

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

August 24-25, 2019

Twenty First  
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:

*The Bible says God knows your thoughts (first reading). Let me be sure you understand this. God knows all your thoughts. God knows ALL your thoughts.*

*Ouch. Every single thought you think, God knows about. It is as if you said every thought out loud on a roof top, that is how clearly God hears even the quickest of thoughts.*

*This is scary because everyone has awful thoughts. Everyone. Even priests...except your pastor of course...Everyone from pauper to pope, has awful thoughts.*

*There are a few things to understand regarding thoughts.*

*First, it is not a sin to have an evil thought, it is only a sin to entertain an evil thought. If you have a thought of anger or jealousy or arrogance or lust or judgmentalism, it is not a sin until you sort of keep it going by continuing to be convinced of it. But if you at that moment pray and desire to put that evil thought out of your mind, it will go away (eventually) and you can escape without being poisoned by the evil thought.*

*That is what God wants us to do. He knows we do not have control over thoughts. In fact, the Church teaches that the most common way temptation confronts us is through the introduction of evil thoughts. So it is part of the Christians battle. And God wants to see that we are fighting it.*

*Saints used to do all kind of things to change their evil thoughts, like snap a rubber band on their wrist, jump in a thorn bush, or walk with an uncooked bean in their shoe; little tricks to control thoughts.*

*The best way to control thoughts and push away evil thoughts is to, as much as possible, have a heart that is open to God and directed toward Him at every moment. This can be accomplished through simple interior prayer that you continue throughout your day. When you let the good in, the Holy Spirit, He pushes out the bad.*

*Don't get discouraged! Even though the battle is not complete until you take your last breath, it gives great meaning to every moment of your day. Realize that it is important for you, every moment of your life, to strive to accomplish holiness by letting God fill your thoughts - ALL your thoughts always. There is no room for boredom or meaninglessness in the mind and heart of a person who realizes the importance of every single thought of their life.*

*-Fr Rossi*

## Church Support as of August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Weekly

Actual	\$1,985.50
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	-\$1,762.50

### Year to Date

Actual	\$16,207.83
Budgeted	<u>\$26,235.00</u>
Difference	-\$10,027.17

Attendance: 8/17/19: 25    8/18/19: 130

# 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 donnabaird@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. A box will be in the social hall for donation to be dropped 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. 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

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:** I wanted to inform you of something very unfortunate that happened in one of our parishes. While cleaning the church, we found a host laying on the floor in the pews. It is likely that it was a consecrated host that someone walked back to their pew with and threw on the floor. This is a sacrilege and if done willingly is grounds for excommunication from the Church. Desecration of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the worst offences that can be committed because it is an offence against the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. I pray it was simply an accident and maybe a child who did not know what they were doing. A couple things: PARENTS need to watch their children to be sure they are consuming the host and that they do not try to receive Holy Communion unless they have had their First Holy Communion. EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - if you are privileged enough to be able to help with the distribution of Holy Communion, then you need to observe every single person who comes up for Communion to be sure they consume the Host in front of you. No one is ever permitted to walk off with the Host. If they do, you need to stop them and ask them to either return the Host to you or consume it in front of you. I do this regularly and you need to as well if you want to have the honored responsibility of distributing Holy Communion. ALL PARISHIONERS - if you see someone walking away with a Host or someone in the pew with a Host then you need to say something to them. Do not be ashamed. Or walk up to the priest at that moment (not at the end of Mass) and tell the priest so he can deal with it. We must take it extremely seriously to care for and protect the Blessed Sacrament and it is everyone's responsibility. Thank you - Fr Rossi

**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](http://2020.richmonddiocese.org) OR contact [2020@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:2020@richmonddiocese.org)

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