Saint Patrick Catholic Church

March 16th-17th, 2019 Second 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

<u>Confession during Lent</u> will be made available 30 minutes prior to and after mass.



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

I hope everyone is having a great Lent! It is flying by! If you have not taken advantage of the extra graces during this season then I would say "are you crazy!!!"

What I mean to tell you is that God gives extra graces or

helps during this season. So if there is something you would like to change or improve about your life, God gives extra help this time a year.

Do you want to pray more? God will help you this time a year if you want the help.

Do you want to eat less? God will help you this time a year if you want the help.

Do you want to stop swearing? God will help you this time a year if you want the help?

Do you want to accept a teaching of the Catholic Church that you have rejected or struggle to accept, now is the time a year when God will give you the extra help if you want it.

What do you want? Pretend there is a magic genie who can grant your every wish. Now make the wish. Except be sure to realize YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRETEND JUST ASK GOD. So long as it is genuinely good for you, I guarantee you will get it.

God shares His own life-giving power this time of year (Lent) in a very special way. And He will give that to you if you ask Him.

Just don't tell me you have everything. I am sure you can think of some things that you need or would like. Or maybe not for you but for someone you love. Well God will give that to them and can offer yourself as the vessel through which He gives it. I hope you are enjoying this wonderful season!!!

Two reminders.

Please be sure to make a good confession this Lenten season. You cannot have a good Lent without making a good confession. Confession is available before and after every weekend Mass as well as everyday through the week at St Peter at 1145am.

Also, if you have not already, please pray about making a gift to the Bishop's annual appeal. The causes that it supports are excellent and almsgiving is a great way to make a gift to God and do a little penance during this holy season of Lent. - Fr Rossi



<u>Weekly</u>	
Actual	\$2,791.68
Budgeted	<u>\$3,981.00</u>
Difference	- \$1,189.32

Year to Date	
Actual	\$106,078.59
Budgeted	<u>\$147,297.00</u>
Difference	-\$41,218.41

Attendance: 3/9=44 3/10 = 160

News & Announcements

Irish Festival: Our 34th Annual Irish Festival will be held the next weekend March **23-24th**. There will be no festival meeting after mass on 3/17. If you haven't signed up to volunteer, please do so after mass. There will be signup sheets in the basement. Please consider giving your time for this great cause!

Sharing Sunday: Thank you to everyone who participated in Sharing Sunday in March! 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. <u>Table in</u> 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 Davs 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.)

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 Pats. 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

<u>The National March for Life is coming to</u> <u>Virginia on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 in</u>

<u>Richmond</u>! 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.

Brunswick Stew: The Knights of Columbus thank you for supporting their sale this year. They have a few more quarts left that will be for sale after mass Sunday.

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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<u>SPC Emergency</u> #: 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.