

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

September 14th ~ 15th, 2019

Twenty Fourth
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:

This past week marked the 18th anniversary of the terrible attacks on our nation on September 11, 2001. Do you remember where you were when you heard? Where were you when you watched on TV as those horrible planes flew into those buildings?

It was so terrible. It was amazing how in almost an instant life changed so much. The world almost stopped. People changed significantly, at least for a short time.

That event, and tragedy in general, has the effect of shaking people out of their routine way of thinking and causes them to contemplate some of the bigger questions in life. It gives clarity to thinking. In many instances it improves the thinking of people.

There is no way to know when something tragic may affect our lives. There is no way to know when our life here on earth will end or the lives of our loved ones.

But there is one thing that, when tragedy does strike, we will always be thankful that we did – confessed our sins and been reconciled to God.

Having felt the graces and reconciliation that comes about after making a good confession to God gives great peace to the heart that has faith. Confession is like preparation for tragedy. It is probably the best preparation for the unknown in life. When good things happen or even bad, we are at peace knowing that we have reconciled to God – we are at peace knowing there is nothing between us and Him.

And even knowing that our loved ones have been reconciled to God brings us peace. We know it is like a

protective shield around them and so when they have achieved their reconciliation, it brings us joy because we love them and want the best for them. It removes fear of the unknown.

So do not wait to go to confession. Do not hesitate. You have no idea what tomorrow will bring. But you will feel better taking it on after making a good confession.

Confessions are available Monday-Friday at St Peter at 1145am. And Saturday at 430pm at St John and St Patrick. - Fr Rossi



Church Support as of September 8th, 2019

Weekly

Actual	\$3,648.00
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	-\$100.00

Year to Date

Actual	\$24,798.00
Budgeted	<u>\$37,477.00</u>
Difference	-\$12,679.00

Attendance: 8/31/19: 33 9/1/19: 210

News & Announcements:

NEXT Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is **October 6th**. Remember your non-perishable food items. Table in basement for drop off.

Baby Bottle Campaign for East End Pregnancy Center.

St Patrick will participate in a Baby Bottle Campaign for the East End Pregnancy Center during the 40 Days for Life fall campaign from September 25 – November 3. The Baby Bottle Campaign is a fundraising effort for the East End Pregnancy Center which provides services free of charge and is funded only by donations.

Among the services they provide are pregnancy tests, ultrasounds to confirm pregnancy, parenting classes, mentoring, prayer and Gospel centered guidance for their patients. On the next two Sundays we will have baby bottles available for you to pick up and use for your donations. We ask that you consider donating a \$1 (or another amount) for each of the 40 Days for Life; making a one-time donation; sign up for monthly donations; or just place your pocket change in the bottle. Karen and Bob Kuhn, new parishioners, will be coordinating the Campaign at St Patrick. Bottles will be turned in late October. Please be as generous as you can.

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.

BBQ Blast at St. John's Catholic Church:

Mark your calendar...the BBQ will on September 28th from 11am to 7pm. Come enjoy good food & great company. All are welcome!

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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT 9/27 - 9/19/19:

Come to a retreat for healing...if you have had one or more abortions...if you are responsible for the abortions of others...or if you've suffered from an abortion choice of another person. If you've felt regret, grief, guilt, or anger; unforgivable, afraid, ashamed, defensive, unworthy, numb, or isolated...there is hope for healing, to accept God's mercy, and to find peace. Inquiries, registration, and participation are strictly confidential. For information & registration, contact: Marty Montgomery-Jennings @ 804-704-0429 or Maggie Carlson @ 804-432-2589 Email: RV4hope@gmail.com. Church of the Epiphany Post-Abortion Healing Ministry 11000 Smoketree Drive, North Chesterfield, Virginia 23236

Fr Rossi needs you to help! - Please consider volunteering to help supervise our shower ministry at St Peter. We already have a leader I just need you to come help. You can bring a book and read while you are here. But I need you. Please email stpetershowers@gmail.com for more info. Volunteer times are Tuesday (and eventually Thursday as well) 1pm -3pm. Please please please email us and signup to help. We do not have enough volunteers to start the program at this point, so I am waiting for you! - Fr Rossi

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



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