

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

April 16-17, 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 downstairs.

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.

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 the SPC office or email Fred Powell: fmpjr2009@aol.com or Ryland Paxton: paxtonrl8229@mbc.edu.

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 July 10 and remaining classes this year will be the second Sunday of September and November. 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. If you have additional questions, please contact the office.

Message from our Pastor:

Jesus says in the Gospel "my sheep hear my voice and they follow me." If we are Jesus', then we have to follow him. We cannot pick and choose but have to follow him...especially in the areas of life that are most important and critical.

I want to share with you a statement by the Bishops in regards to recent decisions of the governor.

"Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo, Diocese of Richmond, and Bishop Paul S. Loverde, Diocese of Arlington, today issued the following joint statement:

Over the past two weeks, Governor Terry McAuliffe made three decisions that contradict life and liberty at their core. We are dismayed and deeply disappointed that he sided with the abortion industry over real health care centers, vetoed legislation that would have protected the right of religious organizations to follow their faith, and, instead of vetoing expanded use of the electric chair, inserted language that would shroud in secrecy the execution process.

Governor McAuliffe chose a veto ceremony at a Planned Parenthood abortion center – where the lives of countless unborn children are snuffed out each year - to boast that he was "proud" to "smack down" legislation that would have diverted tax dollars away from the billion-dollar life-draining abortion industry and instead would have applied Virginia taxpayers' hard-earned dollars toward life-affirming community health centers that provide a broad range of real health care for women and their families.

Only a day later, the governor also vetoed – live on WTOP radio – legislation that simply would have protected the right of religious organizations to follow their religious beliefs regarding marriage, applying the exact principles the founders of our Commonwealth and our country intended.

Finally, last night, the governor refused to veto legislation patroned by Delegate Jackson Miller that would force the electric chair on those sentenced to death if the state says lethal injection drugs are "not available" after "reasonable efforts." This action by the governor – and the General Assembly – ignores a very public plea Pope Francis made earlier this year that government leaders carry out no executions in this Year of Mercy and abolish the death penalty throughout the world.

We are profoundly disappointed with Governor McAuliffe's actions on these vital issues. Yet we will persist as people of faith in our efforts – in parishes and the public square - to ensure we protect life at the beginning, life at the end and religious liberty for all who serve to make life better for people in need."

I (Fr Rossi) have included the above statement from the Bishops so that you are aware of the absolutely horrific and terrible actions of our governor on these three issues. Protection of the unborn, religious liberty (our basic right to be able to practice our religion), and diminishing the death penalty are paramount principles for Catholic life.

The actions of our governor are a clear demonstration of how much an individual can deafen themselves to the voice to Our Shepherd Jesus Christ. Not only is the governor deaf to this Voice, he even boasts in his rejection of God's call in these area of life. How terrible and sad.

Please pray for our governor that he will have a complete change of heart.

God Bless you and God love you. -Fr. Rossi

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

Town Hall Meeting on Finances: on Sunday, May 1st Mass we will have a town hall meeting in the basement to discuss the budget for the upcoming year. All are invited to attend. Some have asked to understand more about how the parish is doing financially. **I invite all who consider this your home to attend.** If this is our home then we must find a way to come up with a plan for spending for the next year. The preliminary budget shows a deficit of approximately \$43k (i.e. we are in the hole \$43k). Copies of the budget will be provided at the meeting."

Children's May Procession:

On Sunday 5-1-16 St. Patrick will continue with a long time tradition of having our Children's May Procession to honor our blessed mother. All children in the parish are invited & encouraged to participate. We will process up 25th street and into the church right before the beginning of mass. We will meet in the social hall at 10.15 am. We encourage the children wear white (girls) or white and black (boys) or their Sunday best for this special day. Please let Donna Baird know at 804.888.3470 or at donnahbaird@yahoo.com if your children plan to participate so enough flowers for can be purchased. We will have refreshments after mass to continue the celebration.

May is almost here, the month of Mary, our Blessed

Mother: You are invited to honor her by placing flowers from your garden on St. Patrick's Mary altar throughout the month.

LOST & FOUND: is flooding over. Please check it after mass in the hall if you have lost an umbrella, jacket, scarf etc. ALL items unclaimed this Sunday will be donated

Mike Treadwell Appreciation Dinner - the parish would like to honor our Building and Grounds Supervisor for his dedication and hard work at St. Patrick for over 12 years. We will have a dinner on **Friday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** in the social hall. All are invited. Mike just went through his second serious medical problem in the last couple of years and hardly missed a beat in keeping St. Patrick running smoothly. Of course, behind every good man is a good woman and Mike's wife, Tobie, is always by his side! Please call Jane Murphy if you would like to help with the dinner (267-1935) and mark this fun night on your calendar.

Faith Formation - Kathy Buttner

Bible Study: Meets on Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Social Hall downstairs.

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

Lord, when did I see you hungry? St Patrick's, St. Peter's and St. John's are teaming together to feed our neighbors in need. If you would like to be a part of this effort, please contact, John Glynn: john@leadminepond.com. John will be heading up the St. Patrick's team of volunteers. One Wednesday each month we will be preparing food at St. Patrick's, delivering that food to St. Peter's, serving our guests and cleaning up afterwards. In this way we will encourage each other to live our faith.

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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.

Year to date budgeted: \$180,575.00

Year to date actual income: \$138,972.35

Current loss: \$38,811.65

April 2-3 attendance: 35/180