

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

January 16-17, 2016

2nd 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: 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 parish hall. The next class is March 13. 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. Contact Kathy Butner.

Confessions: Are offered each Saturday at 4:30pm in the confessional located at the front of the Church to the left...just come on in.

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: \$117,317.00

Year to date actual income: \$89,342.88

Current loss: \$27,974.12

November 9-10 attendance: 33 - 182

Message from our Pastor:

Hello everyone.

I hope everyone has settled back into the 'normal routine' of life since the holidays.

In case you didn't notice, it's now "ordinary time" again in the liturgical calendar. Christmas ended last Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. We sang "Joy to the World" for the last time, for a little while...unless of course you listen to one of those radio stations that play Christmas music all year long, but that is just weird.

In any respect, it's back to ordinary time.

In one sense this can be sad. Our families probably went back to their own houses (that should be sad about this ☹), the pretty lights have come down, and the Christmas trees are gone.

But, in fact, it should not be sad. Why?

Because in the spiritual life, it is supposed to be a continual climb or ascent, and therefore, the passage of the Holy Seasons is a blessing.

What do I mean? The spiritual life is supposed to be a continual increase in God's grace. We should day by day, season by season, become closer to God. We should, with the passage of each Christmas, each Easter, each liturgical year, become those who are more readily able to experience intimacy with God. And therefore, the passage of another season is not something sad, but rather something we have gained something from and continue to have something to take into the next day, week, season, etc.

As opposed to the worldly view, which sees the passage of time as something dreadful, something that just causes more wrinkles, more hair loss, more health issues, Christians see the passage of time as growing closer to the ultimate intimacy we will experience with God in Heaven. It's better to be an old saint than a young sinner...and we usually get better with time.

So as the year gets on and life goes back to normal, don't forget to use the things you received during Christmas...and I'm not talking about the slippers, purses, weedwackers or drill sets that you received at Christmas (I got a really nice drill from my parents), but use the spiritual gifts and graces that you received. You have advanced, gotten better, are more spiritually mature and are further along in the kingdom...rejoice!

- Fr. Rossi

Today's Music:

Gathering: 685 – Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move

Psalm Refrain: “Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.”

Gifts: 578 – Lord of All Hopefulness

Communion 1: 504 – I Have Loved You

Communion 2: 577 – Come My Way My Truth My Life

Sending Forth: 661 – The Church's One Foundation

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve dinner at Liberation Family Services, a homeless veteran's shelter, on Sunday Jan 31st from 5pm to 7pm. If you can help out please contact Heather Coleman 804-310-9538.

St. Francis Home Project - We will be collecting new linen items for St. Francis Home residents through February 7th. Items needed are: comforters, twin bed sheets, pillow cases (white cotton preferred but not necessary), bath towels, hand towels, and washcloths. Laundry baskets will be in the social hall as well as the entrance of the church to collect these items. Contact Kathy Buttner for more information

Children's Religious Education - Donna Baird

Children's religious education classes are held the first three Sundays of each month in the classroom located in the social hall from 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM. If you have questions, contact Donna Baird donnahbaird@yahoo.com or at 804.888.3470

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

Nursery: Nursey is available Sunday during the 10:45 mass. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Jane Murphy at jhmurphy1953@yahoo.com.

Irish Festival: It's that time of year again! It is time to start gearing up for the Irish Festival. We will have meetings every Sunday after 10:45 mass starting this weekend. Join us!

From the Office of Vocations: “There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.” Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Michael G. Boehling, Vicar for Vocations, (804) 359-5661, or write: mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.

Faith Formation - Kathy Buttner

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

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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.