

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

November 30th – December 1st,
2019

First Sunday of Advent

Welcome our newest member
Lillian Mae baptized Sunday!



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:

Happy Advent!!!!

Today begins our spiritual preparation for the Holy Christmas Season. We have 4 weeks to get ready for the coming of Christ in a new way.

He wants to come into your heart. He wants to live with you and reside with you. He wants to walk with you at each moment of your day, in all your thoughts and help you in all your tasks of life.

And at Christmas time He comes in a new and special way. Will you be ready?

I am going to tell you about a special way for you to get ready. It involves you preparing your heart so that it is a suitable place for Him to dwell. Make a beautiful home for Him to dwell in.

This you can do by confessing your sins to Him and receiving forgiveness so they will be wiped away. He will forgive your sins if you will confess them to Him.

Why wouldn't you want to do this? Why wouldn't you want to be forgiven and feel His embrace as He wipes away your sins and throws them to the bottom of the ocean. They will be completely gone.

But you have to make the decision to go to confession. You have to have the courage to go to confession. You have to push yourself to examine your conscience and then push yourself to go to confession.

I promise it will not be as scary or as difficult as you think. And you will feel very, very good after you confess. You will feel great. You may even cry you feel so good. That is a great peace.

To assist with your ability to go to confession before Christ comes at Christmas, we priest at our cluster parishes are going to be hearing confessions before and after every Saturday evening and Sunday Mass. We will hear confessions 30 minutes before and after every Saturday and Sunday Mass during the Advent season to make it very convenient for you to go to confession.

Please take advantage of this opportunity. You will be very glad if you do. - Fr Rossi

Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 12/24

St Patrick at 4:30 PM - Fr. Rossi

St John at 6:15 PM (English)
8:30 PM (Bilingual) - Fr. Ernest

St Peter 5:00 PM - Fr. Frank

Christmas Day, December 25th

St John 9:00 Am - Fr. Ernest

St Patrick 10:45 AM - Fr. Rossi

St Peter 10:00 Am - Fr. Frank

Solemnity of Mary, December 31

St Patrick 5:00 PM - Fr. Ernest

January 1, 2020

St John 10:00 AM - Fr. Frank

St Peter 12:05 PM - Fr. Ernest

News & Announcements:

Santa Breakfast: Join us after mass on Sunday 12/15 for this long-time tradition!

Join us at St. Francis Home: On Saturday 12/14 at 10am we will be visiting residents to deliver cards and candy. Cards and candy will be provided however hand made cards and treats are encouraged. We will meet at St. Francis Home at 10am at 65 W. Clopton Street. This is a great family event for the season!

Appalachian Giving Tree:

There are still a few tags available!

The Knights of Columbus are collecting Christmas gifts for families living in Appalachia, the poorest part of Virginia where the need is great. We are collecting presents for 4 families. Please consider taking a tag or tags from the tree in the vestibule & **return the wrapped gift with the tag attached no later than 12-8-19**. Any questions please contact Eddie & Donna Baird at 804.986.2898.

Volunteer Opportunity:

The Nursery during 10:45 mass needs a few more volunteers to keep running each week. This ministry is vital to our growing parish. If you enjoy playing with children and wouldn't mind doing so once every 4-6 weeks, please consider volunteering. Communion is available to volunteers after Mass on the day you volunteer. You must have completed VIRTUS training and a background check. We have a class scheduled Sat. 12/7 at 10am here at St. Patrick. The class and background check are at no cost to you. Contact Melanie Tazza at Tazzamk@hotmail.com or 843-693-0975.

Is God calling you to Religious life? Come and see! Join others for an Advent Discernment retreat weekend for single women discerning a vocation to the Benedictine Monastic life - December 13-15 at St. Benedict Monastery, 9535 Linton Hall Rd, Bristow, VA 20136. RSVP by December 9th to Sister Kathy Persson at vocations@osbva.org or call 804-814-2793.

"SOUPER SUPPER" - The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a "Souper Supper" Saturday December 7 at St. John's Social Hall from 5:00-7:30pm. Dinner will consist of choice of soup, salad, choice of homemade breads & dessert. The cost is \$8.00. Quarts of soup will be available to buy to take home for \$8.00. The choices for the soup are Brunswick Stew or a hearty chicken barley soup. Soup will also be sold following the Sunday masses.

You are invited to this year's Christmas Presentation

- 5:30pm on Sunday, December 8th, 2019 at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Free admission, but consider bringing a donation of non-perishable food or new baby items (diapers, wipes, formula, etc) to benefit those in great need in our community.

Free Lighthouse CDs: A parishioner has given our parish many Lighthouse CDs covering topics that relate to our Catholic faith and other subjects relevant to how we live as Catholics. Topics covered include many on Mary, Confession, Eucharist, etc. During Advent and through Christmas CDs will be available for no cost and will be displayed in the kiosk in the entrance of the church and in the basement. You are welcome to pick up and listen to these and then share them with friends and family. During the rush of preparing for Christmas when finding time to sit and read is difficult, slip a CD into a home or car CD player. As you go through Advent, take time to enhance your knowledge of many Catholic related topics.

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

NEXT Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is **January 5th**.. **Please give if you can these next coming months the need tends to rise!** **Drop** non-perishable food items at the table in basement. Thank you.

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& you would like to talk with
a priest, please call.