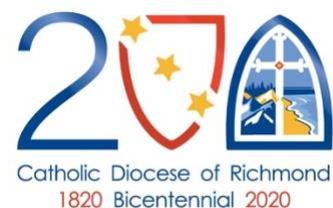


## St Joseph Catholic Church Bicentennial Calendar



2020 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond. It is also the 200<sup>th</sup> 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



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 <b>potluck lunch</b> and <b>video presentation of early Church history in the parish hall</b>	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 <b>Eastern Vicariate</b>	<b>Sacred Heart, Norfolk</b>
April 19	11:30 AM Mass: <i>Commemoration</i> of the dedication of the original church (April 23, 1842). During the afternoon, we will have part 2 of the history of the parish with a pot-luck	Church & St. Vincent de Paul Hall
May 9	Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Knestout <b>(Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Baltimore, MD)</b>	<b>Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
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	Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Knestout to commemorate the founding of the diocese (July 11, 1820), and in recognition of the Catholic presence in the Central Vicariate	<b>Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond</b>
July 11-12	Diocesan-wide Masses to commemorate the founding of the Diocese of Richmond	All Masses in the parish
Nov 21	We will celebrate both the origins of our founders and the racial and ethnic diversity of the present with an <b>international potluck dinner at 6PM</b> . 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 27	Feast of St. Vincent de Paul (diocesan patron) celebrated by Bishop Knestout in recognition of the Catholic presence in the Western Vicariate	<b>St. Andrew, Roanoke</b>
Nov 6-7	Eucharistic Congress <b>Saturday, November 6</b> Confession and Sunday Mass of Anticipation, <b>canceled</b> , all priests to attend and assist at the Congress	<b>Greater Richmond Convention Center</b>
Jan 16-17	<b>2021 Closing of the Bicentennial Year</b>	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](mailto:blinkonis@gmail.com).