

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 19th – 20th 2019
Twenty-Ninth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time



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:

Christ tells his disciples in the Gospel to pray always. He was serious. He didn't mean something different. He expected them to pray always. And He wants the same of His followers today. The usual response is, "but that is so hard...how can I pray always...there is so much stuff to do every day I barely have time to pray at all so how can I pray always."

God wants us to pray always because God wants us to always be happy. The person who prays a lot is happy a lot, and the person who prays always is always happy. The person who prays little is happy only occasionally, and the person who does not pray is probably never really happy.

So if you want to be happy always, then pray always.

This means that certain things in life have to be abandoned. Obviously, you cannot sin and pray at the same time. But even smaller things, certain behaviors or habits or preferences, even these sometimes have to be abandoned in order to be able to pray always. But do not worry, God is not asking anyone to give anything up that makes them genuinely happy, only the shallow and false things that quickly dissipate and leave an empty feeling.

It will take considerable effort to learn how to pray always. It will not come immediately but takes building over time. But God wants this so He gives considerable help and direction to anyone who wants to grow into being someone who prays always. Even in the midst of pain, the praying person is happy. And God wants His children to be happy always, the good times and the bad, and so that is why He wants continual prayer.

- Fr Rossi



Church Support as of October 13th, 2019

Weekly

Actual	2,459.00
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	-\$1,289.00

Year to Date

Actual	\$36,936.57
Budgeted	<u>\$56,217.00</u>
Difference	-\$19,280.43

Attendance: 10/12/19: 19 10/13/19: 151

News & Announcements:

Highland Games: The Highland Games are approaching they will be on October 26 & 27th from 9am -6pm. Again St. Patrick will be having their famous Irish Coffee Booth. We are looking for volunteers to work both days. We will have a sign up downstairs after mass on Sunday so you can sign up for shifts as well you can email Michelle Dawson at mjmvvcu@aol.com & let her know. Please consider coming out as this is one of our big fundraisers where the money comes back to our parish!

On Saturday, November 2, 2019, the Diocese will host the 7th Annual Catholic Women's Conference at Saint Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg. The conference features keynote speakers, breakout opportunities, music, vendors, box lunch, Adoration, and Reconciliation. The Bishop will celebrate a Saturday morning Mass to start the day. The \$40 early-bird registration option is available through October 15, 2019. Beginning on October 16, 2019, registration will be available for \$50. After October 28, 2019, registration will only be available at the door for \$55. Lunch will be provided.

Registration is available now at http://bit.ly/WomensConference_2019

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.

Baby Bottle Campaign: The baby bottle campaign for East End Pregnancy Center is underway. Drop off filled bottles at any mass before October 27.

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. Sessions will begin October 24th through December 12th. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. If you can attend or think you can please sign up.

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Classes for 2020 are 1/6, 4/7, 7/7, 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

Walk for Life:

This year the walk for life campaign will be held at White Bank Park in Colonial Heights. Again, On Saturday November 9th I will be walking for 2 miles in helping to support the Tri-Cities pregnancy Center. There will be someone in the back of Church to collect your money for this important Walk. Last year, a we raised over \$1000.00; with your help we can do this again. I 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
Thank you for your support. Fr. Frank.



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If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call.