

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

August 17-18, 2019

Twentieth
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:

Poor Jeremiah. He was the prophet we heard about in the first reading. He had a tough go of it. Always being rejected and hated for what he said. It wasn't even his fault, he was just saying what God told him to say. He would have been crazy NOT to say it, even though he suffered for what he said.

Do you know why prophets are often hated? Because they ruin a good time. Everyone is having fun and enjoying a good time, and they ruin it. Most people like to have a good time, and prophets ruin the party. So people don't like them. Additionally, they also make you feel guilty for being comfortable. It feels good to be comfortable. But prophets come along and ruin it. They call you out for your embellishments and make you feel guilty for them. Therefore, again, nobody likes them.

The goal for a Christian is to be open to the voice of a prophet. You want to know what God is saying and God speaks through prophets. So Christians have to learn to listen to prophets and be open to them. If you disobey their message you are disobeying God. That said, also you have to be careful. There are many false prophets today, even more than there were back then. False prophets pretend to be righteous but are usually doing it more for their own ego than in obedience to God. Don't follow these ones. Just ignore them.

Another goal for Christians is to become prophets themselves. This is very challenging. It requires gaining a certain ability to be able to function in spite of negative reactions from others. If you are someone who is affected by the thoughts and opinions of others, it will make it more difficult for you to be a prophet. The prophet has to allegiant to God more than any other person. To be a prophet also requires the ability to be comfortable being uncomfortable. You cannot be too attached to anything or else it will undermine your power in speaking what God tells you...so you have to be comfortable not be attached to anything...be comfortable being uncomfortable.

Like I say, listening to a prophet and especially being a prophet, is not easy. But it is a calling where you will experience a significant outpouring of grace and know the presence of God in a considerable degree. That is why it is worth it. -Fr Rossi

Church Support as of August 11th, 2019

Weekly

Actual	\$2,691.75
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	-\$1,056.25

Year to Date

Actual	\$14,222.33
Budgeted	<u>\$22,487.00</u>
Difference	-\$8,264.67

Attendance: 8/10/19: 38 8/11/19: 145

News & Announcements:

Announcement from Father Rossi:

Dear All - I wanted to let you know I have the blessing of being appointed by His Excellence Bishop Knestout to be chaplain at All Saints Catholic School here in Richmond. Each week we will have Mass for the children and teachers, as well as regularly offering confessions, retreats and other spiritual helps to the school. Fr Ernest and Fr Wiggins will assist in this as well. Please pray for us as we take on this responsibility and especially for the youth, that they will always be open to God in their lives. - Fr Rossi

NEXT Sharing Sunday:

Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is **September 4th**. Remember your non-perishable food items. Table in basement for drop off.

Religious Education 2019/2020:

It's time to enroll children grades kindergarten through middle school in St. Patrick Religious Education program. **Children must be enrolled by 9/1** in order to ensure the purchase of the correct educational material. Classes will begin on Sunday, 9/8, from **9:15 AM to 10:30**. If you have questions or would like to register your child, contact Donna Baird at 804-888-3470 or donnahbaird@yahoo.com.

Knights of Columbus:

The K of C will be conducting their annual school supply drive during the month of August to benefit the local boys & girls club. Please consider donating pens, pencils, notebooks, paper, crayons, and other school items. A box will be in the social hall for donation to be dropped off.

Shower Program at St. Peters: We are pleased to announce we are currently in the process of organizing the shower outreach program. The effort will be co-led by Robert Peters from St. Patrick's and Lorraine Hewitt from St. Joseph's. We plan to do a pilot of the program on October 1st. Afterwards, any improvements needed will be incorporated before opening on a regular schedule in November. Showers will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Volunteer roles & responsibilities are being defined and training will be held beginning in mid-October. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please email your name, phone number and email address to: stpetersshowers@gmail.com.

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. The next class is 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

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC led by Bishop Knestout:

Join Bishop Knestout as he kicks off the 200th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond with a spiritual pilgrimage to the Basilica in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The day begins at the Basilica at 10:00 am and concludes following the Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:15 pm. Registration is required. For more information including registration, transportation options, and meals, visit 2020.richmonddiocese.org OR contact 2020@richmonddiocese.org

St. Francis Home Blue Grass & Crab Feast: Sunday 10/6 4pm-8pm. \$65 a ticket/kids under 5 are free. At Tredegar Ironworks at 500 Tredegar St. Patrick has two tables side by side reserved for parishioners. See Billie Keating before or after mass on 8/18 or contact her.

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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.