

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 24-25, 2015

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times:

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

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

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 the SPC office or email Fred Powell: fmjir2009@aol.com or Ryland Paxton: paxtonrl8229@mbc.edu.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month during Mass. Baptism class for new parents is held the second Sunday every other month at 1 p.m. in the basement. The next class is November 8. Please contact Kathy Buttner if you are interested in attending the class and for scheduling your child's Baptism. Baptism information is on our website under the Sacraments tab. If you have additional questions, please contact the office.

Nursery: is available at our Sunday 10:45am mass every week downstairs in the social hall.

Rosary: Please join in saying the rosary each Sunday at 10:10am. There is also a need for more rosary leaders if interested.

Confessions: Will be offered each Saturday at 4:30pm in the confessional located at the front of the Church to the left...just come on in. Please take a moment to read about the examination of conscience at the website below.
<http://www.ewtn.com/library/prayer/examconscience.htm>

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.

October Monthly Budget Goal: \$12,916.66

Collection thru 10/18: \$8,607.16

October 3 - 4 Attendance: 39 /167

Message from our Pastor:

Hello everyone! I hope your week has been wonderful.

In case you didn't know, next Saturday is Halloween. It used to be a favorite for me as a kid. I was determined to get absolutely as much candy as possible when I would go trick-or-treat. My friend and I would literally run from house to house!

The context of Halloween allows me to speak of something I have noticed in the culture. Maybe you have noticed it as well...I know you have if you have kids.

It is the fascination of our culture with Zombies! Isn't it a strange thing???? There are movies about it, video games, tv shows...etc. "Get ready for the zombie apocalypse." I even had a high school kid come up to me and ask me, "so are zombies really real?" I almost had to knock him upside the head. This was at a Catholic High School!!!

While it is no doubt a goofy fascination that is dotted our culture today and no doubt one that will pass, I think it speaks to something more significant. The intrigue and goofy fascination with something as ridiculous as zombies indicates a deeper curiosity people have today: namely a desire to know what the after-life is actually about.

If you were raised in a Catholic culture, then you are more familiar with the cult of the dead. As Catholics we have birthdays to celebrate dead saints, feast days to recall dead souls (All Souls), novenas to pray for the dead in purgatory, prayers to St Michael to throw the devil into hell (the Saint Michael Prayer), and the list goes on.

What is happening now-a-days is that a culture which has become more and more secular (meaning 'devoid of spiritual considerations) is still longing for and curious about what happens when we die, what happens to the dead, what is the thing inside of us that is beyond just our physical makeup. So in the absence of the truth that God has revealed through our Church (namely, that we have souls, that they go somewhere when we die, that they are incorporeal, etc.), the culture is left to create/fabricate something. They need something. Unfortunately it is goofy and quite ridiculous.

There are no zombies. I had to break it to the high school senior...who was disappointed. But there are spirits. Lots of them. You have one. You are one. So is everyone else. There are even angels too!

Have a good Halloween and don't eat too much candy.

Fr. Rossi

Today's Music:

Gathering: # 753 – All Are Welcome

Psalm: Psalm 126 “The Lord has done great things for us”

Gifts: #650 Come To Me

Communion #1: #882 Healer of Our Every Ill

Communion #2: # 820 All Who Hunger

Sending Forth: #612 Amazing Grace

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

2015 Christmas Concert: This year we are inviting all to participate and sing in the choir! The concert will be at St. Patrick's on Friday, December 11 at 7pm. The choir will be under the direction of Fran Coleman, of the Virginia Opera. There will be a mandatory attendance required at rehearsals on Thursday evenings at St. Patrick's from 7:30 – 8:30pm, beginning October 22. Contact music coordinator Bryce Miller at Pianoguy35@mac.com for more information.

Young Adults CONNECT:

Every Thursday 6:00-8pm Join your Catholic peers every Thursday evening at St. Benedict's in Richmond for Mass, dinner, then a rotating event--Social, Catechetical, Service, and Adoration. Mass begins at 6:00pm, and confessions are available 7-8pm. Check out RVAConnect on Facebook for more information, and sign up for email notifications at <https://goo.gl/EmH4Mt>.

The Virginia Catholic Conference has created a **Voters' Guide for upcoming General Assembly elections** to help voters identify contested races and engage their candidates on **issues important to Catholics**. The election is Nov. 3. The guide can be found on the Conference website at www.vacatholic.org. The Voters' Guide consists of a Virginia map that highlights the 60 total contested Senate and House races. It also provides a summary of the seven key themes of Catholic Social Teaching, a list of suggested questions to ask candidates, and a link to candidates' email addresses. The Conference uses the seven themes when developing positions on various legislative proposals.

Adult Faith Formation - Kathy Buttner

Bible Study: Meets on Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Social Hall downstairs.

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

SENIOR TRIP: Lunch Riverboat Cruise

Date: Tuesday, October 27th

Boarding Begins at 11:30am at Rockett's landing

3101 Wharf Street, Richmond, VA 23323

Parking free at Dock.

Contact Heather Coleman if you have any questions.

CARITAS: This year St. John has committed to hosting **35-40 men starting November 7 thru November 14st. We will need MANY VOLUNTEERS** to help ensure that this event will be a success. We will be need, cooks, transport guests to the Y, stay overnight, load and unload cots. Think about it! What can you do to help with this great outreach program? Do you have any talents you can offer these men? For more information or questions please contact the office.

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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.