

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 4-5, 2017

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Confession: Saturday: 4:30 pm or
by appointment.

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am



Welcome our newest members
Cameron Parker Walsh
& Samuel Kenneth Kontos
baptized this Sunday. Congratulations!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

Hello everyone and I hope you had a great week.

I would like to begin by first saying thank you very much to all the volunteers who donated their time, talent and treasure to take care of the poor at St John last week in the CARITAS program. It was a very beautiful event to witness and take part of. I am always impressed with the tenderness and care our volunteers have for these people they do not know. They treat them like they are their own children, a truly godly disposition. Thank you.

Secondly, I would like to remind everyone that Tuesday is election day and to please pray for our country and our government.

Last week we provided an information sheet of all the issues and the Catholic Church's position on the various issues. This week, we are providing a description of where the candidates stand on the various issues. Both of these sheets are put out by the Virginia Catholic Conference.

The Catholic Church does not directly support any candidate but expresses agreement and disagreement with candidates on where they stand on particular issues.

There are many issues to be considered when selecting a candidate. The dignity of the human person is to be respected. Evils such as abortion, euthanasia, in-vitro fertilization and embryonic research are all direct attacks to this. The principle of subsidiarity is to be embraced. This includes respect and protection of the human family as the building block of society. The common good is to be pursued so that decisions are made that provide the greatest economic and social benefit to the greatest number of people, especially to the elderly, to children and those living in poor conditions. Finally, we as Catholics believe in the principle of solidarity, that when any soul suffers, we all suffer, thus unjust oppression and the scourge of poverty and corruption must be eliminated.

That said, not all issues have equal weight. Certain rights are more fundamental, because they are the most basic and without them, no other issue is of consequence. The right to life is paramount among all these issues. No other issue matters to one who is deprived of the right to life. For one who is deprived of the right to life, they will not even be given the chance to have good or bad health care, good or bad schools, good or bad family life, good or bad government...none of that matters to that life because they have not been given the chance even to see the light of day. Furthermore, the direness of the issue of abortion is amplified by the sheer numbers at how common it is. Over 3,000 lives every single day in the United States are ended through abortion, that's 125 an hour. We often mourn, and rightly so, terrible events of death and horror in our country that involve 5, 10, or 50 lives that happen more and more frequently. But nothing is done to eliminate the most basic right, life, with such prevalence as abortion. Nothing.

So please remember that Tuesday is election day and people will be chosen to make decisions on our behalf. Please pray about this. Please pray for our country and for our leaders. I hope that one-day God will raise up leaders who we are happy to support and who are on God's side, who embrace God's values, and who fight for God's truth.

Fr Rossi

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2018 Sunday St. Joseph Missals: are now available for a minimum donation of \$3.00.

St. Patrick Christmas Concert All parishioners from St. John, St. Patrick, and St. Peter are invited to the annual St. Patrick Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 17th, at 4:00 pm. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for an afternoon of music celebrating the upcoming birth of the Savior.

Vocalists Needed – Christmas Concert - All musical parishioners are invited to participate in a special Christmas concert choir. We will rehearse 3 times before the concert on December 17th. The first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, November 14th, at St. John at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument, please contact Angie Pometto at 703-772-6866 or apometto@gmail.com.

Lectors Needed – Christmas Concert

This year's Christmas Concert will incorporate several Scriptural readings to tell the story of Jesus' birth. We need 3-5 lectors to share their gifts at this concert. Anyone interested in helping should contact Angie Pometto at apometto@gmail.com.

Thank you! The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who helped with collecting Coats for Kids for the month of October it was quite a success and we were able to help many children!

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars **the next Sharing Sunday which will be December 3rd**. Please bring non-perishable food items.

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 contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday during mass each month. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. **The next class will be held on 1/7/18 at 1pm in the parish hall.** If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

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SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.

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.

Bulletin: All bulletin submissions must be emailed to Michelle Dawson **the Tuesday prior by noon.**

