

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 23-24, 2017

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times: Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 10:45am

Confession: Saturday: 4:30 pm or
by appointment.

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

Hello all. I want to use the pastor message for an announcement.

Fr. Frank is being temporarily transferred to a parish in Virginia Beach. The plan is that he will leave mid-October and return mid-January. There is a parish in need of help and Fr. Frank has been chosen to assist.

I was surprised when I was told of this decision but also not completely surprised. We have been especially blessed to have the great gift of three priests for our three parishes. But I knew that it was a matter of time before a need arose and one of us three priests were chosen for the task. At this point we are told the move is temporary. Obviously things could change and, with the new Bishop likely to arrive in the next month or two, he will have the discretion to change all priests' assignments.

In the meantime, I have prayed about this and have decided that the following changes will occur for the time being.

1. The Saturday evening Vigil Mass at St. Patrick will be temporarily suspended. (The last Saturday Vigil Mass will be October 7th, 2017). With only two priests and wedding schedules being as they are, Fr. Ernest and I will not be able to cover all the Masses. I have selected to suspend this Mass because the attendance is lowest (usually around 20). If and when Fr. Frank returns in January, we can resume the Mass and/or discuss another time that might be more convenient for the most number of people. All people who normally attend this Mass are invited to attend the Mass at St John at the same time 5:30pm, which is only a 10 minute drive.
2. The Friday daily noon Mass at St John will also be temporarily suspended due to priest schedules and limitations. All who normally attend this Mass are invited to attend the daily Mass at St Peter at the same time (noon).
3. The rotation of priests will be as follows: priest #1 will cover the St John Vigil Mass and the two Sunday Masses at St Peter while priest #2 will cover the two Sunday Masses at St John as well as the Sunday Mass

at St Patrick. Weddings and funerals will be divided up based on schedule. So basically you will see Fr Rossi or Fr Ernest every other week (instead of every third week).

4. Emergency calls will be split half-way through the week, with Fr Rossi covering the first part of the week and Fr Ernest covering the second part of the week.
5. We are currently working on the Christmas schedule which will have to be covered by Fr Rossi and Fr Ernest only. We will do our best, but Masses will have to be staggered so that we can say Mass at one place and have enough time to drive to the other. So some Masses may be a little earlier than you prefer (like a 4pm Christmas vigil) or some a little later (like 6pm), etc.

I realize this is not ideal and a cluster situation is not ideal. But we do not have enough priests. There was a day when St Patrick alone had 3 priests. We need to pray that more young men and women answer calls to religious vocations. God still calls plenty, but people do not want to follow God. We have to strive ourselves to follow Him unreservedly and encourage others to do the same.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Please pray for our parishes and especially for our new Bishop, that whoever he is, God will give him the grace to satisfy the needs of the parishes in the Diocese of Richmond.

God Bless
-Fr Rossi

Communion Meditation Song: Lord I Need You

Verse 1

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Refrain

Lord I need You, Oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dinner and Movie – Sept 30, 2017: The Bible Study Group is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner and showing of the movie “The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima” on Saturday, September 30, starting at 6:00 p.m. We are celebrating the 100th year since Our Lady appeared to the three children at Fatima. This is a great story we all will enjoy and need to see to understand the importance of Her message. If you have questions, you may contact Kathy Buttner.

Rosary Rally – October 14 at Noon: Everyone is invited to gather outside St Peter’s Church at Noon on 10/14/17 to pray the rosary. At Fatima, Our Lady requested that we pray the daily for peace. October 13 is the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s last apparition to the three children at Fatima. This will be a public praying of the rosary for peace. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Buttner.

Our September "Women, Wine and the Word" gathering will be Friday 9-29-17 from 6.30pm to 8.30 pm in the social hall. This month’s topic will be "Being Happy with Jesus - 5 Habits of Happy People" All ladies are invited, please invite your friends & family as well and bring a light snack or wine to share for an evening of great discussion and fellowship. Please let Donna Baird know if you plan to attend at 804-888-3470 or at donnahbaird@yahoo.com

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars **the next Sharing Sunday which will be October 1st.** Please bring non-perishable food items. We donate those to our local food bank.

Want some great Italian cuisine? Join us at St. John's on Friday, October 6th in the social hall. Great food, chicken cacciatore, ziti, sausage, lasagna, meatballs and more. Good music by Martin, Como and Sinatra. The council of women are at it again fun, food and music. Sign up now, pay at the door. Please call the office 804-737-8028.

Thank you to the Ancient Order of Hibernians: They are donating \$500 in 2017 to our parish. “The Major James H. Dooley Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (A.O.H.) recently donated \$3,400 to Catholic Schools, Parish Faith Formation Programs and Parish Needs for various Parishes in the Richmond, VA area. Donations were made from the proceeds of their 15th Annual "Trip for Two to Ireland" 2017 Raffle. **AOH is donating \$500 for 2017 to St. Patrick's.**

Interested in joining the AOH or purchasing a raffle ticket for this year's drawing: Over the last number of years St. Patrick’s has received \$5,250 from the proceeds of this raffle. In addition to our other charitable contributions, over the past 15 years we’ve donated over \$51,650 from the raffle proceeds to Catholic Churches and Schools in the Richmond area. If you’d like to buy a ticket for the 2018 Raffle please contact our Raffle Chair Jim Woods at jwoods0701@gmail.com or 804-339-3628. AOH is America’s oldest Irish Catholic Fraternal Organization. The Major James Dooley Division of the AOH has been active in the Richmond area for over 39 years. Practicing male parishioners of Irish descent are encouraged to join with fellow parishioners currently in the A.O.H. by calling Johnny Cates at 804-972-2729 or johncates1@verizon.net for membership information. Please visit our website for membership and additional information at www.aohrichmond.org. Our motto is Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.”

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 Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held at mass the first Sunday of the month. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. **The next class will be held on 11/5/17 at 1pm in the parish hall.** If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

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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.

Bulletin: All bulletin submissions must be emailed to Michelle Dawson the Tuesday prior by noon.

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.

CHURCH SUPPORT AS OF 9/17/17

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$2,826.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$1,395.00)

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$39,809.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$50,652.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$10,843.00)

Attendance for September 16 = 32 September 17 = 129

Dear all -

Fr Rossi here. Hope you are well. I have a question: what the heck happened? Specifically in regards to the budget, was there a stock market crash that I missed??? We did so amazing the second part of last year (Jan 17-Jun 17) since we started the increased offertory campaign but we need to keep that going!!! We are behind again. Maybe folks are just saving up for a big Christmas present to St Patrick??? I pray everyone will be able to continue giving at the level of commitment we so successfully finished off the year ended June 30, 2017. Let me know if I can answer any questions. God Bless.