

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

November 23-24th, 2019

Solemnity of
Christ the King



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.

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 Thanksgiving!!!

I hope everyone has an amazing thanksgiving this week and enjoys time with family and loved ones. You have so much to be grateful for! There may be some bad stuff going on in your life - sickness, money problems, family issues, personal issues, etc - but nevertheless I promise you are blessed beyond measure and for this give thanks!!! If you don't feel like giving thanks, spend some time thinking about how good you have it. Ask God to show you. I promise you will feel better.

Most importantly, no matter what is going on in your life, you always have the most important thing, your faith! Your faith can never be taken from you (you can only throw it away). Nothing will console you as deeply and as permanently as your faith. Your faith tells you that God is alive and sent His Son to die so that you can have life through Him. There is nothing more consoling than this. It is why we give thanks every single weekend at Mass (remember, Mass means 'thanksgiving'). The Mass is our great act of thanksgiving that He gave us and we give back to Him in worship each week. Christians are experts at giving thanks. Christians are experts at thanksgiving!

Also, I want to alert you to a very special holiday after thanksgiving that is gaining popularity these days and I fully embrace it. I am NOT talking about black Friday. I am not talking about Cyber Monday. I am talking about GIVING TUESDAY. Yes you heard me (read me) correct. Giving Tuesday is a new holiday that people are celebrating (Christians and non-Christians). It occurs the Tuesday after thanksgiving and is a way to sort of counteract and reorient the season of spending. While shopping is fun and buying

presents is a nice thing to do, it can be overblown these days (think people trampling on each other at Walmart). That is not good.

Giving Tuesday is a way to reorder your heart to giving to special causes that are really in need (after all, your kid or niece or nephew does not really 'need' the video game you bought him). There are so many good causes out there worth giving to that need your help. So the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, Giving Tuesday, please pray about making a special gift to a charity in need. Any charity that does good and holy things. Of course you can always donate to our parish! There is a link on the parish webpage to make an electronic donation under 'giving' and then select Giving Tuesday. But most important is that you give somewhere. It helps others so much and it is good for you!!!

Fr Rossi



Church Support as of November 17th, 2019

Weekly

Actual	3,071.00
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	-\$677.00

Year to Date

Actual	\$50,889.21
Budgeted	<u>\$74,955.00</u>
Difference	-\$24,065.79

Attendance:

11/16/19: 31
11/17/19: 169

News & Announcements:

Appalachian Giving Tree:

The Knights of Columbus are collecting gifts for Christmas for families living in Appalachia, the poorest part of Virginia where the need is great. We will be 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.

GIVING TUESDAY:

Global giving day known as **#GivingTuesday** falls each year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This year it falls on December 3rd. It was created to remind us, after all that shopping on Black Friday & Cyber Monday, to also spend our money benefitting the Charities that are near & dear to our hearts. We encourage you to give to your favorite charitable cases on **#GivingTuesday** this year & we hope that Saint Patrick will be one of them! Visit our website www.saintpatrickchurchhill.org, click the logo E-Giving and select the #GivingTuesday fund.

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.

NEXT Sharing Sunday:

Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is **December 1st.** 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.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who donated frozen turkeys for Thanksgiving. St. Patrick donated over 265 pounds of turkey to St. Francis Home!

St. Patrick: You are invited to this year's Christmas Presentation - 5:30pm on Sunday, December 8th, 2019 at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Free admission, but please 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 generous 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

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