

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

November 21-22, 2015

Christ the King

Mass times:

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

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

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 the second Sunday every other month at 1 p.m. in the basement. The next class is January 10. Please contact Kathy Buttner if you are interested in attending the class and for scheduling your child's Baptism. Baptism information is on our website under the Sacraments tab. If you have additional questions, please contact the office.

Nursery: is available at our Sunday 10:45am mass every week downstairs in the social hall.

Rosary: Please join in saying the rosary each Sunday at 10:10am. There is also a need for more rosary leaders if interested.

Confessions: Will be offered each Saturday at 4:30pm in the confessional located at the front of the Church to the left...just come on in. Please take a moment to read about the examination of conscience at the website below. <http://www.ewtn.com/library/prayer/examconscience.htm>

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.

Year to date budgeted: \$79,927.00

Year to date actual income: \$68,698.00

Current loss: \$11,229.00

November 14-15 attendance: 44/186

Message from our Pastor:

St Thomas Aquinas is arguably the most significant theologian in the history of the Church. He is called the "angelic" doctor.

Do you know what he says is the opposite of pride?

*Most people would say humility. But in fact, he says that it is **thanksgiving**. Being thankful for what you have been given reminds the soul that what it has comes from without, not from within, thus there is no possibility of egocentric feelings (pride).*

Thanksgiving is a few days away. I am thankful for being a priest. It is the satisfaction of my life. Especially saying Mass and hearing Confessions. I am thankful for my amazing parents and siblings. I am thankful for these three parishes that God has entrusted to my care. I am thankful for my ancestors who gave up everything to come to this country to offer a better life for me. I am thankful for all the priests and religious sisters who have given their lives in service to God so that the faith was communicated to me. I am thankful for my brother priests who labor in the vineyard every day. I am thankful for lay people who offer their lives in service to the Church with little or no earthly compensation. I am thankful for people who stand up for their Christian faith despite the growing anti-Christian bigotry in the world. I am thankful for the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who give up their lives, physically, so that the virtues of this country might be maintained. I am thankful for being able to run up and down the hills in Richmond (it is a lot harder than the flat land of Hampton Roads). I am thankful for the opportunity to eat too much on Thanksgiving, although I will try to not do so. I am thankful that I have a half-dozen old boilers and air conditioners in these old churches that continually break down but nonetheless keep me comfortable. I am even thankful for the brown water that sometimes comes out of the faucet here in the city of Richmond which reminds me that most of the time I have as much clean water as I could ever need. I am thankful for the homeless that are on nearly every corner here in the city; I am not thankful that they are homeless but I am thankful that they are there to remind me of how easy it is to be charitable as God would have me be.

But more than anything else, I am thankful to the Lord, who bled and died for me that my sins might be forgiven and I might be able to worship Him forever in Heaven.

Remember, "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving," it's a Greek. Every Mass we give thanks to God. Every good and perfect gift comes down from Heaven from God. We have nothing good that He has not given us.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!!! - Fr. Rossi

Today's Music:

Gathering: 488 – Our Sovereign King

Psalm: Psalm 16 “The Lord is King, he is robed in majesty.”

Gifts: 485 – Crown Him with many Crowns

Communion 1: 838 – Eat This Bread

Communion 2: 821 – Bread of Life

Sending Forth: 481 – Christ is the King

PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray for the health of Father Alistair McKay who has been diagnosed with liver and lung cancer. Fr. McKay appreciates your prayers on his behalf. Cards may be sent to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 314 Turner Road Salem Virginia 24153

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

2015 Christmas Concert: The concert will be on December 18th at 7pm. Contact music coordinator Bryce Miller at Pianoguy35@mac.com for more information.

THANK YOU!!! Special thank you to Donna Paxton, Tobie Treadwell & Bryce Miller for their hard work on the wine & cheese social Wednesday evening.

WELCOME! To our newest member baptized this Sunday Ella Peyton Graham.

Adult Faith Formation - Kathy Buttner

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

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

Appalachian Giving Tree: The Knights of Columbus and St. Patricks will be collecting Christmas gifts for five Appalachian families in need. On the weekends of 11/29 and 12/6 there will be a tree set up in the vestibule please consider taking a tag to help provide for these families in need. Gifts purchased need to be returned wrapped with the tag attached no later than 12/13/15. Please consider helping out with this tradition of giving! Thank you.

SENIOR TRIP—Christmas Town at Busch Gardens Wednesday, Dec 16th. We will make the most of Christmas Town by seeing the lights and shows at Busch Gardens. Handicapped accessibility and assistance is available. **Need confirmed commitments no later than Sunday Nov 29th in order to purchase tickets.** Please contact Heather Coleman if interested heatherscoleman@yahoo.com or 804-310-9538.

Box Tops for Education: Our parish will be collecting “Box Tops for Education” for All Saints Catholic School. There is a box for them in the basement by the mailboxes.

Message from Father Wiggins:

The amount of money that the three parishes has contribute toward the Walk for life is over \$1800.00. I am still getting donations. I want to thank all the parishes for their generous support. If you would like to donate to the Pregnancy Center, you can mail your donation to Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities 700 Sycamore Street, Ste. 12 Petersburg, VA 23803. Thank you once again for your generous support. Fr. Frank Wiggins.

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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.