Saint Patrick Catholic Church September 12-13, 2015 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times:

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

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm **Rosary:** Sunday at 10:10am

Congratulations to our newly baptized Jacob Thompson and Murphy Wallace.

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: <u>fmpjr2009@aol.com</u> or Ryland Paxton: <u>paxtonrl8229@mbc.edu</u>.

Baptisms: If you are interested in having your child Baptized, please access the website for information regarding Baptisms and godparents. Click on the Sacraments link and Baptisms. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

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

<u>Rosary:</u> Please join in saying the rosary each Sunday at 10:10 in the left side sacristy. 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

<u>Visitation to the sick and homebound</u> – 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.

September Monthly Budget Goal: \$12,916.66 Collection thru 9/6: \$3,198.00 September 5-6 Attendance: 44/131

Message from our Pastor:

Dear Faithful in God!

For the pastor message this week, I want to tell you about tomorrow's feast day: the Exultation of the Holy Cross. This is a wonderful feast day and accurately describes an important element of our faith.

Christians lift high the cross. Christians exalt in the cross.

By why? How? The cross is difficult. The cross hurts. The cross isn't fun. Why "exalt" the Cross?

Christians exalt the cross because for Christians, all suffering has meaning and purpose. For Christians, any pain or difficulty experienced in this life is only a means, a passing through to something greater. It is not empty or meaningless or pointless. Christ took the most awful of events and made it the greatest gift to mankind. Heaven is real, and it was made open through what God's Son did on the Cross...plain and simple. We lift up the cross that saved us and show it off to the world..."look here and see what God did for us" and we unite our own crosses to it, so that instead of defeating us, they may be a means to our own salvation.

Even the darkest day, for a Christian, is not only conquerable through the cross but even finds meaning.

God Bless you this week. Have a great one...even if it's hard!!! -Fr. Rossi

Today's Music:

Gathering: # 698 – Take Up Your Cross

Psalm: #110- Psalm 116 "In The Land Of The Living"

Gifts: #433 – At The Lambs High Feast We Sing

Communion #1: #627 What Wondrous Love Is This

Communion #2: # 700 The Summons

Sending Forth #603 – How Can I Keep From Singing?

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

SENIOR TRIP: Lunch Riverboat Cruise Date: Tuesday, October 27th Limited seats. If interested contact Heather Coleman.

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2015, and will focus on the theme **"Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person"** Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all those who helped out making the back to school luncheon for our students a success!

"Francis: The Pope from the New World"

Please join us in social hall for this 47 minute DVD produced by the Knights of Columbus on 9/20/15 after mass.

UNITED – In Prayer For Our Persecuted Brothers & Sisters Date: 9/29/15 Time: 7-8:30 pm Location: Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Join the Catholic Diocese of Richmond's Officer of Social Ministries, Richmond's Coptic Orthodox Church, Greek Orthodox, Catholic Maronite Church, Armenian Orthodox Church, and other Christian Denominations for an ecumenical prayer service (UNITED) for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith around the world.

Bishop Walter F. Sullivan Catholic Symposium – Pope of the Periphery: The Papacy of Francis

Date: Wednesday, 9/16/15 Time: 1-5pm
Location: VCU University Student CommonsCommonwealth Ballroom, Monroe Park Campus
Speakers: Father Shay Auerbach, Reverend Michael A.
Renninger, and Dr. Marie J. Giblin

Young Adults CONNECT:

Every Thursday 5:30-8pm Join your Catholic peers every Thursday evening at St. Benedict's in Richmond for Mass, dinner, then a rotating event--Social, Catechetical, Service, and Adoration. Mass begins at 5:30pm, and confessions are available 7-8pm. Check out RVAConnect on Facebook for more information, and sign up for email notifications at https://goo.gl/EmH4Mt.

Children's Religious Education - Donna Baird

Religious Education 2015/2016: It's time to enroll children grades K through Confirmation in St. Patrick's Religious Education program. <u>Children must be enrolled by</u> <u>September 13th</u> in order to ensure the purchase of the correct educational material. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 13th, from 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM. Parents are welcome to attend this first class. Please see Donna Baird or Erika Lentini to pick up registration forms. If you have questions, contact Donna Baird.

Adult Faith Formation - Kathy Buttner

Evening Bible Study - Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Have you wanted to read the Bible but you just don't know where to start? Do you want a deeper relationship with God and better understanding of your faith? You can uncover the story woven in Scriptures in an 8 week course. Will begin September 16th and meet weekly from 6:30-8:30pm. If you are interested, please put your contact information on the forms located on the table in the vestibule or contact Kathy Buttner at 804-737-6199 or <u>kathybuttner@hotmail.com</u>.

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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.