

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

June 11-12, 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:

The readings this weekend are all about one word: repentance!

Repentance is recognizing we have sinned and asking for forgiveness. King David was the Lord's anointed, the special chosen one to lead the people of God. But boy did he blow it. His desires got the better of him and led him down a road that ended in adultery, lying and premeditated murder! And this coming from the Lord's anointed!!!

Similarly, in the Gospel, the sinful woman with the alabaster jar, traditionally understood as Jesus' eventual friend Mary Magdalene, has a very checkered past.

Bad people who screw up, big time. And nevertheless, that is not the end of the story.

The reason why repentance is the name of the game is because repentance is what makes it possible for people, even in these most sinful and terrible situations to nevertheless become great workers and servants for God.

God is always more intent on a person converting from their sinful ways than he is on punishing someone because of their sinful ways. He always delights more in a person going from bad to good than he does in seeing someone suffer because they are doing wrong.

God delights in repentance because it instantaneously makes a person who formally fought against the Kingdom of God, now one of its fiercest warriors. This is not a great example but I'll

say it anyway...it's like a member of ISIS becoming a navy seal. That's the power of repentance.

But repentance requires 2 things. First and foremost, repentance requires a person to "own" their sin. In an age when people like to NOT call sin for what it is...instead we say "well that's just part of their personality" or we say "well everyone does it so it's not really that big a deal" or we say something like "but it's natural" or we say "we had no other choice."

WRONG!!! First of all, personality is one thing and sin is another...they are NOT the same. Second, even if everyone else is doing it that doesn't mean it's still not sinful... a whole society can be wrong on something. Third, human nature is good but wounded...so not everything we feel is good and right...some things we have to deny because they are unhealthy or disordered. Fourth, we ALWAYS have a choice...no one is every FORCED to sin...and even if someone tries to force you don't do it even if it results in you being killed...because you will go straight to heaven for standing up for what is right.

So we have to own our own sin. We have to name and call it for what it is and we cannot make excuses for ourselves. We certainly do not like it when someone else points out our sin, we usually want to punch them in the face...therefore we have to spiritually police ourselves. If we do not...it is likely no one will be able to.

Secondly, the second thing regarding repentance is that we have to recognize that God instantaneously forgives us the moment we repent and says to us "good work, keep going, I love and know you can do better." HE IS OUR MOST ENTHUSIASTIC COACH!

That's why he didn't kick King David to the curb after he messed up, or Mary Magdalene, or St Peter, or...

Repentance is a great thing. Without it, God's Army would be small indeed. But because of it, His forces span every nation, society, culture, family and individual human heart that turns to Him.

Amen. -Fr. Rossi

Weekly Budget: \$4,866.00

Collection week of 6/5/16: \$4,365.15

(includes E-giving for the week)

Weekly Loss/Gain 6/5/16: \$500.85

Year to date budgeted: \$219,503.00

Year to date actual income: \$166,853.67

Current loss: \$52,649.33

Attendance June 4-5: 29/161

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

Invitation: Please join Father Frank Wiggins in celebrating his 30th Anniversary Mass at St. John's Church Friday June 17th at 7pm. A reception will follow.

SPC Concert: Enjoy a concert June 12th at 3pm featuring 17-year-old pianist Gavin Coleman who will be playing the works by Chopin. A suggested donation of \$10 will be shared with St. Patrick. For more information, contact Bryce Miller.

Funeral Ministry: We are in search of a new lead of St. Patrick's funeral ministry, i.e., altar set up and break down for funeral masses. Generally, there is less than one funeral mass each month and your volunteer time is very minimal. Notification is usually three days in advance of the morning mass. Training is easy and includes practice and shadowing. Please reach out to Billie Keating @ (804) 347-7919 or bjk6269@comcast.net to chat about this important and necessary ministry.

Father's Day: After 10:45 mass on 6/19 we will be having a picnic lunch in the church hall to celebrate all Fathers! As well we invite you to bring flowers to adorn the altar of St. Joseph the Patron Saint of Fathers.

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

MCV Ministry: There will be another training session for Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic ministers on Wednesday June 15 at 7:00pm at St. Patrick's. We are off to a good start. Seven people showed up for the training and they are already seeing patients at MCV.

Children's Religious Education - Donna Baird

Religious Education Volunteers

Adult volunteers are needed to make Religious Education a success at St. Patrick! Please consider giving of your time and talent to the children of our Parish. No experience is necessary. See Donna Baird for more information or you can contact her at 804.888.3470 or donnahbaird@yahoo.com. Classes will begin in the fall.

SUMMMER TIME: Though our classes are over for the year, we will be making materials available to all children and their families in the parish to continue their Catholic studies through the summer. Our second set of materials in our series will be "Pope Francis' Five Finger Prayer" Please stop by today in the social hall to pick up a copy for your child

Faith Formation - Kathy Butner

Bible Study: For the summer Bible Study meets every other Thursday during the summer at 10:30 am in the Social Hall. We are discussing Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on Love in The Family. The books are available for \$12.00. The dates are June 16th and 30th, July 14th and 28, and Aug. 11th and 25th. All are welcome!

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.

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 at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. The next class will be held on July 10 and remaining classes this year will be the second Sunday of September and November. 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. If you have additional questions, please contact the office.

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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.