

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
The Ascension of  
the Lord



## Message from our Pastor:

*Happy Ascension!!! Today we celebrate Jesus ascending into Heaven having risen from the dead. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to those who remained here.*

*Can you imagine how sad the apostles and disciples were when Jesus ascended into Heaven?!?!? Talk about an emotional roller coaster. They start as followers, think Jesus is amazing and great and going to be their new king, see Him crucified and with it all their hopes and dreams destroyed, then find out He has risen from the dead, now He is leaving them again!!!*

*I would have been so sad that He was leaving again!!!*

*He promised to send the Holy Spirit as the consolation that would strengthen them and increase their faith, but they didn't know really what it was going to feel like to receive the Holy Spirit. He told them about it but they still had weak faith (only grew strong once they received the Holy Spirit).*

*God requires us to have faith.*

*It reminds me of something that we all experience when someone we love dies. When someone we love dies, we experience great pain. Especially if it is a parent or even worse a child, the loss is very very difficult.*

*But it is this moment that we have to remember something important and challenging. It is the same thing that the disciples had to think about when Jesus ascended into Heaven. When we lose someone we love, we have to remember that we should be happy because of the happiness we pray they are experiencing with God in Heaven.*

*In a sense, it is our own selfishness that we want to have them here for our own happiness. But if we are to consider what is going to give them the most happiness, it is not staying here on earth. What is going to make them most happy is to be in Heaven. And we obviously, deep down ultimately want our loved ones to be happy, even if we have to sacrifice so they can be happy.*

*The good news is that when we experience loss, there is always always always some good that is going to be coming right in to follow afterward. For the apostles, the good they were going to receive was the Holy Spirit. Yes it was amazing having Jesus with them, but in a special way when the Holy Spirit came to*

*them it actually went inside of them, in their being, and strengthened them in a way that they had not be strengthened even in Jesus' presence.*

*So it is for us when we suffer the loss of a loved one. We lose something but are always given the promise of God that He will bring something into us, into our lives, that infills us in a new and exciting way, and in a way that prepares us for our own destiny which is to be with God in Heaven as well.*

*Happy Ascension all. It was maybe a sad day for them as is the day of loss for us. But always remember two things: first, it is better for them that they go then if they stay and two, there is something great and even beyond our imagining that God has in store for us right around the corner.*

*Fr Rossi*



## *Mass Times:*

Saturdays at 5:30pm  
& Sundays at 10:45am

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

**Rosary:** Sunday at 10:10am  
**Confession:** Saturdays at 4:30 pm  
or by appointment.

## News & Announcements:

Please welcome our newest member

*Clara Grace*

who was baptized on Sunday.

**Fill My Plate:** Everyone knows that good nutrition is critical to good health. But good food is expensive! We have made it simple for you to help with the Saint Francis Home food budget. You can contribute as little as \$5 with just a few clicks on your smart phone. Please help provide fresh produce, dairy, lean meats, and grains for our residents. You will make a difference by visiting our web page.  
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### Next Sunday is Sharing Sunday:

Mark your calendars the next

Sharing Sunday is July 7th.

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 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



## Church Support as of 5/26/19

### Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$1,919.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$3,981.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$2,062.00

### Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$155,838.56
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$191,088.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$35,249.44

### Attendance:

5/25/19 = \_\_\_    5/26/19 = 116

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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.