

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church



August 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Twenty First 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:

Last weekend at St Patrick I addressed the horrible evils that we have read about in the newspaper recently that happened within the Catholic Church.

This weekend I will address it at St Peter (8/26). And next weekend I will address it at St John (9/2).

I prefer to address it in person rather than in this bulletin given the gravity of the subject.

I will just say one thing here. There have been many who have been very discouraged by hearing about the evils committed by those who are supposed to be the ones to show the world what holiness looks like. They are awful and wicked actions and are even worse because of those who committed them.

Notice what happened in the gospel today. It says, "as a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." Then Jesus said to the twelve, "do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter said in reply, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

This interaction summarizes the response to spiritual discouragement.

It is very discouraging to hear of the awful acts committed in the Church and I am sure you are embarrassed by the Church. You are not alone in that; priests are easily

identified by their religious garb and know what that embarrassment feels like.

But in spite of the discouragement from the awful evils perpetuated in the Church, the faithful response to God is to say with St Peter "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

I will conclude by inviting you to a Mass of Atonement to be celebrated by Bishop Knestout On September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Please see the Diocese website for more details.

Fr Rossi



## Church Support as of 8/12/18

### Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$2,349.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$3,981.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$1,632.00

### Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$21,715.94
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$31,848.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$10,132.06)

### **Attendance for**

**8/15/18 = 50, 8/18/18 = 15, & 8/19 =  
146**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> was a Holy Day**

## 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](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Sept. 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](mailto:donnahbaird@yahoo.com).

**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.

**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.



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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.