

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

February 17-18, 2018
First Sunday of Lent

Mass times:

Saturday at 5:30pm & Sunday at 10:45am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment.



Church Support as of 2/11/18

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$3,485.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	\$736.00

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$119,103.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$135,072.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$15,969.00)

Attendance for 2/10/18 = 30 and 2/11/18 = 173

Thank you all who continue to keep up
with your increased offertory pledge.

It is making a big difference.

Also, please be sure to keep it coming, our
bills aren't getting any cheaper.

Thank you greatly!!! - Father Rossi

Message from our Pastor:

Remember you are dust and you will return to dust.

Those are welcoming words of Lent.

We are going to die. We are made up of dust and will eventually turn back into that dust.

But do not be sad. Do not be down. You are not without hope. You are not without the wonderful prospect of restoration in Christ.

Death can be such a sad thing. We as Christians can deal with it, but it is still hard. Without Christ, death is irreconcilable.

Christ turns death 'on its head.'

You see, death for a non-believer is the end of the party. It's the 'last call' of a great evening. It's when the ride is over and you have to get off. That stinks.

But for the believer, the believer has lived a different sort of life. The believer has not excessively partaken of those delights of the party. They have withheld, been moderate, and kept their passions in check.

That's why for the believer, death is the great release. Death for the believer is freedom from having to deal with the troubles of being sick. Death for the believer is freedom from the temptations they have been fighting against their entire lives. Death for the believer is getting off of work on a Friday night and having a 3-day weekend ahead of you...better yet...it's like getting off of work on a Friday of the last week of your work before you retire. That's a pretty good feeling.

Lent is time to step back and regain our focus. As Christians, as believers we are not supposed to live like non-believers. We have a different perspective on life and on death and it should be evident in how we live. If it is not, we need to take advantage of the graces of Lent to reorder things.

I hope your Lent is off to a good start, that you are praying more, fasting more, and giving more.

Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Do it!!! - We have extended confessions hours for all of Lent. 30 minutes before and after EVERY Saturday and Sunday Mass! Go! Go! Go! It will make you feel better and love God more! - Father Rossi

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please join us at St. Patrick each Thursday at noon for the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Are you ready for Lent? Dynamic Catholic has a daily Lenten reflection beginning on Ash Wednesday called Best Lent Ever. These reflections are an excellent way to stay tuned in to Lent on a daily basis. Go to: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars **the next Sharing Sunday which will be March 4th.** Please bring non-perishable food items.

Irish Festival: There will be an Irish Festival meeting after Sunday mass in the basement. Please join us if you can. Volunteer signup sheets on tables in basement! Please sign up to volunteer! Opportunities to make treats for the bake sale are available and more details to come.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): An RCIA class will be starting at SPC. Anyone interested is welcome to join the class. Adults wishing to learn more should contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton

Men: Are You Ready to Accept the Challenge?

Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protection of families, service to others and to defend our values. For over one hundred years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families. Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process.

As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including tens of thousands here in Virginia, who stand together.

Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer?

Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, Council 6936.

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Three (3) more classes will be held during 2018. The dates are as follows: April 15; July 1; and October 7. If you are interested in attending a class and scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby.



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SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.

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.

