

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

August 27-28, 2016

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

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Message from our Pastor:

Hello all! I hope you have had a great week!

I am so happy the weather has cooled a little. A little less humidity feels great.

First, I want to use this bulletin to say a big thank you to all those who made our Summerfest at St. John and great success. There are very many people who worked very hard to make it happen, all the coordination, the cooking, the music, the vendors, the setup, the planning, the cleanup...and the list goes on and on. I am not going to thank folks by name because I will forget too many people...but if you worked hard you know it...and your joints are probably aching...but more importantly God knows it and is greatly pleased!!! He loves hard workers!!!

Thank you so much to all who worked so hard. I am very grateful that you are part of the parish and love it and offer yourself for it.

Second, I want to speak about volunteering in general.

Unfortunately in a parish, it is usually the case of the 80/20 rule when it comes to volunteering (as well as when it comes to tithing income)...that is to say, 20% of the people do 80% of the work (and 20% of the people give 80% of the money that keeps the lights on). In fact, I would argue sometimes it's more like the 90/10 rule!

At times, this can be discouraging to those who volunteer. For me, after an event like Summerfest, or after any of the other wonderful events we have in our parishes, I tend to think and dream of how amazing it would be if we could get 50% or even 75% of the people to volunteer. Can you imagine what great things we could accomplish for the Kingdom?!? And this is not simply in regards to social functions or fundraising efforts, but also pertains to teaching religious education to the youth, assisting with RCIA, helping maintain our buildings and grounds, or all the many other tasks that need to be done to maintain the piece of the Kingdom of God we have been given at St John and St Patrick and St Peter.

We have been given the care of God's home. We are responsible for these parishes and God wants to do amazing things through these places. But it takes work and commitment from everyone, not just a few.

Are families like this? I guess maybe some are...wherein some people work hard in the family and some people could probably do a little more. My parents both worked hard and demanded that we, their three children, work hard as well. I can't say I always felt like doing it, but my dad's belt encouraged me when needed.

Here at the parishes, we don't use belts. We simply ask for help and wait for God to put it into the hearts of people to volunteer to help. But the best part about assisting the parishes and God's house is that it really feels wonderful to know you are serving God. Even when you get home and your bones are tired or you are only going to get a few hours of sleep that night, it feels great knowing you have served God from the depths of yourself.

Please pray about these things. If you volunteer a lot, thank you and I know that you understand what I mean when I talk about how great it feels. If you do not have a lot of time, but have the ability to support the parishes financially then that is just as important as well. So thank you for that (we have to pay the bills...). If you don't have time because you are taking care of a bunch of kids or a sick parent, well do not worry because you are doing exactly what God intends you to do. But, if you have time, and talent and treasure and are not offering it to God in the measure with which He has given you, then consider taking the next step. It is a cure for sadness, loneliness, and even many physical ailments will be alleviated by the grace God gives us when we put ourselves to work for Him. That's the way it works, we get in the flow of grace when we go to work for God and we get the benefit of experiencing the grace that flows through us to our parish.

Have a great week!!!

-Father Rossi

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

Looking for Volunteers: Someone generously donated furniture for the rectory and we need manpower and trucks to be able to move it on September 10th. Contact person is Eddie Baird: donnahbaird@yahoo.com.

Senior Trip: A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline at the Fort Lee Playhouse Sunday afternoon Sep 11, 2016. Please contact Heather Coleman at 804-310-9538 no later than Friday September 2, 2016 if attending. Tickets are limited so first come first serve. Heather Coleman
heatherscoleman@yahoo.com
804-310-9538

Children's Religious Education - Donna Baird

Deadline for Religious Education is this weekend: The deadline for the 2016/17 is this weekend 8/27-28. Please see Donna Baird after mass to register. Classes are Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45am beginning in the fall. Fees for this year are: First Reconciliation/First Communion classes - \$50 per child; general enrollment - \$30 per child. If your child is preparing for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist, full participation in St. Patrick's Religious Education is required including attendance at all scheduled classes and as well as weekly mass. Looking forward to another great year!

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: Collecting School Supplies for Church Hill Boys and Girls Club--Please consider donating pens, pencils, notebooks, paper, crayons, etc... Drop off downstairs in the church hall. Thanks in advance!

Box Tops for Education: As school is about to start just a reminder that SPC along with the Knights of Columbus will collect "Box Tops for Education" for All Saints Catholic School. Every label collected the school receives 10 cents. That can really add up over time! Please collect and put in the small box downstairs by the mailboxes.

Church Support as of 8/14/2016

Weekly

Actual	\$2,006.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
Difference	(\$2,101.00)

Year to Date

Actual	\$24,704.24
Budgeted	<u>\$32,856.00</u>
Difference	(\$8,151.76)

Attendance for 8/20 & 21/2016: 36/144

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month during Mass. Baptism class for new parents is held at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. The next class will be held on September 11 and the remaining class this year will be the second Sunday of November. If you are interested in attending a class and scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Baptism information is on our website under the Sacraments tab. If you have additional questions, please contact the office.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

is the process where the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Church. Adults wishing to learn more should please contact the SPC office or email Fred Powell: fmpjr2009@aol.com or Ryland Paxton: paxtonrl8229@mbc.edu.

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.

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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.