

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

May 19-20, 2018
Pentecost

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.



Message from our Pastor:

*Happy Birthday!!! Today is the birthday of the Church!!!
Today is Pentecost!!!*

Today God poured out the Holy Spirit on the Apostles gave them the ability and courage to follow Christ with all they had even to the point of death. Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit is a bit mysterious. Some might say it is the hardest of the 3 Persons of the Trinity to relate to.

There are probably a few reasons for that but let me give you one.

Let me do so by referencing a verse from the Bible. "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." John 3:8

The key part of that verse to focus on regarding the Spirit is that, like the wind, it blows wherever it pleases.

In order to understand the Spirit it requires that a person give up control, because the wind blows wherever it pleases.

Have you ever tried to control the wind? Good luck. It doesn't work. That's the way it is with the Holy Spirit. You cannot control it. It does what it wills. That means if a person wants to get along with the Holy Spirit, they need to know how to be lead...they need to follow.

It's like dancing when you are letting the person you are dancing with lead. If you both try and lead you will end up stepping on each other's toes and it won't be pretty. Or it's like flying a kite. You cannot fly a kite against the wind. You have to go with the wind and let it fill your kite to move it.

So it is with the Holy Spirit. You have to go with it and not against it. You have to let it be in control. I think that for some people, this may not be too difficult. But for others, possibly most, it is difficult. Why? Because we love control. We love to be in control. Especially when it comes to important things and things we really care about, we protect our control because we believe that if things are not as we like then we cannot be happy. And we want, all of us, desperately, to be happy.

And so we have trouble dancing with the Spirit because we want to control it. One good thing about old age is that after a lifetime of stepping on toes, you learn how to follow. You learn how to dance with the Spirit. You learn how to be lead. You become a little more docile to it.

Have a great Pentecost today. God does seemingly impossible things with the power of the Holy Spirit. Learn to dance and He will do it through you too. - Fr Rossi



Church Support as of 5/13/18

Weekly

Actual	\$3,254.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
Difference	-\$967.00

Year to Date

Actual	\$171,734.00
Budgeted	<u>\$194,166.00</u>
Difference	(\$22,432.00)

Attendance for 5/12/18 = 35 and 5/13/18 = 227

News & Announcements:

Thank you: Special thank you to the Wolpert family and especially to Cynthia for the peonies that graced our altars last weekend (5/12,13). It is always special to have home grown flowers at St. Patrick's.

Thank you: Special thank you to all those who made our Mother's Day brunch a special event for all our mothers. Thank you.

Volunteers: Please consider volunteering to help with assisting with set-up & clean-up following our Sunday after mass refreshments. If interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Eddie Baird at 986.2898.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars.....the next Sharing Sunday is June 3rd. Please bring non-perishable food items. A table will be in the basement for collection.

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

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. **Two more classes will be held during 2018.** The dates are as follows: 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.

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.



Mailing address:

St. Patrick's Church,
813 West Nine Mile Road, Highland Springs, VA 23075
Office Phone number: 804-737-8028

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.

Communion Meditation Song

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Refrain

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour



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