

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

February 10-11, 2018
Sixth 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.

COMMUNION MEDITATION SONG

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Message from our Pastor:

Are you ready for LENT!!!????!!!!???

Lent begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. Mass times and distribution of ashes are 9am St John, 12noon St Peter, 7pm St Patrick, and 7pm (Spanish) St John.

Lent is a great season. We all get a little out of shape, spiritually, and we all need a time where we all tighten the belt, spiritually. Lent is when we should indulge a little less in the pleasure of the world, we should pray a little (or hopefully a lot) more, and we should give a little extra money/time away to those in need and to our parish. It's good for us. Very good for us.

One of the things we are going to be focusing on this Lent, all three priests, is Confession. We especially want everyone to go to Confession this Lent. As such, we are making it easier for everyone by adding extra times when you can go to confession. We are going to have confessions available before and after every weekend Mass. So you have no excuse. It doesn't take long and you feel better after you go.

St Patrick – confessions Saturday before Mass as usual and after Mass; on Sunday confessions 30 minutes before and after the 1045am Mass

St John – confessions Saturday before Mass as usual and after Mass; confessions Sunday 30 minutes before and after the 9am and 1215pm Mass

St Peter – confessions Sunday before and after the 830am Mass and the 1045am Mass

Go! Go! Go!

Don't worry if it's been too long, or if you are worried about something you know you need to confess, or even if you don't think you need to go (just ask the priest and he will help you dig up your sins). All excuses.

Especially if it has been a long time, now is the time. You know not the day nor the hour when God will call you from this life. Be at peace whenever it does happen by making sure you are right with God.

A couple other reminders for Lent.

- 1. All Catholics 14 and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent*
- 2. All Catholics 18 to 59 years old are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is eating only one meal the whole day (but you are allowed 2 small snacks if necessary).*
- 3. All Catholics are encouraged to perform some other type of penance during Lent. Give up something you enjoy, add extra time to your prayer routine, give extra money away, etc.*
- 4. Lent is especially a time to focus on being better at whatever we are called to do given our state in life (i.e. take better care of our parents, be a better husband/wife, be more obedient to our parents, be a better priest).*

Lent is a great time to push to be better. You can do more. Be better for your wife, be better for your husband, be better for your kids, be better for your parents. Be better mostly for Him who died for on the cross for you.

-Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please join us at St. Patrick each Thursday at noon at St. Patrick Church for the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Are you ready for Lent? Dynamic Catholic has a daily Lenten reflection beginning on Ash Wednesday called Best Lent Ever. These reflections are an excellent way to stay tuned in to Lent on a daily basis. Go to: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>.

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

Irish Festival: There will be an Irish Festival meeting after Sunday mass in the basement. Please join us if you can. Volunteer sign up sheets on tables in basement! Please sign up to volunteer! Opportunities to make treats for the bake sale are available and more details to come.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): An RCIA class will be starting at SPC. Anyone interested is welcome to join the class. Adults wishing to learn more should contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton

Valentine's Day: Please join the St. Patrick's Social Ministry on a visit to the residents of St. Francis Home for Valentines on 2/17, at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at St. Francis home at 65 W. Clopton Street, Richmond, VA 23225. SPC will provide treats to distribute to the residents. If you plan to join us, please consider bringing homemade or traditional Valentine's day cards to present to the residents. RSVPs & questions should be directed to Eddie & Donna Baird at donnahbaird@yahoo.com.

VA bishops invite all to join them at liturgy for legislators, needs of Virginia: Join His Excellency, Diocese of Richmond Bishop Barry C. Knestout, His Excellency, Diocese of Arlington Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, and the Virginia Catholic Conference, their public policy agency, as well as civic and elected officials, parishioners and people of all faiths at a special liturgy for Virginia's elected officials and the needs of the state. The third annual *Virginia Vespers: Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth* will be held at the beautiful, historic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond, at 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018. The hour-long service draws on an ancient Christian liturgy and includes Scripture and sacred music provided by local Catholic school choirs. A wine and appetizers reception follows. Register at www.vacatholic.org.

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Three (3) more classes will be held during 2018. The dates are as follows: April 15; July 1; and October 7. If you are interested in attending a class and scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby.

Men: Are You Ready to Accept the Challenge?

Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protection of families, service to others and to defend our values. For over one hundred years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families. Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process.

As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including tens of thousands here in Virginia, who stand together.

Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer?

Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, Council 6936.

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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.



Church Support as of 2/4/18

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