

# *Saint Patrick*

# *Catholic Church*

**June 3-4, 2017**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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

**Rosary:** Sunday at 10:10am

**Nursery:** Available at 10:45 mass

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## *Message from our Pastor:*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!! TODAY IS OUR BIRTHDAY!!!

Pentecost is the Catholic Church's birthday. Enjoy some cake and ice cream today!!!

That's right. Today the Holy Spirit came down on the scaredy-cat apostles and turned them into warriors for God ready to even be martyred. That's what the Holy Spirit does when it gets in us...it transforms us into to super-zealots for God. Without it, the Church would be d-e-a-d.

So many things that we enjoy in the Church are only made possible by the 'work' of the Holy Spirit. All the Sacraments come to us by way of the Holy Spirit. The Church's teaching office is guided and protected from error by the Holy Spirit. Saints are inspired by the Holy Spirit. Fr Rossi gets out of bed when he otherwise would just lay there...you guessed it...because of the Holy Spirit!

We cannot underestimate the gift we receive in what the Holy Spirit gives us. And Pentecost is the unleashing of that Spirit. It's an awesome, awesome, awesome event.

There are also many spiritual consolations and gifts that come to us through the Holy Spirit. If and when you feel God's presence (which is the best feeling in the world), it is the Holy Spirit that makes that happen. When we are sad

and given an encouragement of hope, if we are tired and nevertheless commit an act of charity, if all is bad and we nonetheless have faith that heaven is going to fix it all...thank you Holy Spirit!

Other gifts also come to us from the Holy Spirit. These are sometimes called charismatic gifts. Back in the 70s and 80s there were 'charismatic Catholics' who did things some thought were strange, like pray in tongues and go to healing services. Well let me just say, THAT'S NOT STRANGE!!! THAT'S THE HOLY SPIRIT!!!

We may sometimes not feel comfortable when we are not sure of something, as to whether it is from the Holy Spirit or not, and it is always good to be a little cautious, but we should NEVER be so scared of what is new or out of our comfort zone that we block it off altogether...otherwise we could be resisting the very Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit...GOD!

After all, your pastor would NOT be saying Mass today or hearing confessions had the Holy Spirit not hit him over the head in a very 'charismatic' experience...I'd probably be an accountant, working to better myself solely, and running from the priesthood like a bad dream.

So next time you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to do something you know is good and right, although maybe a little uncomfortable, just throw your hands up in the air and jump in. I promise the Holy Spirit will take care of the rest.

ENJOY OUR BIRTHDAY TODAY!!! - Fr Rossi

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**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 9/3/17.** 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.

## News & Announcements:

**Sharing Sunday:** Is this weekend. There is a table downstairs to leave your donations this weekend! Please mark your calendars for **the next Sharing Sunday which will be July 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please bring nonperishable foods to be donated.

**Box Tops for Education:** Please continue to collect box tops for education. The K of C will continue to collect them for All Saints Catholic School. There is a small box in the basement where they can be dropped off.

**BLOOMING NOW!** Irises, Peonies, Roses, Lilies, Astillbe, Azaleas, Rhododendrons, and Aromatic Herbs. Please consider sharing your beautiful blooms with St. Patrick's so that we may decorate our altars each week for Mass! Timing is all important and your cut flowers may be dropped off in the basement before each weekend mass between (5:00-5:20pm) on Saturday and (10:15-10:35am) on Sunday. Thank you for adding to our worship celebration!

**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

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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.

## Church Support as of 5/28/17

### Weekly

Actual	\$3,182.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
Difference	(\$925.00)

### Year to Date

Actual	\$191,065.01
Budgeted	<u>\$197,199.00</u>
Difference	(\$6,133.99)

**Attendance for 5/27 & 28/2017:** 34/141

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