

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

January 13-14, 2017
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass times:

Saturday at 5:30pm & Sunday at 10:45am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment.



Church Support as of 1/7/18

Weekly

Actual	\$3,814.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
Difference	-\$407.00

Year to Date

Actual	\$104,046.00
Budgeted	<u>\$118,188.00</u>
Difference	(\$14,142.00)

Attendance for 1/6/18 = 36 and 1/7/18 = 134

Message from our Pastor:

Welcome to Ordinary time folks. The Christmas season has ended. Our next season is Lent, which begins in only one month!!! Time flies.

Today I want to alert to the very important event that is happening this Friday January 19th. This Friday January 19th is the Annual March for Life in Washington DC. Hundreds of thousands of people, mostly young people, will gather to march for the defense of life, especially in defiance of the evil act of abortion. Abortion is pure evil. It ends the life of an entirely innocent life. Once life is created, no one but God has the right to decide when it should be ended.

If you have never been to the March for Life it is worth your time to go and do it some year (or many years). There are buses that take you up and bring you home. If you are available this Friday, you can still catch a ride on the many buses that are heading up there, they are provided by the Diocese of Richmond and by the Knights of Columbus.

If you cannot go this year, then make sure you do something to support their efforts, pray a decade of the Rosary for them, skip a meal for them as a fast, or at least skip desert. It is amazing what God can do when we just give him a very little bit as an act of sacrifice. Remember, sacrifice is love, and love is just emotions without sacrifice.

Secondly, just a couple days ago, on Friday January 12th our Bishop was installed, Bishop Knestout. It is a very significant event in the life of a Diocese. Please pray for him, even daily, that God will strengthen him for the challenging task ahead of him.

Remember, Bishops and Popes are just regular people with all the limits and struggles everyone else experiences, but they are given a monumentally difficult and important task to carry out. So they need very, very many prayers and graces.

And finally, have a great week. Pray more and do everything else less. -Fr Rossi



News & Announcements:

*****Rescheduled due to weather*****

The Ward Centre of Richmond Schola invites you to a viewing party! This had to be rescheduled due to the weather.....The choir that went to Portugal will be hosting a reception on Friday, January 19th, at 6:00 pm in the basement of St. Patrick's Church. Light refreshment will be served, and a video of the trip will be shown. They want to thank you for your generous support and prayers. All are welcome!

Volunteer Opportunity: We have a new opportunity for someone to take over the ministry schedule for St. Patrick's! You may have seen the final product in the past – a quarterly ministry schedule printed on blue paper. The schedule is based on scheduled weekend and holyday services; the template draws from our outstanding list of St. Patrick's liturgy ministers (greeters, altar servers, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers). The current schedule is up-to-date through March 25, so there is lots of time to meet and ramp up the new scheduler. If you have very basic software skills and Internet access, you already have what it takes to generate the schedule! Please let me know if you are interested, would like to chat about the possibilities, or just want to brainstorm the position (Billie Keating, bjk6269@comcast.net, 804 347-7919).

Box Tops for Education: Keep saving up those "Box Tops for Education"! The Knights of Columbus are collecting these for All Saints Catholic School. In our social hall there is a small box where you can drop the labels off. Please keep doing or consider starting. It is such a small thing that can make a huge difference at a school. For each label the school gets 10 cents. This money can be used for supplies as well as playground equipment! Thanks!

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars **the next Sharing Sunday which will be February 4th.** Please bring non-perishable food items.

MARCH for LIFE RALLY – Washington DC 1/19/18: For the 35th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus will provide **FREE** bus transportation for people in the Richmond metropolitan area to attend the 45th annual March for Life Rally in Washington DC, on **Friday, January 19, 2018. Seating on buses is limited and will be by RESERVATION only.** For more information contact Eddie Baird.

Church Envelopes are Ready for Pick up: They are ready to be picked up in the vestibule. If you can't find your set, please contact the office so we can update your information & mail them to you.

Volunteer: Please consider volunteering one hour each week for a month to help keep St. Patrick Church clean for Saturday/Sunday Masses. It is easy to learn and fun to do. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Church Foyer. Please call me, John Lo Re 804-513-7173 with any questions and thank you.

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 contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday during mass each month. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. **The next class will be held on 4/15/18 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 & you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.

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.