

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 8-9, 2016

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

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Frank Roslie, Jr. & Cassandra Guameros, Kathleen McCauley & Edward Fishback, Julia & Bill Spears, and Matthew Gilleken.

If you are interested in becoming a member or need to check on your membership, please call the church office.

Message from our Pastor:

Hello all! Another glorious day in the Kingdom! Thank GOD!!!

I wanted to let you know of a wonderful upcoming event for our cluster parishes. On October 16th, His Most Excellency Francis DiLorenzo, our Bishop, will celebrate Mass at St. Peter Catholic Church at 10:45am to re-dedicate the sanctuary following the recent renovations.

All the parishioners from St. Patrick, St. John and St. Peter are welcome to attend. In fact, we have an advertisement in the Catholic Virginian inviting parishioners from parishes all across the city to attend. Because it was the original Cathedral of the Diocese, St. Peter is in fact a parish for all Catholics in the Diocese. All Catholics in the Diocese have a right to claim St Peter as their own proto-Cathedral.

As you know, a Cathedral is the seat of the Bishop. Before Sacred Heart Cathedral was built, many Bishops from the

Diocese of Richmond had their seat at St. Peter. It is the oldest Catholic Church in the city (c.1834).

It is an honor to have the Bishop with us. He holds a role that guarantees our union with the apostolic tradition of the Church. We could not have priests without our Bishop. We could not have the Sacraments without our Bishop.

Not only that, our Bishop has made extensive strides in advancing Catholic education and making it available to those who would not otherwise be able to afford it. Under his guidance the number of men studying for the priesthood has gone from 3 or 4 during any given year, to over 30! He has helped create a retirement safety net for people who work in our parishes and in the diocese, and also helped ensure the priests who retire after years of service in our Diocese will have a home and be care for. He is a man who believes whole-heartedly in the teachings of our faith and is not afraid to be counter-cultural as the Gospel demands.

I am grateful to his leadership and spiritual fatherhood that he has provided overall, and to me personally. He made me a priest!!! I could not imagine life not being a priest.

So mark your calendars and hope to see you there. It will be a great day. Have a great week everyone! Stay safe and dry!

- 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@mbc.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.

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

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.

BLESSING OF THE PETS: If interested in having your pet blessed we are invited to join St. John's Catholic Church in Highland Springs on October 9 at 2 PM (rain or shine) on the front lawn. All animals welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! To help at the St Patrick's Irish Coffee stand at **The Central VA Celtic Festival and Highland Games Saturday and Sunday Oct 22 & 23**. Must be 21 to make Irish coffee. A sign-up sheet will be downstairs in the church hall. This is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners outside church and have fun doing it! See Michelle Dawson or Heather Coleman.

Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus will be at St. Patrick 10/16/16 to provide information and speak to men who may be interested in joining.

40 Days for Life: From 9/28 through 11/6, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and to pray peacefully during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood at 201 N. Hamilton Street, Richmond, VA, 23221, for one or more hours during the 40-day prayer vigil, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Ann Niermeyer, 804-714-5170, atniermeyer@aol.com. All are welcome! To learn more visit www.40daysforlife.com

Outreach/Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

Box Tops for Education: As school is about to start just a reminder that SPC along with the Knights of Columbus will collect "Box Tops for Education" for All Saints Catholic School. Every label collected the school receives 10 cents. That can really add up over time! Please collect and put in the small box downstairs by the mailboxes.

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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.

Church Support as of 10/2/2016:

Weekly

Actual \$3,668.50

Budgeted \$4,107.00

Difference (\$438.50)

Year to Date

Actual \$48,014.04

Budgeted \$57,561.00

Difference (\$9,546.96)

Attendance for 10/1 & 2/2016: 18/182