

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

March 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Second 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.

## Message from our Pastor:

I hope everyone's Lent is going excellent, there is seriously an amazing grace that is available to us during this season that will make doing spiritual things easier. You will be able to pray longer and deeper, fast more effortlessly, and give of yourself and your money more joyfully during this season because of this grace. Give it a try! You will be surprised how good it makes you feel to do these things!!!

Also, please, please, please remember to make your gift to the Bishop's Annual appeal. Please try and stretch yourself. The Bishop has set a stretch goal for us in conjunction with the Bicentennial 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese and it would be great to meet it! Remember the money goes to paying for our seminarians to go to seminary, supporting our elderly priests in retirement, paying for Catholic university chaplains, and helping the poor and destitute of our Diocese. Also, please note that none of the money donated to the Bishop's Annual Appeal or given at the parish goes to the Independent Reconciliation Program undertaken recently by the Diocese and discussed in the Catholic Virginian.

Also, I just want to say a word about the fear all around because of the Coronavirus everyone is discussing. Remember, there is not room in the life of a Christian for fear. Fear has no place in the heart of a Christian. Worldly forces spend much effort and fret over many things.

Christians trust God is in control and therefore have the peace and joy that comes from being assured of this fact. So do not fear this or any other sickness and disease. The person in union with God has nothing to fear. - Fr Rossi



## 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!



## Church Support as of 3/1/20

### Weekly

Actual	3,906.79
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	\$158.79

### Year to Date

Actual	\$96,503.59
Budgeted	<u>\$131,170.00</u>
Difference	-\$34,666.40

### Attendance:

2/26/20:	138	2/29/20:	28
3/1/20:	189		

## 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 on **March 15<sup>th</sup>** 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!**

**Easter Visit to St. Francis Home:** The parish will be visiting for Easter on 4/11/20, more details to follow but in the meantime please consider making Easter cards for the residents, this a great family activity to prepare for Easter. The cards can be dropped off in basket in the social hall

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coffee Table Book:** Shine Like Starts – 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary if 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 **April 5th. 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.

**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.

**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.

**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. 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.40DaysforLife.com) - email [atniermeyer@aol.com](mailto:atniermeyer@aol.com) – or call Ann at (804) 714-5170.

**Dear all - we are in the process of re-keying the parish.** This is supposed to be done on occasion for security purposes. We will be installing key fobs which will be personalized for all who need one and can be easily deleted in case it is lost. If you currently have a key and need one because of some service, you do at the parish we will provide you with a fob. Please contact John Lore if you have not already been in contact with him to let him know you need a key (his email is in this bulletin). Thank you for all you do in service to Christ and His Church here at St Patrick. -  
Fr Rossi

**Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat for Healing after Abortion** April 17-19, 2020 Inquiries, registration, and participation are strictly confidential. For information & registration, contact: Marty Montgomery-Jennings @ 804-704-0429 or Maggie Carlson @ 804-432-2589 Email: [RV4hope@gmail.com](mailto:RV4hope@gmail.com) Church of the Epiphany Post-Abortion Healing Ministry 11000 Smoketree Drive, North Chesterfield, Virginia 23236 Website about retreats: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

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