

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

August 31 – September 1, 2019

Twenty Second
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.



Church Support as of

August 25th, 2019

Weekly

Actual	\$2,517.00
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	-\$1,231.00

Year to Date

Actual	\$18,724.83
Budgeted	<u>\$29,983.00</u>
Difference	-\$11,258.17

Attendance: 8/24/19: 38 8/25/19: 151

Message from our

Pastor:

Happy Labor Day everyone!!! I hope everyone gets a chance to relax and enjoy this wonderful weekend.

Did you know that you can only really appreciate relaxation if you know what it is like to work hard?

Isn't that amazing?

We as humans only know how wonderful it is to relax because (if) we know what it is like to work hard.

I know for myself after spending a day doing hard work, especially if I am helping someone out doing something physical and spending a whole day working in the hot sun, it feels sooooo good to relax in the evening.

But if I were to just lay around all day and do nothing, then I do not really appreciate the cool a/c inside in the evening and the chance to sit down and relax.

That is just the way it is for us. We love the opportunity to relax and appreciate it more, the harder we work.

I hope you are able to enjoy the Labor Day holiday, because I hope you are a person who works hard. If you are a person who works hard, there is a pretty good chance you are a generally content and happy person.

Work is a gift. And so is relaxing from work. But they go together and you have to have them both in order to be happy.

Fr Rossi



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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

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

RCIA classes will begin on September 8th at 9:00 AM. We will meet in the classroom located in the basement of the rectory. If anyone has any question please reach out to Fred Powell, Ian Gaines or Ryland Paxton.

THANK YOU: On behalf of the Knights of Columbus & The Boys and Girls Club of Richmond thank you for supporting our annual school supplies collection

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.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL: Congratulations to our Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education, Paulita Matheny for being appointed as one of the members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. The appointment is for three years and the Council serves as a consultative body to the Bishop and will provide feedback on matters that pertain to our Diocesan structures and initiatives.

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.

40 DAYS OF LIFE: From September 25 through November 3, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and to pray peacefully during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood at 201 N. Hamilton Street, Richmond, VA, 23221, for one or more hours during the 40-day prayer vigil, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Olga Lucia Mages, 804-328-1602. All are welcome! To learn more visit www.40daysforlife.com/Richmond.

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

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.

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 OR contact 2020@richmonddiocese.org

