

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

July 16th & 17th
Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



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

Join us after 10:45 mass
for refreshments
and fellowship.

Holy Hour – St.
Patrick

Hosted at SPC
on the 3rd Sunday
of each month
after mass.

Message from the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Parishioners,

As I celebrate my Silver Jubilee (25 years) in the priestly ministry on Tuesday 19th July, I would like to share with you how I was inspired and responded to the call of the Lord to work in his vineyard, and how it unfolded.

I remember at a tender age of 10 yrs, one day I was having dinner with my Father and siblings (6) when he asked each of us our future carrier. When it came to my turn, I just said: "**I will become a priest.**" he then said to me "don't you want to become a Doctor or Engineer or a Pharmacist or a Lawyer," and I replied, "**even if I become any of those, I will still become a priest.**" Since then I discerned to achieve my aim, by entering the seminary for philosophical studies 13 years after completing college. Then I had the theological studies at a Pontifical University in Rome, where I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Sacred Theology. Returning to my diocese (Obuasi in Ghana), I was ordained a priest by the bishop in 1997 at the age of 30 yrs. Five years later, I was sent to Rome again to pursue a specialization in Moral Theology in the same University, after which on coming back, I lectured in one of the Provincial Seminaries home for 7 years.

In my 25 yrs as a priest, I have ministered in various capacities in my diocese as Vocations Promoter, Chaplain for the youth, Pastor in 3 different parishes, Parochial Vicar and Rector of the Cathedral, and finally Vicar General (assisting the Bishop) & Moderator of the Diocesan Curia. With all these experiences at home, I requested for an exposure in the Pastoral ministry in a different environment outside my diocese for some time, which was granted by my bishop to send me as "**fidei donum**" to the Richmond diocese, and now I find myself as the Pastor for this Cluster of churches. I am grateful to you all for accepting me and celebrating with me this memorable Milestone in my life. God richly bless you.

Looking at how far the Lord has brought me, 25 years in his Vineyard, what shall I say unto Him? all I have to say is "**Thank you Lord,**" as I lift up the cup of salvation and call on His powerful name. (Ps. 116:13). Obedience, Humility and Self-sacrifice have ever been my watch words in the ministry. The happiest moment in my priesthood is when my mother converted from the Episcopal Church to the Catholic Church and remained an active catholic till she was called to eternity 13 years ago. May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace. -Father Maxwell

News &

Announcements:

Volunteer Opportunity

St. Patrick's Religious Education needs teachers for the 2022/2023 school year. No experience needed! Classes are before Sunday mass from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Please contact Donna Baird at donnahbaird@yahoo.com to find out more.

Fr. Max's Anniversary July 19th | 25th Ordination Anniversary

**Mass of Thanksgiving at 6pm.
Reception immediately following
mass at St. John's Social Hall.
You MUST RSVP for reception
by July 15th**

A box for Notes and Cards for Fr. Max's 25th

Anniversary of his Ordination

Let's show how much we love Fr. Maxwell and how much we appreciate all the work he does for our parish and the community! Drop off your notes and cards in the box in the vestibule.

Please consider volunteering

your time serving at mass:

SPC needs four new altar servers and four new sacristans and a schedule coordinator for our masses. Training will be provided. Please consider volunteering your time. If interested contact Billie Keating at bjk6269@comcast.com.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey for Welcoming Adult newcomers (inquires) into the Roman Catholic Church. RCIA is for adults who, after having their hearts opened to conversion and faith by the Holy Spirit, seek to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. The RCIA process assists them in becoming full, conscious, active, and ongoing participants in a life with Christ and His Church. RCIA welcomes those who are not baptized, those who are baptized in another Christian tradition and those who are baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

An RCIA class will be starting at SPC on September 11th. Anyone interested is welcome to join the class. Adults wishing to learn more should contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton before September 11th.



WEEKLY COLLECTION – July 9th & 10th 2022

Weekly

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| Actual | \$4,387.55 |
| Budget | <u>\$4,139.00</u> (\$248.55) |

Year to date

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| Actual | \$6,793.10 |
| Budget | <u>\$8,278.22</u> (\$1,484.90) |

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE:

7/9: 15 7/10: 118

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SPC Emergency # 804-402-1221:

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