

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

March 18-19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

**\*\* Attention: On Saturday,  
March 25, Mass will be at 7:15  
p.m. On Sunday, March 26,  
there will be no nursery  
service.**

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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 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.

*Church Support as of 3/12/17*

## Weekly

Actual	\$3,875.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
Difference	(\$232.00)

## Year to Date

Actual	\$146,489.56
Budgeted	<u>\$152,022.00</u>
Difference	(\$5,532.44)

Attendance for March 11 & 12<sup>th</sup>: 31/175

## Message from our Pastor:

*I always laugh a little bit when I read about how the Israelites acted in the desert. I do not laugh at them in a derogatory way...rather I laugh at how perfectly they exemplify human nature in general...a human nature we all share.*

*The first reading said the Israelites "grumbled" against Moses. They were slaves in Egypt and God set them free by leading them out through many miracles and demonstrations of God's power. How amazing for God to help them in this way!*

*But how quickly they start to grumble when things get a little tough. Like I said, I'm not criticizing them per se, I just think it's amazing how much we are exactly the same today. People are people...as my grandfather likes to say.*

*God does many amazing things for us. How many blessings we have in our lives?!?!?! How much God spoils us with provisions, shelter, clothing, companionship, etc...jobs, hobbies, cars, nice weather....etc...not to mention the amazing faith He has invited us into...*

*And yet, if it's 2pm and we haven't eaten lunch yet, we get short, snippy. That blood sugar drops and look out...*

*Our nature is remarkably weak. God must look at us like we look at a newborn crying for milk.*

*When we keep this in mind, it helps us to be humble. And when we are humble, it makes it easier to encounter God.*

*I hope everyone is getting a little time during this Lent to sit back and reflect upon all the blessings God has given us. It will help us blow off the smaller inconveniences we all experience in life and will we have, overall, more peace and authentic joy. Just like it was for the Israelites, it is for us: it could be a whole lot worse...*

*-Fr Rossi*

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## News & Announcements:

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

### **Communal Lenten Penance Service**

Tuesday March 21st at 6:30PM at St John's.

**Sharing Sunday- APRIL 2nd:** How exciting it is to see an outpouring of help from our community on our first Sharing Sunday! Thank you! We would love to see more people get involved so mark your calendars for April 2<sup>nd</sup> to bring to mass with you non-perishable food to be donated to a local food bank in our community. Suggested items – canned goods, cereal, tuna, peanut butter, etc. A table will be marked in basement to leave these donations.

**Saint Francis Home – Easter Saturday:** Come join us Easter Saturday at St. Francis Home where we will be visiting residents for Easter. We are also asking that you make cards or even buy and sign cards for the residents to enjoy along with the candy we will be giving with them. Such a great way for individuals as well as families to be involved in this parish ministry. There will be a box in the church hall to leave your cards for the next few weekends. Please contact Eddie Baird or Heather Coleman if you have questions OR want to join on Easter Saturday 4/15. It is always a great experience and the residents really enjoy having visitors!

**32<sup>nd</sup> Irish Festival:** It is only a week away! We are still in need of volunteers so **if you haven't signed up please come to the basement there are volunteer signup sheets or do so using the link** <https://goo.gl/forms/k2NJZt8nmQjDO3Jw2>. We will have one last Irish Festival meeting and will be moving stuff from our storage shed to the church after that meeting next Sunday! So, we could use some extra hands then!

**Irish Festival Baked Goods:** Calling on all our bakers in the parish! Please consider donating a baked good item to our Bake sale at the Irish Festival. Popular items are: Cupcakes, cookies, bars, Irish Soda Bread, pie slices, and cake. Items can be dropped off on Thursday or Friday before the festival! Just come by the basement! Any questions contact Kathy Buttner!

**Raffle Tickets:** The Knights of Columbus are raffling off a chance to win tickets to the Nascar Cup race on 4/30/17 at the RIR. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. All proceeds benefit the good works & projects in our community of the Father James Scanlon Council of St. Patrick and St. John parishes. Drawing held on 4/23/17. Tickets available after mass each Sunday. For additional info please contact GK Eddie Baird.

**Charity Concert benefiting Feed the Hungry & Heal the Sick:** The Knights of Columbus are organizing a Charity Concert featuring Three Sheets to the Wind, a 70's and 80's tribute band, and Diamon Heist, a

Neil Diamond Tribute band. The concert will be on April 28th from 6-10 pm. For more information, or to purchase tickets, go to: [FeedTheHungry.TicketLeap.com](http://FeedTheHungry.TicketLeap.com)

**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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Please join the Bible Study Group during lent for Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at noon.

**NURSERY:** There will not be nursery for 10:45 mass Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> due to the Irish Festival.

**40 Days for Life:** Please join or parish members as they meet at Richmond Medical Center, 118 N. Boulevard) corner of Grove and Boulevard to pray as a group for about an hour on the following dates: Sat. March 18 at 11 - 12 noon; Wed. March 29 at 5 - 6 p.m.; and Sat. April 1 at 11 - 12 noon. We would love to have a respectable number of people from St. Patrick, please for any questions or more info call Jane Murphy at 267-1935.

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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.