

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

September 21st – 22nd, 2019

Twenty Fifth
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:

It is very important that we demand that our elected officials guarantee our religious freedom. St Paul knows the importance of religious freedom as he writes in the second reading this Sunday that we should offer “prayers...for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.”

Religion is a very powerful force. It demands the highest level of obedience. Therefore, governments have always, since the beginning of government, sought to either stomp our religion or control it for themselves, because when people have religion, they are harder to control due to their allegiance to something other than (and higher than) the government.

Religious freedom is a relatively new idea in the timeline of human history. It is also something that must be continually fought to keep as the status quo here. There will always be the temptation for government to remove or try to stomp down religious freedom. This is because government, even democracies, tend to always collect and accumulate greater power, and in doing so tend to demote or limit other centers of power. The size of our government as a percent of the size of our county’s economy has grown over 400% in the last 120 years!!! It is becoming more and more in control of everything that happens in the country, and control doesn’t like outside threats.

Be vigilant. Pray for “kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.” Express your disgust at politicians who want to tell Catholics how to live or what to believe. Reject their desire to control our hospitals, schools, or other agencies. If we give them control, we will never get it back. -Fr Rossi



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If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call

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.

Please pick up your baby bottle today and start filling it to provide funding for the East End Pregnancy Center. 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 daily pocket change in the bottle. Karen and Bob Kuhn are coordinating this effort for St Patrick & will be available for you to get your baby bottle, to ask questions and get more information. Karen & Bob are new to St Patrick; stop by and get your baby bottle and introduce yourself!

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:

Why we pray.....Since 2009, abortions in the State of Virginia have dropped by over 12,000 a year! Children's lives are saved every single day. You are invited to join us from September 25 - November 3 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. When people come to pray, the number of "no shows" for abortion appointments can be over 50%. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Ann Niermeyer at 804-714-5170 or pray4dads@gmail.com. All are welcome. To learn more and to sign up, visit 40daysforlife.com/Richmond.

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 mail stpetersshowers@gmail.com for more info. Volunteer times are Tuesday (and eventually Thursday as well) 1pm -3pm. 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

Bereavement Ministry:

Death effects all of us. Sooner or later we will be confronted with losing a love one or a friend that is close to us. How are we going to handle this phenomenon call death? Again, I will be offering 8 sessions on Grief. What is it? Is it good for us to grieve? We will be meeting on Thursday nights at 7pm at St. John's Catholic Church. Sessions will begin October 24th through December 12th. There will be a sign-up sheet in all the parishes. If you can attend or think you can please sign up.

Walk for Life:

This year the walk for life campaign will be held at White Bank Park in Colonial Heights. Again, I will be walking for 2 miles in helping to support the Tri-Cities pregnancy Center. The walk will take place on Saturday November 9 at 10:00 am. There will be someone in the back of Church for several weeks to collect your money for this important Walk. Last year, all the parishes would very generous in their giving to the Center. We raised over \$1000.00. With your help we can do this again. If you are writing a check, please make the check out to Tri-Cities Pregnancy Center, or you can go on to their web site, tricityspregnancycenter.org Thank you for your support. Fr. Frank.

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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Church Support as of September 15th, 2019

Weekly

Actual	\$2,147.41
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	-\$1,600.59

Year to Date

Actual	\$26,945.41
Budgeted	<u>\$41,225.00</u>
Difference	-\$14,279.59

Attendance:

8/31/19: Not available
9/1/19: 151