

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

December 30-31, 2017  
Feast of the Holy Family

### Mass times:

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

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

**Rosary:** Sunday at 10:10am

### Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment.



## Church Support as of 12/24/17

### Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$5,004.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	\$783.00

### Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$92,500.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$105,525.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$13,025.00)

Attendance for 12/23/17 = 30 and 12/24/17 = 151

## Message from our Pastor:

Happy New Year!!! We made it folks, another year.

Did you have a good year? I realize that those reading this bulletin have had a range of years in 2017, from good to great to bad to worst.

It's nice to start a new year. It's sort of a fresh start. We take a breath and carry on. My prayer for everyone is that they have a very happy 2018.

I was thinking about happiness and my life and the times I have been most happy in my life and I would say that two things are always present in my life, in my year in those years when I can look back and say 'that was a good year' as opposed to a bad one.

The first is hard work. I can say without a doubt that the happiness times in my life is when I am busy with work. I don't mean being a workaholic, but I mean staying busy. Keeping focused and trying hard at whatever task God has put in front of me. The alternative is self-absorption and nobody is happy when they are focused on themselves.

The second is being sensitive to the voice of God in my daily life and being strictly obedient to it. What do I mean by this? I mean that each day we have to consider our day a 'walk' with God. What do you do when you walk with someone? When you walk with someone you have to be sensitive to their pace in order to be walking close to them...not too fast or too slow. When you walk with someone you also talk with them, listening and speaking occasionally. But you have to be continually away from that person with whom you are walking, aware of their presence, because if they go left you have to go left, or if they go right you have to go right. Otherwise you get separated.

These two aspects of life make for a happy life.


Oh what does this new year have in store? If we only knew...But I can tell you one thing, whether your new year has good things in store or tough things, your best bet is to go through it working hard, trying your best and doing it with God alongside you. That way, when the good things happen, you will know to give thanks to God who gave you the strength to do all you have done, and when the tough stuff happens, you will have the most powerful partner to get through it with.

Prayers for you and all your loved ones in 2018.

Fr Rossi

G I V E I N G

St. Patrick's depends upon your generosity. These walls, built by generations past, now need you to nurture them. Give what you can. No amount is too small. E-Giving makes it easy. <http://saintpatrickchurchhill.org> and click on this button.



# **News & Announcements:**

**Ward Centre of Richmond Schola invites you to a viewing party!** The choir that went to Portugal will be hosting a reception on Friday, January 5th, at 6:00 pm in the basement of St. Patrick's Church. Light refreshment will be served, and a video of the trip will be shown. They want to thank you for your generous support and prayers. All are welcome!

**Sharing Sunday:** Mark your calendars **the next Sharing Sunday which will be January 7th.** Please bring non-perishable food items.

**Diocesan Youth Conference:** Any youth grades 8-12 from St. Patrick are invited to attend the Diocesan Youth Conference held February 9-11, 2018, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. Come join 1,000 young people from around the Diocese of Richmond for a weekend of fun entertainment, awesome Catholic speakers (Mark Hart and Sr. Bethany Madonna, SV), Mass with our new bishop, adoration, service, and more. Funds are available to help cover the cost of attendance, so registration is only \$30, which covers lodging, meals, and all activities. If interested, please contact Donna Baird at [donnahbaird@yahoo.com](mailto:donnahbaird@yahoo.com) to receive a registration form. Forms and payment must be returned to Donna by Sunday, January 7th, at 12:00 pm. Thank you!!

**MARCH for LIFE RALLY – Washington DC 1/19/18:** For the 35th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus will provide **FREE** bus transportation for people in the Richmond metropolitan area to attend the 45th annual March for Life Rally in Washington DC, on **Friday, January 19, 2018. Seating on buses is limited and will be by RESERVATION only.** For more information contact Eddie Baird.

**Church Envelopes are Ready for Pick up:** Your envelopes are ready to be picked up in the vestibule. If you can't find your set, please contact the office so we can update your information & mail them to you.

**Calendars:** SPC calendars 2018 are ready to be picked up in the basement. One per family.

**Volunteer:** Please consider volunteering one hour each week for a month to help keep St. Patrick Church clean for Saturday/Sunday Masses. It is easy to learn and fun to do. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Church Foyer. Please call me, John Lo Re 804-513-7173 with any questions and thank you.

**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 contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

**Baptisms:** Baptisms are held the first Sunday during mass each month. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. **The next class will be held on 1/7/18 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 & 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.**