



# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

## September 5-6, 2015

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Mass times:

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 10:45am

**Confession:** Saturday at 4:30pm

#### **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](mailto:fmpjr2009@aol.com) or Ryland Paxton: [paxtonrl8229@mbc.edu](mailto:paxtonrl8229@mbc.edu).

**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. The next Baptism class for first time parents is Sunday, September 13 at 1 p.m. in the basement. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

**Nursery:** is available at our Sunday 10:45am mass every week downstairs in the social hall.

**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.

#### Message from our Pastor:

*"Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!" - First reading*

*One of my favorite images from our history of the Church is a little girl looking up at her soon to be executioner and smiling.*

*St Agnes was 13 years old and was beheaded because she stood strong for her Christian faith. But what is so amazing about her is that the accounts of her death say that as she had her head on the chopping block, literally, the executioner standing there was the one who had fear in his heart, NOT the little girl who was to be beheaded. He could not understand how she had such strength...he was afraid of her fortitude.*

*Can you imagine being a 13 year old girl and striking fear into the heart of your executioner?!?!?!?*

*Faith gives you power. Faith gives you strength. Faith drives away fear. When you have faith, nothing can take away the thing you ultimately live for, heaven. When you have faith, even your own life (your human, earthly life) can be given away, forcibly or voluntarily, because ultimately it simply serves as means to your eternal reward.*

*Have a great week. And fear nothing.  
-Fr. Rossi*

*P.S. thanks to all who have been so welcoming these past few weeks. Father Danny and myself are feeling settled in. I bought and painted a 4-post bed from a thrift store for \$30 for the rectory. We are having fun.*

**August Monthly Budget Goal: \$12916.66**  
**Collection thru 8/30: \$14424.00**  
**Aug 29-30 Attendance: 41/168**

#### **Today's Music:**

**Gathering: # 612 – Amazing Grace**

**Psalm: #141– Psalm 147 “Bless the Lord, My Soul”**

**Gifts: #631 – 822 Healer of our Every Ill**

**Communion #1: #646 I Hear the Voice of Jesus Say**

**Communion #2: # 719 For the Healing of Nations**

**Sending Forth #738 – In Christ There is No**

## **Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman**

### **SENIOR TRIP: Lunch Riverboat Cruise**

Date: Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Limited seats. If interested contact Heather Coleman.

## **Community Life - Michelle Dawson**

**BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCHEON:** Please join us Sunday after 10:45 mass for lunch to celebrate our kids going back to school and to wish all of our students the best for the new school year!

### **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 Commons- Commonwealth 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** 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 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. **Children must be enrolled by September 13th** in order to ensure the purchase of the correct educational material. **Classes will begin on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 [kathybuttner@hotmail.com](mailto:kathybuttner@hotmail.com).

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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.