

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

April 29-30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

Mass times: Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 10:45am

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The RCIA is the process where the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Church. Adults wishing to learn more should please contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month during Mass. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. Classes are held at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The next class will be held on 6/4/17. If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

Visitation to the sick and homebound – If you or someone you know would like a visit and Holy Communion at their home. Please call the office at 737-8028. Office staff will ensure the information will be relayed to Visitation Ministry individuals.

Message from our Pastor:

Happy Easter Everyone!!! It's still Easter!!!

I hope everyone is still enjoying the graces of this wonderful season.

The last line of the second reading says: "your faith and hope are in God"

Our faith and our hope are very much the source of our happiness in life. We put our faith in things that we believe in, that we stand on, that we lean on in times of difficulty. We put our faith in our family because we believe they are there for us no matter what, or in our education that it will help us to navigate through our jobs, or in our elected leaders that will do what is best for us. And we put our hope in good things that we expect to happen in the future. We hope to be able to retire one day. We hope to stay healthy. We hope our kids make something of their lives.

But the second reading says that WE put our faith and hope "in God."

This means that because we are Christians, while we may have some more miniscule way of hoping in or having faith in those other previously mentioned items, ultimately we as Christians put our faith and hope primarily and most considerable "in God."

Why?

Because every one of those other things will eventually disappoint us. And I don't want my happiness to run out when those things go away. I don't want my happiness to go away if my family doesn't live up to what I want them to be, I don't want my happiness to go away if I cannot ever retire (priests never retire...) and I don't want my happiness to go away if my kids waste all my money in college and never graduate (I don't have kids but maybe you do).

The point is that when we put our faith and hope "in God" rather than other things, we put it in a place that will NEVER NEVER NEVER let us down.

The disciples may have thought God let them down when Jesus was crucified, but in fact they were wrong. God proved Himself. God always proves Himself. And the person who puts his faith and hope "in God" is someone who does not want his happiness taken away.

Enjoy the season, it's a great blessing!!! - Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Dear all – Have you noticed our budget to actual YTD lately? We were projected to have over a \$40,000 shortfall this year and as of last week it was only \$4k!!!!!!! That is amazing!!!! The people at this parish have really stepped up and taken ownership of this as their home. What an amazing success the increased offertory effort has been. St Pats is a very special place. Please keep it up. - Fr. Rossi

Adopt-a-Lily or Hydrangea: The altar flowers are ready to go to their special, permanent homes! The lilies may be planted outdoors and will bloom and multiply in the coming years. They typically bloom closer to June, The hydrangeas are "hybrids" and they will be potted plants outside in the spring/summer but they must come indoors before the first frost. There are 12 lilies and 4 hydrangeas ready to go to their forever homes. They will be on a back table in the basement commons area after Mass (4/30).

After Mass today: The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual KOVAR collection after mass today. All donations help provide assistance to those with intellectual disabilities.

Ministers Needed: St. Patrick's Parish is enjoying tremendous growth and we find ourselves in need of several ministers to ensure weekend Masses are celebrated seamlessly. Duties are easy to learn and you will be scheduled only once a month. Please reach out to Billie Keating with your interest and for details on becoming a Greeter/Usher, Altar Server or Sacristan. 804 347-7919; bjk6269@comcast.net

REMINDER: Next weekend is Sharing Sunday (May 6 & 7). Please remember to bring to mass with your non-perishable foods to be donated to our local food bank. Suggested items – canned goods, cereal, tuna, peanut butter, etc. There is a marked table in the basement to leave all donations. Such an easy way to help others in our community!

Thank you: The Knight of Columbus that everyone who supported the Nascar raffle. Congratulation to Gail Wulf the winner of the tickets!

Church Support as of 4/23/17

Weekly

Actual	\$2,305.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
Difference	(\$1,802.00)

Year to Date

Actual	\$170,611.28
Budgeted	<u>\$176,664.00</u>
Difference	(\$6,052.72)

Attendance for 4/22 & 23/2017: 20/165

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SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died and you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.

Bulletin: All bulletin submissions must be emailed to Michelle Dawson the Tuesday prior by noon.