

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

December 14th & 15th, 2019

Third Sunday
of Advent



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.

***During advent will be 30 minutes before
and after mass Saturday & Sunday

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



Message from our Pastor:

Happy Gaudete Sunday!

Gaudete means 'rejoice.' So rejoice!!!

Today is the mini-celebration day on the way to Christmas. The priest wears rose vestments and the rose candle is lit in the Advent wreath because rose is the color for joy. And today, everyone is supposed to be joyful and rejoice in anticipation of Christ's birth just a few weeks away.

So rejoice! Smiles on all faces!

You always have something to rejoice about. No matter how bad things may be, you can always rejoice because our faith give us reasons to rejoice that are indestructible.

The gift of the Eucharist is indestructible. So rejoice.

You can confess (and should confess!) your sins this advent and God will forgive every one of them (we have confessions 30 minutes before and after every Mass). So rejoice.

Christ voluntarily became human so that when you die you can become divine. So rejoice.

God has a plan for your life. So rejoice.

God walks with you every moment of every day. So rejoice.

You are part of the Church God founded and dwells in and can never be destroyed. So, rejoice.

You are surrounded by a multitude of saints and angels and even a loving Mother who is praying for you and cheering you on every day. So rejoice.

I could go on. For a long time. Because there a many, many, many reasons that our faith gives us to rejoice.

It is Gaudete Sunday. So rejoice!
- Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

A big **THANK YOU** to all who worked so hard to put on a wonderful Christmas concert at St. John and St. Patrick. Katie, the choirs, lectors, and all who cooked for the reception afterwards made for a great event. What a great way to help us prepare for our Savior's birthday. Great work and thank you! - Fr Rossi

Santa Breakfast:

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

2020 offering envelopes:

Envelopes are now ready for you to pick up. If you do not see a set with your name and you would like to use envelopes, please call the office; they will be happy to furnish you with a set. Please note that your number may not be the same as your current set.

THANK YOU:

The Knights of Columbus and the Christian Center in Lenanon, Virginia would like to thank all of those for their generous support of the families in Appalachia. Thank to you all they will have a wonderful Christmas!

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.

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.



Church Support as of December 8, 2019

Weekly

Actual	\$3,009.00
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	-\$739.00

Year to Date

Actual	\$58,913.91
Budgeted	<u>\$86,199.00</u>
Difference	-\$27,285.09

Attendance:

12/7/19: 38 12/8/19: 143

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