

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

December 17-18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass times: Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 10:45am

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

ST PATRICK INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM

During the season of giving, we are challenged to evaluate our lives and give back a just portion of our blessings to God.

In spite of the difficult times, we are fortunate people. Our thanks for these and many other blessings should be reflected in what we give to God

Remember, giving opportunities come in many forms, not just financial. Give of yourself as a volunteer and donate your time to worthwhile causes. "What you give will be returned tenfold."

Wisdom 3:9 "Honor the Lord with your wealth."

Message from our Pastor:

Well folks. We are soooooo cloooooooso.

The great day of our salvation draws near.

I am sure your trees are up, lights lit, and if you're a guy, you probably haven't done a bit of Christmas shopping yet.

But that's ok men, you still have tons of time...most places are open even Christmas Eve.

*More importantly, are you ready **spiritually**.*

Have you confessed? Have you spent extra time thinking about what happens on Christmas? Have you told your kids about what's really important this time of year (and I'm not talking about PlayStation 15)?

It will be here before we know it. But it doesn't have to pass as quickly as it comes to us. It can stay with us. It can dwell within us. And we can take it with us wherever we go.

You may have sat on Santa's lap at some time and told him what you want for Christmas.

Why not try sitting on God's and telling him what you need.

And don't be bashful. In the words of Isaiah from the first reading today "let it be deep as the netherworld, or as high as the sky!"

Fr Rossi

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 1/8/17. 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.

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: paxtonr18229@marybaldwin.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.

News & Announcements:

New Parishioners for the month of November: We welcome Michael Morin, Mary Rosenthal, Angie Pometto, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Peters. All became new members during the month of November.

Thank you: Thanks to everyone who helped make the reception after the Christmas concert possible from those who brought in yummy desserts to those who helped clean up and set up. It was a great evening!

Appalachia Giving Tree: On behalf of the Knights of Columbus this year was another great success. The presents were delivered this past week and heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Knights of Columbus for your prayers and generosity.

Santa Breakfast: Join us downstairs for our annual Santa Breakfast Sunday after 10:45 mass.

Looking for Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to help with helping with our hospitality for after 10:45 masses on Sundays. Please contact Eddie Baird for more information and if your interested.

Weekly Church Cleaning for 2017: Please consider volunteering an hour of your time each week to help us keep the church clean for services. It is very easy and quick to learn; light dusting, floor sweeping, and checking the holy water dishes. Please fill out the form located downstairs over on the left side in a bright red jacket. You can also contact me directly at johnjlore@gmail.com or 804-513-7173. Thank you.

Keep the Christ in Christmas Car Magnets: The knights of Columbus will be selling these each Sunday through Christmas. There is a small box in the vestibule a suggested donation of \$4 will go to support vocations in our diocese.

2017 BOXED SETS OF ENVELOPES: You will find these in the vestibule of the church in alphabetical order. If you do not find a box with your name or your address has changed please call the office, we will be happy to send you a set and updated our records.

Church Support as of 12/11/2016

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$3,929.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$178.00)

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$81,586.55
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$98,631.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$17,044.45)

Attendance for 12/10 & 11/2016: 29/156

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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.