

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

June 17-18, 2017

CORPUS CHRISTI

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:

Hello everyone!!!

Today is one of my favorite feast days of the whole year. It is Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ.

There are few things that distinguish us as Catholics as does the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Body and Blood we receive each week at Mass. It is a very solemn teaching and central aspect of our faith. It is why we go to Mass even when we don't feel like it, it is why we are reverent at Mass and why we try to focus even when our mind wanders, it is why we should nag our kids to go to Mass even if they hate us for it (I give all of you parents and grandparents full approval to nag your kids, one day when they meet Jesus then they will know you were right), it is why we love the Mass even when the music or my homily is bad...all those things that might prevent us from attending and fully entering into the Mass MUST be overcome and pushed to the wayside because of what is made present at the Mass, the Body and Blood of God. Even I dare say, on VACATION...we wouldn't even consider missing Mass because how could any Sunday be complete without that intimate encounter with God in the Body and Blood of Christ.

So now let me tell you about a dream of mine. Much of this dream will come true.

Some of you older folks will remember the days of Eucharistic processions. Remember those? They were great! People would walk through the streets with the Blessed Sacrament leading the way, with incense, singing, etc. All through the town for all to see, including fallen away Catholics looking out their windows and non-Christians...the whole town had to check and see what was going on...what those 'crazy Catholics' were up to.

In the future, my dream is to have a Eucharistic procession here in Richmond. I will let you decide where possibility and my dreams meet. But here's what I think we are going to do.

We will start at St Peter, the original Cathedral of the Diocese. They we will march up Grace Street to the governor's mansion and the state capital. We will march around the governor's mansion and the state capital buildings like Joshua marched around Jericho in the Old Testament. My hope is not that those buildings fall as did the walls of Jericho, but I do hope the walls of arrogance and ignorance surrounding the hearts of politicians fall so that God's light and wisdom can shine on them.

It will be a glorious procession with the Blessed Sacrament leading the way. Thousands and thousands will crowd the streets just to get a peek at the King of Kings. People will throw rose petals under the feet of those who carry the monstrance. The whole of Richmond will sing and worship and cry out what people in the Book of Revelation cry out all day long while in heaven "worthy are you Lord to receive glory and honor and power, for you have created all things and by your will they came to be and were made"

Afterwards we will baptize all who have not yet been baptized and everyone will become Catholic. Then, this scenario will be replicated at every town and city across the country and even the whole world, from China to Africa to South America to Antarctica. And all will come to know and love the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. What a glorious thing that will be.

One day it will for sure happen. I reckon that's a reasonable day in the life of Heaven.

But for now, I still think we can do a nice bit of it. They have a very amazing Eucharistic Procession each year on the Virginia Beach boardwalk in October. So maybe we will start to plan something for here. Let's pray about it.

I hope you enjoy this wonderful feast day today. I leave you with a nice prayer to say throughout the day. "May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen"

Fr Rossi

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.

News & Announcements:

A Special Thanks: The family of Gary Lipscomb would like to thank the St. Patrick Church community for everything they did during his recent illness, particularly the Bible Study Group for their steadfast prayers, support, and meals; Fr. Ernest for his quick response when Gary was ready to receive the Anointing of the Sick sacrament; Fr. Frank for visiting Gary and shepherding us through the funeral process; Linda Aspinall for being the "point person" on many details; and the many wonderful parishioners who provided memorable reception for friends and family. Being a part of the St. Patrick Church fellowship is a true blessing!

Sharing Sunday: Please mark your calendars for **the next Sharing Sunday which will be July 2nd.** Please bring nonperishable foods to be donated.

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.

Join us on Sunday July 2nd: after mass to celebrate the 65th Birthday of Father Frank! If you would like to help please contact Eddie & Donna Baird at 804.346.9476.

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

Father's Day: Please join us downstairs after the 10:45 mass as we celebrate our Fathers with a special picnic.

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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.

Church Support as of 6/11/17

Weekly

Actual	\$3,179.24
Budgeted	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
Difference	(\$927.76)

Year to Date

Actual	\$197,479.26
Budgeted	<u>\$201,306.00</u>
Difference	(\$3,826.74)

Attendance for 6/10 & 11/2017: 34/128