

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Twenty Seventh  
Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please welcome our newest member

Henry William Coughlin  
baptized this Sunday!  
Congratulations!



## 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.

## Message from our Pastor:

*This week we had some amazing feast days! Sunday (were it not for it being Sunday) would have been the feast day of the Holy Archangels. Monday was the Feast Day of Saint Jerome. Tuesday was the Feast Day of St Therese of the Child Jesus (Little Flower). Wednesday was the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. And Friday was the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. What a week!!!*

*Our faith is soooooo rich!!! It is soooo full of tradition and unique and amazing individuals...and beings too (angels)! You can never get bored with what our faith has to offer.*

*Today I just want to say a word about the three saints we celebrate. And let me first say you could not have 3 more different individuals.*

*St Jerome is a doctor of the Church (there are only 36 doctors of the Church...men and women who contributed significantly to faith through their writings and academic works). He famously said 'ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ.' He was a dedicated man who lived an austere and hermetic lifestyle and spent his time translating the Bible into Latin. This translation eventually became the basis for the Bible which was used for 1500 years in the Church.*

*St Therese is also doctor of the Church. She is the youngest of the doctors at only 24 years old when she died. She lived as a cloistered nun and wrote one of the most famous books in all of Christendom, her spiritual memoir, *The Story of a Soul*. Along with the next Saint to be mentioned, she is one of the most popular saints in the Catholic Church.*

*Our third Saint is St Francis of Assisi. St Francis needs little introduction. His impact on the Church could hardly be overstated. His embrace of poverty, his companions who followed him and eventually founded a religious order, as well as the religious orders that began because of his influence have touched the lives of billions of souls. I love the dream that Pope Innocent III had during his time where he saw St Francis holding up the pillar of the Cathedral Church in Rome, St John Lateran, as it perfectly projects his overall impact on it.*

*I bring these three saints up for a couple reasons.*

*First, they are very different. Saints come in all types and sizes. They all have the same motivation, love of God, but express it differently through the gifts God gave them. You do not know how someone can be a saint, but it is certainly true that everyone can be a saint if they allow their love of God to be the primary motivation of their life and then allow God to take control of their life.*

*Second, it should be noted, that all of these saints had faults. St Jerome struggled with anger. St Therese could be petty, impatient and selfish. St Francis had a love for money. But these faults are what make them so relatable. If they were angels, we would have more difficulty relating to them. But they are not. They are regular people who fought against their faults and with God's grace became bright lights for others to look to for inspiration.*

*Thank you, Saints of God, for your wonderful example and your prayers! May we fight just as hard as you did to love God above all else!*  
- Fr Rossi

# News & Announcements:

**Baby Bottle Campaign:** The baby bottle campaign for East End Pregnancy Center is underway. It's not too late to pick up a baby bottle to provide funding for the East End Pregnancy Center. Just pick up a bottle after mass.

We ask that you consider donating a \$1 (or another amount) for each of the 40 Days for Life; making a one-time donation; sign up for monthly donations; or just place your daily pocket change in the bottle. Drop off filled bottles at any mass before October 27. Karen & Bob Kuhn are coordinating this effort.

## **Public Square Rosary Rally - Saturday October 12th at Noon**

Please join in praying the rosary on the steps of St. Peter Church. We will gather together at noon on 10/12. This annual rosary rally is to pray for peace in our country and around the world. Join more than 21,000 groups to simultaneously pray the rosary. Contact Kathy Buttner for more information.

**40 Days for Life:** Saint Patrick's assigned day at the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic to pray for an end to abortion, is going to be **October 10th** (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.). Please grab a prayer partner (or we can hook you up with someone) and give one hour that day at **201 N. Hamilton Street** in the city. See Jane Murphy for sign up after masses or call her at 267-1935. If you are not physically able to pray at the site, we need to fill the hours with prayer from home, as well. Thanks, so much for this life saving work - it does make a difference!!

## **Bereavement Ministry:**

Death effects all of us. Sooner or later we will be confronted with losing a love one or a friend that is close to us. How are we going to handle this phenomenon call death? Again, I will be offering 8 sessions on Grief. What is it? Is it good for us to grieve? We will be meeting on Thursday nights at 7pm at St. John's Catholic Church. Sessions will begin October 24<sup>th</sup> through December 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet in all the parishes. If you can attend or think you can please sign up.

## **Walk for Life:**

This year the walk for life campaign will be held at White Bank Park in Colonial Heights. Again, I will be walking for 2 miles in helping to support the Tri-Cities pregnancy Center. The walk will take place on Saturday November 9 at 10:00 am. There will be someone in the back of Church for several weeks to collect your money for this important Walk. Last year, all the parishes would very generous in their giving to the Center. We raised over \$1000.00.

With your help we can do this again. If you are writing a check, please make the check out to Tri-Cities Pregnancy Center, or you can go on to their web site, [tricityspregnancycenter.org](http://tricityspregnancycenter.org) Thank you for your support.  
Fr. Frank.

## **Join us in the social hall after mass on October 13<sup>th</sup> for a special screening of the award-winning film "Called and Chosen".**

The film highlights the life of Father Vincient Capodanno a military chaplain during the Vietnam war who received the medal of honor for his heroic actions and self-sacrifice. Popcorn, candy and drinks will be served. For more info contact Eddie or Donna Baird

**Baptisms** - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. The next class is 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

**NEXT Sharing Sunday:** Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is **November 3rd**. Remember your non-perishable food items. Table in basement for drop off.

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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.



## Church Support as of September 29th, 2019

### Weekly

Actual	\$4,172.00
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	\$424.00

### Year to Date

Actual	\$32,428.07
Budgeted	<u>\$48,721.00</u>
Difference	-\$16,292.93

### Attendance:

9/28/19: 40    9/29/19: 183