

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

March 3th-4th, 2019
**Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

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

Ash Wednesday Mass
7:00pm at St. Patrick

**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:

Lent is upon us folks!

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We have Mass at 9am (St John), 1205pm (St Peter) and 7pm (St John and St Patrick), with distribution of ashes.

Remember the rules of lent for fasting and abstinence. It is a time of penance, prayer, self-denial and almsgiving.

No meat on Ash Wednesday or any Friday of Lent.

Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days so that means you can only eat one meal that day (you may have 2 snacks also if you really need it). But if you are over 60 the fasting is optional.

Make sure you go to confession during Lent. We will have confessions before and after every Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass. If you haven't been in a long time PLEASE GO, I PROMISE YOU WILL BE HAPPY YOU DID AND WILL FEEL BETTER, 100% GUARANTEE OR YOUR MONEY BACK!

Please take the extra effort to make Lent something meaningful. If there is excess in your life, then now is the time to buckle down.

Do you spend too much money you don't have? Now is the time to tighten up.

Do you eat too much? Now is the time to cut it down.

Do you not pray enough? Now is the time to step up your game.

Do you swear too much? Now is the time to control your tongue.

Do you gossip too much? Now is the time to stop.

Do you blatantly disregard a teaching of the faith on morality? Now is the time to humble yourself.

Do you look at bad stuff on the internet? Now is the time to stop.

Do you drink too much? Now is the time to reign it in.

Where is the excess in your life? You know where it is. If you don't know where it is, ask a loved one and I am sure they probably know where your excess is. But you probably know where it is.

Now is the time to get better. Now is the time to go to bootcamp to get in shape, spiritually.

Get your act together. Now is the time to step it up. Don't be a slouch. Focus in. Get back to a time in your life when you were better. Strive to be better than you are now.

Have a great Lent folks. It's 40 days of focus. God gives grace to anyone this season who shows Him that they want it.

Fr Rossi



Church Support as of 2/24/19

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$3,351.27
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$3,981.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$629.73

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$100,098.91
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$139,335.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$39,236.09

News & Announcements:

Stations of the Cross: Once again, the Bible Study Group with hold Stations of the Cross every Thursday at noon during Lent, except for March 21st (Irish Festival).

Looking for Help: There has been an upgrade to the sound system. We have a great need for a volunteer/s who has any sound equipment knowledge (or even if you can plug in a new stereo and your speakers work!) Please contact Cynthia Wolpert @ 804-356-6008 or mrswolpert@aol.com.

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.)

Confession during Lent: Confession will be available 30 minutes prior to and after masses during lent.

Irish Festival: Our 34th Annual Irish Festival will be held the weekend of **March 23-24th**. We are having planning meetings after Sunday mass in the basement. **Please join us!** A great way to meet people in the parish especially for our new parishioners! **We will also have signup sheets for volunteering** downstairs after mass. Please consider giving your time for this great cause!

BAKERS: Calling all bakers in our parish, please consider making something for the SPC bake sale table! Festival Goers look forward to our home-made treats so please consider donating something! 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)

Message from Father Frank: I will be starting a Bereavement Group at St. John's. A Bereavement group is helpful & therapeutic in working through the death & dying of a loved one. If you have experienced a death either in your family or know of someone who is dying; this group would be very helpful to you. **Sessions will be held Thursdays at 10 am in the conference at St. Johns. They will start March 7th & continuing for 8 weeks.** The last session will be 5/9. A signup sheet will be in the meeting hall and if you have any questions please call Fr. Frank 804-737-8028.

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Help me please! I need someone to please step up and volunteer to be our funeral coordinator at St Patrick. If you currently already know your way around the sacristy that would be great or if you currently distribute Holy Communion that'd be great also! 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. Better yet just tell me after Mass so I can be sure I have the right name with the right face. We will train you on the specifics. Thank you! - Father Rossi

Mark your Calendars: The next Sharing Sunday which is **April 7th**. Remember your non-perishable food items. **Table in basement for drop off.**

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.

