

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

March 9th-10th, 2019
First Sunday of Lent

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

Nursery is available
during 10:45 mass.

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Confession during Lent will
be made available 30
minutes prior to and after
mass.



Message from our Pastor:

Just a reminder to PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE make your contribution to our Bishop's appeal. I please ask everyone to make a gift to this cause. If you believe a hard-working priest should be able to retire after working to almost 80 years old then give to the Bishops Annual Appeal. If you want more priests and young men to be able to go to seminary to pray about giving their entire lives to God as priests, then give to the Bishops Annual Appeal. If you want good campus chaplains at our universities to evangelize your kids and grandkids and keep our young Catholics faithful to God in the midst of all the temptations they face at University, then give to the Bishops Annual Appeal. If you want to help the destitute poor of our diocese receive medical and dental care, then PLEASE give to this cause. These are just a few of the good things that the appeal pays for. There are envelopes in the pews. Please make a gift. Please stretch yourself...\$100, \$500, \$1000. These are excellent causes. Plus, it is lent and one of the important things we focus on during Lent is almsgiving...so this is a perfect way to make a financial sacrifice to God for Lent and also help support the best of causes! Thank you for stretching yourself and being generous!!! Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!!

Also, please be sure to make it to confession during Lent. Priests will be in the confessional 30 minutes before and after every Mass so THERE IS NO EXCUSE NOT TO GO!!!

Finally, I want to tell you about something very exciting that is happening. I may have mentioned it before. For the first time ever, we are going to be having a **March for Life here in Virginia at our State Capital!!!** Each year there is the big March for Life in Washington DC but this year we are having the first every local March on our own capital here in Richmond. It is **Wednesday April 3rd**. The schedule is as follows:

9am Mass at St Peter with Bishop Knestout

11am Rally at the State Capital in Richmond

12pm March for Life begins

I am very excited that we are having the Mass at our own parish St Peter! And the Bishop is saying the Mass!!!

If you have never been to the March for Life in Washington DC then this is the time to check it out because this one is local.

Pray for good weather. Pray for open hearts from our legislators. Pray for the protection of innocent life.

Our own governor and our Virginia senators, one of whom is a Catholic, have voted against a law that would have protected babies born after a failed abortion. How scandalous and wicked! This is infanticide!

So please come to the March and show them you love life and hate abortion, which kills an innocent human life, every single time it is committed.

Fr Rossi



Church Support as of 3/4/19

Weekly

Actual	\$3,188.00
Budgeted	<u>\$3,981.00</u>
Difference	-\$793.00

Year to Date

Actual	\$103,286.91
Budgeted	<u>\$143,316.00</u>
Difference	-\$40,029.09

Attendance: 3/2 = 22 3/3 = 123

News & Announcements:

Brunswick Stew: The Knights of Columbus will be selling Brunswick stew in the parish hall after mass today. Proceeds from the sale help them continue the work they do in the community.

Sharing Sunday: Thank you to everyone who participated in Sharing Sunday last weekend! It was our best Sunday since we have started! Let's do it again! Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is April 7th. Remember your non-perishable food items. **Table in basement for drop off.**

Stations of the Cross: The Bible Study with hold Stations of the Cross every Thursday at noon during Lent, except for March 21st (Irish Festival). Please join them.

40 Days for Life: Christians throughout Richmond are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from 3/6 – 4/14. We will be dedicating 40 days of prayer & fasting for an end to abortion in America. A peaceful vigil of prayer will also be held outside of the Richmond Medical Center for Women at 118 N. Boulevard next to the Virginia Museum of Fine Art from 7 am to 7 pm each of these 40 Days. Please sign up to pray for an hour at the vigil any day. However, St. Patrick is especially trying to fill the 12 hrs. on Thursday, 3/28. See Jane Murphy to sign up or call her at 267-1935 for more details. (If you can't physically come sign up for an hour of prayer at home.)

Irish Festival: Our 34th Annual Irish Festival will be held the weekend of **March 23-24th**. If you haven't signed up to volunteer, please do so after mass. There will be sign up sheets in the basement! We are having planning meetings after Sunday mass in the basement. **Please join us!** It's a great way to meet people in the parish especially for our new parishioners! Please consider giving your time for this great cause!

Spring Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for healing after Abortion will be held April 12-19th. Inquiries, registration, and participation are strictly confidential. For more information and registration you can email Maggie at rvhope@gmail.com.

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BAKERS: Calling all bakers in our parish!! Festival Goers look forward to our home-made treats so please consider donating something to our bake sale! It is a great way if you can't volunteer at the festival to still be involved! **Baked goods can be dropped off Thursday & Friday the week of the festival.** (Contact person Kathy Buttner)

Help me please! I need someone to please step up and volunteer to be our funeral coordinator at St Patrick. It involves coordinating a sacristan, lining up volunteers to help with the funeral, and a few other details. Please consider being our funeral coordinator. Retired folks or folks with flexibility through the week is necessary. Please email me for more info or to volunteer. We will train you on the specifics. Thank you! - Father Rossi

The National March for Life is coming to Virginia on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 in Richmond! This March is being co-sponsored by the Virginia Catholic Conference and we are encouraging all to participate. There will be mass celebrated by Bishop Knestout at St. Peters at 9:00am, then a Rally at the State Capitol in Richmond at 11am, and the March for Life begins at noon.

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 3/31, 7/7, and 10/6. If you are interested in attending a class or 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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If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.