

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

May 27-28, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Message from our Pastor:

Happy Sunday All!! And Happy Memorial Day!!!!

Monday is a special day in the United States, it is a day when the country remembers those who have given their lives in service, those who have died fighting to defend this country.

It is a very noble thing to sacrifice of ourselves for something greater than ourselves, for a purpose that is beyond us. Giving of our selves is the best definition of 'love.'

Giving = love...that is Christ...that is *Christian* love.

There is something inspiring about seeing a soldier. It makes you sort of straighten up, tighten up and show respect. This is good. This is the way it's supposed to be. The reason why is because of what the country celebrates on Memorial Day.

Memorial Day reminds us citizens that those men and women who choose to be soldiers, when required, will to lay down their lives for us. They are willing to die for us.

We may have disagreements about the country's political involvement in something, but those are questions on which soldiers do not base their decision when choosing to jump on a grenade or walk a midnight patrol. They give up freedom to give us freedom. They voluntarily sign up for it. And that's always in the back of our mind.

As such, we say thank you today along with all the citizens of our country to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice giving up their lives for us, and we pray for all those who are currently serving and would do the same...for us.

Thinking about soldiers makes me think of the priesthood. I always say that soldiers make great priests. They know how to take orders, they understand authority and obedience, and they understand the importance of discipline. All important aspects of living a faithful Christian life and especially a faithful life as a priest.

I attended an ordination of three young men to the transitional diaconate last weekend (that's the year before they are ordained priests) and watched as they put their foreheads on the marble of the Cathedral floor and asked for God's help before giving their hands to the Bishop and promising 'obedience to the Bishop and his successors.' It's always inspiring.

And while priests and religious, like soldiers, make a public promise to give up their lives for others, there is no difference in the call God has placed on all the baptized. The bible says "we are called to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim 2:3)...and when it says that, it was meant for all, lay and religious. We are all called to embrace obedience. We are all called to take up the discipline appropriate to Christian life.

And while no earthly compensation is worth the value of our entire lives, we lay down our loves nonetheless. We do this to attain the same reward the Lord experienced this Ascension Sunday, our entrance into Heaven.

-Fr Rossi

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.

News & Announcements:

REMINDER next weekend is Sharing Sunday- June 4th:

Please mark your calendars for June 4th to participate in Sharing Sunday. This is an opportunity for you to help others in need just by bringing with you to mass non-perishable food to be donated to a local food bank in our community (we will be giving to the St. Peter's Food Pantry). Suggested items – canned goods, cereal, tuna, peanut butter, etc. A table will be marked in basement to leave these donations.

Ordination Card: Deacon Miguel Melendez will be ordained into the priesthood on 6/3/17 @ 10:45 at the Cathedral. Please stop by the church hall and sign a card of congratulations for him. You may remember he was with us last summer & has visited us a few times through this year.

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 5/21/17

Weekly

Actual	\$2,308.75
Budgeted	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
Difference	(\$1,798.25)

Year to Date

Actual	\$187,883.01
Budgeted	<u>\$193,092.00</u>
Difference	(\$5,208.99)

Attendance for May 21-22, 2017: 16/161

G I V E I N G

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