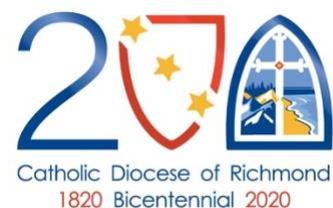


St Joseph Catholic Church Bicentennial Calendar



2020 marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond. It is also the 200th anniversary of the founding of this parish as a stable community that paved the way for the eventual construction of the first Church in 1842. I encourage everyone to participate in various bicentennial celebrations to stir up joyous ardor of the faith within the family. We have a rich history to celebrate in a culture that seems to react so negatively to Christianity in general and Catholicism in particular; we have nothing to fear, rather we should enthusiastically invite and celebrate. – Fr. Capuano



Updated in light of COVID-19 Restrictions, 17 May 2020

Date	Event	Location
Jan 12	11:30 AM Mass: <i>Commemoration</i> of the dedication of the current Church and the consecration of the altars January 12, 1896 Following Mass there will be a potluck lunch and video presentation of early Church history in the parish hall	Church & St. Vincent de Paul Hall
Jan 18-19	Diocesan-wide Masses to commemorate Bishop Patrick Kelly's arrival in Virginia and the Opening of the Bicentennial Year	All Masses in the parish
Jan 19	Mass celebrated by Bishop Knestout in recognition of the Catholic presence in the Eastern Vicariate	Sacred Heart, Norfolk
April 19	11:30 AM Mass: <i>Commemoration</i> of the dedication of the original church (April 23, 1842). Facebook Live events commemorating the interior of the Church with Fr. Redmond and Ben Uzel. Continued on various Wednesdays and Saturdays.	Facebook Live
July 1	6:30 PM Vespers in the Church: <i>Commemoration</i> of the dedication of the cornerstone of the current church, followed by an ice cream social in the parish hall.	Church & St. Vincent de Paul Hall
July 11	10:30 AM Diocesan Ordinations to the Priesthood & Diaconate Mass, and commemoration of the founding of the diocese (July 11, 1820), in recognition of the Catholic presence in the Central Vicariate, celebrated by Bishop Knestout	Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond
July 11-12	Diocesan-wide Masses to commemorate the founding of the Diocese of Richmond	All Masses in the parish
Fall 2020 TBD	Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Knestout (Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Baltimore, MD)	Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Nov 21	We will celebrate both the origins of our founders and the racial and ethnic diversity of the present with an international potluck dinner at 6PM . An evening of food, music, and fellowship will conclude our celebration	St. Vincent de Paul Hall
Sept 27-Oct 4	Diocesan Octave of Service	All Parishes
Sept 26-27	Feast of St. Vincent de Paul (diocesan patron)	All Parishes
Sept. 26	10:30 AM Mass, Feast of St. Vincent de Paul (diocesan patron) celebrated by Bishop Knestout in recognition of the Catholic presence in the Western Vicariate	St. Andrew, Roanoke
Nov 7	Eucharistic Congress Online and on-location celebration, more details to follow	TBD
Jan 16-17	2021 Closing of the Bicentennial Year	All Parishes

Throughout the course of the year, parishioners can look forward to learning about our history through a series of bulletin inserts as well as displays of historic photographs and memorabilia in the Commons. Anyone wishing to contribute to, or assist with, the bicentennial effort should contact the Bicentennial Committee chair, Bert Linkonis, at blinkonis@gmail.com.

