Saint Patrick Catholic Church April 2-3, 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.

Welcome to our newest members baptized this weekend Henry Arthur Broadhurst and Adelaide Marian Kontos.

Message from our Pastor:

I have a homework assignment for you this week. It will take you about 10 minutes. Go home. Find a Rosary. And pray this...it's called the Divine Mercy Chaplet. It goes like this.

- 1. Make sign of Cross
- 2. Say an "Our Father"
- 3. Say a "Hail Mary"
- 4. Say the Creed
- 5. Now, instead of saying the "Our Father" on each of the beads that you would normally say it if you were praying the Rosary, say instead "Eternal Father, I offer you, the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, and Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins, and those of the whole world"
- 6. Also, instead of saying the "Hail Mary" on the beads where you normally say the "Hail Mary" if you were praying the Rosary, instead say "for the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world"
- 7. You basically go through the whole Rosary and replace all the "Our Father" beads with the "Eternal Father..." prayer (which you will end up

saying 5 times total); and you replace all the "Hail Mary" beads with the "for the sake of his sorrowful passion..." prayer (which you will end up saying 50 times total.

- Then after you have gone through the whole rosary...all 50 beads or so...at the end you say "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." And you say that 3 times.
- 9. Make sign of Cross and done.

If you do that, you will have prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet. It is a wonderful prayer that the Lord has given us through his appearance to St Faustina in Poland in the 1900's. He appeared to her multiple times.

If we focus on the mercy of God, and think about it, we will have no choice but to grow more in love with God.

It only takes 10 minutes. Pray it when you drive. Pray it in the morning before you talk with anyone. Talk to Jesus first. I hope you are enjoying Easter still. We are still in it. Jesus' Resurrection is worth celebrating a whole lot more than just one day.

Love you and see you soon. - Fr. Rossi

<u>Visitation to the sick and homebound</u> – 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.

<u>The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</u> (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: <u>fmpjr2009@aol.com</u> 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

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

Lord, when did I see you hungry? St Patrick's, St. Peter's and St. John's are teaming together to feed our neighbors in need. If you would like to be a part of this effort, please contact, John Glynn: <u>john@leadminepond.com</u>. John will be heading up the St. Patrick's team of volunteers. One Wednesday each month we will be preparing food at St. Patrick's, delivering that food to St. Peter's, serving our guests and cleaning up afterwards. In this way we will encourage each other to live our faith.

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

Irish Festival - How good is God?!? I was amazed at many things this past weekend. I was amazed at how God listened to all the prayers and helped the weather hold off all weekend! I was amazed at how all that work got done when I never heard anyone giving instructions (it just got done). I was amazed at the potatoes...lots and lots of potatoes. I was amazed at the crowds. I was amazed the Pope showed up. But very very much, I was amazed at how hard everyone worked. I am very grateful to be with this community of so many dedicated servants who work to see the success of this event which helps the Church and many other good organizations. I can't wait till next year!!! -Fr. Rossi

SPECIAL THANK YOU: A special thanks to our lay ministers for the many hours they volunteered during Holy Week. They are sacristans, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, ushers, musicians, and the choir. Your participation made Holy Week services at St. Patrick's very special and memorable

Thank you to the Ladies from the Bible Study:

Thank you for cleaning the church for Easter Services. So much was done such as cleaning & shining the brass, the polished pews, and everything dusted. It looked wonderful for the celebration of the Easter Triduum. Thank you ladies for another job well done and for your service to St. Patrick.

<u>Thank you to all our talented bakers:</u> Huge thank you for all the wonderful & delicious treats donated for the bake sale. The generosity was remarkable & our customers were treated to great cookies, cupcakes, candy, and other goodies. Although our weather wasn't the greatest, we had a very successful sale!

ST. PATRICK EASTER FLOWERS IN HONOR/IN MEMORY OF:

Margaret & Leo Griffin, Susan Costa Chagnon, Kevin Williamson, Laurence Costa, Charles W. Fletcher, George Wilson, Elizabeth Meyer, J. D. Kiss, Cleo & Mariam Shaar Lee, Timothy Allen Spears, Gantt Family, The Olinger Family, and The Lovelan family <u>Mike Treadwell Appreciation Dinner</u> - the parish would like to honor our Building and Grounds Supervisor for his dedication and hard work at St. Patrick for over 12 years. We will have a dinner on **Friday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** in the social hall. All are invited. Mike just went through his second serious medical problem in the last couple of years and hardly missed a beat in keeping St. Patrick running smoothly. Of course, behind every good man is a good woman and Mike's wife, Tobie, is always by his side! Please call Jane Murphy if you would like to help with the dinner (267-1935) and mark this fun night on your calendar.

Faith Formation - Kathy Buttner

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

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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: \$170,843.00 Year to date actual income: \$130,928.35 Current loss: \$39,914.65 March 19-20 attendance: 54/405