

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

July 9-10, 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

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.

Message from our Pastor:

Hello everyone, I hope you had a great 4th of July holiday this past week. I spent time with my family. They live in the Yorktown area which is nice...not too far.

A funny story...when I was being transferred to these parishes in Richmond, the Bishop is the one who told me the news. I happened to be at a meeting at the Chancery in Richmond and the Bishop came up, very casually and said, "hey Gino, how's it going...[small talk...small talk]...hey I wanted to let you know we are going to be making you the pastor of a few Churches...it's going to be a new cluster..." At this point I was trying my best to have a poker face...not sure if it worked. But then when he started naming the parishes, I had NO idea where in the heck these parishes were. In fact, I thought they were way out west, like in Jonesville or Grundy, which is a full 6 hours from Richmond and 7 hours from Yorktown. And all I could think was "well...looks like I'm not going to be seeing my family much," which would have been very difficult. But then the Bishop kept talking and I was able to gather the parishes were somewhere in the Richmond area...although I still had no idea.

But all is well and worked out. I am blessed to be able to see my parents, brother and sister and the nieces and nephews regularly. I have great admiration for the international priests who leave their families to serve the Gospel here in America. It is not easy and I am sure they miss their families greatly, in a similar way to our ancestors who came to this country assuming they would probably never see their families again.

Our new parochial vicar who starts August 1, Father Ernest Bulinda, is originally from Kenya. He has been in the United States for a good number of years and has served across our diocese. He is a missionary to us. I am looking forward to having him with us and to be ministering alongside him. He will be a great addition our parishes.

I would like to leave you with a favorite prayer of mine. As the Holy Father has declared this year the Year of Mercy, this prayer is very appropriate, as it is the closing prayer for the Divine Mercy Chaplet (the Divine Mercy Chaplet was given through revelation by Our Lord to St Faustina Kowalska).

"Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible. Look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we may not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is love and mercy itself."

Say it often. It's really good. Peace! - Fr Rossi

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

Graduate Students: Are a graduate student in the area trying to stay connected with your faith as you navigate the insane waters of a graduate program? Looking for other Catholics who understand what you're going through? If so, we invite you to connect with the Catholic Graduate Student Organization (CGSO) at VCU/MCV. For more information, contact Mario Dance (medance@vcu.edu) or MaryRebecca Anderson (maryranderson31@gmail.com) For more information or find us online at "Catholic Graduate Student Organization @ VCU"

Children's Religious Education - Donna Baird

Religious Education Volunteers

Adult volunteers are needed to make Religious Education a success at St. Patrick! Please consider giving of your time and talent to the children of our Parish. No experience is necessary. See Donna Baird for more information or you can contact her at 804.888.3470 or donnahbaird@yahoo.com. Classes will begin in the fall.

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 14th and 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.

Weekly Budget: \$4,615.00

Collection week of 6/26/16: \$2,299.25

(includes E-giving for the week)

Weekly Loss/Gain 6/26/16: \$2,315.75

Year to date budgeted: \$239,995.00

Year to date actual income: \$2,299.25

Current loss: \$237,679.25

Attendance July 2/3: 22/116