Son of God, Jesus is fully God and fully man, Mary conceived Jesus without losing her virginity, etc. These are moral and religious truths and they never change.

But culture changes and as such we need to study it so we can always be better at evangelizing it.

The Church should change culture. The culture should not change the Church. Truth flows from God through the Church to society. Not from society to the Church and then to God. Education (religious study) keeps us sharp. It keeps us rooted in truth but articulate at speaking in the world.

And it's not just priests. Every Catholic is expected to know and be able to defend the faith. Why does the Church teach... We should all be able to defend and answer the tough questions we get from friends, family and coworkers about the Catholic Church. If we feel weak in these regards it us our own responsibility to overcome that. There are amazing and convincing answers to every question someone could challenge us with. But when we don't know them or just say "because the Church says so" we are not doing as much as we could/should. -Fr Rossi

G I V I N G

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SENIOR TRIP: Tuesday, Oct 24th-Fall leaf peeping trip to Walton's Mountain Museum, Carter Mountain Orchard, and lunch at Mitchie's Tavern in Charlottesville. The bus will leave St. Patrick Church at 0730--Contact Heather Coleman for a seat on the bus!

COAT DRIVE: It is that time of year again when the Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual kids coats campaign during the month of October. Please consider donating a new or clean lightly used child's coat. There will be a box for your donations in the social hall. All coats will benefit area children in need in the through Catholic Charities.

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

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.

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 & 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.

CHURCH SUPPORT AS OF 10/1/17

Weekly

Actual \$4,176.00

Budgeted \$4,221.00

Difference (\$45.00)

Year to Date

Actual \$49,677.00

Budgeted \$63,315.00

Difference (\$13,638.00)

Attendance for October 7th = 31 / October 8th =163