

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

November
27th & 28th 2021

First Sunday of
Advent

Mass Times:

Saturdays at 5:30pm &

Sundays at 10:45am

Join us after 10:45 mass for
refreshments and fellowship



Holy Hour ~ St. Patrick

Hosted at SPC on the 2nd
Wednesday of each month with 6pm
Holy Hour and 7pm Mass.

However, this month

December 8th

Adoration will be at 5:30
followed by mass at 6:30

since it will be the

Solemnity of the

Immaculate Conception.

(Note time change)

Message to begin Advent from Father Maxwell:

Days come and days go, the rhythm of each moment brings its own unique packages and offers. Taking a walk in the neighborhood, one sees the leaves falling off the trees, an indication that the season of autumn (Fall) is giving way to the winter. In much the same way, the Christ the King feast ending the liturgical Cycle B last weekend, points to the beginning of a new liturgical season, cycle C, which starts Advent, a time of preparation for the coming of God into the world manifested in Jesus Christ, his son over 2,000 years ago.

Interestingly, Christmas this year is 26 days from today and in order to understand very well and appreciate the birth and mission of Christ, I will humbly recommend that each of us takes his or her time to read all the 24 chapters of the Gospel of Luke (at least one chapter a day at your free time), so as to prepare and understand the celebration of Christmas.

The tradition of blessing Advent candles in all catholic churches worldwide and in family homes during this period is a symbol of preparation towards the coming of Christ, our savior and king.

And these candles lit, will be increasing each week to show our closeness to the presence of Christ who drives out all darkness. The candles which are four represent, **Hope, Love, Joy and Peace**, whilst the violet color throughout the season symbolizes the call to penance and prayer.

I wish you all, a very fruitful Advent Season. Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.

Fr. Maxwell - Administrator

News & Announcements:

THANK YOU!

Last Sunday we took **over 300 pounds of turkeys** donated over to St. Francis Home for a Holiday meal. Thank you for your generosity. They were thrilled when we showed up and so appreciative!

Holiday Cookie Time:

On Sunday – December 5th we will be kicking off the holiday season and having cookies and hot apple cider after mass. Please bring your favorite holiday cookies to share with your church family!

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert will be held on **December 12th at 3:30pm (new time)** in the sanctuary of St. John's Catholic Church.

All are invited to attend!
Please bring a donation of non-perishable foods, personal hygiene goods, or new baby items.
Questions? Please email Katie musicministerkate@gmail.com.
We hope to see you there!

Sharing Sunday:

**Mark your calendars
the next Sharing Sunday is
December 5th.**

Remember to bring your non-perishable items. Remember those items as well that are easy for the homeless population to heat and eat! Also, there is a need for bottled water. There is a table in the parish hall for collection.

GIVING TUESDAY Global giving day known as #GivingTuesday falls each year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving - November 30th.

It was created to remind us, after all that shopping on Black Friday & Cyber Monday, to also spend our money benefitting the Charites that are near and dear to our hearts. We encourage you to give to your favorite charitable cases on #GivingTuesday this year and we hope that St. Patrick's will be one of them!

Life is Messy by New York Times Bestselling author Matthew Kelly.

The mess of life is both inevitable and unexpected. It is filled with delightful mysteries and frustrating predicaments. In our disposable culture we throw broken things away. So what will we do with broken people, broken relationships, broken institutions, broken families, and of course, our very own broken selves? We are all broken and wounded. This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to. Based on his own heart-wrenching personal journals, Matthew Kelly shares how the worst three years of his life affected him, by exploring this question: Can someone who has been broken be healed and become more beautiful and more lovable than ever before? The answer will fill you with hope. This is quite simply the right book at the right time.

Please take one book for FREE and enjoy reading during this Advent season.

Knights of Columbus News:

The Knights would like to remind all the men of the parish that membership in the Knights is a great way to experience fellowship and practice charity. Any interested parishioners and their families are welcome to join us for the Christmas party on Dec. 11th. Reach Charles Opalak - charles.opalak@vcuhealth.org, Eddie Baird - donnahbaird@yahoo.com or Josh Lowry - lowryj62@gmail.com with questions.

WEEKLY COLLECTION 11/20-11/21

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$2,641.55
Budget	<u>\$3,750.00</u>
	(\$1,135.45)
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$75,361.57
Budget	<u>\$78,750.00</u>
	(\$3,388.43)

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE:

**Saturday 11/20: 29
Sunday 11/21: 117**



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Thank you for your
Generosity.**

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