

September 22nd-23rd, 2018 **Twenty Fifth 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.

<u>Message from our Pastor:</u>

Very soon, in the Church and across the nation, will begin a semi-annual time of prayer and fasting to end the most wicked and serious evil in the world today, abortion.

There are over 1 million babies brutally killed as helpless, completely innocent individuals in the United States every year. That is 3000 people killed every single day.

Because of the gravity of the evil and the unimaginable number of people killed, abortion is the greatest evil in the world. Many, if not most, developed countries are plagued by similarly alarming numbers.

The campaign to end this wicked crime against the helpless innocent child is as campaign of prayer and fasting, it is called 40 Days for Life. It is September 26^{th} – November 4^{th} .

It is a time of 40 days when faithful people all over gather to pray and advocate the ending of this brutal practice.

What can you do? A couple things.

First, you should absolutely demand that your politicians end this awful and wicked evil. Do not make this political. If you demand that this evil ends then politicians will have to listen. We must be faithful to God first before any political party. And God hates abortion. He abhors it.

Second, pray and fast during this 40 day for life campaign. Prayer and fasting is power. It changes people's minds. As God said, it moves mountains, even hearts of stone.

Third, signup to witness for life at the local abortion mill here in Richmond. We as a parish will be gathering October 9-11 at the abortion mill Planned Parenthood at 201 N Hamilton St in Richmond. Our goal is to have 2 people every hour from 7am-7pm stand in front of the abortionist location and spend an hour in prayer. That means we need at least 24 total for each day. St Peter will cover Tuesday October 9th, St John will cover Wednesday October 10th, and St Patrick will cover Thursday October 11th. There will be signup sheets in the back of Church as the date approaches. Please sign up!!!

Fourth, do not be abashed (ashamed of standing up for life). Have you ever seen what happens in an abortion? It is disgusting and brutal. If you knew other people who this was routinely happening to would you be ashamed or afraid to talk about it? Or would you be absolutely enraged and ready to scream and shout until the evil is ended? Why not do it for these little babies. They have no one else who will stand up for them. Use your passion for what is right to convince and show others that this quiet evil is occurring in massive proportions.

I look forward to seeing you October 9th-11th. Don't be shy about it. If it were your life or the life of your loved ones, I know you'd be fighting for it.

Fr Rossi



Church Support as of 9/16/18

<u>Weekly</u>	
Actual	\$1,613.50
Budgeted	<u>\$3.981.00</u>
Difference	-\$2,367.50

<u>Year to Date</u>	
Actual	\$34,907.04
Budgeted	<u>\$47,722.00</u>
Difference	-\$12,864.96

Attendance for 9/15 = 27 and 9/16 = 153

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 join us in praying the rosary for peace as Our Lady asked 101 years ago.

<u>Thank you:</u> The Knights of Columbus want to thank everyone who supported the Annual Nascar Raffle. Congrats to the winner of the tickets Brenda Johnston.

Kiosk - Focus of the Week - *How to Apply our Faith to our Families.* This CD from Kimberly Hahn, wife of Scott Hahn, speaker, author, and mother of six give us food for thought on ways to let the Lord be the top priority in our family life. In our fastpaced life, it is often difficult to handle daily activities of raising a busy family going many ways. Kimberly shares personal experiences and practical insight on how to apply the truths of our faith to everyday life. Sometimes we all need a little encouragement and creative tips from others in our situation. Please stop by and pick up a copy. Listen to it as you drive or while waiting for children at their sports practices or whatever.

Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist: This 4week study will **begin on Saturday, October 6.** We hope you will join us for a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and class to start at 9 a.m. Classes are about an hour. A workbook will be available for purchase of \$7 and although it is optional, it is recommended. It will be a great resource after the study. It is not required that you sign up for the class, however, to get an idea of how many to plan for breakfast, we will be have signup sheets in the basement this week and next week. You may also e-mail

kathybuttner@hotmail.com to sign up or for any questions. In this class, you will learn about the Real presence of Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in Holy Eucharist and be able to share this reality with your family and friends of other faiths. **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.

40 Days for Life - On Thursday, October 11th,

we are asking St. Patrick parishioners to take the entire day (12 hrs., from 7 am to 7 pm) to commit to praying for an end to abortion. If you can physically come to the Planned Parenthood Clinic and pray, please sign up for an hour - that would be wonderful! Grab a prayer partner or two and be an active supporter. If you are unable to come, perhaps you would sign up to pray from home for an hour. Jane Murphy will have the signup sheet after masses - Sept. 29 & 30 and Oct. 6 & 7. Please consider helping us fill all 12 hours. Thank you. My phone is 267-1935 for any questions.



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. <u>Please note you may attend</u> class prior to the birth of your baby.

<u>Visitation to the sick and homebound</u> – 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.