

Message from our Pastor:

Today I would like to use the bulletin space for the pastor message to alert you to and encourage your participation in the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

What is the Annual Bishop's Appeal? Well, it is an appeal for donations that is conducted every year by the central administration of our Diocese to support services and programs that are diocesan-wide. That might sound kind of boring and hard to get excited about, until you start to hear about and things that your donations will help make happen.

The annual appeal supports the following, to name a few things:

- The local parish – a considerable portion of the money you give will come right back to our own parish to support our own ministry and work
- Fuel and hunger grant – this money provides emergency support for families and those in need who need help with a month's rent or with groceries
- Seminarian education – we as a diocese provide the funds to send our seminarians to study; they are not paid as seminarians, but are provided basic room and board
- Retired priests – we as priests receive a small pension when we retire, and your donations make that possible
- Campus ministry – your donations support chaplains on the campuses of our diocese; we have to connect with these young people during their university years, as unfortunately many fall away from the faith during these crucial years.
- New evangelization – across the diocese are programs and efforts, including advertising, to encourage new conversions to the Catholic faith as well as the rediscovery of the Catholic faith by many who have fallen away
- Center for marriage and family life – this important outreach seeks to support young couples to understand and embrace the Catholic truths regarding marriage, procreation and life.

These are just some of the very important causes that will be supported by your generous gifts. I sincerely hope each person in our parish can make a gift to this cause. Maybe you have already given or maybe after thinking about it you think you can give a little more. Anything you can give is helpful and these causes will be benefited by whatever you can give. Additionally, as almsgiving is a tradition pillar of Lenten sacrifices, it is a great time to make a sacrifice to God with a donation to the work He encourages to be completed.

Please pray about an amount to contribute. There are leaflets and pamphlets in the pews and available for your donation. As someone who is personally supported by your kindness in this Annual Appeal, I say thank you very much and may God bless your generosity with a one hundred-fold return to you.

-Fr Rossi

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

March 10-11, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass times:

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

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Stations of the Cross:

Please join each Thursday at noon during Lent.

Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment.



Church Support as of 3/4/18

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$3,184.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
Difference	\$1,037.00

	<u>Year to Date</u>
Actual	\$132,168.00
Budgeted	<u>\$151,956.00</u>
Difference	(\$19,788.00)

Attendance for 3/3/18 = 30 and 3/4/18 = 170

News & Announcements:

Irish Festival: Volunteer signup sheets are in the basement please sign up after mass if you haven't already to volunteer! As well there will be an Irish Festival meeting after Sunday mass in the basement. Join us if you can.

Nursery: There will be no nursery Psalm Sunday 3/25 (Irish Festival) and Easter Sunday 4/1.

Sacred Heart Center: Please help our children in the Religious Education Program with a special project they are doing for Lent. During Lent our kids are collecting stuffed animals in good & clean condition for the Sacred Heart Center here in Richmond. It is a Jesuit run center that helps families in need. When parents are meeting with staff in the center children are often with them. These toys are provided to the child to give them comfort in an unfamiliar place & give them something to play with while they wait. This surprise can brighten up that child's day. These stuffed animals can be left in the social hall (there will be a place for them to be left) or to Donna Baird or a child in the program.

Want a way to enrich your Lenten Season? How about a little theatre? Richmond Catholic Theatre presents "The Open Door," by Richard Arena. It's a familiar story - a family business, grown from humble beginnings and hard work, brothers respond to worldly callings and ingrained, unspoken responsibilities differently, and the loving wishes of their father. Palpable and relatable, "The Open Door" examines the lure of temptation, self-promotion and pride in the face of duty and family. Reflect on Luke chapter 15 in a new way this Lent, with Richmond Catholic Theatre! The Open Door, running March 15-17, 22-24, 2018 at 8p at the old Benedictine High School/soon-to-be Cristo Rey HS (just behind the VMFA). Tickets available at RichmondCatholicTheatre.com

Do it!!! - We have extended confessions hours for all of Lent. 30 minutes before and after EVERY Saturday and Sunday Mass! Go! Go! Go! It will make you feel better and love God more! - Father Rossi

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – Please come pray with fellow parishioners for the unborn babies, their parents, the clinic workers, & our government. Approximately 2,500 abortions are done every day in the United States. St. Patrick will hold an hour prayer vigil at the abortion clinic on the corner of Grove Ave. and N. Boulevard on **Saturday, March 17th at 12 noon.**

Sharing Sunday: Everyone the next Sharing Sunday is April 7th & 8th. Please bring non-perishable food items. A table will be in the basement for collection.

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

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.

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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.