Saint Patrick Catholic Church



October 27th & 28th, 2018 Thirtieth 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.



All Saints Day Masses -November 1st <u>Holy Day of Obligation</u>

Saint Patrick: 7pm St. Peter 12:15pm St. John 9am & 7pm

<u>Message from</u> our Pastor:

Just a reminder to all that this Thursday, November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Mass of all Saints. That means as a Catholic you have to go to Mass. Although it is ridiculous to think about going to Mass as an obligation. It's like saying you have to go pickup you billion dollars that you won in the lottery. It is hardly an obligation. It is a privilege and in fact the absolute greatest privilege of your life!

There is Mass at all three Churches as noted here in the bulletin so be sure to find one that fits your schedule. I will see you at Mass.

Also this week is the goofy and pretty stupid holiday called Halloween. When I was a kid I used to go trick-ortreating and it was fun and we ate tons of junk food. But nowadays as is the custom with so many things, it has become excessive. People put up Halloween lights, they buy big inflatable skeletons to put on their front lawn, and stores pack the isles with worthless pumpkins.

It all seems pretty stupid and pointless. People spending money they probably don't have on decorations for a goofy holiday. Tons of land being used to grow vegetables you can't eat. People getting excited about serial killer movies like the new "Halloween" movie, which is disgusting. What is the point?

It is not an intrinsic evil to participate in the activities of Halloween. But it is pretty stupid and pointless.

Wouldn't it be a whole lot better to teach kids about the dead who are living forever rather than fake dead ghosts and goblins? There really are ghosts, that is true. But why not teach kids about the truth of what happens to souls after a person dies? There are people who really died, even gruesome deaths, they are called martyrs. But they don't look like a person with a white sheet over their head. Rather they are now reigning in an eternal palace filled with the fullness of every desire of the spirit.

Why not teach people about reality rather than fairy tales? Why not encourage kids to imitate the likes of St Teresa or St Francis, rather than a stupid witch or a any other goofy costume?

Fr Rossi

News &

Announcements:

<u>Sharing Sunday</u>: Mark your calendars now for the next Sharing Sunday which is **November 4th.** Remember your non-perishable food items. A Sharing Sunday table will be in the basement for collection.

<u>Please, Save the Date</u>! Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held at St. Patrick on **Sunday, December 9^{th,} 2018 from 3:30 to 5:00pm.** Admission to the concert is free, but please consider bringing a donation of non-perishable food or new baby items to benefit those in great need in our community.

Kiosk Highlight – Did you know that October is Month of the Rosary? Praying the rosary every day is a great practice and yields spiritual benefits. If it seems you don't have time to pray the rosary try praying the rosary along with the Rosary CD while in your car, on breaks from work, doing household tasks, or while sitting in your favorite quiet place. The CD is currently stocked in the kiosk at the entrance of the Church. Browse other CD and booklet titles that might be of interest.

<u>Kroger Rewards</u>: Thank you to the 6 parishioners that have registered at Kroger for St. Patrick to receive dividends for buying your groceries. We have received our first check in the amount of \$11.15. To enroll visit <u>www.kroger.com/community</u> rewards & follow the prompts. You can enroll by phone call 800-576-4377, select option 3 and explain you want to enroll for St. Patrick Catholic Church, 213 N. 25rd Street, Richmond VA 23223 our organization # is **YV856.** Thank you so much for taking your time to enroll for the rewards we can obtain together.

<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.

Italian Night for the Camboni Missionary Sisters: Enjoy with your family & friends a nice evening with Italian food prepared by Richmond's finest Italian Chefs to benefit the Camboni Sisters. There will be music, food, and an auction that includes a to Italy for 2 people, Italian coffee machine, ceramic items, and more. For tickets contact Stokes McCune. 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. Upcoming class dates are 1/6,3/31,7/7, and 10/6. If you are interested in attending a class or scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. <u>Please note you may attend class prior to the birth</u> 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.

Church Support as of 10/21/18

| <u>Weekly</u> | |
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| Actual | \$2,266.62 |
| Budgeted | <u>\$3,981.00</u> |
| Difference | -\$1,714.38 |

<u>Year to Date</u>

| Actual | \$48,264.66 |
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| Budgeted | <u>\$67.677.00</u> |
| Difference | (\$19,412.34) |