

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

September 17-18, 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 have some great news!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

But first a word of thanks. THANK YOU to the merry men who helped move the furniture that was donated to the parish rectory. We had some very generous folks who donated almost a whole home of furniture (really nice stuff) to the parish to furnish the rectory once the reconstruction of the rectory is complete. Thank you for your generosity and thank you very much to the guys who helped with the move, including utilizing your trucks. Thank you!!!

Just a word on the rectory – we are still in the permit process. It is sssslloooooowwwwwww. But we have a very good builder who is working as fast as possible. But you can only push the city so fast...

Finally, the good news. We have hired a new music coordinator!!!!

Her name is Angela (Angie Pometto). She is a perfect fit!!!

She has a master's degree from Notre Dame and a received her undergrad education at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

She currently works for the Office of Evangelization at the Diocese. She is the Associate Director for Youth and Young Adults. She will take on this role as our music minister in addition to her role at the Diocese.

We are very lucky to have someone with her talents and experience. In the past, she has been a music director, a worship leader, a music directory for youth choirs, a praise and worship team coordinator, a director of youth and young adult ministry and a lead pianist. She is going to be wonderful, especially at getting our youth involved in music and worship!!!

She will cover both St John and St Patrick, leading the music program at both parishes. She starts the weekend of September 24/25.

One item of change related to St John. For the time being, we will be transitioning to a low Mass for the Saturday night vigil Mass. This means that, for the time being,

beginning September 24th, there will be no music at the St. John Saturday vigil Mass. As such, for both St Patrick and St John, the Saturday vigil Mass will be, what I have referred to, as a 'low' Mass. Mass will be the same as usual, except that it will be all spoken and there will be no music. Sunday Masses will remain the same and eventually expanded in regards to the choir and music provided. Don't worry, even though there is no music, Mass still 'counts.' And as I have said, some folks prefer this type of Mass, which is often experienced as more peaceful and prayerful. Silence is a very important part of prayer and communing with our Father.

In regards to this change to the Saturday evening Mass at St John or St Patrick, please come to me with any questions. Please give me directly any feedback, whether you like it or whether you do not. I will consider your feedback and the feedback of all, as well as the other factors to consider, such as limited resources, and reconsider this decision in a little while once we have had time to feel it out.

As I have said, I will say again, music is very important to the worship of God. And we are committed to having excellent music in our parishes. But at the same time, resources are limited. If having music at the Saturday evening Masses is something that parishioners prefer to reinstitute, and use their resources for, then it is simple to bring music back to one or either of the Saturday evening Masses for St John or St Patrick. We can change back easily if that is what we decide. But I think it will be good to try this out and see what we like. Additionally, I will say that it is not uncommon for smaller parishes with limited resources, such as ours, to have one of their Masses be a 'low' Mass, that is, a Mass without music.

*Angie will be a wonderful addition to our parishes. I feel that God's hand is involved in this and so I trust it will be excellent. Have a great week everyone. Please pray for our parishes. And know that we always pray for our people, for their families and their loved ones. Peace!!!!
- 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: fmprj2009@aol.com or Ryland Paxton: paxtonrl8229@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.

Catechetical Sunday: Today, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday and will focus on the theme "Prayer: The Faith Prayed." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Here at St Patrick the following catechists will be commissioned to share the faith of the Church with the adults, families, youth, and children of the parish this year: **Donna Baird, Mallory McCune, Kathryn Gaines, Erika Lentini, Ryland Paxton, Donna Paxton, Fred Powell, Kathy Buttner, Anne McMillian and Dawne Gulla.**

Faith Formation - Kathy Butner

Works of Mercy Bible Study – Registration Form

Available: This blessed Year of Mercy will end in November, but, it is still timely to learn more about God's mercy and how we can be more merciful. How have you celebrated this year of Mercy? Are you ready to learn how you can incorporate the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in the rest your life? St. Patrick will be sponsoring a 6-week study for St. Patrick, St. Johns, and St. Peter based on the book, You Did It to Me, by Fr. Michael Gaitley. Studies will be held at St. Patrick on Wednesday night starting October 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. Classes will also be held at St. Johns in Highland Springs on Tuesday night starting Tuesday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. Please email Kathy Buttner at kathybuttner@hotmail.com with questions.

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

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.

Thank You - *I would like to thank all who came to the farewell lunch last Sunday, all those who prepared the food and drink, and all those who offered the many generous cards and gifts which I received. A special thanks goes out to all the musicians I have worked with, both past and present, whose talent, dedication and commitment have made the ministry what it is. I am very grateful for being able to serve at a church with such an awesome and inspiring community for the past eleven years. God bless Saint Patrick's!*
- Bryce Miller

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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 9/11/2016:

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$2,660.06
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$1,446.94)

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$37,630.63
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$45,177.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$7,546.37)

Attendance for 9/10 & 11/2016: 23/192