

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 22-23, 2016

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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 everybody! I hope everyone had a great week.

First, I need help. I need cloths and blankets and socks. Not personally, but we have been getting requests for coats and blankets at St Peter. Please go through your closets and gather what you don't need and drop them off at St Peter (800 East Grace Street, Richmond). It will be getting cold and we will be getting even more requests. Someone is there during the day to receive them downstairs in the office, or you can come to Mass there and drop it off then. Thank you in advance!!!

This week, the priests in the Diocese are attending the annual priest convocation in Staunton Virginia October 17 – 20. (I am writing this message before I leave for it). We like to call it 'Priestfest.' It's a wild and crazy time.

Just kidding...we are dull.

It's a conference for continuing education and formation for priests in the Diocese. We have Mass, reconciliation, and spiritual conferences and lectures. We have a very renowned speaker this year to provide the lectures, a moral theologian from Catholic University of America.

It brings up a good point...that is the need for continuing education.

It is good that I am forced to attend this retreat every year, because it forces me to continue learning and studying. Seminary was long and after 6 years of post-undergrad

education, I am worn out. But that is not the greatest attitude to have.

It is better, rather, to continually be enthused to study the faith, the traditions and the teachings of the faith. Most especially, it is very important to study scripture and the teachings in the Catechism.

Faith is like a muscle. If you use it and stretch it and challenge it, it gets bigger and stronger. But if you don't do anything to care for it or feed it bad stuff (like too much TV), it gets weak and flabby. Our faith is stretched and challenged and grows through study.

And this is certainly not just for priests. Every person, every believer should have a worn out bible and catechism that shows the wear and tear of devotion. If our bible has dust on it and the pages of our catechism are crisp, that's a problem!!! The bible is NOT a book to be simply revered from afar. It is to be drunk in.

Have a good week everyone.

And do me a favor, say an extra prayer for the folks we visit at MCV. There's lots of sick people there. And they would appreciate it.

God Bless!!!!!!! -Fr Rossi

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 November 13. 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.

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@marybaldwin.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.

"Holy Communion - this is a reminder that Holy Communion in the Catholic Church is reserved to actively practicing Catholics. If you are not Catholic or have been actively practicing your faith, then please refrain from receiving Communion. If you would like to learn how to be welcomed to full Communion we would love to help. All you need to do is contact a priest. Our contact info is in this bulletin."

Church Support as of 10/16/2016:

Weekly

Actual	\$2,212.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
Difference	(\$1,895.00)

Year to Date

Actual	\$53,972.04
Budgeted	<u>\$65,775.00</u>
Difference	(\$11,802.96)

Attendance for 10/15 & 16/2016: 36 /170

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

Walk for Life: I will again be walking for the Walk for Life this year. The Walk for Life campaign is sponsored by Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities, Inc. The Tri-Cities includes Petersburg, Hopewell, and Colonial Heights. This walk is two miles and takes place on Saturday November 5 at 10am at the Monumental Baptist Church in Petersburg. I would appreciate it very much if you would sponsor me in this walk. The proceeds of the walk enable the pregnancy center to give services to both young women and men who are pregnant. The pregnancy center offers counseling and other services such as baby supplies, and all items needed to raise an infant. Beginning this weekend and the following weekend there will be someone at the end of mass collecting money for this very important cause. Thank you and God bless you. Fr. Frank.

Attention Musicians: Can you sing? Play an instrument? Know someone who can? We're hoping to again hold a Christmas concert at St. Patrick Church in the month of December. In order to do this, we need some musicians to come forward to volunteer to share their gifts with the community. We are hoping to pull together a choir from among the churches to prepare several songs. In addition to the choir, any soloist or ensemble is welcome to audition to perform at the concert. If interested in participating, please contact Angie Pometto by 10/31 to sign up. Angie can be reached at apometto@gmail.com or 703-772-6866.

Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers: Please when it is your time to serve check in with the sacristan 15 minutes prior to mass.

Outreach/Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

SENIOR TRIP-Wednesday October 26th: We will be going to Winchester VA for some leaf peeping on the drive, a visit to Patsy Cline House, driving tour of Winchester and lunch. If interested contact Heather Coleman. 804-310-9538.

Knights of Columbus: Would like to thank everyone who donated winter coats. They were delivered to the Salvation Army to be given to children in residence there.

Children's Religious Education - Donna Baird

We have some great news to share. As you may be aware, on Sundays before Mass we have a growing number of children learning about their faith. For that reason, we are using more space in the basement. We are also happy that all parishioners can gather downstairs before Mass, but in order for our children to focus on their lessons, please be conscious of the presence of the religious education classes. The children are amazing learners but they get distracted by outside conversations. We thank you in advance for helping us in this matter. Thank you! - Religious Education Team

Faith Formation - Kathy Buttner

Visit to Holy Door at Cathedral: The Bible Study Group will be visiting the Holy Door on Thursday, October 27. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Buttner at kathybuttner@hotmail.com for details and schedule.

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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.