Saint Patrick Catholic Church

September 8th & 9th, 2018
Twenty Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Mass times:

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

Nursery is available during 10:45 mass.

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Confession: Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment.

Message from our Pastor:

I have discussed with you over the past few weekends at Mass the horrible acts and evil behavior of priests and leaders in the Church that we heard about in recent weeks. It is wicked and evil, and a reminder of the spiritual reality that we all live in and have to actively fight against.

I once heard a good and holy priest say something to the effect, 'the poorer and more humiliated the Church is, the holier it will be.'

It is a hard purification the Church is undergoing now. The rejection and mockery that the Church is experiencing is painful to bare. Especially because of the fact that 99% of the people who are enduring it had absolutely nothing to do with the wicked and evil acts that were committed.

Nevertheless, what that holy priest said is true. The more the Church is humiliated, the more pure and holy it will be.

The Church needs a purification. It needs chemotherapy to kill the cancer. Its hair will probably fall out, it will probably lose too much weight, and it will feel weak, but the bible tells says that when one is weak they are actually at their best.

This is because when one is weak and humiliated, they are more likely to rely upon and seek the help of God, which is what they are supposed to be doing anyway.

So let the purification and humiliation come. It will only kill the cancer. Christ absolutely promised that at the end of the day, the Church and His Holy Priesthood will survive.

Perseverance is what is required of the Church. - Fr Rossi



Church Support as of 9/2/18

Weekly

Actual	\$5,181.00
Budgeted	\$3,981.00
Difference	\$1,200.00

Year to Date

Actual	\$29,182.54
Budgeted	\$39.810.00
Difference	(\$10,627.46)

Attendance for 9/1/18 = 67 & 9/2/18 = 223

News & Announcements:

<u>Bible Study:</u> Bible study will be starting up again September 13th at 10:30. All are welcome to attend.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars now for the next Sharing Sunday which is **October 7th.** Remember your nonperishable food items. A Sharing Sunday table will be in the basement for collection.

The Mystery of the Eucharist: This 4-week study is for all parishioners & will begin in October. (schedule to be announced later). You will learn about the Eucharist through real life stories, see it pre-figured in the Old Testament, & in the Mass. Learn about the Real Presence of Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in Holy Eucharist & be able to share this reality with your family and friends of other faiths. Classes will last about 1 hour per week. Workbooks will be available for purchase but are optional.

Knights of Columbus Raffle: The K of C will be raffling tickets to the Nascar Cup Race on 9/22/18 at RIR. 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.

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.

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.

<u>Visitation to the sick and homebound</u> – 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.