

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

February 3-4, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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.

**Welcome our newest member
Margot Elizabeth baptized Sunday.**



COMMUNION MEDITATION SONG

"Oceans"

(Where Feet May Fail)

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Refrain:

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves,
When oceans rise

My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Bridge:

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

Message from our Pastor:

I have a question for you today.

Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?

Do you think that it is? Do you think that life on earth is a drudgery?

It probably depends upon what kind of week you had last week. Or what kind of week you have ahead of you as to how you answer that question.

Job said that it is. He is the one who asked that question. From the first reading.

"Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?"

Job had been through a lot of bad stuff, so it's not unreasonable for him to ask that question.

What about today? How's life?

I have found that life always has to have a certain amount of 'drudgery' involved. I believe it is our remedy to original sin. It continually purifies us during our journey towards heaven.

We sin less when times are hard. No one wants to be pushed too hard. And no one wants a life of 'drudgery.' But the opposite is filled with problems. A life that's too easy ultimately ends in our own downfall.

We have to keep this in mind when we start to complain about work or any of the challenges we face in a day (taking care of a loved one, taking care of the kids, continuing the battle with a sickness). It becomes 'drudgery' when we forget that the challenge is good for us, that it can be purifying, and that we actually derive our happiness and fulfillment from the victory of the fight.

We measure our happiness against the struggle we face in a given day. No fight = no change for the satisfaction of victory. No struggle = no measuring stick = no perspective = no happiness.

After Job received back all his blessings (he lost them all and then eventually was given them all back), I wonder if his joy after having lost everything and gained it back was more than his joy the first time around. It is almost as if the drudgery of life stretches out one's capacity for happiness, ultimately granting them a bigger capacity.

I think Saints are very happy in heaven because they experienced so much drudgery in life, they really got stretched out so that when they got to heaven they have a larger capacity (a bigger cup to be filled with the joys of heaven).

Thank God for the drudgery of life. It is good for us.

Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Irish Festival: There will be an Irish Festival meeting after Sunday mass in the basement. Please join us if you can. Volunteer sign up sheets on tables in basement! Please sign up to volunteer! Opportunities to make treats for the bake sale are available and more details to come.

Are you ready for Lent? Dynamic Catholic has a daily Lenten reflection beginning on Ash Wednesday called Best Lent Ever. These reflections are an excellent way to stay tuned in to Lent on a daily basis. Go to: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars **the next Sharing Sunday which will be March 4th.** Please bring non-perishable food items.

Church Envelopes: If you didn't get church envelopes and would like them please contact the office.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): An RCIA class will be starting at SPC. Anyone interested is welcome to join the class. Adults wishing to learn more should contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton

FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION, a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, sponsored by Church of the Epiphany, will be held March 9-11, 2018. This retreat is for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt, or shame from abortion. The weekend combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussions in a guided process that leads to the heart of God's love and compassion. If you would like to learn more about this retreat you can contact Marty Montgomery-Jennings at 804-704-0429, or Maggie Carlson at 804-432-2589 or email: RV4hope@gmail.com. Website: www.rachelsvineyard.org Inquiries, registration and participation are strictly confidential.

Valentine's Day: Please join the St. Patrick's Social Ministry on a visit to the residents of St. Francis Home for Valentines on 2/17, at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at St. Francis home at 65 W. Clopton Street, Richmond, VA 23225. SPC will provide treats to distribute to the residents. If you plan to join us, please consider bringing homemade or traditional Valentine's day cards to present to the residents. RSVPs & questions should be directed to Eddie & Donna Baird at donnahbaird@yahoo.com.

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Three (3) more classes will be held during 2018. The dates are as follows: April 15; July 1; and October 7. If you are interested in attending a class and scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby.

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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.



Church Support as of 1/28/18

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$3,318.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$903.00

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$115,720.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$130,851.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$15,131.00)

Attendance for 1/27/18 = 24 & 1/28/18 = 152

Thank you all who continue to keep up with your increased offertory pledge.

It is making a big difference.

Also, please be sure to keep it coming, our bills aren't getting any cheaper.

Thank you greatly!!! - Father Rossi

