

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 22-23, 2017

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Confession: Saturday: 4:30 pm or
by appointment.

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

Yesterday (Saturday) was the feast day of St. Mary Magdalene.

It is a big day. The Pope loves Mary Magdalene.
Many saints love Mary Magdalene.

Why?

Because everybody has a little Mary Magdalene in them.

Mary Magdalene lived a tough life. She made some serious mistakes. Deep down inside her, there was some real need for healing.

But Mary Magdalene knew where to go for that healing. In fact, she became one of the Lord's best friends and most devout followers.

Why? Because as the scriptures say, the one who had been forgiven much, loves much. Mary Magdalene loved the Lord very much because she knew the depths of her depravity. She knew the depths of the wickedness that resided within her. She knew she needed help.

But she also knew that Jesus knew about that wickedness inside of her. She knew that he was

completely aware of it and loved her just the same. She knew that there was forgiveness for her even beyond whatever evil might have been inside her.

And that made her very, very, very loyal. She was so loyal to Jesus because, in spite of her undeservedness, he was even more loyal to her.

The lesson for us is never to run from the evil inside. (p.s. it is there). We never have to run from it but rather it should be the occasion to love God more, who wipes away our sin when we go to him seeking help to change.

Obviously, people go wrong when they say, 'because God loves me so much and accepts who I am, I could do whatever I want.' That is obviously ridiculous. After all, Mary Magdalene stopped the sins she was committing. Otherwise it would have been presumption of God's mercy.

But it is right for us to say, 'because God loves me so much, I would never want to betray that love by returning to any type of life or activity that He does not accept.' These words characterize the sentiments of Mary Magdalene as evidenced by her change in lifestyle subsequent to her encounter with God's mercy.

Mary Magdalene is hope for a world in need. Is there anyone who cannot relate to St. Mary Magdalene?

Fr Rossi

COMMUNION MEDITATION SONG:

Sanctuary

"Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You"

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Women, Wine and the Word: We are excited to announce something new here at St. Patrick and are inviting all women to join us on Friday July 28th from 6.30 - 8.30 in the social hall for an evening of fellowship and discussion on a great topic "The women in Jesus' life "& enjoy some wine during our time together. Please bring a light snack or wine to share. Please let Donna Baird know if you plan to attend at 804.888.3470 or at donnahbaird@yahoo.com.

Volunteers Needed for a Morning of Cleaning: Help is needed to assist with parish cleaning day. It will be held on 8/5/17 from 9am – 12:30pm. The focus will be on the social hall and kitchen. Pizza lunch will be served for volunteers. Let Eddie Baird know at 804-986-2898 if you can help out. What a great way to get involved in the parish!

THANK YOU: Blind Squirrel Charitable would like to thank everyone from St. Patrick's Church and the Irish Festival for their help in making the 2016 Celtic Festival and Highland Games a success! Because of everyone's hard work we were able to donate \$125,000 to the Cullather Brain Tumor Quality of Life Center, \$10,000 to LINC and \$15,000 to the Irish Festival/St. Patrick's Church! Hope to see everyone at this years Games, to be held October 28 and 29. - Mark & Stokes

Nursery Workers: As our parish grows we need more nursery workers during the 10:45 mass. You do not have to have young children to help out. Even though we have moms and grandmas helping in our nursery those who love children are encouraged to volunteer! Please consider this important ministry. Contact Jane Murphy (804) 267-1935.

PHOTO ESSAY: A photo essay is being done for the Diocese to be used in a coffee table type book on the history of the parishes. They are looking for old pictures of the church and some of its activities. Each parish will be allowed a maximum of 20 pictures. Pictures can be scanned and emailed to Barbara Simons at stpeterchurch2@aol.com.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars for **the next Sharing Sunday which will be August 6th.**

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 Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held at mass the first Sunday of the month. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. **The next class will be held on 9/3/17 at 1pm in the parish hall.** If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

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.

Bulletin: All bulletin submissions must be emailed to Michelle Dawson the Tuesday prior by noon.

CHURCH SUPPORT AS OF 7/16/17

Figures not available at the time of this writing