

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 17-18, 2015

29th 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: fmjir2009@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.

October Monthly Budget Goal: \$12,916.66

Collection thru 10/11: \$5966.16

October 3 - 4 Attendance: 35 /206

Message from our Pastor:

The first line of the first reading today...did anyone catch what it said?

It said "The Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity" Isaiah 53:10-11.

Do you know what that means? It is from the Old Testament, from the book of Isaiah, from before the birth of Christ. But it is a prophecy talking about Christ that was written before Christ came. Prophetic language is veiled when it describes some future event that is to occur. So let me translate the prophetic statement.

When it says, "the Lord," it is referring to the Father (first person of the Trinity). When it says "him" it is referring to the Son/Jesus (second person of the Trinity). When it says "infirmity" it is basically talking about all the suffering Jesus felt when he died on the cross. So it is a prophecy where Isaiah is predicting the event of Jesus' passion and death and he is basically saying "the Father was pleased to crush Jesus with all the suffering he endured when he died on the cross."

My first point is simply to help you see how prophecy works. But my second point regards what is being said in the prophecy as you might be scratching your head saying: why in the heck would the Father possibly find pleasure making Jesus suffer and die on the cross? The meaning of this text is very strange when considered in reference to God who we are always told is kind and loving.

The reason I bring this up is to demonstrate a very important point in regards the Bible: the Bible needs to be interpreted. There are many passages of Scripture, especially in the Old Testament, that need to be interpreted. And who do we have as the interpreter of the Bible? The Church! The Pope, the Bishops in union with him, also known as the Magisterium. This is the central teaching office of the Church that is guided by the Holy Spirit to interpret Scripture. The same Church that asked God about 2000 years ago what books to include in the Bible is the same Church who asks God now how to interpret what God decided to have in the Bible. God guides the Church as it interprets the Bible.

As an aside, do not worry, the Father was not "pleased" to crush Jesus. He simply allowed him to be crushed so that we might have a shot at Heaven.

So be sure to thank Him today for that...it is the greatest thing that any person or God could have given you.

Can I get an amen? -Fr. Rossi

Today's Music:

Gathering: # 791 – Lift High the Cross

**Psalm 33 “Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.”**

Gifts: #669 – Servant Song

Communion #1: #815 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Communion #2: # 627 What Wondrous Love

Sending Forth #626 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

2015 Christmas Concert: This year we are inviting all to participate and sing in the choir! The concert will be at St. Patrick's on Friday, December 11 at 7pm. The choir will be under the direction of Fran Coleman, of the Virginia Opera. There will be a mandatory attendance required at rehearsals on Thursday evenings at St. Patrick's from 7:30 – 8:30pm, beginning October 22. Contact music coordinator Bryce Miller at Pianoguy35@mac.com for more information.

Thank you! Have you noticed the beautiful new pitcher and bowl being used during mass each week? Many thanks to Elsie Blanning for her generous donation. It was the last piece missing to complete a matched set of altar vessels.

Young Adults CONNECT:

Every Thursday 6:00-8pm 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 6:00pm, 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>.

The Virginia Catholic Conference has created a **Voters' Guide for upcoming General Assembly elections** to help voters identify contested races and engage their candidates on **issues important to Catholics**. The election is Nov. 3. The guide can be found on the Conference website at www.vacatholic.org. The Voters' Guide consists of a Virginia map that highlights the 60 total contested Senate and House races. It also provides a summary of the seven key themes of Catholic Social Teaching, a list of suggested questions to ask candidates, and a link to candidates' email addresses. The Conference uses the seven themes when developing positions on various legislative proposals.

Adult Faith Formation - Kathy Buttner

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

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

Thank you! Thank you for the generous support for the prison ministry this past weekend. We collected many needed items to go to the men and women in the Richmond City Jail.

SENIOR TRIP: Lunch Riverboat Cruise

Date: Tuesday, October 27th -Limited seats.

If interested contact Heather Coleman.

CARITAS: 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.

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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.