

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 12th – 13th 2019

Twenty-Eighth 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 October 6th, 2019

Weekly

Actual	\$2,049.50
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	-\$1,698.50

Year to Date

Actual	\$34,477.57
Budgeted	<u>\$52,469.00</u>
Difference	-\$17,991.43

Attendance: 10/5/19: 34 10/6/19: 157

Message from our Pastor:

The first reading today was about Naaman. He was a great commander in an army, but he had leprosy. He was given the advice to go down to the people of Israel because he heard there was someone there who could cure him of his disease. He eventually met Elisha who told him to go down and wash himself in the Jordan River seven times. Naaman did what Elisha told him and Naaman was cured of leprosy. His skin became like that of a child.

One peculiar aspect of this account is the need for Naaman to wash himself in the river seven times. Why did he have to wash seven times? What if he would have washed only six times or if he had washed eight times? Would he have been cured?

I do not know for certain, but I know that it happens commonly that when God tells someone in the bible to do something, and they do it exactly as He has said, then good things come. But there are many instances when people in the bible have been instructed to do something and they do not do it as God said, and something bad happens.

They may have been just a little off. Like when Moses struck the rock twice in the desert (he was only supposed to strike it once) and the people ended up wandering for 40 years in the desert. Or when God told Saul to get rid of all the Amalekites including the livestock, but Saul decided to keep the livestock. He had good motives but he still disobeyed God and it ended poorly for him. This makes sense. After all, Jesus says that if you cannot be trusted in small things then you cannot be trusted in larger ones either.

We do not know all the circumstances surrounding a situation and why God tells us to do something this way rather than that way, exactly like this rather than like that. The important thing is that when God tells us to do something, we do it exactly how He said to do it. We should not diminish or mitigate or interject our own opinions when we are given a command by God. He is the parent and we are the children. He knows everything and we know very little. So it will always be best if we simply give in and do exactly what He wants, how He wants, and when He wants. One day maybe we will know all the reasons why He has given us a command or order, but until that day it is best just to do what He says and be grateful the blessings that always eventually come.

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Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Highland Games: The Highland Games are approaching they will be on October 26 & 27th from 9am -6pm. Again St. Patrick will be having their famous Irish Coffee Booth. We are looking for volunteers to work both days. We will have a sign up downstairs after mass on Sunday so you can sign up for shifts as well you can email Michelle Dawson at mjmvacu@aol.com and let her know. Please consider coming out as this is one of our big fundraisers where the money comes back to our parish!

On Saturday, November 2, 2019, the Diocese will host the 7th Annual Catholic Women's Conference at Saint Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg. The conference features keynote speakers, breakout opportunities, music, vendors, box lunch, Adoration, and Reconciliation. The Bishop will celebrate a Saturday morning Mass to start the day. The \$40 early-bird registration option is available through October 15, 2019. Beginning on October 16, 2019, registration will be available for \$50. After October 28, 2019, registration will only be available at the door for \$55. Lunch will be provided. Registration is available now at

http://bit.ly/WomensConference_2019

Join us in the social hall after mass on October 13th for a special screening of the award-winning film "Called and Chosen". The film highlights the life of Father Vincent Capodanno a military chaplain during the Vietnam war who received the medal of honor for his heroic actions and self-sacrifice. Popcorn, candy & drinks will be served.

NEXT Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is **November 3rd**. Remember your non-perishable food items. Table in basement for drop off

Baby Bottle Campaign: The baby bottle campaign for East End Pregnancy Center is underway. Drop off filled bottles at any mass before October 27. Karen & Bob Kuhn are coordinating this effort.

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Classes for 2020 are 1/6, 4/7, 7/7, 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

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, On Saturday November 9th I will be walking for 2 miles in helping to support the Tri-Cities pregnancy Center. There will be someone in the back of Church to collect your money for this important Walk. Last year, a 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.

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