

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

July 23-24, 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

Message from our Pastor:

Hello dearly beloved!

By now you all have probably heard the news if not seen it on TV that we had a fire at the rectory where we live next to St Patrick. We were having a small leak on the roof fixed when the contractor, who was using a blow torch for cutting metal, accidentally caught the roof on fire. We lost a sizable portion of the roof and the smoke and water damage from the firefighters, who put out the blaze, is very considerable. The house is currently condemned and we will be out of the house for a couple or a few months while it is being repaired. If I were to guess, I would estimate it at \$100k to \$200k in damage...all the floors will need replaced from the water damage, a few rooms will need taken back to the studs, electrical work will need to be done, roof structure replaced...etc, etc, etc. What a pain in the you know what!!!

Fortunately, and by the grace of God we (Fr Danny, Deacon Miguel and myself) are all safe. Even our pet Fred (he's a betta fish) was rescued by the fire department. I am very grateful to the firefighters from all over the city who risk their lives to keep us safe. They even worked to save a few old pictures of bishops and other items of historical significance in the rectory that could have been otherwise destroyed.

I am also very grateful to all the people who came out to help us, parishioners and neighbors, who carried out all our personal belongings after the fire was put out. I cannot thank them enough for their kindness. It was an emotional day, to say the least. We had done a lot of work in that place to get it fixed up (Fr Danny and I moved every piece of furniture in there at least twice) during the last 11 months we have lived here and it was a tough thing to see it destroyed. It looked like a tornado went through the house.

But we are doing ok. Fr Danny is staying with his parents in Glen Allen, I am staying with my sister on the Northside, and Deacon Miguel is staying at the rectory at Holy Rosary. We will be fine...just need to work through all the cleanup and rebuild.

In spite of all the hard work that was put into the rectory before this event, at the end of the day it is just a bunch of "stuff." And we don't live for stuff. We might like stuff and we are thankful to God when he blesses us as His children with stuff, but we do not live for it. And we cannot take it with us...naked we came forth from our mother's womb and naked we go forth from the world...as scripture says.

So we will be ok. Please be patient with us. We will try to be as productive as possible as we work through the rebuilding process. And then I think I will take a vacation.

God Bless and make sure you have batteries in the fire detectors in your house. And say your prayers and go to confession...we know not the day nor the hour.

Fr Rossi

Weekly Budget: \$4,615.00

Collection week of 7/17/16: \$3,380.00

Weekly Loss/Gain 7/17/16: \$1,235.00

Attendance July 16/17: 32/179

Total Yearly Budget: \$239,995.00

Less Year to date collections: \$8,551.25

Year to date current loss: \$231,443.75

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

Prison Ministry: The Outreach Prison Ministry will be collecting toiletries for the Richmond City Jail the month of July. Items include shampoo, soap, deodorant, and toothpaste. If you can contribute please leave these items in the church hall downstairs. Ministry contact: Eddie Baird.

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

Take a moment to stop by after mass and sign four cards extending the parish's heartfelt thanks to the four fire companies that responded to the parish rectory fire on 7/15/16.

After 10:45 mass today: You are invited to walk to Engine House #1, at 24th and Broad Streets, to personally deliver St. Patrick's appreciation, the signed card and cake to the firefighters who worked on the rectory fire. Eddie Baird will meet everyone in the church hall after mass and after the card is signed.

Children's Religious Education - Donna Baird

Religious Education Registration: It's time to register your children for Religious Education 2016/2017. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings at St. Patrick's [from 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM](#) beginning in the fall. Please see Donna Baird after mass for the registration forms. Fees for this year are: First Reconciliation/First Communion classes - \$50 per child; general enrollment - \$30 per child. Deadline for registration is August 27th/28th. If your child is preparing for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist, full participation in St. Patrick's Religious Education is required including attendance at all scheduled classes and as well as weekly mass. Looking forward to another great year!

Faith Formation - Kathy Butner

Bible Study: For the summer Bible Study meets every other Thursday during the summer at 10:30 am in the Social Hall. We are discussing Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on Love in The Family. The books are available for \$12.00. The dates are July 28 and Aug. 11th and 25th. All are welcome!

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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.

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 September 11 and the remaining class this year will be the second Sunday of 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.

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.