

Saint Patrick

Catholic Church

July 1-2, 2017

THIRTEENTH 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:

Happy 4th of July!!! This Tuesday is the day our country declared its independence. It is a day we celebrate here in the United States. Do they celebrate the 4th of July in Great Britain? I would suspect no. Actually, definitely not. Our great day of rejoicing was not theirs.

But it brings up an interesting point.

Isn't it amazing how quickly nations that were once mortal enemies can, within a relatively short period of time, become the best of friends?

Great Britain is a friend to the United States. While a couple hundred years ago we were enemies.

Look at Germany. It was only a little over a half-century that we were at war with them, and now they are considered allies. In fact, both of those countries recently fought along-side American troops in recent wars and fighting in the Middle East. How quickly things can change.

Will we in 50 years be an ally of North Korea? Seems hard to believe but history would seem to say it is very possible.

The big thing that has to happen first before two countries can become friends (and it is basically the same with individual people as well) is that those two have to come to have the same or very similar beliefs...the same outlook on how the world should be...desire the same goals to come about. Mutual goals and benefits from trade brought Great Britain and the US into a friendship. German's embrace of democracy brought them and the US into a friendship.

While these secular ideals have some binding force and to the extent they create peace and unity among people and nations they are a wonderful thing, they are all ultimately only a dim intimation of the one and only force God has given to mankind that has the potential to bring about one human family. That force is the Christian religion.

The same God who created ever single human from China to North Korea to India to Alaska is the same God who promised that unity across peoples and nations is possible, but said that it could only happen in one place, with the embrace of only one way of life by all those peoples. When laws of nations reflect the principles of Christianity, true peace that lasts is possible between nations.

That is why the work of the Church, of Christians is so direly important. Too often people want leaders and diplomats to negotiate peace, but that does not usually change the hearts of people who are represented by those leaders. But when the hearts of the people are changed first, they then can select people to represent them and bring about their (hopefully) godly vision for the future.

Peace in the world among people and cultures is not achieved through negotiations about who gets what stuff, at least not lasting peace. It is achieved through an embrace of truth; the truth God has laid out for humanity to embrace. That truth is found in the Christian religion. It is shared with the world through the Church. Have a great 4th. Thanks be to God for the work he does in the world toward creating unity and peace.

- Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Bookkeeper Part Time Position: This position is responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day financial operations of St John, St Patrick and St Peter churches, to include maintaining and applying standard bookkeeping practices in line with the Diocese of Richmond Office of Finance guidelines. The mission of the parish is supported by this position in the day to day operation of service to its members and those ministries it provides. For more information please call the office 804-737-8028 or email us at office@saintpatrickchurchhill.org

Dogs for adoption - Hello all. I wanted to let you know that we as a parish recently inherited 2 dogs from a parishioner who died and left them to the parish. They are both approximately 5 years old and look like a yellow lab mix. We are currently looking for homes for them. If you are interested or know someone who might be please email the office for more info. Thank you! - Fr Rossi.

Sharing Sunday: There is a table downstairs for donations to be placed. Please mark your calendars for **the next Sharing Sunday which will be August 6th.**

Nursery Workers: As our parish grows we need more nursery workers during the 10:45 mass. You do not have to have young children to help out. Even though we have moms and grandmas helping in our nursery those who love children are encouraged to volunteer! Please consider this important ministry. Contact Jane Murphy (804) 267-1935.

Happy 65th Birthday Father Frank: Join us after mass in our meeting hall to help celebrate Father Frank's Birthday.

Ministers Needed: As we grow as a parish we find ourselves in need of several ministers to ensure weekend Masses are celebrated seamlessly. Duties are easy to learn and you will be scheduled only once a month. Please reach out to Billie Keating with your interest and for details on becoming a Greeter/Usher, Altar Server or Sacristan. 804 347-7919; bjk6269@comcast.net

Church Support as of 6/25/17

Figures not available at the time of this writing.

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 9/3/17 at 1pm in the parish hall.** If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

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 and you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.

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