

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

March 12-13, 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 downstairs.

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 the SPC office or email Fred Powell: fmpjr2009@aol.com or Ryland Paxton: paxtonrl8229@mbc.edu.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month during Mass. Baptism class for new parents is held the second Sunday every other month at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. The next class is April 10. Contact Kathy Buttner if you are interested in attending the class and for scheduling your child's Baptism. Baptism information is on our website under the Sacraments tab. If you have additional questions, please contact the office

Today's Music:

Psalm 130:

"With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption"

Irish Festival: Come down for the last meeting before the festival after 10:45 mass in the kitchen! If you haven't signed up to volunteer sheets are downstairs to do so. If you are a baker SPC has a bake sale at the festival please consider making something for the festival bake sale and drop off at the church on Friday.

Message from our Pastor:

Hello.

A couple things I want to you be aware of going on around town.

Firstly and most importantly, confession. On Tuesday March 15 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm we will have priests available for confessions at St John in Highland Springs. There will be visiting priests as well. Every Saturday before the Mass, at 4:30pm, at St Patrick and St John, a priest is available for confessions. Monday through Friday, confessions can be made at St Peter at 11:45am, before daily Mass. On Good Friday, confessions will be heard at St Peter from noon until 3pm.

As such, there are tons of opportunities to go to confession before Easter. PLEASE GO!!! The Church makes it a requirement to go at least once per year...because it is good for us...like going in for your yearly physical.

The other events I wanted to mention have been highlighted in the bulletin, but I wanted to point out again and simply add that it is amazing what can be done when everyone pulls together to do something amazing for the Church.

At St John, we are continuing to have our Lenten fish dinners each Friday. We have had on recent Fridays over 250 guests per night come from the local community to share a meal. It has been a ton of work, but a wonderful success.

At St Patrick, we are preparing for our large annual event, the Irish Festival, which is sponsored and run by many people that attend Mass at St Patrick. Tens of thousands will come to Churchhill in just a week, with proceeds benefiting many local charities, including St Patrick Church.

At St Peter, hundreds of homeless are fed each week in our lunch program, a number which is expected to grow in the near future as we look to add an evening dinner.

We are a working people.

I encourage anyone and everyone to get involved in these events. There are plenty of opportunities to offer your talents in service to God. We would love to have your help in these events and in all the future events that we will be hosting and sponsoring. There is plenty of work to be done in the Kingdom. When we give of ourselves freely to work for God, we get the benefit of satisfaction from a job well done, and the confidence of knowing to whom we belong.

Hope you are having a wonderful Lent. -Fr. Rossi

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

Saturday evening mass on March 19th during the festival: will be at **7:30** not the usual 5:30 time.

Communal Penance Service: Will be at St. Johns on Tuesday March 15th at 6:30 pm.

March 16th at 6:30: Father Frank & Bryce would like to meet with all ministers involved in the Triduum. This includes Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, RCIA, and altar servers. We will walk through each day of the Triduum. Thank you for your service.

St John Lenten Dinners Our sister parish, St Johns in Highland Springs, invites you to enjoy a delicious Lenten Dinner every Friday during Lent from 5PM-7PM. The menu includes fried fish, baked fish, a special dinner, or a non- meat pasta. Beverages and homemade desert are included for only \$8. We hope you can join the fun.

Come celebrate Mass on the Feast of St. Patrick – March 17th at 9am. The Ancient Order of the Hibernians will be hosting the J.O. Carroll Memorial Breakfast afterwards.

Faith Formation - Kathy Buttner

Bible Study: Meets on Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Social Hall downstairs.

Stations of the Cross: Will be led by the Bible Study group throughout lent at St. Patrick on Thursdays at noon. Please join us.

40 Days for Life: During Lent a group of St. Patrick parishioners will be saying the rosary & prayers in front of the abortion clinic at the corner of N. Boulevard & Grove Ave. each Thursday at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to join in. Our hope is to change minds and save lives by just being present for an hour a week! Call Jane Murphy if interested - 267-1935

St Patrick Library - We have a cart in the social hall with books, DVD's, and CDs of Catholic/religious material. We invite you to take a look at the great materials donated by parishioners and take what you are interested in. You may pass the items on to others or return to the library after you are finished. Also, if you have items to donate, please feel welcome to.

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

St Francis Home Linen Drive - Thank you to all our parishioners who gave linens for the linen drive. The people at St. Francis Home are appreciative of your generosity. Your donations will be put to good use. Some of you have inquired about whether they have additional needs. At this time, they mentioned they can always use towels and washcloths. There is a picture on the bulletin board in the social hall from one of the deliveries

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.

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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.

Year to date budgeted: \$156,245.00

Year to date actual income: \$118,676.32

Current loss: \$37,568.68

February 20-21 attendance: 36/223