

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

February 29th &
March 1st, 2020
First Sunday of Lent



Mass Times:

Saturdays at 5:30pm & Sundays at 10:45am

Nursery is available during 10:45 mass.

Stations of the Cross:

Every Thursday at noon during Lent.

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Confession: Saturdays at 4:30 pm
or by appointment.



Church Support as of

February 23, 2019

Weekly

Actual	2,813.53
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	-\$934.47

Year to Date

Actual	\$92,596.80
Budgeted	<u>\$127,422.00</u>
Difference	-\$34,825.20

Attendance:

2/22/20: 42 2/23/19: 169

Message from our Pastor:

Happy Lent!!!

I do not say that sarcastically. Lent is a happy time. There is a special grace that only is given during Lent, and grace always makes us feel great!!!

Two important things of note today.

First, please, please, please make sure you go to confession during Lent!!! Every Catholic is required to go to confession at least once per year. But saying it is a requirement is like saying taking a shower is a requirement. Basically, it is part of a normal healthy spiritual life. If you are not sure what to confess, ask the priest to help you.

There will be a priest in the confessional 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after every weekend Mass. So there is no excuse. It is so easy. It takes a few minutes. If you understood the amount of grace and the spiritual impact it has for you to confess your sins and receive absolution you would be busting down the doors!

Second, I will be discussing the Bishop's Annual Appeal in the near future at each parish. Because it is the 200th anniversary of the Diocese (our Bicentennial), the Bishop has challenged us with a \$5 million goal in honor of the year. But don't worry, our parish isn't responsible for the whole \$5 million (hahaha).

That said I am asking humbly to please consider stretching yourself this year to give to the Annual Appeal, and to give a little more than you did last year. The Annual Appeal is how we pay for our seminarians to go to seminary, it is how we support retired priests, and it is how we pay for campus ministers who work at our Universities to help kids stay close to God while at college (not an easy task), among many other things. Please, please, please give generously!

I am praying for you all during this Lent. I hope it is a great one!

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: Many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2020 Annual Appeal. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our In-Pew pledge process at all Masses during the weekends of February 29/March 1 & March 7/8. In the spirit of the bicentennial, we are hopeful that all our parishioners will make a gift to the 2020 Appeal. Thank you in advance for your support!

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.

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.

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. Peter's: The Saint Peter's clothes closet 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.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Fasting & Abstinence:

Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence. Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.



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