

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church



December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**Christmas**

**Mass times:**

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

**Solemnity of Mary 1/1 at 10am**

**Nursery is available during 10:45  
mass.**

**Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am**

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



## Message from our Pastor:

Merry Christmas everyone!!!

Today is the greatest day of joy for the human race!!! Today the world has been given a Savior!!!

Jesus Christ is the center of our faith. He is our Hope. He is the solution to every problem. He is the answer to all our prayers and to every longing of the human heart.

We as humans have an unquenchable desire inside our hearts that is also infinite in its demands. And the only thing that can fill that unending hole, that bottomless pit, is the Savior who is born for us today.

Drink in the glory of this miraculous day!

I would like to extend a special welcome to any guests we may have with us this weekend. I know we usually get some guests at Christmas time.

To you, I would like to offer a word of encouragement to consider making a renewed commitment to God during this upcoming year, especially if you have been away.

There is not an aspect of your life - your relationships, your job, you kids, you habits - that will not improve if you commit in a more significant way to God in this upcoming year. God makes everything better. God's will in your life will make your life better, from bad to good, from good to better, and from better to great.

If there is any way we can help you in your commitment to God, please do not hesitate to reach out to us for help. Please email me or any of us at the parish (ginopaulrossi@hotmail.com).

If you are divorced and need help seeking the possibility of an annulment, contact us. You will be glad you did. If you need your babies baptized, contact us, you will be glad you did. If you need Confirmation, first Holy Communion, if you NEED TO GO TO CONFESSION, contact us, you will be so glad you did. I have never heard someone regretting taking the initiative and finally doing these things that weight on folk's conscience. That's God's voice speaking to you. Listen!

Finally, to our faithful tried and true folks who keep our parish alive, active and a place where God becomes sacramentally present, I want to say a very heartfelt word of thanks. You, the faithful, who attend each week, who support our parish financially, who give your time and use your talents in service to this parish and indeed the Kingdom of God, thank you very much. Your sacrifice is testimony of your love and devotion to God and His Church, and that is a beautiful thing. Here we truly do the work of God, and you make it possible for His work to get done. Thank you!!!

I hope you all have a great Christmas. And I hope this new year is a year of growth and renewed commitment to the most important thing in the whole universe, God, and His Son born for us today, Jesus Christ. - Father Rossi

## News & Announcements:

**Offertory Envelopes:** The 2019 sets of offering envelopes with your name in alphabetical order are and you wish to use envelopes, please call the office and they will gladly furnish you a set.

**Sharing Sunday:** Mark your calendars now for the next Sharing Sunday which is **January 6th**. Remember your non-perishable food items. Table in basement for drop off.

**Baptisms** - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Upcoming class dates are 1/6, 3/31, 7/7, and 10/6. If you are interested in attending a class or scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby.

**Diocesan News:** Following the listening sessions held throughout the diocese in October, Bishop Knestout renewed his commitment to leading the Diocese with transparency, faith and direct action. A webpage has been created to help the faithful stay informed of the diocese's response to the present crisis in the Church. A video interview with Bishop as he answers the faithful's most frequently asked questions, a timeline of actions taken within the diocese to address the crisis, and resources to learn how Bishop Knestout is answering the call for accountability is available at [www.richmonddiocese.org/dioceseresponse](http://www.richmonddiocese.org/dioceseresponse).

**THANK YOU** - I wanted to a huge and very sincere thank you to a few groups of folks who have really stepped up lately to sacrifice and work for our parish. First, I want to say a big thank you to Katie Goodloe and all the wonderful musicians who put in all the time and effort to make for a beautiful Christmas concert this year. It was lovely and their dedication to perform in spite of the bad weather was awesome. I really enjoyed the event. Thank you! Second, I want to say a big thank you to all the folks who came to St Patrick last Saturday to make our parish so clean and beautiful. I am always amazed to see the great level of dedication and personal care that our parishioners here show for the parish. Thank you for treating this parish like your own home. It is well cared for. Third, thank you to all who worked for making the Appalachia gift program work so well and who put in the work to organize our Christmas breakfast. These programs really set us up and help prepare the parish for the coming Christmas season. So, thank you for your sacrifice. Fourthly, thank you to all who make the environment so beautiful in our parish, with decorations, flowers and all the setup that goes into making the Church ready for the coming of our Savior. He is worthy of it and I grateful for your service to Him! Finally, to everyone else who helps make St Patrick a wonderful parish, lectors, greeters, volunteers, and many many others who I am unfortunately failing to mention, thank you very very much. God sees your efforts and I know He is pleased with all your hard work. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! Fr Rossi

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