

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 26-27, 2017

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times: Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 10:45am

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

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

Our new bishop, whoever he is, is going to have some big shoes to fill.

During the time when Bishop DiLorenzo was our Bishop, we went from having around 3 or less seminarians in study for the priesthood, to over 30. He did so much to encourage men to consider giving their lives to God as priests (and also to encourage women to consider religious life as a life of joyful devotion to God).

He was a blessing to Catholic schools. Many Catholic schools would have closed had not measures been put into place to support them financially, which he did. He especially sought to make Catholic school affordable to the poor, particularly to Hispanics. He also implemented a priest chaplain program in the schools to be sure children had Catholic spirituality by attending weekly Mass, have the ability to go to confession, and simply be able to get to know a priest, planting the seeds of future vocations.

One of the most significant things Bishop DiLorenzo did was rebuild the overall Catholic identity (the Catholicity) of our diocese. When I went to seminary, I learned from speaking with the other men studying for the priesthood that our diocese had a reputation for permitting or at least turning a blind eye to dissent against the teachings of the Catholic Church. Bishop DiLorenzo worked hard ensuring that what

was said and taught in the Catholic Churches in our Diocese was in fact Catholic (seems like a no brainer...but it was something that he was very much disliked by some because of).

He consistently worked to support ministry to the poor and destitute. He supported the migrant workers program that ministers to the migrant laborers around the diocese. He encouraged and gave funds to the poor living in Appalachia, including helping them have means to dental and health care. He also ensured that priests, when they retire, will have funds to live on through a properly funded pension plan (that one's of particular concern to me!).

He created the entire office of Evangelization at our Diocese that is responsible for all the amazing youth conferences, retreats and work camps that touch the hearts and lives of so many of our youth. He started the Center for Marriage and Family life that has developed an amazing marriage preparation program for young couples.

He brought in mission priests from other Dioceses to help us until we have enough home-grown vocations to cover our parishes. Many parishes have closed in other Dioceses because of a lack of priests...but not here...not in Richmond, because of his efforts.

I will be forever grateful to Bishop Francis DiLorenzo for being a spiritual father. He was very, very faithful. He was also very down-to-earth and approachable. He loved to laugh. He was tough when he had to be as any good leader would be (as any saint would be...saints are never push-overs).

The words of Jesus are a great consolation that say 'well done good and faithful servant, come into the joy of your master's house.'

Eternal rest grant unto him O'Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen. - Fr. Rossi

CHURCH SUPPORT AS OF 8/13/17

Weekly

Actual	\$2,782.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
Difference	(\$1,439.00)

Year to Date

Actual	\$19,641.00
Budgeted	<u>\$29,547.00</u>
Difference	(\$9,906.00)

Attendance for August 5 (no report) August 6 = 103

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Religious Education Registration: It's time to register your children for Religious Education 2017/2018. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings at St. Patrick's from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM beginning in the fall. Please see Donna Baird after mass for the registration forms or send her an email at donnahbaird@gmail.com. Fees for this year are: First Reconciliation/First Communion classes - \$50 per child; general enrollment - \$30 per child. Deadline for registration is September 2nd/3rd. If your child is preparing for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist, full participation in St. Patrick's Religious Education is required including attendance at all scheduled classes and as well as weekly mass. Looking forward to another great year!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There is a need for volunteers to help with religious education for this upcoming year. No experience is necessary but VIRTUS training is required & will be provided. Please contact Donna Baird for more information at donnahbaird@yahoo.com.

Bible Study: Please join the St. Patrick Bible Study that will be starting up again on September 7. The group meets every week at 10:30 am downstairs in the church hall. This is a great group who are interested in learning more about the Bible story and our faith. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Buttner.

Join us Saturday 9/2/17 at 10am: The parish will be visiting Saint Francis Home for the holiday weekend and presenting candy to the residents. Such a great way the get your family involved in the parish. The residents love visitors. *Contact Donna or Eddie Baird at donnahbaird@yahoo.com or Heather Coleman at heatherscoleman@yahoo.com if you have questions or are going to join us.*

Church Cleaning: We have a team covering every month except December. Please consider contacting John Lore at 804-513-7173 or johnjlore@gmail.com with any questions about it and to volunteer.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars for **the next Sharing Sunday which will be September 3rd.** Please bring non-perishable food items. We donate those to our local food bank.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The RCIA is the process where the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Church. Adults wishing to learn more should please contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held at mass the first Sunday of the month. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. **The next class will be held on 11/5/17 at 1pm in the parish hall.** If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

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SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died and 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.

Bulletin: All bulletin submissions must be emailed to Michelle Dawson the Tuesday prior by noon.

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