

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church



September 15th & 16th, 2018  
**Twenty Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

## **Mass times:**

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

**Nursery is available during 10:45 mass.**

**Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am**

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

## **Message from our Pastor:**

I hope everyone is safe from the hurricane. At the time of writing this, it's not looking good for many folks and possibly us as well.

I want to say a word about St James letter discussing faith and works. St James says faith without works is dead.

Those who emphasize the primacy of faith do so usually because they are rightly concerned that we do not ever think that we can do enough to earn salvation. That is true. You cannot earn salvation. You are never going to work hard enough and God say, "well since you worked so hard, you can come into heaven." It does not work that way.

The only way anyone goes to Heaven, even Mother Teresa, is because Jesus Christ died for sins. Jesus Christ and his expiatory death on the cross is what affords salvation to souls. That's it.

That said, works are important because they show that faith has matured and sunken in. We can talk a lot about what we believe, but only after it is tried in the crucible of fire (the sacrifice of doing good works) does it become pure and more solid.

Thus works are very important.

Some might say, "but Father, I never have a moment in the day to do anything, how can I worry about doing good works...I am just so busy."

To this I respond: thank God for retirement. I am so grateful to the faithful retired folks who use their extra time to serve in the parishes.

They are often very talented and do great things for God in the Church and ask nothing in return. To them I say good work on doing good work.

And for the those who aren't retired, and have no extra time, I say remember that God is always primarily concerned that charity and good works begin at home. Good works should first and foremost be directed to you wife or husband. To your family and to those you encounter every day. Practice good works practice Christian charity all day with everyone you encounter, which is usually, mostly, your family.

It is said if you can win the battle of practicing good works at home, you have won the battle.

That's right on. In that case, no one is with excuse as to why they don't have time for good works. - Fr Rossi



## **Church Support as of 9/9/18**

Not available at the time of this writing.

## News & Announcements:

**Save the Date:** Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally will be held at noon, Saturday Oct 13, on the steps of St Peter Church. Please plan to join in praying the rosary for peace as Our Lady asked 101 years ago.

**Bible Study:** Bible study started back up this past week on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. All are welcome to attend.

**Kiosk - New Items Available** - Please take a minute to look at the new items in the kiosk in the entrance. **Focus for this week:** In a couple weeks, the fall *40 Days for Life* campaign will begin. This world-wide campaign involves praying to end abortions at abortion clinics or at home. These campaigns have resulted in many clinics being closed because their business has decreased. Abortion and the sanctity of human life is a year-round issue. There are 2 new CDs available that will help you to learn the Catholic philosophy on life and will help you to discuss these issues with your family and friends. Please stop by the kiosk and look all the new material.

**The Mystery of the Eucharist:** This 4-week study is for all parishioners & will begin in October. (schedule to be announced later). You will learn about the Eucharist through real life stories, see it pre-figured in the Old Testament, & in the Mass. Learn about the Real Presence of Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in Holy Eucharist & be able to share this reality with your family and friends of other faiths. Classes will last about 1 hour per week. Workbooks will be available for purchase but are optional.

**Sharing Sunday:** Mark your calendars now for the next Sharing Sunday which is **October 7th**. Remember your non-perishable food items. A Sharing Sunday table will be in the basement for collection.

**Kroger Community Awards Program:** Receiving a charitable donation from the Kroger Company for our Saint Patrick parish is so easy! It only depends on you enrolling your Kroger Plus Card and then shopping with your card. To enroll, visit [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and follow the prompts. If you would rather enroll by telephone, call 800 576-4377, select option 3 and explain that you want to enroll your card with Saint Patrick Catholic Church (213 N 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond, VA 23223) **organization # 89764**. Thank you so much for taking your time to enroll and for the rewards we can achieve together.

**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. **One more class will be held during 2018.** The next date is 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.

**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.

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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.