

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 18-19, 2017
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times:

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

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment.

Rosary:

Sunday at 10:10am



EVENTS DURING ADVENT

COMMUNITY Penance SERVICE

DECEMBER 5 6:30 PM
**this will be at St. John

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
DECEMBER 8 7:00 PM

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
DECEMBER 17 at 4pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
DECEMBER 24 at 6:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
DECEMBER 25 at 10:45 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL
DECEMBER 31 at 5:00 PM



CHURCH SUPPORT AS OF 11/11/17

Weekly

Actual	\$5,611.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
Difference	(\$1,390.00)

Year to Date

Actual	\$65,846.00
Budgeted	<u>\$80,199.00</u>
Difference	(\$14,353.00)

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

There is one thing that we all need in our lives in order to celebrate Thanksgiving this upcoming week.

Thanksgiving is a great day. I love the turkey. My mom makes it once a year.

But that is not the thing that we need in order to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Some people like sweet potatoes. I just think they are ok. Some people put marshmallows on them. I think that is strange...personal opinion. But whether you love them or not, they are not what you need to celebrate thanksgiving.

Stuffing. My mom makes her own...the whole bit...gets the bread from the bread store, dries it out, etc...it is amazing...especially the partially burnt stuff. But you don't even need stuffing in order to celebrate Thanksgiving.

One thing I really like about Thanksgiving is the chance to see family. I know this can be a hard time for some folks because they have lost family members and it really hurts around the holidays. But as a matter a fact, you don't even need family to celebrate Thanksgiving.

But there is one thing that you absolutely must have to celebrate Thanksgiving...to celebrate it with meaning – to actually experience a sentiment of feeling thankful.

You need TIME TO REFLECT.

It's amazing how much time we can spend working, being busy trying to accomplish things, but all the while our life can pass quickly by without us taking the time to reflect upon how much we have been given and how blessed are our lives...in which case we never feel thankful.

We need time to reflect upon our lives in order for us to recognize the gifts, blessings and graces we have received. Only after we have had time to reflect will we feel genuinely thankful (that is why having a prayer life all year long and every day is essential to having an attitude of gratitude...because it slows us down to reflect). No time for reflection = no thankfulness.

Thanksgiving is all about feeling thankful for what we have been given, most especially by what we have been given by God (the bible says every good and perfect gift comes from God).

Feeling thankful is the only thing that must be there in order to celebrate Thanksgiving. - Fr Rossi

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Appalachian Giving Tree: The Knights of Columbus is collecting Christmas gifts for Appalachian families living in the poorest part of Virginia where the need is great. We will be collecting gifts for four families this year. Please consider taking a tag off the tree that will be in the vestibule the next 3 Sundays and wrapped gift with tag attached **must be returned no later than 12-3-17**. Any questions please contact Eddie & Donna Baird at 804.346.9476 or at donnahbaird@yahoo.com.

Saint Peter's Food Pantry can use our help: The food pantry at St. Peter's is getting low. Please bring non-perishable items for the pantry and there will be a table in the basement for collection! Thank you!

St. Patrick Christmas Concert Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 17th, at 4:00 pm. Join us for an afternoon of music celebrating the upcoming birth of the Savior. Lector's are still needed as we incorporate the story of Jesus' birth in to the program. Please contact Angie Pometto at apometto@gmail.com

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars **the next Sharing Sunday which will be December 3rd**. Please bring non-perishable food items.

Communal Penance Service: Mark your calendar for our Communal Penance Service, Tuesday, December 5th, 2017 at 6:30 PM at St John's.

SENIOR Trip - Illuminate Light Show at Meadow Event Park- Tuesday Dec 12 - Leaving the church at 6:30 PM. Contact Heather Coleman to confirm your space.

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

Communion Meditation Song:

"How Beautiful"

How beautiful the hands that served, the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

Refrain

How beautiful. How beautiful. How beautiful, is the Body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that choose to forgive and never despise.

Bridge

And as he laid down his life, we offer this sacrifice.
That we will live, just as he died, willing to pay the price.
Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant bride who waits for her groom with his light in her eyes. How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives so that others may live.

How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.



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.

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 contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday during mass each month. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. **The next class will be held on 1/7/18 at 1pm in the parish hall.** If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.