

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 1-2, 2016

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

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Message from our Pastor:

Hello all!

I hope everyone had a great week!

Fall is in the air. I love it! It's great running weather.

First I want to say thank you to the very generous parishioners at St Patrick who took it upon themselves to research, purchase and coordinate installation of the new sacristsy sink at St Patrick. It was very generous of them.

But more importantly it was a great example of the way to be with our parishes. No one asked them to make a contribution or to make this gift, they simply saw a need and used their own talents to fulfill the need. These Churches (St Patrick, St John, St Peter) belong to God but are given to us to be stewards of. As such, it is our responsibility to provide for the needs of the parish, both the spiritual needs and the material needs.

When we see something broke, WE should step up and fix it. When we see garbage on the ground, WE should pick it up. When we see something we don't like, WE should take initiative to make it better. This goes not just for physical/material things, but spiritual and worship items as well. If we cannot hear the lector, WE should practice and train to become good lectors. If we do not like the music, WE should get involved and help out the choir. If we are worried about the debt, WE should think of ways to contribute or fundraise. WE SHOULD GO TO CHURCH TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THESE PARISHES WONDERFUL EXAMPLES OF GOD'S LIFE AND PRESENCE. He certainly wants to make

them such, it is only the hardness of our hearts that could limit that.

So THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELP MAKES OUR PARISHES GREAT!!!

Second, I want to say a word about the feast day of today, it is the feast of the Guardian Angels. A couple words about angels.

Angels are a higher being than us. They are pure spirit (they are not limited by a material body as we are). They are personal creatures (they are not just a "piece" of God). They are immortal (they never die). There are very many of them and they are tasked with doing God's will. Each soul is assigned a personal angel to protect and guide them towards God's will, this is a Guardian Angel. Some people may have more than one guardian angel, especially if that person is tasked with an important task (like being the Pope).

They have been around since the beginning of time and will be here until the end.

We pray with the angels at Mass. They love to go to Mass and are always present at every Mass (even if there is only one or two people at Mass).

Because they are higher than us in their metaphysical makeup, the fact that they serve us, as lower creates, perfectly exemplifies God's way. God's way is simple: the greater serves the lesser. God's condescended in His Son to become a mere mortal. God is infinite and chose to be finite to serve humans. Angels are greater and serve us (who are lesser than they).

As such, if we want to 'act like God,' we also have to serve the lesser. We have to find those who are 'lesser' and spend ourselves for them. It usually requires us to condescend from our position, but when we do so, we actually mirror what God (and angels) do for us. If we are one of God's own, we will act thus.

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 November 13. 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@mbc.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.

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

BLESSING OF THE PETS: If interested in having your pet blessed we are invited to join St. John's Catholic Church in Highland Springs on October 9 at 2 PM (rain or shine) on the front lawn. All animals welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! To help at the St Patrick's Irish Coffee stand at **The Central VA Celtic Festival and Highland Games Saturday and Sunday Oct 22 & 23.** Must be 21 to make Irish coffee. A sign-up sheet will be downstairs in the church hall. This is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners outside church and have fun doing it! See Michelle Dawson or Heather Coleman.

40 Days for Life: From 9/28 through 11/6, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and to pray peacefully during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood at 201 N. Hamilton Street, Richmond, VA, 23221, for one or more hours during the 40-day prayer vigil, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Ann Niermeyer, 804-714-5170, atniermeyer@aol.com. All are welcome! To learn more visit www.40daysforlife.com

Faith Formation - Kathy Butner

Works of Mercy Study at St. Patrick: This 6-week study will begin on Wednesday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. If you are interested, please e-mail kathybuttner@hotmail.com as soon as possible. We are requesting a contribution of \$15 to cover costs. The study is especially important during this Year of Mercy. If you have any questions, please e-mail Kathy Buttner at the e-mail above.

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

Coat Drive: The Knight of Columbus will be collecting Coats for Kids the first two Sundays in October. (10/ & 10/9) Please consider a donation of a new or like new child's coat. Coats collected will

benefit local children in need. There will be a box in the social hall for collection.

Box Tops for Education: As school is about to start just a reminder that SPC along with the Knights of Columbus will collect "Box Tops for Education" for All Saints Catholic School. Every label collected the school receives 10 cents. That can really add up over time! Please collect and put in the small box downstairs by the mailboxes.

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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.

Church Support as of 9/25/2016

Weekly

Actual \$2,093.00

Budgeted \$4,107.00

Difference (\$2,014.00)

Year to Date

Actual \$41,705.54

Budgeted \$53,391.00

Difference (\$11,685.46)

Attendance for 9/24 & 25/2016: 50/_____