

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

June 8th & 9th, 2019
Pentecost



Message from our Pastor:

Happy Pentecost!!!

I cannot exaggerate the significance of the feast day we celebrate today, Pentecost!!! It is sooooo significant!!!!

Sometimes I think that people think that Pentecost is just another feast day in the Church. Either that or they sort of don't understand what the Holy Spirit does, so they just sort of don't think about it. I guess it can seem abstract to people, what the Holy Spirit does, so they may not comprehend it as much as maybe Christ's Resurrection or Ascension.

But it is sooooo significant! In fact, even after Christ rose from the dead, there would be no Church, no Apostolic mission, no Sacraments, no Saints, no Martyrs, no nothing as we know it had it not been for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which is what we receive at Pentecost. In fact, Pentecost, the feast day we celebrate today is considered the birthday of the Church, so Happy Birthday.

Even after the Apostles had seen Christ risen from the dead and walking around, they were still not motivated to preach the gospel. Even after He rose from the dead and performed all those miracles, the Apostles were afraid to go out and witness what they had seen. They did NOT gain the courage or zeal to go out and preach and perform their own miracles until AFTER the Holy Spirit descended on them at Pentecost.

Pentecost can be considered the completion of the events of Easter, that is why it marks the end of the Easter season.

Remember, the Holy Spirit is God, just as much as the Father is God and Christ is God. We worship God as a Trinity of three persons. Each person of the Trinity plays a unique role in the salvation of us, so we should be cognizant of how each of the three persons is affecting us and world around us.

The Holy Spirit is what transmits the faith. If you have faith, if you believe in God and the Catholic Church, then the Holy Spirit has enlightened your mind and shone on you like the sun.

Think about yourself floating down the James River on a raft. You could have the best raft the world, but if you don't have flowing water underneath you then you ain't going nowhere.

The Holy Spirit flows just like a river. But if you have ever been on river, you know that it is very difficult to swim against the current. In fact, it may be impossible to swim against the current especially for a long time.

This is sort of like our life and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. We want to have a life where we flow and go with the Holy Spirit. This will allow us to progress along with great assistance and without the pain of fighting against the current.

God provides great assistance in living the Christian life. He not only designed the Christian life as the best and happiest life that we can hope to have on this side of eternity, but He also provides great assistance with living the Christian life. It is said the demands and precepts of the Christian faith are difficult to live. That is true in absolute terms, but with the help of the Holy Spirit and an open heart on our part, the burden of the Christian life can be easy and light...as is said and promised to us by Christ himself. Swimming from Richmond to the Chesapeake bay may be difficult without any help, but if you just let the current take you all the way there, all you have to do is be patient and allow the flowing water to do its thing, and enjoy the ride...and trust that it will keep flowing and take you where you want to ultimately end up. Don't worry about any rapids on the way or any turns in the river that seem to be taking you off course, it will eventually take you to your goal. It's a guarantee, every time.

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:

Father's Day: Please plan to attend our Fathers' Day Picnic Lunch on Sunday 6/16 after mass. We will be grilling up hot dogs and serving your picnic favorites for all to enjoy. Our religious education coordinator Donna Baird will lead children on a special trip to our local fire house for children to meet the firemen and check out the fire engines! Please join us!

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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

The Next Sharing Sunday is:
Mark your calendars the next
Sharing Sunday is July 7th.
Remember your non-perishable
food items.
Table in basement for drop off.



Church Support as of 5/26/19

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$3,186.25
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$3,981.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$794.75

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$159,024.80
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$195,069.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$36,044.20

Attendance:

6/1/19 = 30 6/2/19 = 129

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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.