

Saint Patrick Catholic Church



October 20th & 21st, 2018
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times:

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

Nursery is available during 10:45 mass.

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

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



Collection for Disaster Relief:

With so much taking place at mass last weekend we did not take up the collection for disaster relief. This weekend after communion a second collection will be taken up during the announcements. This collection will be for the humanitarian, long term recovery & church needs arising from the recent storms. Funds will be used in response to Hurricane Florence & other natural disasters that may occur this year. Please make your checks to St. Patrick Catholic Church w/ a memo that it is for 2018 Disaster Fund.

Message from our Pastor:

Thank you to everyone who participated in our prayer vigils at the abortion mill Planned Parenthood last week. It was a great success. I heard more than one report of folks reconsidering and deciding against having an abortion due to our presence. You are life savers.

I have some other very good news as well. Our own Bishop, His Excellency Barry Knestout, is going to be leading a prayer vigil at the abortion mill on Tuesday October 23rd at 830am. We will gather then and pray the Rosary, led by our chief shepherd, our Bishop. Please come and pray. How awesome it is that our own successor to the Apostles is going to come out and fight the spiritual battle to end the greatest evil happening in our world today!

I must say that in my experience of protesting and praying in front of abortion mills, it is always an exhilarating experience. When you stand there and prayer, you are a spiritual lightning rod. You are the conscience that ticks the minds of those who work there, of those who are having or considering having abortions, and of those who drive by. You can tell because a lot of people honk their horns and yell things...half are supportive, and half hate us.

But I can tell you the ones who love us the most are the ones who are given a chance to be born. And I am sure God is pleased with our efforts even in the times when our voices are not listened to because we tried to be the voice of those who cannot fight for themselves.

Additionally, just an fyi that all the priests of our diocese gathered this week for our annual priest meeting. We all meet once per year to gather for prayer and renewal of our priestly promises. So please remember your priests in your prayers (I know you do). And as always, please pray especially that young men and women who God is calling to follow Him by giving up their entire lives as priests and religious will have the courage to say YES.

Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Celtic Games: SPC will be selling their famous Irish Coffee again this year at the Celtic Games at RIR on October 27th-28th. Please sign up after Sunday mass for shifts. Please consider helping. All money raised goes back to SPC! What a great way to give back but also to come out make new friends & enjoy fellowship. Contact Michelle at mjmvvcu@aol.com if you need more details or want to sign up.

Coats for Kids: The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual drive for coats for kids. During the month of October, please consider a donation of a new or clean and usable child's winter coat. All the coats collected will benefit local children in need. A donation box will be set up in the church hall.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars now for the next Sharing Sunday which is **November 4th**. Remember your non-perishable food items. A Sharing Sunday table will be in the basement for collection.

Walk for Life: I will again be walking for the Walk for Life this year. The Walk for Life campaign is sponsored by the Pregnancy Support Center for the Tri-Cities, Inc. The Tri-Cities Pregnancy Center includes Petersburg, Hopewell, & Colonial Heights. This walk is two miles and takes place on Saturday October 27 at 10:00am. I would appreciate it if you would sponsor me in this walk. The proceeds from the walk enables the center to offer services to both young men & women, such as counseling, and support of their pregnancy. Starting the weekend of 10/6-7 there will be someone at the end of mass collecting money for this very importance cause. Thank you very much for you past support and may God bless you. -Father Wiggins

Please, Save the Date! Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held at St. Patrick on Sunday, December 9th, 2018 from 3:30 to 5:00pm. Admission to the concert is free, but please consider bringing a donation of non-perishable food or new baby items to benefit those in great need in our community.

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): 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. 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.