

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

November 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Thirty 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.

## Message from our Pastor:

*First let me begin by saying GREAT WORK on your efforts with the baby bottle campaign. We raised over \$6K for the local crisis pregnancy center located on Nine Mile Road. GREAT JOB!!! Who knows how many women who may have chosen the alternative will now choose life because they get to see their baby through an ultrasound or are provided with essentials to let them know they are not in it alone!!! Thanks to your generosity!!!*

*Second, some sad news. As you may have heard, the Little Sisters of the Poor, a beautiful and wonderful group of religious sisters who run St Joseph Home are leaving the Diocese. They have been serving in our Diocese for over 100 years. They are currently in the process of finding another group to run the assisted living facility.*

*Very sad news. The statement by the Superior of the order said that they are moving the sisters who currently reside in Richmond to another facility in order to increase the numbers there.*

*Unfortunately, the Little Sisters of the Poor are facing two difficulties.*

*Firstly, the Little Sisters are facing a vocations shortage (I will be speaking about this in the coming weeks). Young women today simply do not know the joy of a life of service in a community such as the Little Sisters. They do not understand the fulfillment living life as a bride of Christ (a young woman will never find a husband as good as Christ). Religious life is a wonderful life for young women. But young women today are largely uninterested. This is sad, both because the Church and society is being deprived of the immeasurable contribution a religious sister's life can make to it, but also because they are*

*personally missing such a significant means to happiness.*

*While a vocations shortage is one trouble facing the Little Sisters, it is not the only trouble they are facing. They currently are facing legal troubles as well.*

*For over 7 years the Little Sisters have been at the center of a lawsuit. We as Catholics believe it is immoral to use artificial birth control. We also believe the government should respect our religious conscience to live our faith as we believe. For many years, the Little Sisters were in a legal battle against a provision in the HHS mandate of the Obama administration attempting to force them to provide artificial birth control to their employees. In 2016 the Little Sisters won their case before the US Supreme Court. It was a great day for religious liberty. In 2017 the Trump administration further protected the Little Sisters and other organizations facing similar religious persecution by issuing a new rule that gave broad religious exemption to the HHS mandate. But unfortunately, in 2019 two additional lawsuits have been filed against the rule passed by the Trump administration that seeks to again force the Little Sisters to go against their religion and provide artificial birth control to its employees. These are wicked and evil actions against the Little Sisters. But they fight on.*

*So please continue to pray for the Little Sisters. They are a religious order that exemplifies Christian values in every way. Pray for more young women to choose religious life, especially life with the Little Sisters. And pray for religious freedom and a return to godly values amongst citizens of our nation.*

-Fr Rossi

## News & Announcements:

**Bible Study - Genesis to Jesus:** You are invited to the newest Bible Study at St Patrick which will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning **November 13 at 6:30 p.m.** In this 12-week study you will learn about the principal covenants that God made with his people through Biblical figures such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and David. This course provides a vision of salvation history and our place in this history. You will need the workbook that goes with this study (one order will be placed with St Paul Center), Scott Hahn book, A Father Who Keeps His Promises, and your Bible. There will be sign-up sheets available St Patrick this weekend. If you are interested, you may also contact Anne McMillan at annem43@gmail.com.

**NEXT Sharing Sunday:** Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is **December 1st. Please give if you can these next coming months the need tends to rise! Drop** non-perishable food items at the table in basement. Thank you.

**Thanksgiving:** In the spirit of Thanksgiving, please consider donating a frozen turkey to the St. Francis Home where they will assist in providing a nice dinner to the residents and their families. Donations must be dropped off in the St. Patrick's Kitchen on Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> before or after mass. If you have any questions, contact Eddie Baird 986-2898.

**Thank you:** Thank you to all who participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program for St. Patrick. We have received another check in the amount of \$91.65. Remember to renew your membership for this program each year. St. Patrick's number is 89764. If you aren't signed up, consider signing up such an easy thing to do for us to benefit.

**Cardinal Newman Academy invites us to their Craft Fair on 11/23 from 9am-2:30pm** at 8706 Quaker Lane, Bon Air, VA 23235. There will be several local Catholic artisans with both religious & non-religious items for sale. Come and get your Christmas shopping done while supporting local artisans! We hope you can make it out and bring the whole family! Items available will include saint dolls, rosaries, jewelry, canned jam, baked goods, wood crafts, Christmas ornaments and decor, and much more! Concessions will be available & there will be several items being raffled off. For info or vendor application contact cnacraftfair@gmail.com.

**We are looking for our Bicentennial Saint Patrick Parish Liaison:** The Diocese's goal is to invite and inspire as many people as possible to deepen their faith by participating in Bicentennial projects and events. For that reason, **we need you** to become our Bicentennial Parish Liaison that will serve on an as-needed basis until the conclusion of the Bicentennial year in January 2021. The Bicentennial Parish Liaison is the home parish's main point of contact for the Bicentennial Task Force for events and activities relating to the 2020 Diocesan Bicentennial and Eucharistic Congress. The liaison will receive information from the Bicentennial Task Force and communicate that information to their parish in all ways appropriate, personally promoting and encouraging participation within all parish groups. Disseminate information as directed by the Bicentennial Task Force to the parish community in whatever ways appropriate (through the pastor, bulletin, pulpit announcements, council meetings, social media, etc.). Promote Diocesan Bicentennial events and encourage participation within different church ministry groups, parish staff, parish and finance councils, and all other key constituent groups. Find ways to incorporate the Bicentennial into the local rhythm of parish life. Provide feedback to the Bicentennial Task Force about parish involvement in the Bicentennial and share ideas of how we can more effectively engage parishioners. Recruit volunteers for assistance with local Bicentennial events and the Eucharistic Congress. Questions? Please call the office 804-737-8028

**Fall Pasta Luncheon:** Thank you to all who made our Fall Pasta Luncheon last weekend a great event for our community from those who prepared the food, served, and cleaned up. Thank you so our musicians who graciously played while we enjoyed our lunch.

**St. Patrick:** You are invited to this year's Christmas Presentation - 5:30pm on Sunday, December 8th, 2019 at St. Patrick Catholic Church. If you'd like to join us as ushers, readers, singers, or instrumentalists, please reach out to Katie as soon as possible!! Email her - musicministerkate@gmail.com or leave a message @ 804-256-3450. Free admission, but please consider bringing a donation of non-perishable food or new baby items (diapers, wipes, formula, etc) to benefit those in great need in our community.

**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



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