

Saint Patrick Catholic Church



September 1st & 2nd, 2018
Twenty Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Welcome our newest members
baptized this weekend Henry
Joseph, Patrick James, Aniela
Faith, Bella Noel, & Maverick Dee.

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:

Earlier this week we celebrated the feast day of St Monica. St Monica is the mother of St Augustine. St Augustine, as you may already know, was one of the most influential theologians of the entire history of the Catholic Church. His impact almost cannot be overstated.

And yet Augustine was not always on the right path. In fact, if you have read his book "the Confessions," in which he recounts his conversion to the Catholic religion, you will see he came from a life of debauchery.

So how did he get there? How did he have such a giant conversion from being an immoral pagan to a holy saint? He did so in no small part due to the prayers and tears that his mother, St Monica, offered to God each and every day.

Monica is a Saint because she shows us the power of offering prayers and tears for the conversion of a loved one?

Know anyone who needs conversion? Love anyone who could benefit from having their lives turned around by God?

I am so often saddened to hear from parents and grandparents that their own kids or grandkids don't go to Church and don't practice the faith. Very often, the parents and godparents did everything 'right.' They sent their kids to Catholic school, made sure they went to Church, volunteered at Church, etc, and yet they still have kids who have fallen away. It is very sad a very common.

To them I would say look to the example of St Monica. Your job as a parent and grandparent is the exact same, whether your kids are 5 months, 5 years old, or 50 years old. Your job is to get them to Heaven.

Feel free to nag them. Tell them they need to have their children baptized. Tell them they need to go to Church and to take their children to Church. Tell them if they don't they are doing spiritual harm to their children.

And pray, pray, pray for them. If you are older and wonder what you are still doing here or wonder why you suffer so much with pains and sickness in your old age, well I tell you that you can offer that up to God as prayer. Offer it like St Monica did.

God is faithful. If he can turn around Augustine and make him St Augustine, he can do it for your kid or grandkid. There is always hope.
- Fr Rossi

Church Support as of 8/26/18

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$2,285.60
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$3,981.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$1,695.40

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$24,001-54
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$35,829.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$11,827.46)

Attendance for

8/25/18 = 44 & 8/26/18 = 125

News & Announcements:

Religious Education 2018/2019: It's time to enroll children grades kindergarten through Confirmation in St. Patrick Religious Education Program. **Children must be enrolled by 9/2 in order to ensure the purchase of the correct educational material.** Classes will begin on Sept. 9, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. We will have class the first three Sundays each month. Please see Donna Baird about registration & if you have questions.

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.

Thank you: The Knights of Columbus thank everyone who participated in the back to school supply drive that benefited the All Saints School.

Knights of Columbus Raffle: The K of C will be raffling tickets to the Nascar Cup Race on 9/22/18 at RIR. Tickets will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the K of C Father James Scanlon Council and the work/projects they do in our community. The drawing will take place on 9/16/18. Tickets are available after mass each Sunday in social hall. For more information please contact PGK Eddie Baird.

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.

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 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 25th 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.**

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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.