

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

March 5-6, 2016

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

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Message from our Pastor:

I am always amazed in the confessional.

When I say that, you probably think, 'wow, I bet he hears some crazy stuff.'

When I say I am amazed in the confessional that is NOT what I mean. It is not that interesting. In fact, the sins people confess are not that interesting at all. All you have to do is turn on the nightly news, or watch one of these reality TV shows and you see what human nature is like. That's people. That's what people confess. Priests included.

What is amazing is this: how much people will fight internally with themselves, with their conscience, with their internal scenario-ing (coming up with possible outcomes) of why they should or why they should not go to confession.

They will fight and struggle within themselves that 'yes I should go...but no I can't because I'm too embarrassed...but I really feel awful.' And they go back and forth and back and forth.

And then finally, they get to the confessional and they get there and it's like a kid going to get a shot, they kicked and screamed and cried and begged mom and dad not to make them go, but when they finally go it's like a little pin prick and 5 minutes later they feel better than they have in a long time.

It's amazing. Human nature is a funny thing. Fear is a funny thing. It makes a big deal out of something that, is not supposed to be a big deal in that way.

It is a big deal because in a single instant a lifetime of sin is washed away. In an instant. But it is not a big deal like

the kid who is going to get a shot thinks it's a big deal. You just have to sort of 'get over' that hesitation and fear.

There are a couple things I can testify to. First, once it's over, everyone feels better. Some people may shed a few tears, as it can be hard to dredge up some old thoughts and memories and finally take ownership of stuff after 20, 30, 50 years, but when it's over, usually a few minutes, people are on the road to a deep healing and recovery. Second, the hardest part is getting there. We will think of every single excuse possible as to why we shouldn't go. Cars will run out of gas, we will get sick, traffic, blah, blah, blah, too busy, blah, blah. Third, you can go behind the screen and nobody knows who you are. I don't know voices (we hear a lot of confessions) and even when I walk into the confessional I keep my head down so I cannot see anyone in line. Fourth, the priest (at least I know I will and I don't know any who won't) will help you examine your conscience and help you with the procedural stuff (which is not that important anyway). And finally, and most importantly, you will be like a new baby in regards to sin. You will be forgiven of everything you confess and intend to confess (so long as you don't intentional hold back anything ☺...who in the heck would do that?!?!?!?).

It is Lent.

See you in the confessional...unless you go behind the screen...
- Fr. Rossi

Nursery: is available at our Sunday 10:45am mass every week downstairs in the social hall.

Confessions: Are offered each Saturday at 4:30pm in the confessional located at the front of the Church to the left...just come on in.

Today's Music:

Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

Year to date budgeted: \$151,379.00

Year to date actual income: \$114,581.82

Current loss: \$36,797.18

February 20-21 attendance: 44/183

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

Irish Festival: We will have meetings every Sunday after 10:45 mass. Join us! If you want to sign up to volunteer for festival signup sheets are down in the basement after mass.

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.

Tuesday Evening Faith Formation Lenten Series

Join Fr. Danny for video and discussion about Vatican II and the Year of Mercy, Tuesday, March 8 at 6pm at St. Peter. Topics will be the council's teachings on Social Communications/Media and ongoing reform and renewal in the Church. Please bring a snack/refreshment to share!

Stations of Cross March 11th at 7pm: Please come and participate in the Stations of the Cross along with our members of RCIA participants.

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.

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.

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 March 13. 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.

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.