

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 3-4, 2015

27th 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 9/27: \$10,314.28

September 12-13 Attendance: 46 /99

Message from our Pastor:

All the excitement has died down.

The racers from all over the world, who came to Richmond, are gone. All the barricades have been removed which lined Broad Street. The mess that covered the sidewalks and streets has been cleaned (mostly). The regular hustle and daily grind has returned to Richmond Virginia.

Furthermore, the visit from the Pope has ended as well. What a time of excitement for the whole world as the heir of St. Peter come to the U.S. But Washington, New York and Philadelphia have all likely returned to life "as usual" as well

This is sort of sad. It is always sort of depressing when there's an opportunity to break from our normal routine in life and experience an extra outpouring of community life, of fellowship with others, of excitement and of joy. It's sort of like leaving vacation with family. I always hated that as a kid.

But I want to remind you of something, something that many saints have proclaimed through the ages...St. Therese of the Little Flower was especially fond of recalling this...it is even something that Pope Francis himself has said on numerous occasions: life is not all about the extraordinary events that happen infrequently and pass quickly...but rather, life is about the daily experience of human relationships and encounters. It is not about the big and grand but the small and the simple.

This way of thinking often goes against our emotions. Usually our emotions lead us to long for those peak events of life and then to simply 'get through' the drudgery of the day-to-day. But no, no, no. This is false. The joyful life is comprised of finding happiness in the small events of the day and, more importantly, we are made saints through the way we respond to the simple and seemingly insignificant events of daily tasks. Going to the grocery store...enjoy it...be a saint while you are there. Work stressful...be thankful and kind...even to the people who are seemingly out to get you. Tired of traffic...turn off the radio and pick up a rosary...use the quiet time to listen to God.

The joyful life comes from loving the simple parts of life, appreciating the blessings of those times, and doing our best to be the best Christian we can be with the limited control God has given us in the moment. And yeah, those peaks of life are awesome, but they are not what we live for. We live for the here and now.

So as we say goodbye to the Pope, and goodbye to the racers...and turn back to the grind stone, remember, your joy is right in front of you...and more importantly, so is your holiness. Have a great week!!! -Fr. Rossi

Today's Music:

Gathering: # 622 – Love Divine

Psalm: Psalm 128 “May the Lord Bless Us”

Gifts: #572 – For the Beauty of the Earth

Communion #1: #629 God Is Love

Communion #2: # 491 God Beyond All Names

Sending Forth #528 Joyful Joyful

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

SENIOR TRIP: Lunch Riverboat Cruise

Date: Tuesday, October 27th

Limited seats. If interested contact Heather Coleman.

PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY: Sunday October 11th 2015 has been designated by the Diocesan Office of Social Ministry as Prison Ministry Sunday. Next weekend 10/11 please bring items to donate to indigent men and women at the Richmond City Jail. These include soap, toothpaste, deodorant, white t-shirts, socks and underwear. If you have questions or would like to help with the Prison Ministry please contact Eddie or Donna Baird who visit the jail weekly.

CARITAS: United by our compassion, we help our most vulnerable neighbors to reclaim their dignity. CARITAS helps to break the cycles of homelessness and addiction in the Metro Richmond area so that people can lead stable lives. CARITAS helps the most vulnerable among us, which makes for a stronger community. **This year St. John has committed to hosting 35-40 men starting November 7 thru November 14st. We will need MANY VOLUNTEERS** to help ensure that this event will be a success. We will be need, cooks, transport guests to the Y, stay overnight, load and unload cots. Think about it! What can you do to help with this great outreach program? Do you have any talents you can offer these men? For more information or questions please contact the office.

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

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.

2015 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Our Faith Alive in Love

The 2015 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our In-Pew pledge process at all Masses during the weekends of October 3-4 and 10-11. It is very important for all of us to make a gift to the 2015 Appeal.

Feeding the poor, supporting our clergy, evangelizing all people in the Diocese and handing on to our children the rich faith and traditions of our Church are all components of the larger work we carry out to advance the mission of the Catholic Church. All of these ministries are vital components of the Annual Appeal. In addition, all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. This year, the funds returned will be used for Capital Improvements. All pledges can be paid in 10 convenient monthly installments. Please answer Bishop DiLorenzo's request and make a generous gift. Thank you in advance for your support.

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.