

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Seventh 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.**



## Message from our Pastor:

Today I want to give you the message to BE PROUD OF YOUR FAITH!

I know it can be discouraging at times to be Catholic for a number of reasons. First there is the general dislike that the current culture has toward our morals and beliefs. After all, bigotry toward Catholics is the last acceptable bigotry as far as the world is concerned...what that means is that the world has come a long way to root out bigotry toward many groups, but it is still perfectly acceptable to make fun of and mock Christians and especially Catholics.

Secondly it can be discouraging being Catholic because of the bad stuff that happened in the Church in the past. In fact, I know you have friends or family who look at you cross-eyed when you tell them (if you tell them) you are Catholic because of recent headlines.

This is difficult. I know. I stick out like a sore thumb when I go out in public.

But what does Jesus say today to do in face of the mockery? He says turn to that person and offer the other cheek. When you are mocked or feel embarrassment because of your faith or because you are following God as a Catholic, simply stand boldly in front of your persecutors and turn the other cheek.

I tell you today to be proud of your faith because there is no way you will be able to turn the other cheek unless you are entirely and absolutely convinced that your faith is the purest, holiest and truest religion God has ever given to human kind.

You have to be convinced. You have to be head over heels sold out for our faith. You have to be all in.

If you're not, you'll cave. And when you cave you will feel remorse and that feels terrible.

But if you are proud of your faith, if you love the faith God has given you, if you believe wholeheartedly in our religion, then you will stand strong in spite of any challenge even if someone should strike you on the cheek.

I think about the accounts of martyrdom of many saints and how the writers always describe a look of serenity on the face of those being killed for their faith.

Don't you want to have that serenity? It makes you invincible!

If you do, then always, always, always be proud of your faith. Our faith is perfect, pure and unable to be defiled. We the people may screw up and certain do often, and because we do we are patient with the screw ups of others. But our faith is holy, perfect and pure because it flows out of the heart of God.

So be proud today! Be thankful today! You are part of the holiest, purest and most visible manifestation of the Kingdom of God on earth, the Catholic faith! - Fr Rossi



## Church Support as of 2/17/19

### Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$2,146.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$3,981.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$1,835.00

### Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$96,747.64
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$135,354.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$38,606.36

**Attendance: 2/16/19 = 37     2/17/19 = 139**

## News & Announcements:

**Irish Festival:** Our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Festival will be held the weekend of **March 23-24<sup>th</sup>**. We are having planning meetings after Sunday mass in the basement. **Please join us!** A great way to meet people in the parish especially for our new parishioners! **We will also have signup sheets for volunteering** downstairs after mass. Please consider giving your time for this great cause!

**BAKERS:** Calling all bakers in our parish, please consider making something for the SPC bake sale table! Festival Goers look forward to our home-made treats so please consider donating something! A great way if you can't volunteer at the festival to still be involved! Baked goods can be dropped off Thursday & Friday the week of the festival. (Contact person Kathy Buttner)

**Message from Father Frank:** I have been approached by several parishioners to lead a Bereavement Group at St. John's. A Bereavement group is helpful & therapeutic in working through the death & dying of a loved one. If you have experienced a death either in your family or know of someone who is dying; this group would be very helpful to you. **Sessions will be held Thursdays at 10 am in the conference at St. Johns. They will start March 7<sup>th</sup> & continuing for 8 weeks.** The last session will be 5/9. A signup sheet will be in the meeting hall and if you have any questions please call Fr. Frank at 1-804-737-8028.

**Brunswick Stew:** The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Brunswick Stew sale on Saturday 3/2/19. Stew is \$8.00 a quart being sold on a first come first serve basis. A sign-up sheet will be in the social hall beginning 2/17. Those who sign up will be assured of getting the Stew in the event of an early sell out. If it isn't sold out extras will be available after mass on 3/3. For additional details or to reserve stew you can email Eddie Baird. Thank you for your support.

**Mark your Calendars:** The next Sharing Sunday which is **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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 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.

**A Year of Prayer for Our Priests:** Knights of Columbus Council 6936 has committed to a year of prayer in solidarity with our priests. Individual masses will be said for Father Rossi, Father Ernest and Father Frank. We would like to ask the members of our parishes to join with us & commit to praying a rosary, or other form of prayer at least once each month for our priests. Please pray for our priests and let's let them know we stand with them.

**Help me please!** I need someone to please step up and volunteer to be our funeral coordinator at St Patrick. If you currently already know your way around the sacristy that would be great or if you currently distribute Holy Communion that'd be great also! It involves coordinating a sacristan, lining up volunteers to help with the funeral, and a few other details. Please consider being our funeral coordinator. Retired folks or folks with flexibility through the week is necessary. Please email me for more info or to volunteer. Better yet just tell me after Mass so I can be sure I have the right name with the right face. We will train you on the specifics. Thank you! - Father Rossi



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**If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.**

