

Saint Patrick Catholic Church



August 18th & 19th, 2018
Twentieth Sunday in 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.



Message from our Pastor:

“Do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.”

This is a quote from our second reading.

St Paul says don't get drunk on wine but rather be filled with the Holy Spirit. And don't try and be a smart-aleck and say, “well does that mean we can get drunk on bourbon and beer, just so long as it's not wine?” No, I am sorry that is not what it means.

Alcohol is an interesting topic because, on the one hand, we can look around and see the terrible effects that drunkenness and alcoholism have had on men and women, families and whole towns and societies. I am sure we all know someone or many someone's whose lives have been ruined or at least very negatively influenced by alcohol. As so it would seem like an evil thing.

And yet, we cannot deny that Jesus himself made wine for others. Jesus multiplied the wine, or rather, he turned wine into water at the wedding at Cana. Additionally, elsewhere in the Bible, St Paul says (the same person speaking in the above quotation from the second reading) ‘drink some wine, it is good for your stomach.’

So how do we deal with this? Where do we draw the line?

The line is loosely defined as ‘drunkenness.’ It is not a sin to use alcohol. It is a sin to get drunk. When a person gets drunk, he/she voluntarily gives up the most prized possession, the thing that distinguishes them from animals, they give up their reason.

A drunk person temporarily gives up his reason, his ability to think rationally, and becomes animal-like. Once reason is gone, awful acts of indiscretion always follow. That's called debauchery...that is why St Paul says, ‘don't get drunk...in which lies debauchery.’

He says rather that for Christians, be filled with the Spirit. A Christian has another way to relieve stress as opposed to drinking, to ‘take the edge off.’ It's called the Holy Spirit.

When a Christian prays to the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit infills them, they receive all the benefits that come from drinking alcohol, but in a purer form. For example, people get more confident once they get infilled with the Holy Spirit (which is something people like about getting drunk). People become more at peace and happy once infilled with the Holy Spirit (which is another reason people like to get drunk). People feel like they can say and think what they like when they are filled with the Holy Spirit (which people like to do once they get drunk). People are more easily able to relate to others once they are filled with the Holy Spirit (which people love about getting drunk). And the list goes on.

Alcohol in moderation is fine. Drunkenness is a sin that makes people like animals. But the Holy Spirit is the real deal.
- Fr Rossi



Church Support as of 8/12/18

Weekly

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| Actual | \$2,966.54 |
| Budgeted | <u>\$3,981.00</u> |
| Difference | -\$1,014.46 |

Year to Date

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| Actual | \$19,366.74 |
| Budgeted | <u>\$23,886.00</u> |
| Difference | (\$4,519.26) |

Attendance for

8/11/18 = 36 and 8/12/18 = 143

News & Announcements:

Kroger Community Awards Program: Receiving a charitable donation from the Kroger Company for our Saint Patrick parish is so easy! It only depends on you enrolling your Kroger Plus Card and then shopping with your card. To enroll, visit www.kroger.com/communityrewards and follow the prompts. If you would rather enroll by telephone, call 800 576-4377, select option 3 and explain that you want to enroll your card with Saint Patrick Catholic Church (213 N 25th Street, Richmond, VA 23223) **organization # 89764**. Thank you so much for taking your time to enroll and for the rewards we can achieve together.

Knights of Columbus Raffle: The K of C will be raffling Tickets to the Nascar Cup Race on 9/22/18 at Richmond International Raceway. Tickets will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the K of C Father James Scanlon Council and the work/projects they do in our community. The drawing will take place on 9/16/18. Tickets are available after mass each Sunday in social hall. For more information please contact PGK Eddie Baird at 804.986.2898.

Religious Education 2018/2019: It's time to enroll children grades kindergarten through Confirmation in St. Patrick Religious Education Program. **Children must be enrolled by 9/2 in order to ensure the purchase of the correct educational material.** Classes will begin on Sunday, 9/9, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. We will have class the first three Sundays each month. Please see Donna Baird about registration & if you have questions, contact her at 804-888-3470 or donnahbaird@yahoo.com.

The Knights of Columbus: For the month of August our K of C. at St. Patrick will be collecting school supplies for All Saints Catholic School. There will be a collection box in the social hall for the month of August. Please consider donating items such as paper, pencils, pens, glue sticks, crayons, tissues, hand sanitizer, and Clorox wipes. Thank you!

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars now for the next Sharing Sunday which is **September 5th**. Remember your non-perishable food items. A Sharing Sunday table will be in the basement for collection.

Reminder: Just a friendly reminder. There is no off-street parking behind the church. We have been notified that some people have been parking in spaces that are reserved for our neighbors that live behind us. The building behind us only has 11 residences and 11 spaces. Please help us be a good neighbor and refrain from parking in the back.

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

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. **One more class will be held during 2018.** The next date is 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.