

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

June 29th & 30th, 2019
Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Mass Times:

Saturdays at 5:30pm
& Sundays at 10:45am

Nursery is available during 10:45 mass.

Rosary:

Sunday at 10:10am

Confession:

Saturdays at 4:30 pm
or by appointment.

Message from our Pastor:

Happy 4th of July!!! (in just a few days)

In just a few days we celebrate the birth of
America, Independence Day.

How many people are able to tell me what the
first amendment in the Bill of Rights guarantees?
Do you know? If you are older you may know,
but if you are younger it is likely you do not. This
is terrible but is a reflection of the poor
education young people receive today in the
area of civics.

I will give you a hint. There are 5 things
guaranteed by the first amendment.

Come on! Don't you know??? Fine I will tell you.

The first amendment to the bill of rights
guarantees freedom of religion, speech, press,
assembly and petition.

While freedom in these areas is generally
considered common across western civilization
nowadays, it was not always so. In fact, what is
written in the Bill of Rights was novel at the time
and is still an extensive guarantee of freedom,
even when compared to other democratic
nations that have written constitutions imitating
ours.

But we have to always be vigilant regarding
these rights and freedoms as the pressures of life
will always try to erode them away. They are
something that will exist only with continual
effort and vigilance.

I would contend that freedom of religion and
freedom of speech are both being challenged
today to a significant degree.

The freedom of religion is being continually
undermined today by lawsuits against bakers
who refuse to participate in things they think are
immoral. It is being undermined by states trying
to force Catholic hospitals to perform abortions
or provide artificial birth control. It is being
undermined right now in California as the state
there is considering passing a law that would by
law require priests to violate the sacred seal of
confession (IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN...I WILL GO
TO JAIL FOR 100 YEARS BEFORE I WOULD GIVE
INTO TO BE FORCED TO VIOLATE THE SACRED
SEAL OF CONFESSION).

Freedom of speech is also being undermined to a
great degree. There was an old saying kids used
to learn "sticks and stones may break my bones
but names will never hurt me." That was a good
saying and it taught kids to shrug off teasing and
being made fun of, and kids learned to interact
socially without having to run for fear of being
offended. It made them tougher and more
resilient. And a certain amount of toughness and
resilience is necessary to confront challenges in
life and be able to deal with people who might
otherwise seem to be offensive. Now, especially
towards faithful and traditional Catholics and
Christians, there is a desire to suppress the voice
of the Church. And those who hold traditional
Catholic moral positions are labeled bigots or
intolerant.

God played a large part in the establishment of
our nation. Those freedoms that the Bill of Rights
guaranteed were enumerated because those
who wrote it believed that God gave people
those rights and the state was supposed to exist
simply to protect them.

Be careful today. Without diligence, vigilance
and a willingness to fight for them, they may not
be there for your kids or grandkids. - Fr Rossi

News and Announcements:

Seeking Volunteer:

"I am looking for a volunteer to coordinate our new shower outreach to the poor at St Peter. You do not have to be a St Peter parishioner. I am looking for a coordinator. We are going to be beginning our shower outreach soon (we recently completed our showers downstairs at St Peter) and I need someone to volunteer to be our head coordinator of our program. We will start slow (time commitment being a few hours per week total...approximately 3). Please pray about if God is asking you to do this for Him. There is someone God wants to do this. Is it you? Please email me if you are interested or have any questions
- Fr Rossi"

Catholic Golden Age Trip 2019: Trip to Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. for the Solemn High Mass of the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin on August 15, 2019. Trip will include lunch at Madigan's Waterfront Restaurant in Occoquan, Virginia. Trip is sponsored by the Catholic Golden Age – Our Lady of Peace Chapter in Richmond. Cost of trip is \$69, which includes lunch at Madigan's on the way home. Reservations and payment must be received by Wednesday July 25. Come join us for this beautiful occasion. Please call Peggy Nitz for complete details.
(804-272-0769)

Next Weekend is Sharing Sunday:

Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is July 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 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.



Church Support as of 6/23/19

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$1,685.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$3,981.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	\$2,295.50

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$167,026.30
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$207,012.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$39,985.70

Attendance:

6/22/19 = 33 6/23/19 = 121

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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.