

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

February 22nd & 23rd, 2020

Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Mass Times:

Saturdays at 5:30pm
& Sundays at 10:45am
Nursery is available
during 10:45 mass.

Ash Wednesday – February 26th

6pm at St. Patrick,
9am at St. John,
& 12:05pm at St. Peter

Stations of the Cross:

Every Thursday at noon during Lent.

Rosary:

Sunday at 10:10am

Confession:

Saturdays at 4:30 pm or by
appointment.

Message from our Pastor:

Two items of note this week. First, Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. It is the beginning of Lent. We have Mass at 9am and 7pm St John, 12:05pm at St Peter and 6pm at St Patrick. Lent is a very important and spiritual season. I pray you take it seriously. Remember, it is vital that we make our spiritual life a priority and Lent is a time to buckle-down on the areas where there is a lack of grace in our life. We buckle down by increasing the amount of prayer in our lives, by removing some of the worldliness in our lives (food, drink, entertainment, etc.), and my offering of ourselves for the greater good of the Kingdom of God (either through our time or by giving extra of our income to a good cause).

It is incumbent upon you to do this! We do not check attendance, or know if you are praying, or if you're indulging too much or being stingy with your money. You are responsible for your spiritual life. All we at the parish can do is help. That said, God does see and knows everything. And He wants you to use this Lent to grow spiritually because HE WANTS TO BE CLOSER TO YOU!!! HE MISSES YOU!!! So be intentional and deliberate, have a plan and stick to it to make your Lent amazing. If you don't, you have no one to blame but yourself.

Second attached to this bulletin is a letter from the Bishop. It introduces an Independent Reconciliation Program sponsored by the Diocese for individuals who have been victims of abuse by members of the clergy. The diocese currently provides for psychological and medical care to victims of abuse, but this program is in addition to that. It is run by a third-party organization that is independent of the diocese and seeks to provide some form of financial restitution to people who have suffered because of the actions of members of clergy. The financial restitution is provided by the diocese but administered through the third-party organization. The diocese can never fully compensate those who have suffered abuse by clergy, and this is only a portion of the many means being pursued to achieve justice.

The funds to provide the financial restitution to these victims will be provided through the diocese self-insurance program as well as possibly through the sale of unused property owned by the diocese. No parish funds will be used in this program, nor will any money given to the Bishop's Annual Appeal be used in this program.

Please pray for our Church at this time of testing. Pray that God will raise up good and holy shepherds to lead it in the name of Christ. And pray especially that God will console and heal any who have suffered so unjustly at the hands of priests.

- Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

IRISH FESTIVAL: Only about a month away. Please join us in planning meetings after 10:45 mass.

We need a lot of help the weekend of the festival. Volunteer sign up sheet's downstairs. Please sign up so we know we have shifts covered.

Also, if you are looking for other ways to help. **March 1st**, we need people to help bring stuff that we have in storage under the house to the parish hall. On **March 15th** we will need many hands as we will be going to our storage and bringing everything that makes our festival a success over. So please plan on that. Many hands makes light work!

Saint Patrick Bake Sale: During the festival we have a baked goods sale. Please consider making a baked good item. They can be dropped off starting Thursday 3/19 in the parish hall. Contact is Kathy Buttner.

2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Building Our Family of Faith:

Welcome to the 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal! The 2020 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Advancing Social Ministries, Cultivating Catholic Leadership and Empowering Parish Communities. In addition, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected. This year, the funds returned will be used to support the various ministries we perform on behalf of our parish community. In complement to the funds returned to our parish through the parish sharing formula, the 2020 Appeal also benefits us through the various grants and support we receive from the Diocese, such as the Fuel and Hunger grant that makes available emergency assistance to those in need and the Mission Parish grant that helps our smaller parishes with special capital projects.

200th Anniversary Coffee Table

Book: Shine Like Stars – 200th Anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Get your copy today in the vestibule or parish hall. Books are \$40 each and checks can be made payable to St. Patrick Church.

The next Sharing Sunday!

Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is **March 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.

Rice Bowl 2020. We are called Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from church on Ash Wednesday. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

Lenten Fish Dinners at St John, every

Friday during lent: from 5-7 pm. Fried and baked fish, special of the day and for those who doesn't like fish, we have pasta.

Thank you: Thanks to all who came out for our annual Valentine's visit to St. Francis Homes. Special Thanks to the children in our religious education program who made cards for the residents. Keep an eye out we will be going back for Easter & would love for you to join us!

Please join the Knights of Columbus as we celebrate an hour of prayer

in front of the tabernacle on Sunday March 1 starting at 4:00 at St. John Catholic Church. As Father Rossi said in his homily several weeks ago Christian morality and beliefs are being widely assailed in our commonwealth, our country and in the world by those who either do not believe in God or who function as though they do not. We need to be people of prayer. There is no greater force in the universe than prayer which calls upon Our Lord who created and lovingly sustains the universe. We encourage all parishioners to attend and to invite others to join us in prayer for one hour. We will follow the hour of prayer with pizza and a time for fellowship. This is open to non-parishioners as well as parishioners.

40 Days for Life:

Christians throughout Richmond are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from February 26 through April 5. We will be dedicating 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. A peaceful vigil of prayer will also be held outside of Planned Parenthood's new construction at 1122 N. 25th Street in Church Hill, from 7 am to 7 pm each of these 40 Days. Please sign up to pray for an hour at the vigil. Spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. For more information visit www.40DaysforLife.com - email atniermeyer@aol.com – or call Ann at (804) 714-5170.

Clothes Closet at St. Peters: The Saint Peter's clothes closet is in need of clothing. **Especially men's clothing – long pants, belts, t-shirts, and sweaters.** Also, Men and Women's warm socks and coats. Your donations may be dropped off at the St. Peter's Church basement.

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 3/29, 7/12, and 10/4. 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.