

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

September 19-20, 2015

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: fmprj2009@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 November 8. 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.

September Monthly Budget Goal: \$12,916.66

Collection thru 9/13: \$5,962.28

September 12-13 Attendance: 47/232

Message from our Pastor:

This weekend we welcome the world...literally...to our home here in Richmond. There will be a half-million visitors in the city and millions with us through internet and television from all over the world. This race is an international race.

Now our Lord has a great sense of humor...did you know!?! Did you happen to take note of His words in the Gospel this week as we begin this great racing event in the city? "If anyone wishes to be first, he must be the last of all." I want you all to be sure to preach that to the racers as they zoom by on Broad Street....just kidding...I promise you will not be very effective.

I was thinking about what God must think about the race here in the city and, for that matter, all competitiveness. Is there such a thing a good competitiveness? Is there such a thing a holy competitiveness.

I think there is.

I have a cousin who is about the same age as me. Growing up, we were close and were competitive about everything. As teenagers, we use to be competitive about grades, dating, tennis, working out...absolutely everything. Often times we were not, as many young men today, pursuing holy goals or being inspired by holy motives in these endeavors and unfortunately this competition led to us sometimes trying to outdo one another in the wrong. This was unfortunate and not godly.

But the funny thing is that God eventually used that competitiveness to lead me to a serious conversion. Through God's grace, my cousin eventually started to turn away from unholy pursuits that young men seek and turn to God. And wouldn't you know it...I saw him (my cousin) doing this and became competitive about that! So I also started to turn away from unholy pursuits and seek God. I eventually ended up on a retreat that changed my life forever and my former life and goals, the world of accounting, dating, working out faded away. God can use anything, any of our drives and aspirations to show us that ultimately that thing that drives us (that drives an internationally acclaimed bike-racer) is ultimately an expression of a desire for fulfillment. As Christians, we have come to discover that fulfillment is ultimately consummated in being in communion with God. If we have discovered that, we ahead of the pack.

And the best part is, you don't even have to be the fastest to be given it.

Blessings and enjoy the races

Today's Music:

Gathering: # 719 – For the Healing of the Nations

Psalm: #58– Psalm 54 “The Lord Upholds My Life”

Gifts: #507 – I want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Communion #1: #669 The Servant Song

Communion #2: # 699 We Have Been Told

Sending Forth #874 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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

"Francis: The Pope from the New World"

Date: 9/20/15 after mass. **Where:** Social hall downstairs

Please join us downstairs for a showing of the Knight of Columbus produced DVD: "Francis: The Pope from the New World" –it is a 47 minute program. As the Holy Father is visiting the U.S. this week please plan on attending this special presentation.

Catechetical Sunday:

"Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human person"

This weekend, parishes across the country will honor those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church through a special rite of commissioning and blessing. Here at St Patrick the following catechists will be commissioned to share the faith of the Church with the adults, families, youth, and children of the parish this year: Donna Baird, Erika Lentini, Mallory Mccune, Kathy Buttner, Anne Mcmillian, Dawne Cullan, Ryland Paxton and Fred Powell.

Community Blessing of the Pets: In celebration of God's glorious and magnificent creation, St. John's is hosting a Community Blessing of Pets on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, Sunday Oct 4 at 2PM on the front lawn. All are invited as well as every 4 legged, feathered and finned brethren accompanied by their guardians. Please join us in joyous thanksgiving and blessing for their safety. (Dogs should be leashed and kitties in carriers) Rain or shine.

Young Adults CONNECT:

Every Thursday 5:30-8pm Attention young adults! 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 RVACoNECT on Facebook for more information, and sign up for email notifications at <https://goo.gl/EmH4Mt>.

2015 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Our Faith Alive in Love:

Last week, many of you received a letter from Bishop DiLorenzo asking for your support of the 2015 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We hope you will give prayerful consideration to this request. The Appeal not only provides an opportunity for you to support important ministries that impact many programs outside of our parish boundaries, it also supports the services the Diocese provides directly to our parish through the parish sharing formula. All pledges can be paid in ten monthly installments which makes it easy to support the important ministries of our Diocesan Church while also supporting our parish needs. Thank you in advance for your partnership in the 2015 Appeal.

Adult Faith Formation - Kathy Buttner

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

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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.